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

Linn county banks now have deposits aggregating \$5,909,204.75.

The convention of the State Federation of Labor opened in Bend Monday. Marion county's apple crop this year will net the growers more than \$100,000.

Deckhands and firemen of Portland's river steamboats went on strike last week.

Hood River apple growers have never experienced so severe a shortage of apple packers.

The price of milk in Pendleton has raised to 15 cents for pints and 20 cents for quarts.

More than \$260 was cleared at a dance given by The Dalles Hospital Alumni association.

Fire which started in the upper story of the Masonic temple in Woodburn caused a damage of \$5000.

J. L. Stalker disposed of his 103-acre ranch situated in the vicinity of Silverton to Edward Olsen.

The Oregon Dairy Council will have four delegates to the national dairy show this week in Chicago.

Road construction in Oregon will be pressed forward through the winter by the state highway commission.

Cranberry raisers near Marshfield are short of help and have the biggest crop in recent years to harvest.

The Salem Pheasant company expects to press more than 3,000,000 pounds of apples during the present season.

Two new paving plants, each costing in the neighborhood of \$15,000, are to be purchased by Marion county.

Fear growers of the Hood River valley in a number of instances will realize \$2000 an acre from their crops this year.

Forty-five thousand gallons of vinegar will be manufactured by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association this year.

The accumulation of materials awaiting shipment is rapidly nearing a congestion at the Southern Pacific depot in Brownsville.

Taxpayers of Coquille have voted a bond issue of \$50,000 for purchase of a site and to construct a new high school building.

Advertisements have been issued by the Umatilla Indian agency inviting bids for the sale of 787 acres of choice Indian allotments.

Two fatalities and a total of 588 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending October 2.

The second annual dahlia show given in Oregon City under the auspices of the St. Paul's Episcopal church guild was largely attended.

Dr. William Sunderland Mott, for more than 30 years a resident of Salem and one of the best known physicians in this section of the state, is dead.

Salaries of all county employes whose pay is not regulated by state laws, were raised by the Douglas county court from \$10 to \$20 per month.

With the number of motor cars constantly increasing in Portland the traffic problem as shown by the September record of accidents, is becoming more acute.

Home nursing will be a part of the curriculum of the future high school girl in Portland, according to plans of the Portland chapter, American Red Cross.

A large touring car ran off the Columbia river highway near Rainier and plunged down an embankment 100 feet. Matt Armstrong of Astoria suffered a broken leg.

Because a large picture of the former kaiser appears in the new geography, the Parent-Teacher association at Eugene has passed a resolution condemning the book.

A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner, has sent out more than 1000 circulars calling attention to fire prevention day, which has been designated for October 9.

The state board of control has started an investigation to determine the responsibility for a fire which destroyed much property at the state training school for boys.

James Davidson and his brother-in-law, John Fields, wealthy farmers of Nebraska, have purchased three Lane county farms aggregating 1541 acres of land for approximately \$60,000.

R. Lee Steiner, warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, has left Salem for a trip as far east as New York on a

visit to several of the best managed and largest prisons in the country.

A little more than a quarter of a million dollars more than was paid last year will be paid by Umatilla county taxpayers next year, according to the estimate of County Assessor Strain.

The government has presented to the state, through Adjutant-General Strain, official battle flags of the 162d Oregon infantry and the 65th Coast artillery; also a large national flag for the 162d.

George W. Shand, owner of the Salem Iron Works, has taken over the Douglas Minto prune orchard, located about five miles south of Salem. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The recent remonstrance filed by Hood River business men against the location of a new home for a Hood River postoffice, according to letters just received from the Oregon senatorial delegation, has come to naught.

Manned by veterans of America's naval forces and sailing in the shadow of the Stars and Stripes, one of the most dreaded of the ex-kaiser's undersea terrors, the U-88, paid Portland a four-day visit in the interest of naval recruiting.

Construction has started in Hermiston on permanent buildings for the annual Dairy and Hog show, scheduled this year for October 22, 23 and 24, with the state dairymen's convention, October 24 and 25, to be held in connection.

A proposed amendment to the state constitution, intended to lower legal interest rates, initiated by J. F. Albright of Oregon City, has been presented to the secretary of state and will be referred to Attorney-General Brown for a ballot title.

Though gas-driven machinery is rapidly replacing horses in farm work around Albany, what is probably the first absolutely horseless ranch in Linn county will be operated near Knox butte, about four miles east of Albany, by Otto J. Karstens.

Baker county's largest recorded timber deal was concluded by the filing of an option and an agreement involving 60,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber purchased by the Stoddard Lumber company from the Hewitt Land company of Tacoma for \$205,944.

Plans have been taken up by Eugene citizens to co-operate with the people of other cities along the Pacific highway in a movement to plant shrubs and trees along the entire highway in Oregon as a memorial to the state's fallen soldiers and sailors in the late war.

Danger of a strike of Portland streetcar operatives, which had loomed as an imminent probability, was removed with the announcement that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and its employes had agreed upon arbitration of new wage demands presented by the men.

