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

Pendleton's tax levy this year will be 41 mills as against 27.6 last year.

Robert C. Paulus was re-elected president of the Salem Commercial club at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Martha A. Smith, aged 90 years, one of the oldest residents of Lane county, died at Eugene.

The roof of the gymnasium of the Monmouth high school caved in under the weight of the heavy snow.

Umatilla county's tax levy for the coming year will be 13 mills, an increase of 1/2 mill over last year.

Many horses in the Butter Creek region of Umatilla county are dead because of cold and insufficient feed.

Interstate bridge receipts for November totaled \$24,666.55, according to a report issued by the commissioner.

Following the cancellation of all coal restrictions, P. P. Keck, coal agent for Oregon, closed his office at Salem.

The annual convention of the Oregon state teachers' association will be held in Portland December 29, 30 and 31.

Hundreds of peach, apricot and cherry trees were killed in Wasco county, by the recent extreme cold weather.

The recent zero weather and heavy fall of snow did much damage to conservatories owned by the florists near Oregon City.

With teams of three communities yet to hear from, the Hood River Red Cross chapter already has 1800 members for 1920.

Eight cents a pound for the Marion county yield of loganberries for the year 1920 has been offered by a canner at Albany.

Ashley H. Jones, 25, rancher of the southern end of Umatilla county, was fatally shot by his hunting companion, Edward Warner.

A fire in the basement of the Portland Store works at Portland caused damage to the plant estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Henry Blanke and O. C. Luecke, of Plymouth, Wis., have announced that they will install a \$50,000 hardwood sawmill at Harrisburg.

A call has been issued for the sixth annual conference of the Oregon State Drainage association to convene at Corvallis, January 1 and 2.

The first case of amputation reported at The Dalles as the result of freezing was that of E. Clossen, a sheepherder, who had his leg taken off.

Damage by broken water pipes, broken trees in the orchards and death of stock on the range in Medford and the Rogue river valley is estimated at \$100,000.

On its own motion the public service commission has instituted an investigation of the distance, class and commodity rates of the Sumpter Valley railroad.

The committee in charge of plans for the inauguration of A. M. Williams as president of Albany college has fixed January 7 as the date of the ceremony.

Nine allotments of land in the Umatilla Indian reservation, totaling 600 acres and appraised at \$59,410, or \$124 an acre, are to be offered for sale February 16.

A protest signed by 100 parents of school children has been filed at Roseburg objecting to compulsory examination of their children by a proposed county nurse.

The Oregon Duroe Jersey Swine Breeders' association has completed arrangements for a swine show to be held at the state fair grounds in Salem on February 4.

Jack Humphrys, 9-year-old son of Nick Humphrys of Oregon City, was probably fatally injured when he was shot by a companion while playing with a .22 rifle.

The 20th annual district convention of the Knights of Pythias was held at The Dalles during the official visit of Charles S. Davis, of Denver, Colo., supreme chancellor.

The Christmas vacation tours of the men's and women's glee clubs of the University of Oregon have been indefinitely postponed on account of weather conditions.

The state highway commission has started surveys on the Heppner-Grant county road which was authorized by the Morrow county taxpayers at a special election last summer.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power

company filed for record at Oregon City a mortgage covering its entire property. The document covers 30 pages of closely printed sheets.

Many birds perished in the Harrisburg section during the severe cold, due to exposure. In many instances snow birds froze in barn lots where feed had been thrown out for them.

William L. Finley has been removed as state biologist of the Oregon fish and game commission. This action was taken at a meeting of the commission held in Portland December 11.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company has placed an order with the Oregon City Foundry company for the manufacture of several new wet machines, which have always in the past been manufactured in the east.

Reports from various sections of the state indicate that large quantities of potatoes were frozen during the recent record-breaking zero weather. Some farmers have suffered rather heavy losses in this respect.

