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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Albany's motion picture theaters have closed voluntarily to remain closed until all influenza danger is passed.

The Warm Springs irrigation project, which is already on a fair way to development, is causing a big boom at Vale.

Approximately 125 men employed at the St. Helens Shipbuilding company's yard at St. Helens are out on a strike.

Portland will open its first open-air school on January 27. It will be the only school of its kind in Oregon and in Washington.

Joseph McCord, a well-known Baker county man, who had been living on his ranch near Rock creek, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

The ministers of Albany adopted a resolution voluntarily closing all of the churches of Albany to all meetings until danger from influenza is past.

The J. H. Chambers mill at Cottage Grove is now getting out several cars of 16x16 timbers to be shipped to Italy. The timbers are 50 to 60 feet in length.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington and California will attend the Oregon State Hotel Men's association convention which will open in Portland Monday, January 20.

Another influenza wave has hit Klamath Falls. The ban which was placed on the city early in October has been raised only a short time, but the disease again is spreading.

The Columbia river between The Dalles and Hood River was completely closed last week with ice which stretched from shore to shore. Automobiles crossed in safety over the frozen surface.

Work on the Eugene-Lorane road, which is one of the big road projects planned by the Lane county court for 1919, has been started and a crew of men has begun to clear the right of way at the Eugene end.

Mrs. Emmaline Elizabeth Galloway, wife of former Circuit Judge William Galloway, died at her home in Salem after an illness of several months. Mrs. Galloway was long identified with public life in Oregon.

Fraternities and sororities of the Oregon Agricultural college have formed a corporation for the purpose of purchasing foods and other supplies and for systematizing operation of the various chapter houses.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler was shot three times, but not seriously wounded, by John Hanlon, of Jordan Valley, as he was ascending the stairway in the courthouse in Vale. Hanlon is in jail charged with assault with intent to kill.

In a report to the state land board, Attorney-General Brown goes at length into the land fraud situation in the state and declares that he will seek \$5000 from the legislature to further prosecute the Pacific Livestock case, but will attempt no other prosecutions.

Matilda Whittle, an Indian woman, who became famous during the Modoc war in 1873, when she was the trusted messenger of the peace commission and carried messages to and from the hostile Indians in the lava beds, died at Klamath Falls. She was 80 years of age.

That Indians from Umatilla reservation have done their part in serving the country in the war is shown by the record of more than 50 who have been doing their duty in France and in the training camps. The Indians responded willingly when called to the service.

After sitting for several days in front of a house at Dillon, east of The Dalles, apparently watching passing trains, the frozen body of an aged negro, believed to be Joseph Mullen, was found. It is believed he started to walk to The Dalles when he was overcome by the cold.

Early extension of the Strahorn railroad from its present terminal at Dairy, 20 miles east of Klamath Falls, to Bonanza, was indicated at a meeting of the residents of that section. Between \$10,000 and \$12,000 of the \$14,000 necessary to assure this construction was pledged.

Stockmen of Wasco county have agreed to support the effort to be made at this session of the legislature to enact a law providing for co-opera-

tion with the federal government in checking the predatory animal pest by matching the appropriation of the United States for this purpose.

The death house at the state penitentiary at Salem, where more than a score of men have been shot through the traps into eternity, is to be changed into a kitchen, and fully 300 convicts will be served their food cafeteria style, instead of the present "reach and grab" system which prevails, according to plans being worked out now by Warden Stevens.

Seven Hood River valley mills, headed by the Mitchells Point Lumber company, with a cut of 3,500,000, last year turned out 11,575,000 feet of lumber. With the 24,060,000 feet produced by the Oregon Lumber company's mill at Dee, the valley's total lumber output for 1918 reached 35,647,000 feet.

The Crooked River road, for the construction of which the state and Crook county each appropriated \$95,000 recently, is now being surveyed and construction will probably begin within 90 days. This thoroughfare will be one of the most important post roads as well as one of the best scenic roads in the county.

