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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Eugene lodge of Elks is organizing a brass band.

After two years of service, Captain R. R. Knox has returned to Albany.

The recent electrical storm is said to have started seven fires in the Cascade national forest.

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of district No. 1 will meet at Eugene on August 15.

A list of D. S. C. awards announced by the war department included John H. Womack, Wallawa.

A fruit and berry cannery company, with a paid-up capital of \$25,000, has been organized at Marshfield.

Oscar Newton Bass, a pioneer of Lebanon, aged 84 years, died at the home of his son in that city.

There are 12,150 children of school age in Marion county, according to the annual census, just completed.

There are 6617 persons of school age in Clatsop county. The enrollment in the county schools is 4190.

Medford schools will open September 15, doing away with the necessity of extending the school year into next June.

Captain Walter L. Toose, after a two-years' service in the United States army, has returned to his home at Dallas.

The Davis & Webber sawmill, two miles south of Alvirie, was burned down. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Building and other construction work is at its height in Marshfield and idleness is not found in any city in the county.

With only two dissenting votes, the citizens of Helix at a special election adopted the new charter submitted by the city council.

According to word received in Albany, most of the buildings in the old Quartzville mining district have been destroyed by fire.

Sparks carried from a threshing machine by the wind started the big fire that burned Vonderhae brothers' wheat ranch near Milton.

Over 30 returned soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war met in Corvallis and organized a branch of the American Legion.

Machinery and equipment for taking care of milk are being installed in the dairy department at the agricultural college at Corvallis.

Of 518 industrial casualties reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending July 24, there were four fatal cases.

Excavation work is now under way for the erection of the main building of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company's \$500,000 paper mill in Salem.

Governor Olcott has reappointed Robert E. Hunt of Roseburg as a member of the Oregon state veterinary medical examining board.

Jetty work at the mouth of the Umpqua river has been ordered suspended by the Port of Umpqua commissioners, owing to a shortage of funds.

While crossing the Walla Walla river near Milton on a footlog, Claude Wallace, aged 37 years, slipped, fell into the stream and was drowned.

The county court of Coos county has raised the wages of men and teams employed on county work to a minimum of \$4.50 for men and \$9 for teams.

Winter wheat in Linn county is largely in the shock, and the largest yield of winter wheat raised in the county for many years is practically safe.

The Medford Red Cross chapter and War Community service have taken up the work of the Medford federal employment service office, which has closed.

The taxpayers of school district No. 31, Bay City, with but one dissenting voice, voted to authorize the directors to erect a four-room concrete school building.

A board of directors for a permanent county fair to be held in Albany annually was elected at a meeting of stockmen, farmers and business men in Albany.

After wandering aimlessly about in the mountains of eastern Marion county, A. C. Barber, soon to become state insurance commissioner, was found by searchers.

Ralph J. Eveleth of Stanford, Mont., has closed a deal whereby he purchased the Chunowith ranch of 1896 acres near Oakland for the sum of

\$37,400 cash. W. A. Wells, known in Corvallis and throughout Oregon as "Red" Wells, is dead. He was 81 years old and had been a familiar figure in Corvallis since pioneer days.

Umatilla county's wheat crop, from all appearances, will total at least 4,500,000 bushels. In average yield per acre and weight it is better than last year. The farmers have one complaint: smut this year is worse than for many years. Sections formerly exempt are now affected.

One of the largest sawmill burners in the United States will be erected by the Shevlin-Hixon company at Bend. The burner will be 125 feet high and 45 feet in diameter.

With loans totaling more than \$500,000 and with a membership of 210, the First National Farm Loan association of Eugene is said to be the largest unit of the Twelfth federal land bank district.

"Jay walking" on Astoria's business streets has been made a misdemeanor, and yellow lines have been painted to make pedestrians observe the law, which provides a fine of \$1 to \$10 for violations.

Negotiations have been opened by the city of Pendleton with Superintendent Swartzlander of the Umatilla Indian reservation for the purchase of a 40-acre airplane landing field east of Pendleton.

The committee named to investigate the affairs of the industrial accident commission organized at a meeting in Salem by electing A. C. Dixon of Eugene, chairman, and Robert S. Gill, of Portland, secretary.

Paving of the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks, according to information gathered from Hood River offices of the state highway department and contractors, will begin soon.