Senator McNary is preparing a bill to cede Roxie Ann mountain to the city of Medford for public park purposes, and another bill appropriating \$150,000 for the erection of a public building at Klamath Falls.

The big meeting of the Lane County Good Roads association, originally set for December 13 and then postponed one week on account of the storm, has been postponed again and will be held some time after the holidays.

Fire, which is thought to have started from an explosion of chemicals in the laboratory of from a stove in the social rooms on the floor above, damaged Walter hall at Willamette University to the extent of \$35,000.

After liquidating all indebtedness, there remained in the surplus fund of the Oregon state fair board on December 1, 1919, a total of \$2,469.71, according to the annual report prepared by A. H. Tea, secretary of the board.

Contracts have been signed by officials of the Cascade national forest and the Northwestern Turpentine company of Portland, whereby this company will be allowed to tap Douglas fir trees in the forest for turpentine.

J. E. Williams and family of Eugene, who were believed to have been lost in the deep snow at the summit of the Cascade mountains while attempting to cross into eastern Oregon with a four horse team, are reported to be safe at La Pine.

Twelve aliens have been deported from Oregon during the present month and others are expected to follow before the first of the year, according to information made public by R. P. Norman, chief of the immigration service of this district.

Officials of the Southern Pacific Oregon Road received the banner awarded to the road for making the best record among roads employing more than 2000 men in the northwest region during the recent national accident prevention drive.

An ice jam ripped up the false work on the new Columbia highway bridge over the Deschutes river, in course of construction, and sent it down the river. The false work represented five months' work and an outlay of approximately \$5000.

A meeting of the North Pacific Fair association will be held in Portland January 26 and 27. Representatives of all northwest fairs belong to the organization. Dates for the 1920 fairs will be determined, and other business transacted at the meeting.

By executive order a strip of land two miles long and containing 327 acres, situated at the outer edge of Tillamook Head, is restored to entry. This land was withdrawn in 1885 for quarry purposes in connection with the improvement of the Columbia river.

Mixing poison to kill jackrabbits in the Tumalo district is progressing and 25 sacks of strychnine-impregnated alfalfa leaves already have been distributed. The first results noted were when several hundred bunnies were found dead after eating the poisoned leaves.

Prices for commodities in Oregon have advanced about 10 per cent in the last six months, according to a comparison of bids received at Salem for furnishing supplies to the various state institutions during the first six months of the year 1920, with those received on June 12, 1919.

Fire that attacked the Palmolive Oil company plant in Portland practically ruined the three-story structure and forced a score of workmen to flee for their lives. One employee, Frank Russell, was severely burned about the face when he sought to escape the flames. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Utilization of 10,000 acres of government-owned swamp land near Klamath

LICENSED INSPECTORS GRADE ALL GRAIN IN INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN SHIPMENT



OLYMPIA MAN IS KILLED BY ROBBER COMMISSION ASKED TO REINSTATE FINLEY

Olympia, Wash.—E. H. Schultz, automobile dealer, was shot and killed by a holdup man who a few minutes before 6 o'clock Monday evening robbed the J. C. Penney company store of \$1500. Schultz was killed while pursuing the robber.

The robber, who wore no mask, entered the store shortly before the supper hour, when the store was filled with Christmas shoppers. He made several purchases of wearing apparel, and as the clerk started to make out the sale slip the robber stepped behind the counter and, covering the clerk with a gun, demanded the cash.

Emptying the drawer on that side of the store, the man ordered the clerk to remain where he was and crossed to the opposite side of the store and attempted to rob the cash drawer on that side. He was prevented by Mrs. Ulah Bellus, a saleswoman, who grabbed the gun.

Meantime, an alarm had been given and the robber jerked the gun away from the woman and left the store. Several men joined in the chase as the man ran, and Schultz was killed by a shot from the robber's gun. The robber escaped.

Train Derailed; Two Killed, 48 Hurt. St. James, Mo.—Two persons were killed and 48 injured when a "France" passenger train was derailed three miles east of here. The train was en route from Oklahoma City, Okla., to St. Louis.

