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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

It will cost \$3,272,000 to operate the Portland public schools during the coming year.

Bernard A. Nathman, a resident of Gervais for more than 40 years, died there at the age of 74.

Construction of a \$15,000 plant by the Concrete Pipe company of Portland has started at Bend.

The \$220,000 road bond issue election held in Crook county met with almost unanimous favor.

The Western Walnut association will hold its annual meeting at Portland November 12 and 13.

Action has been taken by the Baptists of McMinnville to erect a new church building the coming year.

Mrs. Nancy Emily Sharp, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Polk county, died at Corvallis, aged 88 years.

Smilie Purvine, pioneer dentist of Oregon, died suddenly in Salem at the home of his son, Ellis Purvine, at the age of 80 years.

At a coming special election in Roseburg a bond issue of probably \$500,000 will be voted on for a municipal light and water plant.

The Springer ranch, three miles above Larson inlet, in Coos county, was destroyed by a great landslide during the recent rains.

While wading in Thomas creek, near Thomas, Arthur, 8-year-old son of Quintis Underwood, got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Douglas Larsen of Cove has been convicted and fined \$100 for refusing to help fight a forest fire in the Grand Ronde district last summer.

For bravery in action, R. H. Swigert of Bend has received from the Canadian minister of militia and defense a British military medal of silver.

Sheep shipments from Bend are the heaviest on record. Two hundred and sixty-four carloads already have been sent out and 25 more cars are contracted.

Two winter short courses, dairy manufacture and tractor operation, will be offered this year by the Oregon Agricultural college school of agriculture.

Governor Olet is urged to call a state meeting to suggest remedies for the high cost of living, in resolutions adopted by the Yamhill county Pomona grange.

Apple packing records were broken at Hood River by Miss Pearl Saltzman, who packed 140 boxes of fruit on the E. E. Lage place in four hours and 40 minutes.

Farmers west of Eugene are signing oil and gas leases of their lands for a term of three years, for which they are to receive \$100. About 6000 acres have been leased.

A total of 13,114,279 acres is embraced in federal forest reserves in Oregon, on which the state draws for apportionment to the counties in the reserves \$115,405.74.

George M. Benson, game warden, has been informed that no permits will be given this season for trapping on the Lake Malheur bird reserve, owing to low water and scarcity of feed.

The Crown Willamette Paper company has announced that a new mill will be erected immediately at West Linn, which will provide employment for about 200 more men continuously.

Heppner is feeling the effect of the coal strike, the shortage of fuel having forced the Heppner Light & Water company to cut its light and power service from 24 hours a day to eight.

One of the biggest horse shows ever held on the Pacific coast will be staged during the annual exhibition of the Pacific International Livestock association at North Portland, November 17 to 22.

Hermiston farmers have petitioned the county court for authority to form the Hermiston irrigation district for improvement to their lands. An election to vote on the proposal will be held December 13.

Only one of the 458 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending November 6 was fatal. The fatality was in the case of A. Sackett, a laborer of Grants Pass.

Settlers of the Fort Rock valley, 60 miles south of Bend, have completed the preliminary steps toward the organization of an irrigation district,

which, as now proposed, will include approximately 46,000 acres.

The construction of a railroad 185 miles long from Medford to a point in the vicinity of Eureka, Cal., is the avowed purpose of the Medford Coast Railroad company, which recently filed articles of incorporation.

A. C. Allen of Medford, former state horticultural commissioner, announces his intention of testing the constitutionality of the Oregon vehicle law providing for the taxing of automobiles for good roads maintenance.

The \$47,000, reinforced concrete bridge across Rogue river at Rock Point, three miles below Gold Hill, under construction jointly by the highway commission and Jackson county, is nearly 50 per cent completed.

Thomas Cummings, engineer; N. Helmer, fireman, and Fred Sherman, timber faller, were seriously injured when a donkey engine in logging operations of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, above Black Rock, exploded.

A summary of the activities of the soldiers' and sailors' commission of the state of Oregon since that body was created by the last legislature shows that a total of \$19,521.94 has been expended in the interest of former service men.

There will be no more traveling carnival companies in Medford if the city council can help it. At the last meeting the council passed an ordinance fixing a license of \$500 a week on such carnivals, which is regarded as prohibitive.

Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state under Ben W. Olet, who has been secretary of state for the past eight years, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state at the next primary election in May, 1920.

