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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Clarence Morehead committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun near Carlton.

The fifth annual Marion county corn show will be held in Salem the second week in December.

The plant of the Cottage Grove Ice company at Cottage Grove was completely destroyed by fire.

The forest service has closed a contract for construction of the Canyonville-Galesville link completing the Pacific highway.

County judges and commissioners of Oregon counties will meet in convention at the Multnomah county courthouse October 30.

Thirty-six militia companies, including national guard and Oregon guard, have been mustered into state service, aggregated in four regiments.

Lieutenant Leslie Orland Toose, one of the Toose twins, known throughout the state, was killed by a German sniper in France on September 28.

The fall season for fishing at Astoria this year has been poor. Fairly good catches of silversides are made off the mouth of the river, but little is doing on the inside.

Kerby Miller, of Medford, has received appointment from Representative Hawley for admission as a cadet to the United States military academy at West Point.

Because of the danger from Spanish influenza, the hog and dairy show which was to have been held at Hermiston last week was postponed. The show may be held later.

The public service commission has granted a franchise under the boom act to the Gresham Lumber company, allowing it to operate on Drift creek, Alsea river and Alsea bay in Lincoln county.

Hood River will have to go mayoral, according to present indications. H. L. Dumble, who has been mayor, declares that he will not run for reelection, and there are no prospective candidates in sight.

A. J. Hollingsworth, of Portland, is making an examination of records for the Oregon Forest Fire association to clear the records of the state forestry department from errors relative to the ownership of timber lands.

There are 99,768 registered voters in Multnomah county qualified to exercise their franchise at the general election next month. The total registration of men is 57,526, while the registration of women totals 42,242.

A survey of Umatilla county is being made by Theodore Shafer, director of rodent work for the United States biological survey, with a view to extermination of jackrabbits, squirrels and gophers, which are doing much damage.

For the first time in the history of Coos bay there was a double launching Saturday. The Burnside and the Fort Leavenworth, Ferris type 3500-ton Emergency Fleet corporation vessels, went into the water at Marshfield and North Bend.

Owing to the death of Malcolm Dunaway, Senator Chamberlain will be called on to nominate a candidate for appointment as midshipman to Annapolis. Applications may be sent to Senator Chamberlain by boys from 16 to 18 years of age.

The state highway commission has agreed with County Judge Anderson, of Clackamas county, to draw the plans and do the preliminary engineering for a new bridge across the Willamette river connecting Oregon City and West Linn.

Details in preparation for the survey of labor and material resources of Oregon, to be made at direction of the council of national defense, are nearing completion. Questionnaires on which the desired data will be recorded are being forwarded from Washington.

Professor H. D. Scudder will go to Washington early in November to represent the Oregon Land Settlement commission and confer with the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of the interior regarding the part this state may take in caring for returning soldiers.

Exclusive of permanent improvements at the eastern Oregon state hospital, and the estimate of the biennial expenses for the state training school for boys, state institution heads have prepared budgets showing that they estimate their expenses for 1919-20 at

\$2,529,122.30.

Seven fatal accidents, besides 553 non-fatal accidents, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were as follows: Richard Minkema, Homestead, miner; Klamath Billy, Siletz, lumbering; Thomas Enright, North Portland, flour mills; John Geffron, Cornucopia, miner; Charles Haleom, Oregon City, paper mills; Hjalmar Swanson, Seaside, lumbering; W. W. Fletcher, Neveratt, logging.

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, has sent to all county school superintendents in the state a copy of the attorney general's opinion, wherein he points out that the law requires school districts to publish a budget and have it voted on at the annual meeting.

New postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Fox, Grant county, Augustus Behme; Kohler, Douglas county, George A. Humphreys; Ten Mile, Douglas county, Beale L. Newland; Barlow, Clackamas county, Mary E. Tull; Cherry Grove, Washington county, August Frid.

Approval has been given by State Engineer John H. Lewis to an application of James H. Sturges for the appropriation of 50 second-feet of water from the Umatilla river to develop 284 horsepower for commercial purposes. The proposed project is near Barnhart and the approximate cost is \$20,000.

At a conference with the war industries board Senator McNary was informed that the board would endeavor to encourage the production of chrysinite in Oregon and to that end would seek to discourage importations and to fix a price for the domestic product that will yield the producer a profit.

Questionnaires for men of the 37-to-46 and 18-year age classes under the draft were ordered released by Provost Marshal-General Crowder in all local board districts where the classification of other groups has been completed. Local boards sending out questionnaires must release 10 per cent a day.