Turkey Red, Early Baart and Marquis, three varieties of hard wheat, are commanding a premium in the Pendleton grain trade. During the past week a quantity of Turkey Red was purchased for \$2.25 in sacks, 1 1/2 cents above the basic price. Soft wheats are at basic, and there is little movement at present.

Enforcement of the provisions of the motor vehicle laws in Oregon is a matter entirely in the hands of the peace officers and is in no way controlled by the secretary of state, according to a letter prepared by Sam Kozer, assistant secretary of state, in reply to a communication received from Robert Booth, state highway commissioner.

Several teachers in the rural schools of Clatsop county have refused to teach from the Tarr and McMurray "New World" geography designated by the state school book commission for use in the state schools because it contains a large likeness of the ex-kaiser of Germany and a long laudatory article on the military prowess of the country over which he ruled.

The three Pendleton men who have taken over the Astoria Budget from John Gratke filed articles of incorporation at the office of Corporation Commissioner Schulderman, showing a capitalization of \$50,000, and declaring the name of the company to be the Astoria Budget Publishing company. The incorporators are E. B. Aldrich, F. W. Lampkin and M. R. Chessman.

And when army worms, dry weather, cinch bugs, take-all and other things do not injure the crops, a hail-storm always can be counted upon.

When aircraft become as plentiful as automobiles and fly about dripping oil and spare parts, the cities to be safe will need to erect gigantic steel umbrellas.

THE DAWN



TAFT ADVOCATES BUDGET SYSTEM

Washington.—Enormous war expenditures have forced the attention of congress to the question of adopting a budget, former President Taft told the house committee investigating proposed changes in governmental fiscal affairs. Mr. Taft recommended that cabinet officers be required to come before congress to justify estimates contained in a budget.

Secretary Glass also urged that a budget system be adopted. He said the burden of bonds must be met by the present generation, and that this could be done only by intelligent economy in government expenditures.

With the statements of the ex-president, Mr. Glass and Representative Mondell, republican leader in the house, who also urged a budget system, the hearings were closed and Chairman Good announced that the committee would begin working on its recommendations.

WILSON'S CONDITION BETTER

Thought By Those Around Him to Be Recovering.

Washington.—The favorable trend of President Wilson's condition continued and there were indications that those attending him thought he might be definitely on the road to recovery.

That Mr. Wilson was able to eat and sleep with more regularity was considered particularly promising, since these are the two most important requisites for cure of the complications which followed his attack of nervous exhaustion. His digestive organs have been sensitive for years and his respiratory system, weakened by an attack of influenza last spring, is said to have interfered during his present illness, with his ability to sleep soundly.

Judging by the unprecedented demand for labor, about the only able-bodied man out of a job in this neck of the woods is the bolshevik orator.

WIDESPREAD NEGRO PLOT IS DISCOVERED

Elaine, Ark.—Discovery of what is believed to have been a widespread plot on the part of organized negroes for a general killing of whites led officials to tighten up on emergency measures.

The existence of the supposed conspiracy was brought to light by the committee of seven appointed following the race disorders here last week.

According to committee members, negro captives readily revealed to them the inner workings of the plan. October 6, the negroes declared, was the date set for the uprising.

Women are said to have been members of the organization which the authorities say was known as the Progressive Farmers' and Household Union of America.

Twenty-one white planters in this district, according to the confessions, had been singled out to be killed first.

The killing of the 21, it was asserted, was to be followed immediately by a general massacre of whites, after which the negroes were to take over the land and till it.

TREATY RATIFIED BY ITALY

Three "Great Powers" Now Have Virtually Agreed to Pact.

Paris.—King Victor Emanuel of Italy has signed a royal decree ratifying the German and Austrian treaties, according to the Milan dispatch to the Eclair.

Ratification of the German treaty by the royal decree of the king of Italy virtually completes the steps necessary for putting into effect the pact between Germany and the allied powers, which stipulated it would become operative when ratified by three of the great powers.

The British parliament has already ratified the treaty and the document now awaits only ratification by the last of Great Britain's dominions to act upon it, the Australian commonwealth, before becoming binding upon

Great Britain.

Approval was given the convention by the French chamber of deputies last week, and the senate is expected to take similar action.

Fargo Bankers Arrested.

Fargo, N. D.—Warrants for the arrest of President H. J. Hagan and Cashier P. R. Sherman of the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo were issued upon complaint of P. E. Hallerson, temporary receiver. The men are charged with having made false statements to the bank examiners.

Home Brew Kills Four.

Colusa, Cal.—C. Martin died here, the last to succumb of four persons who partook of home brewed liquor at Stoney Ford, two weeks ago. An investigation made after the men were taken ill showed the liquor was made of canned tomatoes and fruit juices.

Strike on British Railroads is Ended.

London.—The strike of railroad men, which has been in progress on the British railroads since midnight, September 26, was settled Sunday.

Colonel House Sails For Home.

Paris.—Colonel E. M. House, accompanied by Mrs. House, sailed for the United States Monday on the steamship Northern Pacific.

