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

Pendleton's Chautauqua week has been set for July 8 to 11.

Several new cases of influenza have made their appearance in Salem.

The state grange, in session at Hillsboro, voted to hold its 1920 annual session at Bend.

Ranchers of northern Curry county report that coyotes are on the increase in that section.

The Christian Endeavor societies of Linn and Benton counties held their fourth annual convention in Corvallis on Saturday and Sunday.

George T. Gerlinger of Dallas was appointed a member of the state board of forestry by Governor Olcott. He succeeds L. R. Hill of Cottage Grove.

In a fit of despondency resulting from prolonged illness, Robert Spickerman, 62 years old, shot himself through the head with a shotgun at The Dalles.

Of a total of 1985 preventable fires during 1918, 42 were suspected of incendiary origin, according to the annual report of Harvey Wells, state fire marshal.

Textbooks for use in the public schools of Oregon during the next six years will be selected by the Oregon state textbook commission at a meeting to be held in Salem June 2.

Unemployment is completely wiped out in Oregon, both in the industrial centers and throughout the farming and lumbering districts, according to a report of the department of labor.

Efforts to procure a material reduction in the cost of transporting fish which the state distributes to the various streams of Oregon will be made by the public service commission.

Fish propagation in the several state hatcheries is showing splendid results this spring, according to the report of R. E. Clanton, state fish warden, received by the fish and game commission.

Douglas county's ninth annual strawberry carnival and sportsmen's tournament was held in Roseburg under most favorable auspices. Thousands of people were present to enjoy the opening day's festivities.

Complete exoneration of the state industrial accident commission is given by Governor Olcott in connection with the charges of Lee Roy E. Keeley, a Portland attorney, over the A. G. Dibbern compensation case.

Most Oregon men who are in service overseas will have returned by August and practically all of them will be home by September, according to information that has reached the Oregon welcome committee in New York.

The proposal to maintain a representative in Washington to further the project for the establishment of a first-class naval base near the mouth of the Columbia river is being discussed by the Astoria chamber of commerce.

Three fatalities are included in the 588 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the past week. These were Martin Paul of Reliance, logger; Joseph Swartz, Knappa, logger; Louis Lambert, Neverstill, logger.

The semi-annual purchase of supplies for the various state institutions will be made June 12, when bids covering the needs of the institutions will be opened by the state board of control. These bids will cover supplies up to December 31.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of Portland, Mrs. Charles H. Gastner of Hood River and Mrs. W. H. Dancy of Salem were designated members of the advisory board for the state industrial school for girls, in appointments announced by Governor Olcott.

F. C. Knapp, F. H. Murphy, and V. H. Haybarker, all of Portland, constitute the commission created by the recent legislature to regulate lighting in mills, factories and work shops, according to announcement of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

According to advices received from Senator Charles McNary at Washington, the United States government is considering sending out experts to Polk county and other places in the state to explore the oil fields which are supposed to be located there.

J. F. Buchanan, superintendent of the Homestead Iron Dyke mine, situated near Homestead, reports that the labor situation is very discouraging

in his section. With a capacity of about 170 men not more than 60 are at present employed by the company because of the scarcity.

A resolution condemning Oregon as one of the worst states in the union with regard to the divorce evil and providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate conditions and instigate legislation to mitigate the growing tendency of divorce, was adopted at Portland by the 31st diocesan convention of the Episcopal church.

Another of a series of merchandise shoots, which have been attracting sportsmen from many sections of the Willamette valley, was held by the Albany Gun club Friday. Sportsmen from Amity on the north to Eugene on the south were in attendance, and with a large crowd present competition was keen.

Crook County Superintendent J. E. Myers is issuing sugar beet seed for experimental purposes. Two-year tests show a quality of 19 per cent. If this year's test holds out the Ogden refinery will build a factory at Prineville. The Ochoee irrigation project is expected to produce great quantities of high grade beets.

Twenty-one cargoes or 31,500,000 feet of railroad ties are to be shipped out of Portland, Columbia river and Puget sound points to England. Of this total a third will be handled by Portland shippers. It is said the shipments will be completed by August 15. The worth of these ties to millmen will be approximately \$662,000.

The summer session at Oregon Agricultural college is expected to have a large enrollment, according to the number of inquiries already received.

The big demand for teachers of agriculture, home economics and vocational courses will probably increase the number who will take these subjects during the summer months.