Taxpayers of the school district of Wilbur voted to sell \$20,000 worth of bonds to match \$20,000 promised by the Alumni association of the school for rebuilding of the old Wilbur academy, the oldest institution of its kind in southern Oregon.

Of 26 applicants for admission to the practice of law in Oregon who took the examination conducted by the state board of examiners in Salem the last week in May, 17 were successful and nine failed. Four of the successful applicants are women.

Lieutenant Lloyd D. Browne of Silverton, whose airplane was damaged in a fall and who sold the machine, has gone to San Francisco with Lieutenant Franseen of Portland to purchase a new plane for commercial use, which he will fly home.

That airplane patrols for the protection of Oregon forests from fire is virtually assured is indicated by an exchange of telegrams between Governor Olcott and Colonel H. H. Arnold, of San Francisco, commander of the air service for the western division.

Governor Olcott, Warden R. E. Lee Steiner and former State Treasurer Kay were among the many passengers carried by Lieutenant E. C. Kiel and Sergeant McKee in the two army airplanes during their stop in Portland en route from Mather field to Seattle.

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr. will address the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association at the barbecue at Bonneville during their convention from September 15 to 18. Word to the effect that Colonel Roosevelt would speak was received by the American Legion in Portland.

Seymour Jones, speaker of the house of representatives at the last session of the state legislature, issued a public statement in which he said he was strongly in favor of a special session of the legislature to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment to the constitution, and would use his best efforts to that end.

Children made orphans by the accidental death of their fathers who elected to take advantage of the workmen's compensation act are entitled to compensation until they reach the age of 18 years, according to a legal opinion rendered by Attorney-General Brown at the request of the state industrial accident commission.

Since the straw balloting started at the general army recruiting offices in Portland, 1290 ex-service men have voted. The total vote to date stands as follows: National prohibition, for 532, against 510; universal military service, for 790, against 262; league of nations, for 775, against 244; woman suffrage, for 669, against 347; disposition of the kaiser and his aides, death penalty 458, exile 356, freedom 55; the American-French girl, the American girl best 528, the French girl best 91, no choice 101, not voting 324.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Under authority of the Postmaster General, on account of recent increases in wages to employees, totaling for the State of Oregon upwards of \$225,000.00, certain changes in exchange rates have been approved and made effective July 29, 1919, for the State of Oregon.

The changes in rates apply particularly to residence service, changes having been made in the principal business rates May 1, 1919.

All new business taken on and after July 29th will be at the new rates and bills to present subscribers for the month of August will be rendered at the new rates.

The increased rates will yield an annual revenue of upward of \$250,000.00, but as the increase in wages is upwards of \$225,000.00, the net return to the Company under the rates now made effective is approximately 2 1/2 per cent on the valuation of its property at \$13,464,000.00, as found by the Public Service Commission.

The new schedule of rates is identical with the one approved by the Postmaster-General for the State of Washington, which has been in effect since March 1, 1919, and the rates are the same for exchanges that are comparable.

We believe that no proof as to the advanced cost of living and the general high costs prevailing for labor and materials is necessary and that the telephone-using public will accept this increase in rates in the same spirit of fairness and consideration as it has the advances in almost every other necessity in these unusual times.

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PACIFIC FLEET FIVE WEEKS' RECESS PASSES CANAL FOR HOUSE MEMBERS

Aboard the flagship U. S. S. New Mexico.—The Pacific fleet, under the command of Admiral Rodman, is floating in Pacific waters.

Six dreadnoughts, led by the flagship New Mexico, Sunday successfully negotiated the Panama canal, the largest ships that ever have passed through this waterway. The average time for each warship from Colon to Balboa was ten hours.

"This is the biggest event in the history of the canal," said Governor Chester Harding of the Canal zone.

"It was no more trouble than putting through the canal a fleet of Great Lakes tugboats," said Admiral Rodman.

Washington.—Senate controversy over the peace treaty with its league of nations covenant will be halted temporarily this week to allow consideration of the long-pending Colombian treaty.

While the senate considers the two treaties the house will be occupied with a rush of legislation preparatory to the planned recess of five weeks beginning Saturday.

While the house is in recess the senate will remain in session, chiefly working on the peace treaty. The recess will delay enactment of several bills, including the prohibition enforcement measure, until September.