"Other things being equal, the department of agriculture, in granting privileges on the national forests, will give preference to persons who have subscribed for liberty bonds to an amount considered reasonable," says a message from Washington received by W. W. Cryder, supervisor of the Umatilla national forest.

At last there are signs that Oregon prunes commandeered for use of the United States and allied armies are to move. Messages received by F. W. Arise, of Portland, assistant commissioner of the bureau of co-ordination of purchases, and food administration officials, brought promise of early relief for growers and packers.

That the government has not abandoned Camp Mills, L. I., where Third Oregon boys had their lives endangered in slush, mud and storms last winter, is indicated through the receipt of orders for 9,000,000 feet of lumber to be moved there. The order is now being allocated by the fire production board to the mills of Oregon and Washington.

Plans to erect a monument in Albany in "dishonor" of the liberty bond slakers of the community have been launched by officers of the liberty loan committee. The plan is to erect a concrete monument and place thereon the names of well-to-do citizens who have refused to buy bonds. The space on the monument not occupied by names will be painted yellow.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has been appointed by the state council of defense to serve as state historian for the purpose of compiling a permanent official record of Oregon's participation in the war, including the military and naval career of all Oregonians. To facilitate the work Miss Marvin will appoint a county historian for each county in the state.

The state board of control is confronted with the peculiar fact that it costs more to accept fuel for nothing than to buy it. An offer has been made of some slabwood near Albany, which the board may have gratis providing the hauling is done by the state. It was determined that it might cost more to deliver it to the institutions than if it were purchased at a point nearer.

Resuming a custom followed in years past for the development of newly reclaimed lands along the gradually receding Tule Lake shore in southern Klamath county, the department of the interior will lease to settlers approximately 7000 acres of land early in November. Bids for these parcels of land, ranging in size from 47 to 100 acres, will be received at the United States reclamation office in Klamath Falls until November 6.

HEAVY WORK ON THE FIGHTING LINE



These powerful American artillerymen, with huge crowsbars, are working fast to get their heavy gun into position to hurl its shells at the retreating Huns. It is a difficult job, for the earth is pitted with shell craters.

AUSTRIAN PLEA FOR PEACE IS REJECTED

Subject Peoples Must Be Free Before Peace Can Be Discussed.

Washington.—President Wilson has rejected the plea of Austria-Hungary for an armistice and peace negotiations, and in doing so has made clear the conditions which the central powers must meet to end the war.

The president, in effect, says there can be no talk of peace with the Austro-Hungarian government except upon the basis of complete liberty for Czechoslovaks and other subject nationalities as free members of the family of nations.

He refuses to entertain the Austro-Hungarian suggestion for this reason, without discussing the military questions dealt with in the reply to Germany.

The Vienna government asked for negotiations on the basis of the president's announced programme of peace, mentioning the speech of January 8 last, in which the president said the peoples of Austria-Hungary should be accorded the freest opportunity for autonomous development.

The reply says this is impossible; that the Czechoslovak national council has been recognized as a de facto belligerent government, the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs has been recognized, and mere autonomy no longer can be accepted.

This declaration may be far-reaching in its effect on Austria-Hungary, where long-enslaved peoples are apparently nearly ready to sweep away the hated dual monarchy and the Hapsburg dynasty. It came one day after the proclamation of Emperor Charles federalizing the Austrian states in a desperate effort to save his government and at the same time prepare the way for peace.

Huts for Nurses.

Huts for nurses are maintained by the Y. W. C. A. at the base hospitals in France. To extend this work a portion of the United War Work funds to be raised in November will be used.

PERSHING'S "DO WITHOUT IT" CLUBS

Organization of "do without it" clubs in America, as a means of aiding the United War Work campaign, which opened November 11, was recommended by James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, in an address delivered recently in Portland in behalf of the drive. He urged the American people to make some sacrifices in order to help "carry on" the great undertaking that is to furnish money for war work in the battle zone during the coming year. A great percentage of American people, he said, do not know, from any sacrifices made thus far, that a war is in progress. Relaxation of activities because of peace proposals, he declared, should not be tolerated, and asked people of the country to throw their whole energy and co-operation behind this latest drive for securing funds for the seven big war working agencies consolidated in the campaign.

UNITED WAR FUND SURE TO BE NEEDED

Even End of Hostilities Would Not Change This.

