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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Albany school teachers want more money.

The assessed valuation of all property in Lane county this year is \$106,361 less than last year.

The paving of the Columbia river highway between Cascade Locks and Wyeth has been completed.

Teachers of Coos county have organized for the purpose of demanding a minimum salary of \$1000 per year.

Approval of Sunday, October 26, as "go-to-Sunday school day" is given in a proclamation issued by Governor Olcott.

The recently organized Albany Fair association is planning to raise \$10,000 to prepare grounds and purchase equipment.

An unidentified ex-service man was instantly killed at The Dalles while attempting to board a westbound freight train.

Multnomah county faces the largest tax delinquency in its history, unpaid taxes on the 1918 roll totaling more than \$1,000,000.

The large mill on Coos bay of C. A. Smith, idle for over nine months, has resumed cutting lumber with a small force of 200 men.

The Clatsop County Bar association, at a special meeting, decided to raise all the fees for legal services approximately 50 per cent.

Mrs. Mary Catherine McQueen, sister of the late Robert Eakin, justice of the supreme court, died at the Salem hospital at the age of 64 years.

John W. Gruner, geologist from Minnesota, has arrived at the Oregon Agricultural college to take up his duties as assistant professor of geology in the school of mines.

Nine veteran foresters of Lebanon and vicinity have left for the Santiam national forest, where they will plant 60,000 fir and white pine trees on South Brettenbush creek.

After burning over 800 acres of yellow pine and second-growth timber, fires which have been raging in the Pringle Butte section, 30 miles from Bend, were brought under control.

Daniel Schnell of Tigard was instantly killed when the motorcycle on which he was riding collided head-on with a truck, about a half mile from Multnomah station on the Capital highway.

Apple shippers in Oregon were denied a commodity rate for the shipment of apples in bulk in refrigerator cars, for use in manufacturing purposes in the east by the railroad administration.

The special city election for the purpose of submitting a charter amendment to the voters, increasing the annual city tax levy from 8 to 11 mills, will be held in Portland on Wednesday, November 12.

A fatal accident occurred at the Big Creek Logging company's camp near Knappa, when Charles Fulton was instantly killed and his companion, John Warner, was so severely injured that death is expected to result.

Profiting by the experience of recent years, when fall grain has yielded much better than the crops planted in the spring, farmers in the Willamette valley are rushing now to get as much grain as possible planted this fall.

A warrant for \$115,405.74 was received by Governor Olcott from the United States treasury, in payment of the sum due the state of Oregon from revenues collected by the government from national forests of the state.

An organization of good roads advocates was effected at Coquille. Its aim is to become an advisory committee to the county court, which requested assistance and advice from men acquainted with the county's needs.

The Hood River apple crop has even surpassed pre-season estimates, both as to quality and quantity. The yield will exceed 2,000,000 boxes, and the apples are running more than ever before to the extra fancy grade and desirable sizes.

Creation of a park on the summit of Spencer's Butte, a mountain 2000 feet high, six miles south of Eugene, to be reached by a scenic road, is suggested by a number of Eugene men as a suitable memorial for Lane county soldiers, sailors and marines who gave up their lives during the great war.

With several small flurries of snow already encountered, it will be only a short time before crews on the Old

Oregon Trail will be compelled to leave the Fisher levels and commence work from the foot of Cabbage hill, between Pendleton and La Grande, heading toward Pendleton. Grading on this section of the state highway has progressed 12 miles southeast from the foot of the hill.

Frank L. Rain, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the chief of Elksdom in this country, was a visitor in Portland Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rain, the two making a tour of the United States.

A disease known as the Kansas horse plague has broken out with considerable force on some central Oregon ranches, W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, reports. George Rodman, a Jefferson county farmer, has lost 22 out of his herd of 30 horses.

Contract for the medals to be given by the state of Oregon to all soldiers, sailors and marines entering the service from this state, was awarded by the state medal commission to Whitehead & Hoag, a New Jersey firm. The price will be 25 cents each.