Scout Out to Test Pershing Standing. Lincoln, Neb.—"Pershing for President" headquarters have been established here. A field agent is touring western states to learn the Pershing sentiment.

Like us a soldier's settlement project was urged by the Oregon delegation in the house at a conference with Secretary Lane. The government now is negotiating a contract with private interests to reclaim the land and secure its use for 30 years.

Malheur county leads the counties of Oregon in the extent of its unappropriated and unreserved public lands, according to the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office just made to congress, and Harney county is second. Malheur has a total area of 4,463,403 acres of remaining public lands, and Harney county has 3,829,560 acres.

The value of the taxable property in the 36 counties in Oregon, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission totals \$990,435,472.17, according to a statement prepared by Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner. Last year the valuations were \$987,533,896.97, showing an increase this year of a trifle more than \$2,000,000.

Women in Japanese Factories

There are more women in industry in Japan than there are men, according to a statement recently made by the War Work Council of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The world war has brought 250,000 women and girls into the daily grind of industry according to this statement; 20,000 of them little girls under fifteen years of age who work twelve hours at a wage of ten to twenty cents a day, that the world may have silk dresses and munitions.

In Tokyo alone, a city of two and one-half million people, there are 100,000 women employed in sixty-two industries and businesses varying from work as telephone operators, clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers to work in silk and other sorts of factories and domestic work.

Each year thousands of these women go back to their homes in the country, broken in health and victims of tuberculosis because of the poor conditions under which they work and live. They are housed in dormitories in the factory compound. These dormitories are frequently unsanitary. The girls work long hours, have no recreation and on finishing their long day go immediately to bed, oftentimes a bed which a girl who works at night has been sleeping in all day.

As part of its world service for women, the Young Women's Christian Association plans to build dormitories in manufacturing towns where girls may live cheaply under healthful physical and social conditions, to send out secretaries who can introduce recreation into the factory compound and direct games and social life.

This is done with the co-operation of the factories' managers and proprietors. One of the most influential of these is Mrs. Suzuki, the most prominent woman manufacturer in Japan, who is owner and manager of a firm which exported \$11,000,000 worth of bean oil to America last year.

Recently Mrs. Suzuki decided to employ one thousand women in her offices. She could not find enough well trained ones so she established a permanent school where Japanese girls may be trained to enter the business world. The greatest danger ahead of Japan, she says, is in its growing materialism, and Japan's greatest need, the development of her women.

NATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS DEPEND UPON WOMANKIND

Japanese Diplomat Says Men Alone Cannot Create International Friendships.

International friendship between nations depends largely upon the friendly feeling between the women of those nations, according to representatives of the Japanese embassy in Washington. Their theory is that there can be no firm friendship between two nations unless the women of those two countries know and like one another, as co-operation between nations, as in the state and in the family, is based on co-operation between men and women.

Therefore, if Japan and America are to have a real, lasting friendship, to really know and understand one another, the women of the two nations must learn to play together, to study together and to think together.

The Y. W. C. A. is one of the best mediums for bringing about this friendship between the two nations, according to diplomatic representatives of Japan, as that organization is teaching Japanese women recreation, showing them how to enjoy out-of-door life and sports. It is particularly necessary that Japanese women learn to enjoy and appreciate recreation, they say, since the great influx of women into industry and business, as Japanese women, formerly so conservative, are going into business and doing many things which they had never thought of doing before the war.

The Y. W. C. A. has been assured the fullest possible co-operation of the Japanese embassy and the Japanese people in making its "World Service program" for three million dollars to be used for women and girls in the United States, India, China, Japan, South America, Egypt, Siberia, the Near East and Mexico a success.

DEPORTATION BILL PASSED

Members of Anarchistic Bodies to Be Sent Away.