Though the war should cease immediately it is said that every cent of the \$175,500,000 sought in the United War Work campaign in the United States, for the seven approved organizations ministering to the American fighters, will be needed just the same.

This is the word of leaders of the fund-raising campaign and their explanation is easily comprehended. In the first place, it has been officially estimated that 18 months to two years must elapse before all the American boys can be returned from foreign soil. There are the men of many other countries to be transported home when the war ends, so the number of boats for use of the Yankees will be limited. Then there is also the fact that thousands must remain so long as the great properties and stores of the United States have not been disposed of or returned.

Immediate cessation of war activities in Europe would plainly create grave problems connected with the care of the men. Remove the great motive which actuates every man at the front today and throw him into dull inactivity, with nothing much to do but await his chance to return to home and loved ones, and the work of keeping him cheerful increases in magnitude. The soldier welfare organizations foresee all phases of this grave contingency. They foresee how great would be the need for reading matter, entertainments, amusements, recreation and the cheery personal touch.

PERSHING WARNS OF GERMAN PUBLICITY

Germany's efforts to involve the United States and her Allies into a consideration of peace terms and an armistice did not impress James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, as being sincere and designed to give the world what it is praying for. Mr. Pershing, who was in Oregon recently in the interest of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11, cautioned the American people against the too-common tendency to become apathetic under the idea that peace and the cessation of hostilities are at hand.

"When heaven is ready to negotiate with hell," he declared, "then will America be ready to make peace with Germany." He told of the great work being done in Europe by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other agencies, and called on Americans to respond liberally in supporting the campaign about to open for raising money with which to carry on these activities.

UNITED WAR WORK OFFICERS

State committee officers for the United War Work Campaign are: W. M. Ladd, chairman; O. W. Davidson, director; John W. Kelley, and Mrs. William H. Marshall, associates; director publicity, Ira F. Powers; speakers' and entertainers' bureau, J. W. Day; students, John H. Rudd; victory boys' and girls' feature, Walter A. Goss.

Chairmen of the seven allied organizations: Y. M. C. A., Mr. Ladd; Y. W. C. A., Mrs. William MacMaster; War Camp Community Service, Emory Olmstead; American Library Association, W. L. Brewster; Knights of Columbus, Frank J. Lonergan; Salvation Army, O. C. Bortmeyer; Jewish Welfare Board, Ben Selling.

John R. Mott, of New York, is director-in-chief and Lyman L. Pierce, of San Francisco, is director of the Western Department, embracing eight states, including Oregon.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

Victory crowns the allied arms on every battle front. Northern Belgium is being rapidly cleared of the enemy by British and Belgian forces. Belgians have occupied Zebrugge and crossed the Ghent-Bruges canal, and on their left have reached the Dutch frontier.

Thousands of civilians have been liberated by the Belgians and French and masses of booty fell into their hands.

It is considered quite possible that the Germans will try to make several successive stands in Belgium, and one line of resistance undoubtedly will comprise Antwerp, Brussels and Namur, on which much work is being done.

In France, east of Lille to Cambrai, the British are pressing forward, despite supreme efforts of the enemy, blotting out the big salient which has Tournai as its northern and Valenciennes its southern enemy-held bases. To reduce this salient Field Marshal Haig, with whose forces Americans are brigaded, is driving hard along the Bohain-Le Cateau front in a maneuver which is throwing Valenciennes into a dangerous pocket.

In Champagne the Germans are strongly resisting the French and Americans in their attempts to drive northward toward Mezieres and Sedan.

The American front has been the scene of constant patrol fighting with General Pershing's men moving ahead slightly in Loges and Bantheville wood.

HOW YOUR MONEY WILL HELP "BOYS"

Official Statement of Seven Great Welfare Organizations.

Citizens of Oregon, in the week of November 11-18, will respond to the call of the United War Work Campaign for funds to make happy and effective the fighting men of the Nation. That the citizens will uphold the commonwealth's notable record in doing its share to win the war is taken for granted, once the needs are understood.

Oregon's quota in the joint drive of the seven great organizations doing war service work is \$770,000. President Wilson authorized this united drive and named the participating bodies. The purposes for which the funds are needed and to which they are dedicated are vital to the war's success.

The Y. M. C. A. has more than 3000 huts in the great battle zone and is ministering to the boys overseas, in trench and camp, leaving undone nothing it can do to help them. In America the "Y" is in every camp and cantonment. It is with the boys "crouching over" and, at request of the War Department, has recently joined in the task of instructing selectives even before they are called.