Harvey Wells, state commander of the Spanish war veterans, has received word that a rate of a fare and a third has been granted by the railroad administration for the state encampment of Spanish war veterans which will be held in Salem on July 2 and 3. The special rate will be given to all members of the organization and allied auxiliaries.

Steps have been taken to form a gigantic organization of all the prune growers of Oregon and of Clarke county, Washington, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association. This is the first move toward organizing all fruit growers of Oregon along lines of the several fruit growers' associations of California which have been in existence for a number of years.

Notice was received by the state highway commission from the United States department of agriculture that 88 army trucks, used during the war, will be allotted to Oregon for use in road work, the only stipulation being that they be used in building state-aided roads, including forest and post-roads. The trucks have a total value of about \$220,000. They are now in Chicago awaiting delivery to Oregon.

Thirty-seven days from the time her keel was laid and 10 days from the time she was launched the steel steamer City of Eureka, built at Portland by the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, left on her builders' trial trip. The builders claim world's records both for the elapsed time between the laying of the keel and the launching and between the launching and the completion of the vessel's equipment.

Appointment of the members of the newly-created state vocational educational board has been announced by Governor Olcott. The members include F. B. Ingalls of Dufur, David M. Dunne of Portland, E. J. Stack of Portland and Mrs. George McMath of Portland. The board is designed to cooperate with the federal government in procuring vocational educational facilities for public school children of the state.

Dean G. A. Covell, of the Oregon Agricultural college will represent the engineering interests of the northwest in a national conference in Washington, D. C., June 23 and 24, the main purpose of which is to discuss the question of turning out from such technical institutions as the college men trained in both commerce and engineering, who can take charge of big industries and thus make it possible to extend foreign trade.

Washington.—Representative Gallivan, democrat, of Massachusetts, re-introduced in the house his bill which failed at the last session, providing for a bonus equal to six months' pay for honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines.

STANDARD THEATRE, ATHENA



SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 7

BIG APPROPRIATION FOR RAILWAYS ASKED

Washington.—To finance the railroads for the rest of this year and to pay the government's operating loss for 18 months up to this month, an appropriation of \$1,200,000,000 was asked of congress by Director-General Hines. More may be sought later if the government continues to lose heavily.

The \$1,200,000,000 is in addition to the \$500,000,000 appropriated by the last congress, and includes the \$750,000,000 which failed of appropriation. Of the total of \$1,700,000,000 appropriated and requested, Mr. Hines said that \$1,214,000,000 eventually would be returned to the government. This includes money tied up in working capital and advanced on account to the railroad corporations.

Mr. Hines said that in his judgment the operating deficits for 1918 and for the four months in 1919 were clearly due to the war and to abnormal after-war conditions.

WAR RISK MEASURE PASSED

Bill Provides \$45,000,000 for Soldiers' and Sailors' Families.

Washington.—Passage by the house of a deficiency bill providing urgent appropriations of \$45,044,500 for war risk allowances to soldiers' and sailors' families and civil war pensioners made another speed record for the new house, which adopted the woman suffrage resolution. The first sharp partisan clashes of the session between republicans and democrats occurred during discussion of the deficiency bill.

The measure authorizes appropriations of \$39,615,000 for allowances due May 1 and June 1 to about 700,000 families of soldiers, sailors and marines, \$3,000,000 for delayed Civil war pensions and \$2,249,500 for administration of the war risk insurance bureau. It was passed without a dissenting vote after considerable partisan discussion, republicans and democrats making counter-charges of responsibility for payment delays.

Much Work on Treaties Still Pending.

Paris.—The American delegation has prepared a memorandum showing the status of affairs before the peace conference on the conclusion of the Austrian treaty. This discloses that a formidable amount of business is still to be transacted besides the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties, covering the whole range of inter-allied subjects. The memorandum leaves no doubt that the conference will continue for a considerable time after the treaties have been signed and President Wilson has left.

Tut! Tut!
A recent invention is a pair of horse blinders for golf players to help them concentrate their attention. Why not add a bit that they can champ instead of bursting into profanity?

WHAT TO DO WITH SALOON

Why not turn the corner saloon into a community playhouse when the law affects the closing of these gathering places, asks Miss Hazel MacKaye, director of the Department of Pageantry and Drama of the National Young Women's Christian Association?

"I went over on the West Side of New York one night recently to attend a community drama meeting," Miss MacKaye says in explaining her theory, "and as I was riding along I noticed how many saloons there were—one on every corner and another in the middle of the block, it seemed, all just standing with lights. Those lights ought not to go out with prohibition. They ought to shine for something worth while to all of the people, and worth better than community drama and songs."

