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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for the Inform- ation of Our Readers.

Freewater is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever.

Cove farmers are plowing by night as well as by day in the endeavor to get their fall plowing finished.

A grain-grading school was held for three days at Dufur for the benefit of the grain growers of Wasco county.

A fund of several hundred dollars for the aid of the new Czecho-Slovak republic has been raised in Linn county.

With exhibits far superior in quality to those of any previous show, the annual Western Oregon Corn Show was held in Eugene last week.

At a special school election, the taxpayers of St. Helens voted to build a new school house and to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$25,000 for that purpose.

The emergency board has created deficiency appropriations for the next legislature to take care of amounting to \$562,385, according to figures compiled by Secretary Olcott.

Spanish influenza has passed under the list of quarantinable diseases in Oregon as the result of action taken by the state board of health at its annual meeting, held in Salem.

The state convention of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in Albany in February. It is expected that about 800 delegates from all sections of the state will attend.

A shipment of 29,857 pounds of tow has been made by the board of control to a packing company at Philadelphia, the tow being from flax grown at the prison, and it commands a price of 25 cents a pound, or \$7964 for the shipment.

Children in the McAlpin school, several miles east of Salem, protested when their teacher posted a picture of the ex-kaiser alongside that of President Wilson on the wall of the school-room, and as a result of the protest she resigned.

Without the slightest congestion in the movement of the Hood river valley apple crop of this year, a tonnage of almost 1100 carloads has been moved to points of distribution, with a more noticeable celerity than in the past seven years.

An eight-day open season for Chinese pheasants in Umatilla county will be sought by representatives of the Umatilla County Fish and Game club at a meeting in Portland this week. Shooters want at least two Sundays open on this game.

Prevalence of Spanish influenza in many communities of the Oregon State Teachers' association to postpone indefinitely the general sessions of the convention set for Portland, December 26, 27 and 28.

C. A. Morey, a rancher, age 40, shot and killed Alfred Schaefer, a neighbor, in a field near Schaefer's home, 40 miles from Heppner. Morey then drove to Lexington and surrendered to a deputy sheriff. He said Schaefer had invaded his home.

To avoid the possibility of having to restore the influenza ban on public gatherings in Eugene, Mayor C. O. Peterson ordered that all cases of the disease must be quarantined and prohibited the holding of public or private dances until further notice.

Production of cheese handled by the Coos and Curry Counties Cheese association for this year up to November totaled 1,626,750 pounds, for which \$398,039.57 was paid to the dairymen. With two months remaining of the year the total production will probably exceed \$500,000.

U. S. Grant, of Dallas, one of the most prominent Angora goat breeders in the Pacific Northwest, was re-elected president of the National Mohair Growers' association, in annual session at Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Grant has held the presidency of the association for several years.

Out of 54,462 cases disposed of by the state industrial accident commission from July 1, 1914, to November 30, 1918, there were but 22 appeals by workmen from the decisions of the commission, or an average of one appeal in 2475 cases, according to a statement issued by the commission.

Damages to the amount of \$18,204.84 were awarded the government by Willard N. Jones by a jury in the federal court at Portland. The government sued to recover \$133,000, con-

tending that the defendant was defrauded the government of timber claims to that value back in 1901.

Men who have attended the officers' training camps at the University of Oregon under the supervision of Colonel John Leader, late of the Royal Irish Rifles of the British army, will instruct the high school students of the state in military tactics and evolutions, according to announcement of Colonel Leader. Approximately 30 high schools have made arrangements for military training under this plan.

The general staff of the Oregon militia has authorized preparation of plans for the new armory at Marshfield, for which the last legislature made an appropriation of \$20,000. Coos county furnishes about half of the cost, which is not to exceed \$40,000.

Prospective peace is not reflected by declines in prices for state supplies, as indicated by a survey of the bids made for the next six months for state institutions. Indications are that the first quarter of the coming biennium will see current expenses of state government higher than ever before.

Linn county will secure nine miles of paved road next summer, according to plans being developed by the state highway commission and the county court. The stretch to be paved is that portion of the Pacific highway extending from Albany northward to the Santiam River at Jefferson, the boundary between Linn and Marion counties.

At the direction of Secretary of State Olcott, who is custodian of the state capitol building and grounds, a shipment of flowers from the grounds has been sent to Captain J. A. Buchanan, commandant at Fort Columbia, for the purpose of beautifying the grounds. In the shipment are 500 Caroline Test-out rose cuttings, 50 rose bushes and 300 dahlia cuttings.