The Astoria sanitary and reclamation commission has sold \$200,000 in bonds to Morris Bros., of Portland. The money is to be used for the construction of a bulkhead along the third reclamation district, from the Clatsop mill to Thirty-seventh street, and the entire district is to be filled with sand pumped from the river.

Merger of the Home telephone system in Portland with that of the Pacific States system was authorized in the federal court when a decree modifying the decree of March 26, 1914, was filed. The Pacific States company is permitted to acquire the Home exchanges in Portland, Albany, Corvallis and Oregon City.

Seven standard Russell road graders with scarifying attachments were last week ordered by the Lane county court and after their arrival will be distributed about the county for road maintenance work. These are considered to be valuable additions to the already extensive road building equipment of Lane county.

At a conference between Portland city officials and members of the school board a tightening of quarantine regulations against Spanish influenza was decreed. Reports at the meeting showed a considerable increase of new cases, and it was said that since October 13 last 11,636 cases and 918 deaths have been reported.

Judge Anderson, of Baker county circuit court, has ruled that the city authorities of La Grande were within their legal rights when they ordered the moving pictures to close during the influenza epidemic. The city ordered them closed, and the theater managers determined to take the matter to the courts for a test decision.

About 20 members of the Oregon military police who now are on duty are taking a chance at securing their salary, it has developed. The deficiency appropriation made by the emergency board to cover the expenses of that organization lapsed on January 1, and consequently the members of the force are at the mercy of the legislature.

The Dalles undertakers report that there were 55 deaths from influenza in that city during the last three months of 1918. A heavy toll has been taken by the second wave of the epidemic. Schools, libraries, pool-halls, theaters, churches, lodges and libraries have been closed; public funerals are forbidden, and all houses where the disease exists are quarantined.

A deal of considerable magnitude was closed at Sutherlin last week, when the Sutherlin inn, of which Frank E. Waite is the principal owner, was sold to the Seventh Day Adventist people of southern Oregon. The hotel was built four years ago at a cost of \$30,000. The object of the Adventist people is to establish an academy in the building and move their school at Lorane to Sutherlin.

Secretary of the Interior Lane indicated in a speech before members of the house recently that he had adopted Representative Sinnott's suggestion of having his requested appropriation of \$100,000,000 for reclamation purposes incorporated in the sundry civil bill to insure action in this congress. If this appropriation is granted Representative Sinnott will seek to have two new irrigation projects initiated in Oregon.

With even nurses and assistants at some of the hospitals becoming ill from influenza, the situation at Salem has become so serious that city authorities have intimated that the al-

One Way of Making Him Safe



ready tight ban may be drawn even tighter unless radical steps are taken to preserve the regulations. It is even possible that the prohibitory measures may be extended to apply to all but absolutely essential businesses, such as meat markets, groceries and drug stores, and that other merchandising establishments will be ordered closed. It is estimated there are fully 1000 cases of the disease in the city. Jackson county won the \$50 prize in the thrift campaign conducted by the school children of the state during last year under the auspices of the Oregon Bankers' association, the Oregon State Teachers' association, the Oregon department of education, the United States department of agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural college through the boys' and girls' club work department. The work has proved so successful that the Oregon Bankers' association will not only again offer \$50 in cash to the county making the best showing, but has voted \$200 for the printing of pupils' record books.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS MEET

Session of National Committee is Held in Chicago.

Chicago.—Party leaders from nearly every state attended the meeting of the Republican National Committee. Denunciation of Bolshevism and insidious Socialistic doctrines marked numerous addresses at the meeting. The names of possible candidates for president most persistently mentioned in informal gossip were General John J. Pershing, General Leonard Wood, Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois; Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, and Senator Hiram Johnson, of California.

The members of the committee declared it was too early to discuss the claims of candidates. Two women occupying seats in the committee were admitted to the inner councils of the party of proxies.

They were Mrs. Josephine Corlies Preston, of Washington, who held the proxy of S. A. Perkins, national committeeman from that state, and Miss Mary Garrett Hay, of New York, who held the proxy of Herbert Parsons.

