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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

William Bowen, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, died at Salem Monday.

Pilot Rock has a number of cases of smallpox, some of them quite severe.

The Northwest Builders' association will hold its next convention in Portland, February 26, 27, 28.

Apple packing and shipping has come to a close at Hermiston, with a run of 41 carloads, valued at \$57,000.

William Rafferty, 68 years old, a native son of Oregon, dropped dead in the postoffice at Forest Grove.

Clothing valued at about \$500 was taken from Alexander's department store in Pendleton by a robber.

Reginald Chambers of Prairie City was instantly killed at Austin when he was run over by a logging train.

The depth of snow in the Umatilla national forest is four times the depth recorded at any time during 1918.

Blime Walden, a rancher living near Freewater, was fined \$25 and costs for having a beaver in his possession.

Plans for a \$25,000 modern business block in Stanfield have been approved by the local lodge of Odd Fellows.

C. S. McNaught of Hermiston has just received machinery for the erection of a \$40,000 melon and alfalfa meal mill.

Forty-seven Marion county schools during the month of November made attendance records of 95 per cent or more.

The population of the Eastern Oregon state hospital has decreased during the current year from 524 patients to 490.

Mrs. Eliza Jolliff of Minnesota has purchased Mrs. Carrie Ferguson's ranch near Adams, in Umatilla county, for \$22,000.

The Oregon state chamber of commerce convention was postponed to December 29, 30 and 31 on account of heavy storms.

There is not a drop of gasoline to be had at Roseburg, and the Standard Oil company holds out no hope for any in the near future.

The present below-zero weather will reduce the 1920 loganberry crop in Marion county about one-fourth, according to growers.

Arrangements are being made by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Springfield to install a co-operative store there.

Orders for more than 70,000,000 feet of lumber have been placed with lumber merchants of Oregon and Washington in the last six weeks.

In the opinion of Assistant State Engineer C. E. Strickland, the North Umpqua river is without doubt the best power stream in the state.

At a cost of \$6000 27 head of pure blood and 30 head of high grade Jersey cattle were distributed last week among Stanfield dairymen.

Because of the cold weather, the annual Marion County Corn show, which was to have been held from December 18 to 20, was postponed one week.

Baker's tax levy for 1920 will be 2.5 mills higher than this year, which calls for the raising of \$66,793.23 by general taxation, at the rate of 15.4.

Bursting water pipes caused an explosion in the home of Mark L. Fletcher near Redmond, and inflicted injuries upon Mrs. Fletcher from which she died.

The Astoria Masonic lodge has purchased a tract 180x150 feet for a consideration of \$15,000. The property is to be the site of a \$50,000 Masonic temple.

Miss Gladys D-nham, 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. Denham, died at Aumerville from ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating meat at a Salem restaurant.

The second trial of Harold Howell, 24, for the murder of Lillian Leuthold, both of Bandon, opened Monday morning in the Coos county circuit court at Coquille.

Oregon leads in the twelfth federal reserve district in the sales of war savings and treasury certificates and also leads all states in the nation with exception of Ohio.

Dependent on account of ill health, Mrs. Mary Valkenburg, wife of Sergeant Peter Valkenburg of Port Stevens, committed suicide at Astoria by shooting herself.

Ninety more men can be accommodated in the men's dormitory of Oregon Agricultural college next term as a result of finishing touches which have been put on the building.

WELL, WELL, HERE THEY ARE!

Having just been released from the grip of King Winter, Weston tomorrow will be in the grip of the Dokies—a far worse calamity if we may judge from the dire proclamations of



A. R. Gardner, Royal Vizier

Gardner, Royal Vizier of Al Kindi Temple, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan.

Gardner is a Wise Galoot, according to no less competent authority than his own Scribe, one Huntingtonian. Since his royal decrees have already been given wide



B. M. Huntington, Secretary

publicity, it is needless to repeat them here. Suffice it to say that luckless Weston will not belong to itself tomorrow but to the Dokies.

At 7 o'clock there will be a banquet of at least 250 plates, served by the Pythian Sisters. Further announce-

STORIES From the BIG CITIES

Marguerite Forbes: Little Five-Year-Old Heroine

DENVER.—Mrs. Elmer Forbes, with her two children, Marguerite, five, and her baby brother, nine months old, started to a sale near Akron in their car. When one-half mile from home the car upset, pinning Mrs. Forbes and the children under it. Mrs. Forbes, seeing that none of them were seemingly hurt, but that she was caught in such a manner that she could not free herself, asked Marguerite to crawl out. The little girl was free and did so. The baby was held down, but uninjured, and despite all her efforts Mrs. Forbes could not release herself.

Then the mother told Marguerite to go to a neighbor's nearly a half mile distant and get help.

"Yes, mamma," the little girl replied, frightened though she was at the thought of the cows in the field through which she had to pass and of the numerous dogs in the neighborhood.

She crossed the cow pasture unharmed and reaching the house was met by dogs, but was not molested by them. No one was at home and she came back. Her mother suggested that she return to their own home and, breaking a window, climb up to the telephone and ring three times.

"When anyone answers, Marguerite, you just speak into the phone and say, 'Mamma is under the car.'"

Running back to their home then, Marguerite took a piece of coal and breaking through the pane of glass she crawled through a 12 by 14 window and dropped inside. Then she got a ball and, standing on it, rang the telephone as her mother had told her. Three people heard the call and had great difficulty in understanding the childish voice that kept repeating: "Mamma is under the car."

Finally someone interpreted it and told the rest and help soon arrived upon the scene. Mrs. Forbes was found to be quite badly injured, but the baby was unharmed.

The state of Colorado will take official notice of Marguerite Forbes' wonderful bravery and ability.