All records for cattle shipments from the Rogue river valley have been broken this year. From the Applegate district alone 1000 cattle have been shipped to Portland this fall, which brings a cash return to the cattlemen of approximately \$100,000.

Oregon's airplane forest fire patrol covered 23,715 miles and located 128 fires in 411 hours flying time during the forest fire season this summer, according to a report filed with Colonel H. H. Arnold, head of the air service in the western department of the army. Two airplanes were used.

At a special election in Warrenton, \$500,000 of municipal bonds, in two separate blocks, were authorized for the extensive improvement of the harbor and the purchase of 100 acres of land bordering on the Skipanon and Columbia rivers within the city limits for the erection of docks and piers.

The Silver Lake irrigation district has filed an application with the irrigation securities commission, requesting the state to guarantee interest on \$300,000 in bonds of the district for a term of five years. This irrigation district is located at Silver Lake and covers approximately 8000 acres.

Coyotes are doing more damage in Oregon at the present time than for many years, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Because of the serious losses resulting from the activities of these animals the state now has seven experienced hunters in the timbered districts, each of whom draws from \$80 to \$135 a month.

Indicative of the early reopening of the railroad tie market in the northwest is an order just received by the Valley Tie and Lumber company, wholesalers and manufacturers of lumber, with headquarters in Eugene, for 250 carloads of Douglas fir ties to be shipped to Oklahoma, where a new railroad is being built in one of the oil districts.

The newly-constructed concrete dam across the Stuslaw river at Swiss-home, near the mouth of Lake Creek, which Gustav Warthun had about finished and which was to have been used in connection with a large sawmill there, was washed out by the high water. The dam was over 100 feet long and Mr. Warthun had expended over \$7000 upon it.

In an attempt to combat the high cost of living Mayor Hamilton, acting for the city of Roseburg, has ordered a considerable quantity of government foodstuffs shipped there, to be placed on sale at prices far below those asked by mercantile houses. The city took this step experimentally, and if the innovation works satisfactorily larger quantities will be shipped in.

All counties in Oregon which failed to send to the state treasurer their last half taxes by November 1, as provided by law, will be compelled to pay interest on the delinquent remittances at the rate of 6 per cent, according to a statement given out by State Treasurer Hoff. The counties



## SENATORS ADOPT FIRST RESERVATION

Washington.—A reservation proposing to safeguard the nation's right to withdraw from membership in the league of nations was adopted by the senate with every republican senator and six democrats voting for it or paired in its support.

The final count was 50 to 35, and pairs announced for the absentees showed the entire senate membership to be divided, 55 to 41. Five democrats—Senators Reed (Missouri), Gore (Oklahoma), Smith (Georgia), Walsh (Massachusetts) and Chamberlain (Oregon)—voted in the affirmative, while Senator Shields, democrat (Tennessee) was paired in favor of the reservation.

The reservation, first of 14 proposed by the committee to carry out a programme which its sponsors say has been pledged to a safe majority throughout the reservations, provides:

"The United States so understands and construes article 1 that in case of notice of withdrawal from the league of nations, as provided in said article, the United States shall be the sole judge as to whether all its international obligations and all its obligations under the said covenant have been fulfilled, and notice of withdrawal by the United States may be given by a concurrent resolution of the congress of the United States."

## CHINESE DIE OF CHOLERA

Many Deaths Occur in Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila.

Seattle, Wash.—Cholera is causing many deaths in Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila, according to news brought by the steamship Chicago Maru. There were 275 cases of the disease in Manila and 169 deaths in a week.

Many deaths have also occurred in Hongkong and Shanghai. No whites or Japanese have died, however, in either China or the Philippines, and the authorities were hopeful of having the disease in check when the Chicago steamed for this coast.

Those were comparatively easy times when the most conspicuous foreign complication the country had to worry about was the little Filipino, Aguinaldo.

Another reason for the high price of shoes is said to be the failure of the goat crop in India, hearing which, father burst into loud, maniacal laughter.

which have not yet remitted include Benton, Gilliam, Harney, Jackson, Malheur, Marion and Polk.

So rapidly has the state highway commission developed and carried out its road program that it has matched the federal money available up to July 1, 1920. This necessitates a slowing down on new projects for six or seven months, but does not mean that work will slacken, as enough contracts have been let and projects approved to keep the road work active beyond the time when new federal money will be ready for Oregon.