Eight reels of motion pictures showing preventable accidents in the logging industry will be shown in all the large industrial centers of the state under the auspices of the state labor bureau, according to plans now under way by Labor Commissioner Gram.

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs has filed articles of incorporation. The organization has property valued at \$10,000 and the officers are Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president; Mattie F. Beatty, vice-president; and Mrs. F. H. Buchanan, secretary-treasurer.

A grand total of \$35,484,032.22 has been provided by state, federal and county governments for road work in Oregon since 1914 and including work already contracted for, to be completed during 1920, according to a summary prepared by the state highway department.

The Standard Oil company sold 2,445,195.5 gallons of gasoline in September, according to a statement filed in the office of Deputy Secretary of State Sam A. Koser. The tax, at the rate of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and one-half cent on distillate, totals \$25,739.10.

Producers, associations and others interested in the marketing of Oregon apples are being requested by the public service commission to express an opinion relative to the establishment of a freight rate on bulk shipment of apples, with a view to encouraging the shipment of cull apples into eastern states.

Dorothy Sinnott, 17, eldest child of Representative and Mrs. Nicholas J. Sinnott of Oregon, died at Saranac Lake sanitarium, New York, according to a telegram received by Mr. Sinnott. Miss Sinnott's death was unexpected, although she had been a patient at Saranac sanitarium since 1917, suffering from tuberculosis.

At a meeting of the North Bend city council a resolution was adopted ordering a special election to be called early in December to submit to the voters of the city the question of increasing the special tax limitation from 10 to 15 mills, to secure revenue to meet the financial requirements of the city for the year 1920.

After coming all the way to Klamath Falls from Santa Cruz, Cal., to gratify a cherished wish to be married in the home of her grandparents, the house in which she was born, Miss Ivy Pearl Martin found that the Oregon law prohibited her marriage to Wesley H. Gibson of San Francisco, because neither was a resident of this state.

Plans for a north and south road along the summit of the Cascade mountains to connect the Mount Hood loop, the old Willamette valley and Cascade mountain wagon road over the Santiam pass, the McKenzie road and the highway to Crater lake are being developed by Will G. Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake National park.

Five fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending October 16. The workmen who lost their lives were: Allen Shumate, Portland, construction; Alfred H. Gove, Bend, logger; Paul Cantrell, Brighton, logger; Glen Wilhelm, Grants Pass, logger; James W. McElvain, Portland, construction.

Highways under construction in Oregon at present total 380.95 miles of pavement, 234.8 miles of macadam and 586.1 miles of grading, according to the summary compiled by the state highway department. The construction now going on represents an expenditure of \$19,824,396.25 bid prices, and including 10 per cent for contingencies and 10 per cent for engineering.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND



To the Roosevelt Memorial Association,

Roy W. Ritter, County Chairman,
Pendleton, Oregon.

I herewith subscribe the sum of _____

Name _____

Address _____

The above amount is inclosed herewith.

According to the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, the Roosevelt Memorial Fund of \$5,000,000 is to be utilized to erect a National Monument in Washington, D. C.; to acquire and maintain a public park at Oyster Bay, N. Y.; and ultimately to include Sagamore Hill, the Roosevelt home, therein, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield; and to endow a National Society to perpetuate the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt.

Each contributor to the fund will receive a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association. A certificate will also be presented to every school contributing to the fund.

The name of every contributor will be placed on the list of names deposited in the National Monument to be erected at Washington, D. C.

CANNOT DEPORT ALIEN SLACKERS

Washington.—Aliens who withdrew their first citizenship papers to escape the draft cannot be deported because of treaty obligations, Secretary Lansing formally advised the house immigration committee.

Passage of the proposed legislation, which would deny forever to the persons affected the right to become American citizens, might cause considerable embarrassment to the United States, said the secretary's letter to Representative Johnson of Washington, chairman of the committee.

Accompanying the state department communication were protests from Norway and Sweden against enactment of the pending legislation. The protests pointed out that the treaties between the United States and those countries exempt Americans from compulsory military service over there.