Washington.—The immigration committee's bill providing for the deportation of all aliens affiliated with anarchistic organizations was passed by the house. The vote was unanimous.

Investigation by the foreign relations committee into the activities of Russian propagandists in this country was ordered by the senate, which adopted a resolution by Senator Kenyon, republican of Iowa, providing for such an inquiry.

Urging passage of the bill to deport alien members advocating overthrow of the government, Representative Johnson, republican of Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee, declared in the house that all foreigners coming to the United States "in the future must come only on probation." His statement indicated that later an effort would be made to pass legislation for the probationary entry of foreigners.

Pershing Unwilling to Enter Politics

Chicago.—General Pershing shows little or no concern over his own political future. He is not a candidate for the presidential nomination—either republican or democratic—and the soft pedal was officially applied to anything that savored of politics during his stay in Chicago.

Pass Federal Control of Sugar Measure

Washington.—Legislation continuing federal control of sugar through 1920 but limiting the licensing power of the United States sugar equalization board to the period ending next June 30, was completed by congress and sent to the White House.

RADICALS DEPORTED ON ARMY TRANSPORT

"Ark of the Soviet" Carries 249 Passengers to an Unknown Destination.

New York.—The United States army transport Buford, "Ark of the Soviet," sailed Sunday with a cargo of anarchists, communists and radicals banned from America for conspiring against its government.

The ship's destination was hidden in sealed orders but the 249 passengers it carried expect to be landed at some far northern port giving access to soviet Russia.

"Long live the revolution in America," was chanted defiantly by the motley crowd on the decks of the steel-gray troopship as she churned her way past the Statue of Liberty. Now and then they cursed in chorus at the United States and the men who had cut short their propaganda here.

The autocrats of all the Russians on the transport were Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, his boon companion for 30 years. With them were 245 men and two women.

The transfer from Ellis Island to the Buford of the agitators who have been preaching death and destruction, was an event unique in the annals of this nation. Seized in raids in all parts of the country, they were mobilized here for deportation. An elaborate screen of secrecy was thrown about the preparations for sending them away.

Railway Bill Passes Senate

Washington.—The Cummins bill, paving the way for return of the railroads to private operation, passed the senate by a vote of 45 to 30, ending a prolonged discussion of the measure and making the holiday recess of congress possible. It went through without change in the anti-strike and other important provisions, and was sent to conference for adjustment during the recess with the Esch bill, passed by the house.

The ultimate disposition of the railroad problem, however, still is in doubt, as the senate and house bills will be in conference and congress in recess on January 1, the date previously set by President Wilson for return of the lines to their owners.

Unless vetoed by the president, the pending legislation, according to plans of congressional leaders, would require the return of the roads by January 31.

The Cummins bill was supported by 23 republicans and 13 democrats and opposed by eight republicans and 22 democrats.

When the house was informed that the senate had passed the Cummins bill, Representative Esch, chairman of the Interstate commerce committee, who will head the house conference, said the labor sections of the two bills were so "radically different that it seemed absolutely certain that the conferees would later have to ask the house for instructions.

LAWS MUST BE UPHELD

Legion Members Not to Interfere With Authorities.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, declared here that neither "national, state nor local organizations of the American Legion have any right to take the law in their own hands or interfere with proper authority" and warned members of the legion that such action would be subversive of the principles and ideals of the organization. The declaration was part of a statement, made by the national commander in view of recent reports of activities of members of the legion which, he said, made it imperative that the policy of the organization with respect to its standing on the maintenance of law and order be defined.

Y. W. C. A. TRAINS WOMEN.

Young women students from forty-four states and nine countries—China, the Philippine Islands, France, Bulgaria, Holland, Russia, Armenia, Canada and Mexico — are registered in the National Training School of the Young Women's Christian Association in New York.

They are studying methods of Y. W. C. A. work with a view to taking up positions in Y. W. C. A. work either in this country or in other of the countries where the Y. W. C. A. is carrying on, expanding and expanding its work.