Application to open for entry and sale Carey act lands in the Antelope unit of the Jordan valley irrigation project was received by the state desert land board. The application states that all of the land in the unit has been reclaimed, the ditches have been completed and the reservoir is adequate to store sufficient water for irrigation of the entire tract. This is the first unit of the Jordan valley project to be opened. The project is located in Malheur county.

## SIBERIAN TROUBLE AVERTED BY JAPAN

Tokio.—The conciliatory and dignified nature of Japan's reply to the American note of last September, complaining of lack of co-operation of Japanese troops in the operation of the trans-Siberian railway, is believed here to have relieved any danger of serious complications between Japan and the United States over conducting the railway.

In effect, the reply ratifies the arrangement reached at Vladivostok by Roland S. Morris, United States ambassador, and General Oi, commander of Japanese forces in Eastern Siberia, and commits Japan to co-operation in the future. Under the circumstances it is considered unlikely here that the United States will further pursue the matter.

## CROP ESTIMATES ISSUED

Corn Yield 2,910,250,000 Bushels, 89.1 Per Cent.

Washington.—Crop production estimates issued by the department of agriculture in its November crop report include: Corn, 2,910,250,000 bushels; buckwheat, 20,120,000; potatoes, 352,025,000; sweet potatoes, 102,945,000; tobacco, 1,316,553,000 pounds; flax seed, 9,450,000 bushels.

Other estimates are: Peas, 13,628,000 bushels; apples, (total), 144,429,000; apples (commercial), 24,416,000; sugar beets, 7,298,000 tons; kafirs (six states), 123,343,000 bushels; clover seed, 967,000 bushels.

Joshua, who made the sun stand still, may soon have some new rivals in the persons of men who, it will have been proved, made the moon shine.

In England a school for husbands is being agitated. The danger would be, of course, that with men better posted there might be fewer husbands to school.

Those Madrid dancers, who have organized a union should realize that in case they strike anybody could be a Spanish dancer who can get a set of castanets.

The extensive advertising of the high cost of living does not prevent a number of nations from desiring to turn their affairs over to Uncle Sam under a mandatory arrangement.

## WASTED

The National Association of Waste Material Dealers estimates that Americans throw away \$700,000,000 worth of food each year. If only one ounce of food is wasted or spoiled in each of the 20,000,000 homes of America, the total loss is 1,300,000 pounds a day. As much coal is wasted annually as all the mines of the country could produce in two weeks.

Thrift and saving are needed not only in materials but in labor and money. Each added individual effort will tend toward the increase of production and consequent fall in price of necessities, but physical idleness is no less an obstacle to the reduction of living costs than financial idleness. There are millions of dollars idling in the United States through lack of proper investment which should be working for the common good. These sums if put to work would constitute the new capital so urgently needed to tide over the period of reconstruction.

Housewives waste annually food valued at \$750,000,000.

## Nation-Wide Raid on Radicals

Washington.—In a general warfare on radical aliens advocating forcible overthrow of the government, agents of the department of justice, assisted by the immigration bureau, rounded up nearly 500 men and women in raids in more than a score of cities, including the capital.

Primarily the raids, which occurred in practically every industrial center in the east and middle west, were aimed at the Union of Russian Workers. Attorney-General Palmer described the Russian union as "even more radical than the bolshevik," and declared its purpose was to amalgamate all of the Russian groups in the United States into one organization. Mass action, including armed action in time of "great national strife" is the principal function, he said.

Plan of the Union of Russian Workers to bring about an overthrow of the government through a general strike was revealed in documents seized in the nation-wide raids.

With the government overthrown and everything "wiped from the earth that is a reminder of the right to private ownership of property," the Russian workers, according to their manifesto, looked forward "to the magnificent, beautiful form of man without a God, without a master and free of authority."



Edward Cookingham, Oregon War Loan Chairman, who sends Armistice Day greetings through local Liberty Loan Committee.

Permit me to extend greetings to yourself and your citizens, and to join with you in the celebration of the first anniversary of that day destined to become memorable in history, which commemorates the glorious victory of our country and its allies in the great world war. I again congratulate the people of your community upon the overwhelming success which they achieved in the several Liberty Loan campaigns. The record of your district is a lasting monument to their self-sacrifice, and will be an inspiration to Americans whenever their country again stands in peril.