To the surprise of many members of congress who have been urging the passage of the deportation bill, it developed that only a comparatively small number of aliens escaped duty by abandoning their intention to become citizens. According to information supplied by the assistant secretary of labor the total of draft registrants under this head was 1745.

Washington, with 293, had more aliens to obtain exemption than any other state.

Land sharks are worse than sea serpents.

Who remembers when a dollar was worth a dollar?

Sauce for the goose is sauce for the propagander.

Eat less while you discuss prices. That will help some.

Wearing old shoes is the latest declaration of independence.

When airship traffic is established exigency may laugh at railroads!

A woman loves to wear a sweater on a hot day—if the sweater is new.

500 SOLDIERS TO REPLACE STRIKERS

New York.—Five hundred soldiers of the regular army were landed here from the transport George Washington to attempt to end the congestion at the army piers in Brooklyn, caused by the longshoremen's strike.

The men are under orders "to shoot if necessary," according to a statement made by Brigadier General Peter Davison, chief of troop movements at the port of embarkation.

"The troops will aid in moving transports or do whatever else is necessary," said General Davison.

Washington.—Secretary of War Baker refused a request of Mayor Hylan of New York to withdraw troops from the waterfront, sent there to replace striking longshoremen, so that army transports may be unloaded.

The cost of investigations doubtless will go up because of the increased demand.

The point has been reached when the consumer is bearing all the donkey can carry.

The shoe price outlook suggests that it is even going to cost more to kick about high prices.

After all, there is nothing that affords some people more real pleasure than agreeable work.

Happy is the region that, undisturbed by greater cares, worries about a visitation of mosquitoes.

What the trawlers mean in their reference to the living cost is that they can't make the grade.

Now they are blaming the consumer, who should have more sense than to pay such high prices.

If everybody insists on hanging to all his present profits, how is the high cost of living to be reduced?

How can the United States be in a hole, when everybody you meet has a perfect cure for the situation?

15,000 ARE YET IN FRANCE

Men to Come Home as Soon as Affairs Are Settled.

Paris.—The actual number of American troops now in France is less than 15,000 and is rapidly diminishing, according to General W. D. Connor, commanding the American troops in France. Within a month, he stated, virtually all the soldiers will be gone, as the task of repatriating the German prisoners is now completed.

Only a few Germans now remain under the charge of the American forces, and these are ill in hospitals. They will be sent home through Coblenz as soon as they can travel.

The work of completing the liquidation of army supplies, squaring accounts and the policing of American peace conference headquarters are now the only tasks detaining the soldiers and officers in France, and General Connor said he expected that this liquidation work, too, will be terminated within one month.

Price of Sugar Set at 10 Cents.

Washington.—Steps to prevent an abnormal increase in the price of sugar because of the existing shortage were taken by the department of justice. Attorney General Palmer notified beet sugar refiners who have been withholding their products from the market until the price situation became stabilized that the United States sugar equalization board had determined that 10 cents was a fair price to be charged the wholesalers.

Indigestion Now Troubles Wilson.

Washington.—Having obtained relief from the prostatic condition which retarded his recovery last week, President Wilson was the victim of slight digestive trouble. The president's general condition was regarded as satisfactory, notwithstanding the slight attack of indigestion. Further progress by the patient in recovering from his attack of nervous exhaustion was indicated by his physicians.

Episcopal Marriage Laws Unchanged.

Detroit, Mich.—With much stronger opposition than was offered in the last convention three years ago, the proposal to amend the canon on marriage was defeated by vote of the clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal church here. The proposal would have made it impossible for the clergy to officiate in the marriage of any divorced person whose husband or wife was still living.

FOOD PRICES DROP

Nation-Wide Report Made on 22 Staple Articles Show Decline.

Washington.—Food prices are on the decline, the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics announced in a statement asserting that the retail price of 22 staple foodstuffs showed a decline of 2 per cent at the end of September, as compared with the last of August.