War work of the Y. W. C. A. is thus outlined by Mrs. William MacMaster, state chairman:

"Already we have in this country 2,000,000 women doing actual war work, while another 2,000,000 have released men for service by undertaking their work. To the Y. W. C. A., 'the best big sister in the world,' has been committed by the government and military authorities the serious responsibility of directing the thought, creating the environment and furnishing the material needs of this army of girls. Already 105 hostess houses have been opened, War Service Clubs organized, the Patriotic League created, nurses sent where needed and now we are asked to furnish emergency housing for thousands of girl war workers."

John W. Kelley, associate drive director, says of the Knights of Columbus:

"Knights of Columbus halls are in operation in all cantonments, training camps and naval stations in the United States and the halls are also established with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, Italy, Russia and England. The motto is 'Everybody Welcome,' service being given irrespective of race, creed, or rank. Millions of cigarettes, pipes, bouillon cubes, gum packages and tons of chocolate have been given free to the soldiers overseas. One of the specialties is the promotion of athletics and a considerable item in the budget is for baseball equipment, boxing gloves, etc. In the war zone the troops are followed with motor trucks which are virtually traveling huts, fully stocked with athletic goods, stationery, cigarettes, and the like."

Needs and activities of the Jewish Welfare Board, explained by Ben Selling, are:

"In one year the number of our field representatives has grown from 10 to 213. Now we are faced with the demand for 400 additional workers in this country and 100 overseas. The money going into our fund pays necessary expenses and salaries, furnishes Bibles and prayerbooks by the thousands and letterheads and envelopes by the million, and provides camp, educational and recreational activities for the fighters, both here and abroad."

"War Camp Community Service," explains Emory Olmstead, state chairman, "developed from the commission created by the War and Navy Departments, first known as the Foodick Commission. The community is its particular field and thousands of workers are assisting the towns in caring for visiting soldiers and sailors, providing wholesome amusement and clean recreation and surrounding the camps with hospitality."

Functions of the American Library Association, says William L. Brewster, state chairman, are "to provide books and reading matter to the soldiers and sailors through co-operating agencies and directly." Thirty library buildings have been provided at cantonments; 3,750,000 donated books distributed; 1,000,000 books and tons of magazines sent abroad, and 600,000 needed military technical books bought and given the men.

These are some things the Salvation Army does, according to O. C. Bortmeyer, state chairman:

"On lines of communication our huts are open day and night. Then, following their methods, our men and women go right to the trenches and distribute chocolate, coffee, doughnut, and pies. Sixty per cent of the 1000 workers are women. We have now 783 huts and 60 ambulances in service. In the past few months aid has been given the Red Cross in sending abroad 100,000 parcels."

Americans have recaptured Briecelles—an important point on the Meuse.

REPUBLICAN TICKET

For U. S. Senator, Short Term
13—FRED W. MULKEY of Multnomah county.

For United States Senator
14—CHARLES L. McNARY of Marion county.

For Congressman
18—N. J. SINNOTT of Wasco county.

For Governor
22—JAMES WITHCOMBE of Marion county.

For State Treasurer
23—O. P. HOFF of Multnomah county.

For Supreme Court Justice
27—CHARLES A. JOHNS of Multnomah county.

For Attorney General
28—GEORGE M. BROWN of Douglas county.

For State Superintendent
30—J. A. CHURCHILL of Baker county.

For Commissioner of Labor
32—C. H. GRAM of Multnomah county.

For Public Service Commissioner
35—FRED A. WILLIAMS of Josephine county.

For Water Superintendent
36—GEORGE T. COCHRAN of Union county.

COUNTY TICKET

For Circuit Judge
38—G. W. PHELPS of Pendleton.

For State Senator, Nineteenth District
40—COLON R. EBERHARD of Union county.

For State Senator, Twentieth District
41—ROY W. RITNER of Umatilla county.

For Representative, 22d District (Joint)
42—C. E. WOODSON of Morrow county.

For Representative, 22d District
43—C. G. BROWNELL of Umatilla.

44—E. P. DODD, Hermiston.

For Sheriff
48—GEORGE TONKIN of Pendleton.

For County Clerk
49—R. T. BROWN, Pendleton.

For Recorder
50—B. S. BURROUGHS, Pendleton.

For Treasurer
51—GRACE A. GILLIAM of Pilot Rock.

For Coroner
52—J. T. BROWN, Pendleton.

For County Commissioner
53—G. L. DUNNING of Stanfield.