Supreme Court Upholds Reed Measure

Washington.—The Supreme Court held that the Reed "bone dry" prohibition amendment prohibits interstate transportation into dry states of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes even if intended for personal use.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

American forces operating in Siberia and northern Russia total 12,941 officers and men, the war department announced.

In raids on the United Kingdom by the Germans during the war 5511 persons were killed or injured, of whom 4750 were civilians.

A total of 64,000,000 marks has been turned over to the American authorities for the current expenses of the occupying forces in Germany.

Former President William Howard Taft will be the principal speaker at an Oregon-Idaho-Washington "League of Nations" rally in Portland, February 16.

Thirty-nine billion cigarettes were produced in the United States last year. This represents four times as many cigarettes as were produced seven years ago.

Twenty-one persons were killed and three were seriously injured in a rear-end collision on the New York Central railroad at South Byron, six miles east of Batavia, N. Y.

Five leaders of the Socialist party, including Victor L. Berger, representative-elect from Milwaukee, were found guilty in Federal Judge Landis' court in Chicago of conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

With the additions of Indiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, Illinois, Kansas and Alabama to the list of states which have ratified the constitutional amendment suppressing the liquor traffic, the total now stands at 36. The number required to make the amendment effective is 38.

Washington Ratifies Dry Amendment

Olympia, Wash.—In an hour and five minutes after the Washington legislature convened both houses had ratified the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution by unanimous vote.

10 Transports Sail From French Ports

Washington.—Bringing home 7500 men, ten transports, the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire and the hospital ship Mercy have sailed from French ports.

Many Killed in Buenos Aires Riots

Buenos Aires.—The commanders of the government troops officially report 250 dead and 700 wounded as a result of the strike riots in this city.

The Petrograd garrison has renounced Trotsky's authority.

PRESIDENT MAY TOUR U. S. GOVERNMENT WINS IN BERLIN FIGHTING

Would Inform Country by Personal Contact of Proceedings in France.

Paris.—President Wilson is considering a speaking tour of the United States when he returns home. It is said that this trip will take him into many of the principal cities, and it is possible he may touch the Pacific coast.

With congress out of the way early in March, Mr. Wilson would have an opportunity for such a tour before returning to Europe should he follow his original plan, and if his return should be necessary. He would also have time for his proposed trip before the convening of an extraordinary session of congress, should he decide to call one.

The object of his proposed speaking tour would be to inform the country by personal contact of the proceedings at Paris and at the same time sound out and encourage public sentiment in support of the peace principles he has enunciated and which he feels have been acclaimed by the masses in Europe.

Attorney-General Gregory Resigns

Washington.—Thomas Watt Gregory, attorney-general of the United States since 1914, has resigned because of "pecuniary responsibilities," and will return to the practice of law.

British Occupy Dusseldorf

Copenhagen.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, which has been in the hands of the Spartacans, according to a report from Berlin.

Roosevelt Leaves \$85,000 Insurance

New York.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt carried \$85,000 life insurance, according to a statement in the Weekly Underwriter.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$53 per ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$49 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$69@73; cracked, \$71@75.
Hay—Timothy, \$30@32 per ton; alfalfa, \$27.50.
Butter—Creamery, 67c per pound.
Eggs—Ranch, 71c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$2 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 28@30c; springs, 30c; roosters, 23c; ducks, 30c; geese, 26@28c; turkeys, 40c.

Seattle

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38 per ton; alfalfa, \$34 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 66c.
Eggs—Ranch, 75c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 30@32c; springs, 32c; roosters, 23c; ducks, 30c; geese, 26c; turkeys, 44@47c.

IMMEDIATE AID FOR SOLDIERS IS URGED

Washington.—Immediate consideration of the interior department's request for \$100,000,000 for the reclamation and occupation of 215,000,000 acres of tillable soil in this country by returned soldiers was asked by Secretary Lane at an informal meeting of members of congress held in the house chamber.