Miss MacKaye feels that the war has given a great impetus to popular interest in drama and that through pageantry and drama a great deal in the way of Americanization can be effected.

Through the community center, if it be in a district populated largely of one foreign nationality, these people could present parents of the life in their mother countries, translating them into English, so that Americans and also the younger English speaking members of their household could understand and appreciate their traditions. American art would be greatly enriched, thus through the drama of all of the nations whose peoples have settled in this country. On the other hand American ideals, American history and American festivals, even laws such as child labor and minimum wage, could be interpreted to these people by means of pageantry.

"People have been learning not only to work together, but to play together," Miss MacKaye says, "particularly since the war, when the people stood together in drives and large patriotic community entertainments. The opportunity to build up a great community organization is now at hand, and the time is ripe for it. Why not utilize the corner saloon?"

Harvey Wells, state fire marshal, has completed his annual report to the governor for the year ending March 31, and shows that the total fire losses paid during the year amounted to \$1,829,317.70. This amount represented 1956 claims and insurance at risk of \$11,055,144.71. During the year 15 persons lost their lives as a result of fires outside the city of Portland. Five were men, two women and 11 children. In amount of losses paid Columbia county leads all others with \$412,314.22. Multnomah being next with paid losses of \$276,694.25.

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ONE SUGGESTION OF GERMANS ACCEPTED

Minor Concession Regarding Saar Basin Granted, Other Proposals Rejected.

Paris.—With the exception of a minor concession, all suggestions and counter proposals by Germany for the disposition of the Saar basin have been rejected by the reply of the allied and associated powers.

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau's appeal for an oral discussion of the points at issue on this subject was ignored.

The concession agreed to is that Germany might create a prior charge upon her assets or revenues for the payment of the mines in the Saar region, if the plebiscite goes against France.

If, however, the sum agreed upon is not paid within a year from the date it is due, the reparation commission shall effect payment under instructions from the league of nations.

This alteration was made in view of Germany's declaration that it was impossible for her to accumulate a sufficient sum of gold with which to pay for the mines in the 15 years before the plebiscite is taken since other reparations would constitute a constant drain.

President Wilson has informed the council of four, it was reported in peace conference circles, that the other members of the council should be prepared for the United States not to take a mandate for Constantinople or any other part of Turkey.

The council of four of the peace conference has decided conditionally to recognize the anti-bolshevik governments of Admiral Kolchak and General Denekine, according to Reuter's Agency here.

The conditions for the recognition are that, regarding the future of Russia, these governments agree to convoke and accept the verdict of a genuine constituent assembly; likewise that the league of nations covenant and its consequences as affecting the boundaries of the former empire are accepted.

The constituent assembly is to determine the future form of government for Russia.

The allies will not furnish Admiral Kolchak and General Denekine with troops but will supply them with arms, munitions, money and food on a larger scale than hitherto.

LAX SOLDIERS PROTECTED

Discharged Men Who Let Insurance Lapse May Get Benefits.

Washington.—Soldiers who fail to pay their premiums on government insurance after discharge will have a nine-months' period in which the policy may be reinstated, under a war risk bureau ruling announced by Secretary Glass.

Insurance on which premiums are not paid will be classed as lapsed after 90 days, but at any time during the six months following the lapse may be reinstated by the insured if he furnishes a physician's certificate to the effect that he is in good health and pays up back premiums.

Washington Chief Justice Realigns.
Olympia, Wash.—Stephen J. Chadwick, chief justice of the Washington supreme court, Monday sent his formal resignation to Acting Governor Hart, to become effective June 1. Having been previously apprised of Judge Chadwick's determination to retire, Governor Hart had selected Jesse B. Bridges of Aberdeen to fill the vacancy.

British and Americans Land at Danzig.
Paris.—British and American marines have been landed at the Baltic port of Danzig, according to a dispatch received here from Warsaw. A powerful fleet, it is added, will be anchored off the harbor there.

State of Ohio Is Dry.
Columbus, O.—Ohio has joined the prohibition ring. Constitutional prohibition became effective Tuesday.

Canada's Unrest Spreads.
Calgary, Alberta, Canada.—Union workers of Calgary called a general strike in sympathy with the Winnipeg walkout.

Edmonton, Alberta.—Edmonton unions voted three to one for a strike, in support of the general walkout in Winnipeg.