Six counties of eastern Oregon are to meet in a district conference and centenary institute at La Grande December 18 and 19, to inaugurate the movement known as the joint centenary campaign, designed to meet the new demand made upon the church for Christian leadership in all parts of the world by the rapid advance of democratic ideals.

Use of the Oregon Blue Book for the purpose of instructing aliens who wish to become naturalized is recommended in a letter received by Secretary Olcott from John Speed Smith, chief naturalization examiner at Seattle, who says he is highly impressed with the advantages which the Blue Book could be put to as a textbook for use in the public schools in citizenship classes.

George Holbrook, a miner, was shot and killed at Homestead by Thomas Adams, owner of the Imnaha mine at that place. Adams, according to report, intervened in a dispute between Holbrook and his former wife, from whom he was divorced in June. When Holbrook threatened her with a gun Adams shot him, it was said. Both Adams and the women are held by the authorities.

Unless farmers show more interest in agricultural lime and place orders for the product being turned out by the state lime plant at Gold Hill, it will be necessary to shut down the plant very soon. This conclusion was reached Friday at a meeting of the state lime board, when it was decided to employ salesmen to go out among the farmers and find out if the lime product can be sold.

The largest annual programme of road construction ever presented by the state highway commission was drafted at a session of the commissioners in Portland, covering practically every district in Oregon and calling for an estimated expenditure of \$3,525,200. The commission ordered State Engineer Herbert Nunn to prepare the projects for bids, which will be opened at subsequent sessions. Several bids are expected to be ready for consideration at the next meeting of the commission, which is set for January 7, 1919.

Recording of mineral filings on 100 acres of land in Columbia county, made at St. Helens, discloses the opening up to production of a deposit of iron ore that it is believed may become of great importance in development of steel industries in the Pacific northwest. C. A. Finley, of Portland, made the filings and admitted that investigation extending over several months had revealed that a very large deposit of hematite of iron exists. It is declared to be of a desirable character, easily worked and can be loaded on cars with a steam shovel.

During the week ending December 12 five fatal accidents out of a total of 516 industrial casualties were reported to the state accident commission. The fatal cases were: Ira Cal-

Are You Present?



The Christmas Cake



The Days of Mystery



TELEPHONE RATES ARE CUT

New Charge Applies Only to Night Service.

Washington.—Sweeping reductions in long distance and toll telephone rates by the adoption of a basic charge of 6 1/2 mills a mile, airline mileage, and half the day rate for night service up to midnight and one-fourth the day rate after that hour, were announced by Postmaster-General Burleson. They become effective next January 21.

The new rates were recommended in the first report of the committee on rate standardization and Mr. Burleson's statement said their effect is to equalize the toll and long distance charges over the country "removing disparities and preferences and providing a scientific basis for future reductions contemplated as unification of telephone and telegraph wires proceeds."

French Labor Cheers President.

Paris.—A number of members of the General Federation of Labor met in the Place de Clugny and paraded through the chief thoroughfares, cheering for President Wilson and the United States.

Poland Severs Relations.

Amsterdam.—Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

Captain Roy W. Ritner arrived in Pendleton yesterday from France.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The German armistice has been extended until 5 o'clock on the morning of January 17.

French marines have entered Odessa, Russia, and have received a cordial welcome from the people there.

Return to the home waters of the first ships of the American armada sent to Europe to combat German sea power will be marked by a great naval pageant in New York harbor about December 23.

General March states that Santa Claus will walk in France this year for 2,248,000 packages, more than one per man abroad, have been dispatched under the efficient embarkation plans of General Hines.

Switzerland, acting for the German government, asked the United States for official information of the date and place of the formal peace conference, and urged a prompt reply because of fear of famine in Germany.

In the matter of soldiers' clothing, a bill has been sent to congress by the War department, whereby every soldier could retain one set of uniform clothing for celebrations, instead of turning in all clothing four months after discharge.

Burleson Wants to Buy Wire Lines.

Washington.—A bill to authorize the postmaster general to negotiate the purchase of telephone systems now under government control and providing for a survey of telegraph company properties, was introduced in the house by Chairman Moon, of the post-office committee, who said Postmaster Burleson had informed him the president approved the measure.

Assassin Kills Portugal's President.

London.—Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto. Advice from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets. President Paes died within a few minutes after he was shot.

Hun Sailors Demand Control.