The plan of the department not only would provide labor for thousands of men discharged from military service, Secretary Lane said, but would greatly increase the resources of the nation. Briefly the programme contemplates the employment of discharged soldiers at current wages on vast reclamation schemes in many states, who would be permitted later to select sections of the reclaimed land for farming purposes, the government furnishing money to pay for the cost of development. This money, together with the full cost of the land and interest, would later be returned to the government.

Necessity for haste in making the appropriation was emphasized by Secretary Lane. Soldiers are being discharged from the service at the rate of thousands a day, he said, and provision for employing them should be made soon.

Russian misfortune has served its useful purpose in showing the world precisely what "bolshevism" means.

A celebration is expected that will make "gay Paree" wonder whether it ever knew before what real gaiety is.

In spite of all kinds of publicity talent in all sections, Paris continues to be the best advertised town on the map.

Spartacans Reported to Have Lost 1300 Killed in Battles.

Berlin.—Government forces have captured the police headquarters after a short bombardment. When the fighting began the troops fired a few shells and then waited to see what effect had been made upon the Spartacans. When the latter failed to show signs of yielding two men were sent forward with a white flag, demanding surrender. They were fired upon and killed. No government troops were killed. The Bolshevists are believed to have suffered the loss of 50 killed and many wounded.

Rosa Luxemburg, associated with Dr. Karl Liebknecht in the leadership of the rebellious Spartacan forces in Berlin, has been arrested by government soldiers, according to a report.

The counter revolution of the Spartacan group (Bolshevik) is collapsing rapidly in Berlin and the provinces.

Karl Liebknecht, Robert Emil Eichhorn and Rosa Luxemburg, the three chief leaders of the Reds, have fled. Dusseldorf, the most dangerous Spartacan stronghold outside of Berlin, has fallen into the hands of government forces. British troops are preserving order there.

The Berlin government is disarming the Reds, who have been plundering in the eastern suburbs, where they seized 300,000 marks worth of jewelry.

The German war minister, Reinhardt, was quoted as saying that he expected some further rioting in provincial towns, but the government has decided to suppress disorders sternly in order to assure the national assembly elections. At Munich the elections were carried out during rioting.

The Spartacans are still distributing propaganda among the German troops.

COAST TROOPS REACH NEW YORK

New York.—The United States cruiser St. Louis, bringing the 346th field artillery, 45 officers and 1285 men, arrived Wednesday from Brest. Twenty-six of these were sick and wounded. The regiment, consisting of 1 per cent regulars and 99 per cent conscripted men, were trained at Camp Lewis, Wash. It saw service in Belgium with the 91st division, and returned under command of Colonel Samuel Frankenberg.

The 346th artillery is officered and manned by recruits from the Pacific coast states. Although magnificent artillery support was given at all times during the hard fighting through which the 91st has passed, it was not the good fortune of the artillery regiments of the division to give this support, according to Lieutenant John Clark Burgard, of the 91st, just returned. The artillery branch of the 91st was embodied in three regiments, according to Lieutenant Burgard, and none of them participated in the fighting or had sent over a hostile shell up to the time of the signing of the armistice.

BOLSHEVIKI START RIOT AT SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash.—Openly preaching sedition and defying the police when ordered to disperse, 3000 men, at an open air Bolshevik meeting at Fourth Avenue and Virginia street, precipitated a riot at 3:30 Sunday afternoon that required more than 100 policemen, soldiers and sailors to quell. Thirteen were arrested and many more were seen leaving the scene of the trouble with minor wounds from policemen's clubs and soldiers' fists.

The meeting was closed by the police when the speakers urged a general strike in all industries and the tying up of shipping to prevent the shipment of supplies to Siberia for the maintenance of the United States and other armies in the field there. Leaflets were passed out among the audience urging men in the uniform of the United States to refuse to serve their country in the event they were ordered to Siberia or Russia to interfere with the Bolshevik movement.

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