Onions and potatoes showed the greatest price decline, of 17 and 14 per cent, respectively. Cabbage, meats, cheese, flour and sugar also were lower. Raisins went up 8 per cent during the month and were followed in a climb of greater or less degree by rice, eggs, salmon, butter, beans, canned vegetables, coffee and cornmeal.

Armenians Rout Enemy.

New York.—Turks, Tartars and Kurds, who invaded Armenia, have been routed and the Armenians have recaptured their lands, according to a statement published by James W. Gerard, chairman of the American committee for the independence of Armenia and former American ambassador to Germany.

Petrograd Reported Taken.

Washington.—The fall of Petrograd and the occupancy of both that city and the fortress of Kronstadt by the Russian anti-bolshevik forces has been reported officially by the general staff of the Finnish army to the Viborg representative of the northwest government of Russia, according to the state department.

Workers' Rehabilitation Bill Passed.

Washington.—The house has passed and sent to the senate a bill providing for vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry.

The profiteer can stand almost anything except the limelight of publicity.

In the war on the cost of living there must be no peace without victory.

LONG TREATY FIGHT ENTERS FINAL PHASE

Program Agreed on to Qualify Ratifying Resolution With Reservations.

Washington.—The long treaty fight in the senate is about to enter its final phase. Leaders hope during the week to clear away all proposed amendments and to make substantial progress in the framing of a ratification resolution.

Virtually confident that no amendments will be adopted, the opposition managers are determined to qualify the ratifying resolution with reservations and Senator Lodge, republican leader, declared in a statement that a decisive majority would stand for reservations that would be "unequivocal and effective."

The long-debated Shantung amendment to the peace treaty, presented by Senator Lodge and approved by the foreign relations committee, finally was rejected in the senate with a majority of an even score against it.

In the vote of 35 to 55, 14 republicans swung over to the pro-treaty forces, while three democrats lined up with those supporting the proposal. Of the six senators absent, two republicans were put on record as in favor of the amendment and one republican and three democrats as opposing it.

Senators Jones and Poindexter of Washington voted for the amendment, while Senators McNary and Chamberlain voted against it.

To Penalize Striking Employees

Washington.—After adopting provisions to end railroad strikes by penalizing employees who go on strike or others who foment strikes, the senate interstate commerce commission completed the draft of a bill to establish a permanent railroad policy. Government control and operation of the roads would end 30 days after enactment of the measure.

Provision was made for the establishment of a federal commission on wages and working conditions. This commission would have a number of subordinate regional committees for prompt settlement of local disputes.

Persons convicted of fomenting or engaging in strikes would be held guilty of misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment not over six months, or both.

The plan for adjusting the financial obligations of the government and carriers growing out of government control provides that a net balance of about \$400,000,000 owing by the carriers shall be carried by the government at 6 per cent interest for at least 10 years, with new notes of the railroads as security.

The increasing travel to Crater lake and the exceptionally large travel in general this year, together with that in view for next season, has led Alfred L. Parkhurst, president and general manager of the Crater Lake company, which has all the Crater national park concessions from the government, to decide to build a new hotel in the park at White Horse. It will be in readiness for the early travel next season.

Contracts were let to the Warren Construction company on Monday for the building of the complete system of the Silver lake irrigation district. The system will consist of three large dams and approximately ten miles of main canals, diverting the waters from Silver creek, Buck creek and Bear creek to the southern and eastern "bench" sections of the valley. There are some 8000 acres in the district and the lands completely surround the town of Silver lake.

Armists have been preaching dirge calamities since Cain slew Abel, and yet the old world putters along.

"After the Profiteers," says a headline. That's just the trouble, we've been riding in their dust too long.

Higher wages, higher freight rates; higher rates and higher cost of living. The endless cycle that gets nowhere.

It remains to be seen whether necessity knows any flag when it comes to the purchase of goods according to one's means.

Bela Kun seems to lose his job about as often as they used to kill the German crown prince in the early days of the war.