Highway bonds in the sum of \$5,300,000 have been issued since March 1, 1919, according to a report prepared by the secretary of the state highway commission and submitted to Governor Olcott. The several amounts, together with the date of issuance, follow: May 1, \$500,000; June 1, \$1,000,000; August 1, \$800,000; September 1, \$1,000,000; October 1, \$2,000,000. Previous to March 1 there was issued \$2,840,000 in state highway bonds.

Portland is without adequate police protection. Unless 100 patrolmen can be added to the department no improvement in the crime situation can be expected. To make matters worse, the city lacks money and is unable to increase its revenue by added tax levies. This condition is admitted by Mayor Baker, who says that the raising of \$150,000 by popular subscription to improve the police department looms as the only possible solution of the problem.

Rev. T. B. Ford, district superintendent of the Salem district; Rev. W. W. Youngson, district superintendent of the Portland district; Rev. Richard N. Avison, pastor of First church of Salem, and Rev. D. H. Leech, pastor of the Eugene church, were elected general conference delegates to the Methodist convocation at Des Moines, Ia., next May, by the annual Oregon conference of the church in Salem. Alternates are Rev. Joshua Stansfield of Portland and Dr. Clarence True Wilson.

To Equip Omaha Police With Guns.

Omaha, Neb.—In response to a recommendation of Major General Leonard Wood, who was assigned to quell rioting in Omaha following the lynching of a negro and the burning of the court house, the city council voted to appoint 100 new policemen and carry out a proposed semi-military organization.

Poles Take Dvinsk After Hard Battle.

Copenhagen.—Polish forces have carried the fortifications of Dvinsk, between Old Russia and Poland, after two days of hard fighting, according to Berlin advices. All the city except a portion south of the Dvina river is now held by the Poles, it is said.

Utah Ratifies Suffrage.

Salt Lake City.—Governor Bamberger signed the national women's suffrage amendment adopted this week at the special session of the Utah legislature.

Norway Wants League.

Christiana.—The parliamentary committee, appointed to discuss the entrance of Norway into the league of nations, has reported unanimously in favor of Norway joining the league.

Canada reports that it has 75,000 golf players and probably about the same proportion as we have of those who think they can play.

War gardening continues. The country is at peace, but the gardener is at war with the potato wart, the cabbage worm, the—but space forbids.

The public is rapidly losing interest in scientific investigations of the high cost of living, and only asks that some means be found for calling it down.

SENATE LEADERS TO PUSH PEACE TREATY

Disposition of the Pact By First of November Is Hoped For.

Washington.—With disposition of the peace treaty expected by November 1, congressional leaders are discussing the prospects of clearing the extraordinary session, which began May 19, so as to have a month's rest before the regular December session.

Pressure is planned this week in the senate to dispose of treaty amendments. Leaders hope that by the middle of next week all amendments will be disposed of. Reservations will then be considered.

President Wilson's illness may have an effect on the treaty situation. It is not expected to cause any substantial delay in considering the pact while the amendments are before the senate, but when reservations are reached the president's counsel is deemed highly necessary, as democratic leaders have not had opportunity to discuss with him what reservations would be acceptable.

The senate swept aside in quick succession 36 of the 45 amendments which had been written into the document by the foreign relations committee.

The smallest majority recorded against any of the committee proposals was 15, and the largest was 28. All of the amendments considered had been introduced by Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, and were designed to curtail American participation in European settlements resulting from the war.

Gary Under Military Control

Gary, Ind.—Gary, site of one of the United States Steel corporation's greatest plants, affected for more than two weeks by the steel industry strike in the steel industry, Tuesday was under military control of approximately 1100 federal soldiers, commanded by Major General Leonard Wood, commandant of the central department of the army.

The call for federal troops was made by James P. Goodrich, governor of Indiana, after thousands of strikers paraded and held mass meetings after being forbidden by the mayor, the police and the approximately 300 state militiamen stationed at Gary.

Upon the arrival of the federal soldiers and the issuance of a proclamation by General Wood proclaiming military control, the state militiamen were ordered to Indiana Harbor and East Chicago, Ind., where Governor Goodrich declared martial law. It was made plain that martial law had not been declared at Gary.

Picketing by strikers will not be stopped, Captain Charles Bolte, officer of the day, stated. It was not intended to interfere with the general course of the strike except insofar as disorder and destruction of property was concerned.

The British army aviator who is "resting" by touring America on a motorcycle must love the noise of battle.

Every investigation into the h c of l brings the ultimate consumer back to the same point—he pays the freight.

Another tradition is passing. Most of the green apples nowadays go into jelly, not into stomachaches for little boys.

Paris must have funny ideas of a "cheap restaurant" when it can be operated by serving food bought in this country.

Another perplexing problem is how the burlesque shows can be made to pay while the bathing beaches are in operation.

Bolsheviki are making the discovery that somebody has to work in order to provide material to keep the loot game going.

However, the feat of the aviator who crossed the Mediterranean's 450 miles will be pooh-poohed, probably, as a week-end trip.

German nobility are to be allowed to keep their titles, but not their privileges. They would probably prefer it the other way about.

There may be some good natured disputes over the question, Who won the war? but there are not two opinions as to who lost it.

The End of a Perfect Day