On this occasion shall we not pledge anew our lives and fortunes to our country and its institutions and resolve to bear our obligations of citizenship today with the same serious and high-minded enterprise that was shown in the dark days of the war? Let us not give less freely to our country now in the face of domestic peril than we gave when it confronted foreign enemies.

On this anniversary we celebrate the fulfillment by our soldiers and sailors of their obligations, but our citizen army is not yet discharged. It has assumed obligations which must be paid in full.

Your record during the war is undoubted assurance of quick response to every call of your country for financial support. I am sure it is only necessary to remind your citizens of the deficit in Oregon's War Savings quota to make certain its prompt subscription. Oregon has never failed.

EDWARD COOKINGHAM, Director War Loan Organization for Oregon.

A trade journal reports that underwear will be one-third higher next summer. Geographically speaking, it could not be expected to go any lower.

It is said the ex-emperor of Austria wants a home in England. The royal fugitives are getting rather too unpopular in the small neutral nations.

## 4 EX-SERVICE MEN KILLED BY RADICALS

### Local Secretary of I. W. W. Lynched by Centralia Mob After the Shooting.

Centralia, Wash.—Four former service men slain because of their activity in opposing I. W. W. propaganda; a secretary of the "red" organization lynched; soldiers guarding the city to prevent a renewal of the rioting—this is the immediate result of the attack on the armistice day parade.

One of the victims of the dragnet, James Lamb, an I. W. W. follower, has confessed that the shooting of the former soldiers had been planned for weeks.

### Dead and Wounded.

The dead are: Warren Grimm, University of Washington football star, lieutenant in the Siberian expeditionary forces of the American army and commander of Grant Hodge post of the American Legion.

Dale Hubbard, 29 years old, son of R. P. Hubbard of this city and a veteran of 18 months in France.

Arthur McElfresh, manager of Prigmore & Sears pharmacy, was an overseas veteran.

Ben Casagrande, 27 years old, an overseas veteran.

The wounded are: Earl Wait, condition serious.

Eugene Pfitzer, Chehalis, overseas veteran, slightly wounded.

William Coleman, ex-soldier, slightly wounded.

Company F, Third regiment, National Guard of Washington, arrived here early Wednesday from Tacoma, and went on patrol duty in many parts of the city.

The firing started when the parade, proceeding down Tower avenue, Centralia's main street, passed the corner of Second avenue, where the I. W. W. hall is located.

### Nineteen Placed Under Arrest.

About nineteen alleged radicals were arrested, while their hall was wrecked, having been raided by a mob after the shooting.

The crowd ripped out the front of the building and made a bonfire of the furniture and papers found.

Among the men in jail was Eimer Smith, Centralia, attorney for the I. W. W. Smith was arrested in his office by W. H. Grayum, principal of the high school.

All night long the jailed radicals paced their cells, jailers said, fearful of the lynch law that was applied in the case of their secretary. Former soldiers stood on duty outside the jail throughout the night. Lamb, who made the alleged confession, was taken to the Chehalis jail Tuesday.

### Lynched Man Shot Hubbard.

Britt or "Brick" Smith, secretary of the I. W. W., was, according to observers, the man who shot Dale Hubbard after Hubbard and several other former soldiers had chased Smith into a river bed near here. Smith was taken from the jail when all the lights of the town suddenly snapped out at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. In an automobile without lights and escorted by several other dark machines, he was taken to a bridge on the edge of town on the road to Chehalis.

### Palmer Says Law Will Be Enforced.

Washington.—Warning was given the United Mine Workers of America by Attorney-General Palmer that resolutions of conventions and orders of officers of organizations are not above the law. Describing the strike as a violation of the federal statute, Mr. Palmer, speaking with full authority of the government, announced that all the power of the United States would be exerted to enforce the mandate.

### Victor Berger is Unseated.

Washington.—Victor L. Berger, Milwaukee socialist, was denied his seat in the house by an overwhelming vote, the house holding he was ineligible for membership because of his open opposition to the war with Germany. The vote to unseat Berger was 309 to 1. Representative Voight, republican, Wisconsin, being the only member to support the Wisconsin socialist.

### Terrific Blizzard Hits Middle West.

Chicago.—A severe storm swept over the north and middle central states Monday. Trains were delayed from four to 12 hours. Snow was high on the tracks running through Nebraska and Colorado.