The Colombian treaty, involving pay-

ment by the United States of \$25,000,000 to that republic resulting from the partition of Panama but with the original clause expressing "America's regret" for the loss by Colombia eliminated by the agreement between the state department and Colombia will undoubtedly be ratified.

HONOR WASHINGTON WOMAN

Mrs. Emma P. Chadwick of Seattle Elected Grand Conductress.

Seattle, Wash.—Mrs. Emma P. Chadwick of Seattle was elected right worthy associate grand conductress of the general grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, holding its triennial assembly here. Will W. Grew of St. Louis, Mo., was elected right worthy associate grand patron. The other principal officers of the order, following usual custom, were advanced one step. Mrs. Ellie Lines Chapin of Pine Meadow, Conn., becoming most worthy grand matron. Washington, D. C., was selected for the meeting place of the triennial assembly in 1922.

N. Y. Negroes Want Equal Rights.

New York.—Nearly two thousand negroes shouted their approval here when various speakers addressing a meeting held under the auspices of the "equal rights league" urged the adoption of radicalism among negroes as a means of obtaining their "rights."

\$157,549,000 Lent to France.

Washington.—A new credit of \$157,549,000 for France was established by the treasury, making a total of \$3,010,026,500 advanced to that country and a total of \$9,615,400,927 advanced to the allies.

Better a word that lasts than the last word.

Rainbow chasers get at least a run for their money.

A little success is apt to make a small man dizzy.

CHICAGO RACE RIOT IS FATAL TO MANY

Believed at Least 25 Have Been Killed in Fierce Clashes.

Chicago.—Chicago's race war is believed to have claimed at least 25 lives, in rioting bursting forth in the negro section and extending to Chicago's business district. Police and other observers said the deaths would exceed that number. The injured over 150—stabbed, shot and beaten.

When the rioting, which started Sunday night with the stoning and drowning of a negro who had drifted on a raft into the water of a beach used by whites, broke out afresh, Mayor Thompson asked Governor Lowden for troops.

Back of the immediate cause of the rioting is the resentment the whites long had felt at the rapid influx of negroes, who have spread over a large territory formerly constituting a fine residential quarter of the South Side.

Both parties to the contests, enraged by stories of the cruelties of the other during Sunday night's melee, deliberately armed themselves and went out to stalk their prey. As soon as darkness fell the fighting in various forms became fierce.

In some cases negroes in automobiles dashed through the streets firing at any levy of whites encountered. In other cases Caucasians attacked the buildings occupied by Ethiopians, shooting through windows and doors, while the inmates fired back from barricades. Bands of both races marched through the streets and meeting fought battles that ceased only when the pavement was covered with dead and wounded or the mounted police had spurred their horses through the truculent mass.

French Treaty is Sent to Senate

Washington.—President Wilson Tuesday transmitted to the senate the special treaty with France, by which the United States pledges itself to come immediately to the aid of that republic in the event of unprovoked attack by Germany, and asked for its early ratification "along with the treaty with Germany."

The president did not follow his usual custom of presenting the treaty in person. He sent it to the capitol by special messenger along with a message explaining its object.

President Wilson's message to the senate accompanying the Franco-American treaty, said in part:

Gentlemen of the senate—I take pleasure in laying before you a treaty with the republic of France, the object of which is to assure that republic of the immediate aid of the United States of America in case of any unprovoked movement of aggression against her on the part of Germany.

It was signed on the same day with the treaty of peace and is intended as a temporary supplement to it. It is believed that the treaty of peace with Germany itself provides adequate protection to France against aggression from her recent enemy on the east; but the years immediately ahead of us contain many incalculable possibilities. The covenant of the league of nations provides for military action for the protection of its members only upon advice of the council of the league—advice given, it is to be presumed, only upon deliberation and acted upon by each of the governments of the member states only if its own judgment justifies such action. The object of the special treaty with France which I now submit to you is to provide for immediate military assistance to France by the United States in case of any unprovoked movement of aggression against her by Germany.

The question, "Can monkeys talk?"

is again being press-agented. If they can they are entitled to approval for not developing their powers so as to add more voices to current dissensions.

The public grits its teeth and courageously braces itself for the shock of lower prices on beef, butter and eggs—and anything else that can be included in the adventure.

"This will be the worst year for potato bugs the country has ever known," declares an agricultural journal. That's good—we'd been hoping that potato bugs would have a bad year.