Copenhagen.—Control of the merchant marine is demanded by a sailors' council formed at Hamburg, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende, of this city. The council threatens to sink all the ships if its demand is not complied with. The council insists that the financing be borne by the ship owners.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$54 per ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$49 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$73@77; cracked, \$75@79.
Hay—Timothy, \$30@32 per ton; alfalfa, \$27.50.
Butter—Creamery, 61c per pound.
Eggs—Ranch, 75c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1.75@1.85 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 23@28c; springs, 25c; roosters, 18c; ducks, 28@30c; turkeys, 27@30c.

Seattle

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38 per ton; alfalfa, \$34 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 65c.
Eggs—Ranch, 75c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 24@28c; springs, 25c; roosters, dressed, 27@28c; ducks, 26c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37@38c.

THE ENGLISH FLECTIONS

London.—Considering the novel conditions under which Saturday's elections were held and the necessity of waiting for a fortnight before the ballots are counted, there is very little indulgence in speculation as to the result. It is universally admitted to be almost a foregone conclusion that the Lloyd George coalition has been victorious and will probably have some 400 members of the new house of commons. Naturally, with many millions of new voters, women as well as men, there is ample room for surprises and the government party will feel doubts as to its success, even if several members of the cabinet, including Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty; Sir Albert H. Stanley, president of the board of trade, and Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, have been elected. Greatest curiosity centers, however, on the strength of the labor vote, which under new conditions, is an unknown quantity. It would be no surprise if it is found that in the Midland and northern industrial counties the woman vote largely supported labor. The labor party hopes to win over 100 seats.

PEACE AND LEAGUE SINGLE OBJECTIVE

President Wilson Gives Views In Two Addresses Delivered in Paris.

Paris.—In two speeches, President Wilson reaffirmed that the making of peace and the creation of a league of nations must be accomplished as one single objective.

Responding to the welcome of President Poincare at the luncheon given in his honor, President Wilson declared that winning the war was not alone enough, but that the people of the United States had entered it with the object of making the peace a permanent peace for the world.

Somewhat the impression had taken root here that President Wilson was opposed to the full payment by Germany of the damages her armies did in their ruthless campaign.

It was, therefore, natural and in keeping with France's traditional policy of utter frankness that President Poincare, in his speech at the official luncheon, dwelt tactfully, but candidly, upon the question of questions.

In his reply President Wilson, with equal candor and an explicit directness that made all doubts vanish into thin air, spoke his own heart and mind on this subject.

"I am sure," said he, "that I shall look upon the ruin wrought by the armies of the central empires with the same revulsion of feeling and deep indignation that stir the hearts of France and Belgium, and I appreciate as you do, the necessity of such actions in the final settlement of the issues of war as will not only rebuke such acts of terror and spoliation, but make men everywhere aware that they cannot be ventured upon without the certainty of just punishment."

Responding to the greeting of the Socialist delegation, the president stated that the war had been a people's war and that the defeat of military autocracy alone was not sufficient to fulfill its objects. He again declared that the co-operation of the nations for the security of the peace to be made was wholly necessary.

WILSON TO MEET FOREIGN OFFICIALS

Paris.—The arrival of the various officials to meet President Wilson has now been arranged for. The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando, and Foreign Minister Sonnino, reached here Thursday. The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, and Foreign Secretary A. J. Balfour, will probably reach Paris next Saturday or Sunday. With Premier Clemenceau, the presence of these peace delegates will permit of discussions between the four leading powers, Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy.

The inter-allied conference probably will assemble next Monday, but the sessions will be brief, not exceeding two days.

The initial meeting of the inter-allied conference will give President Wilson his first opportunity to meet the delegates around the conference table.

Joseph C. Grew, formerly counsellor of the American embassy in Vienna, will take charge of the official announcements to be transmitted to the United States. He will have as assistants Ray Stannard Baker and Maximilian Foster.

The reception of President Wilson at the city hall Monday, while not attended by the huge crowds which welcomed him on Saturday, was impressive.

Kaiser Wilhelm Refuses to Leave.

Amsterdam.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, the Telegraph says it understands, has refused to leave Holland after official representations have been made that his continued presence in Holland was likely to involve the country in serious difficulties.

Wilson to Visit American Troops.

Paris.—President Wilson will leave Paris Christmas eve and go to American general headquarters. Front headquarters he will precede to the American front. He will have Christmas dinner with the American troops, and not with the American command-in-chief or other officers.