Dry Act Constitutional

Washington.—The war-time prohibition act was held constitutional by the supreme court.

Federal court decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by Dryfoos, Blum & Co. to compel internal revenue officials to permit the withdrawal from bond of whisky for beverage purposes were affirmed by the court.

The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Associate Justice Brandeis said in reading the decision of the court.

The constitutional prohibition amendment is binding on the federal government as well as the states and supersedes state laws, the court declared. The judgment of the court was unanimous.

According to a report received by

S. C. Bartrum of the Umpqua forest reserve, Roseburg probably will be selected as an airplane base for forest patrol activities next season.

David M. Glass, locating engineer for the state highway commission, was severely injured about the head when a range in the house which the survey crew is using near Nollin, exploded.

A conference to investigate thoroughly the question of increasing rates to injured workmen under the workmen's compensation act, will be held in Portland Monday, December 22. The bill restoring to the public domain 7000 acres of land in Jackson county was passed in the house through the efforts of Representative Sinnott. The land is situated on Lower Klamath lake.

ALLIED DIPLOMATS CONFER

Activity in Washington Indicates That Allies May Accept Modification.

Washington.—Frequent conferences between entente diplomats here have indicated that their governments might be prepared to accept some reservations to the peace treaty in order to accomplish its ratification in the senate.

It is understood that only the illness of President Wilson has prevented him from being so advised by some of them.

It has not been made known here to what extent the entente powers might be prepared to go, but it does appear that there would be final objection to the preamble as proposed by the senate foreign relations committee, by which other powers would be required officially to record their acceptance of reservations as part of the treaty in substance.

Germany Give Way to Allied Demands

Berlin.—In her note replying to the last entente communication demanding the signing of the protocol preliminary to putting the peace treaty in effect, which has reached Paris, Germany yields in her stand on the Scapa Flow issue to a certain extent. It is learned that in the note the government reiterates its desire to have exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty effected at the earliest possible date.

6,000,000 Tons of Shipping Constructed

Washington.—The U. S. shipping board has made good its pledge to construct 6,000,000 tons of shipping in the year 1919. It is announced by John Barton Payne, chairman. By December 31 the board will have delivered 6,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping. On December 1 it had completed within the current year 5,815,500 deadweight tons.

President Able to Walk About Room.

Washington.—President Wilson is now permitted to walk about his room and along the adjoining hall for a short time each day. Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his physician, announced. The president, the doctor said, dresses himself and with the aid of a cane walks unattended.

he two ranch dogs with his fangs.

This year's state tax, as computed by Frank Lovell, tax commissioner, will be approximately \$4,391,208, as against \$3,021,402 last year. The increase in his tax, according to a letter sent to county assessors of the state by Mr. Lovell, is due to the addition of \$181,183.44 allowed by the 6 per cent limitation act, \$990,435.47 for market roads, and \$198,087.09 for operation of the soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational aid law.

PRESIDENT REFUSES PEACE CONCESSION

Republicans Blamed for Fate
of Treaty and Present
World Condition.

Washington.—President Wilson intervened in the peace treaty dilemma with an announcement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind."

The president's position, regarded as peculiarly significant, in view of the recent discussion in the senate of a compromise, was set forth in the following statement issued from the white house:

"It was learned from the highest authority at the executive offices that the hope of the republican leaders of the senate that the president would presently make some move which will relieve the situation with regard to the treaty is entirely without foundation; he has no compromise or concession of any kind in mind; but intends so far as he is concerned that the republican leaders of the senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence of that fate."

The White House statement apparently had no effect in changing the treaty situation.

Democratic leaders, indorsing the president's views, declared that it did not preclude a senate compromise and that compromise efforts would proceed.

Republican leaders reiterated that the president was responsible for the present status and must make the first move toward a solution. Senators hoping to kill the treaty alone expressed satisfaction.

CROP THIS YEAR BREAKS RECORD

Washington.—Record prices and bountiful production sent the value of farm crops harvested this year to the unprecedented total of \$14,092,740,000, exceeding the value of last year's crops by almost \$1,500,000,000.

Final estimates of production were issued by the department of agriculture and values were based on prices paid to producers December 1.

Corn easily maintained its place as king of crops, with a value of \$3,931,234,000, while cotton, including cottonseed, was second with a total value of \$2,332,913,000. The hay crop was third with \$2,239,987,000.

Wheat, combining the winter and spring crops, was fourth, with \$2,028,522,000. Oats, \$1,000,000,000 crop last year, reached a total of only \$895,603,000 because of decreased production.

SENATE PASSES SUGAR BILL

Purchase and Sale of Stocks Authorized by Measure.

Washington.—The McNary bill, under which government control of sugar would be continued another year, was passed by the senate and sent to the house.

Purchase and sale by the equalization board both of foreign and domestic grown sugar is authorized by the bill, which would empower the president to continue the board until December 31, 1920, to secure fair prices and equal distribution.

The bill specifically provides, however, that producers, refiners and distributors of sugar shall not be licensed, as has been the practice under the Lever food control act.

Japan Concerned Over Reds Advance

Washington.—Conversations have been begun between the Japanese ambassador and Secretary of State Lansing on the situation in Siberia. The advance of the soviet forces toward Eastern Siberia and the retirement of the Kolchak government to Irkutsk, on the shore of Lake Baikal, is viewed with alarm by Japanese as bringing the Bolshevik menace nearer to their doors. It is felt that any closer approach of the Bolsheviks might imperil Japanese national interests.

The flax and machine shop departments of the Oregon state penitentiary were damaged to the extent of more than \$2600, when the skylights and a part of the roof of the combination structure fell under a heavy weight of snow.

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