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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Efforts are being made to organize an athletic club at The Dalles.

At an election in Banks the measure to incorporate the town was passed.

A contract has been let for an apartment house in Pendleton to cost $77,000.

An extension school will be held in Alsea, Benton county, January 29, 30, and 31.

The legislature passed the bill providing for the licensing of automobile drivers.

The Oregon State Dairymen's association will meet in Eugene January 21 and 22.

More than 100 persons at Mapleton were vaccinated during the past week because of a smallpox scare there.

E. C. Cole, official dog catcher for the city of Eugene, made a profit of $171 the past month catching dogs.

The Oaco Orchard company in Benton county sold nearly $65,000 worth of fruit this year off its 400-acre tract.

Wasco county is undertaking a systematic squirrel poisoning campaign under the auspices of the agricultural agent.

July 22, 23 and 24 are the dates selected for the third annual convention of the Oregon State Elks' association to be held in Salem.

Mrs. Mary E. Collins, 70, Oregon pioneer of 1853, and widow of the late Judge James L. Collins, died at the family home in Dallas.

Impressive ceremonies attending the laying of the cornerstone for Bend's $35,000 Catholic church will be held Sunday afternoon, January 25.

A state-wide movement has been inaugurated by the Oregon Bankers' committee, to interest the children in clubs for the raising of registered livestock.

Land purchased a few weeks ago in Deschutes county by the Deschutes Valley Seed company is being cleared and 200 acres will be planted to potatoes this spring.

At a meeting of the Lebanon National Farm Loan association it was reported that federal land bank loans had been made to stockholders to the amount of $230,000.

Silas Williams, resident of Linn county continuously since he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, died at his farm eight miles southeast of Albany, aged 85 years.

The citizens in and about Knappa, a farming district in Clatsop county, are planning to install a gravity water system which will supply about 75 ranches and families

Fruit growers from all over Polk county report that since the recent heavy snow rabbits in large numbers have descended upon their orchards and are ruining the trees.

The car shortage, regarding which lumbermen have been complaining for some time, has caused the Albany Lumber company to suspend operations at its mill temporarily.

Authority to procure an oil painting of the late James Withycombe, former governor of Oregon, was given by the legislature, providing that up to $600 be expended for a painting of the executive.

The cost of trail work on the important projects in the Cascade national forest during the year 1919 was from $213.69 a mile to $478.39 a mile, according to a report of Forest Supervisor Macduff.

A tract of 13,000,000 feet of timber on the Siskiyou mountains and adjacent to the Pacific highway has been purchased by the Barham brothers of Ashland, who will begin logging operations at once.

A joint meeting of the dental societies of Lane, Linn and Marion counties to be held in Eugene some time during the month of February is being planned by the members of the Lane County Dental society.

George F. Deiss was killed last week on the Coast Range Lumber road near Mabel. He was standing between two cars when they came together, and was pinned between the projecting ends of logs.

An industrial survey of Linn county will be made by the Albany Chamber of Commerce to be used in answering inquiries regarding the county's resources and industries and in general advertising of the county.

Severely frozen feet sustained during the storm in December when he volunteered to save boiler machinery at Brooks-Scanlon logging camp No. 1, caused the death at Bend of W. C. Billings, loader foreman.

A joint session of the house and senate elected the following to the recreated fish and game commission: Fish commissioners—Frank M. Warren, five years; Chris Schmidt, three years; Charles Hall, one year. Game commissioners—I. N. Fleischner, five years; Marion Jack, five years; E. C. Simmons, three years; John Gill, three years; C. F. Stone, one year.

A. H. Powers, Anson C. Rogers, H. B. Winsor, Peter Loggie and Henry Sengstaken, Coos Bay port commissioners, are on a tour of the Columbia river from Portland to Astoria, to inspect docking facilities provided by the various ports.

Governor Olcott was stripped of all power in the appointment of members of the state fish and game commission when the legislature passed the house bill providing for a joint fish and game commission of nine members who shall be elected by the legislature.

The Trigonia Oil company, recently organized to drill for oil in the Rogue river valley, has received a drilling outfit and will start operations in a few days. The company has made an exhaustive survey of the territory on the east side of Bear creek, near Ashland.

The clerks of the several national forests in this state ended a two days' meeting at Eugene with the adoption of resolutions asking that they be granted an advance in salary and that they be designated hereafter deputy supervisors or administrative assistants instead of clerks.

Sensational allegations to the effect that the fish and game commission acquired the Reddish farm in Lane county to pay a political debt incurred during the last legislature are contained in a suit instituted in the circuit court at Salem against the commission by H. A. Holmes.

Senator Huston's bill providing for the establishment of a court of domestic relations in each county of the state which now has or shall hereafter attain a population of 200,000 inhabitants or more, and prescribing the jurisdiction, duties and powers of such court, passed the legislature.

By an overwhelming vote the people of Astoria at a special election adopted two amendments to the city charter. One cretaes a civic center commission and authorizes expenditure of $250,000 in establishing playgrounds and a civic center and the erection of an auditorium. The other amendment authorizes a $500,000 bond issue to carry out reclamation work along the city water front.

The Ashland Fruit and Produce association, a co-operative marketing association of which most of the growers of Ashland and vicinity are members, has closed by far the most successful year in its history. The report of Manager A. C. Briggs, read at the annual meeting, disclosed the fact that the association during the past year did a $150,000 business, almost doubling its best previous showing.

D. F. Fisher, government plant pathologist at Wenatchee, Wash., has been directed by the secretary of agriculture to make an investigation of the frozen orchards in the Willamette valley and ascertain if there is not a possibility of saving many trees. A request for the investigation was made by Senator McNary, who has been informed of serious damage to the walnut and prune orchards around Salem by reason of the December cold spell.

Announcement was made at Portland by W. K. Newell, federal food administrator for Oregon, that the price of 18 cents per pound, retail, for cane sugar will be permitted at this time, owing to the prevailing high rate wholesale. Mr. Newell also made public a decision of himself and of United States District Attorney Humphreys that dealers will not be allowed to compel patrons to accept at the higher figure cane sugar of a certain quantity in order to obtain beet sugar at the 13-cent rate.

The rabbit poisoning campaign in the west end of Umatilla county under the direction of the county agricultural agent, Fred Benton, has proved a big success. Colonel J. F. McNaught, county farm bureau project leader, secured the cooperation of 106 ranchers who prepared six tons of alfalfa poisoned with strychnine and scattered it over the snow over a front of nearly 100 miles, to protect 20,000 acres of cultivated land. Counts were made on six representative lots of poison totaling 90 pounds and 1237 dead rabbits were found. Using this as a basis it is safe to say that at least 200,000 rabbits were exterminated in this campaign.

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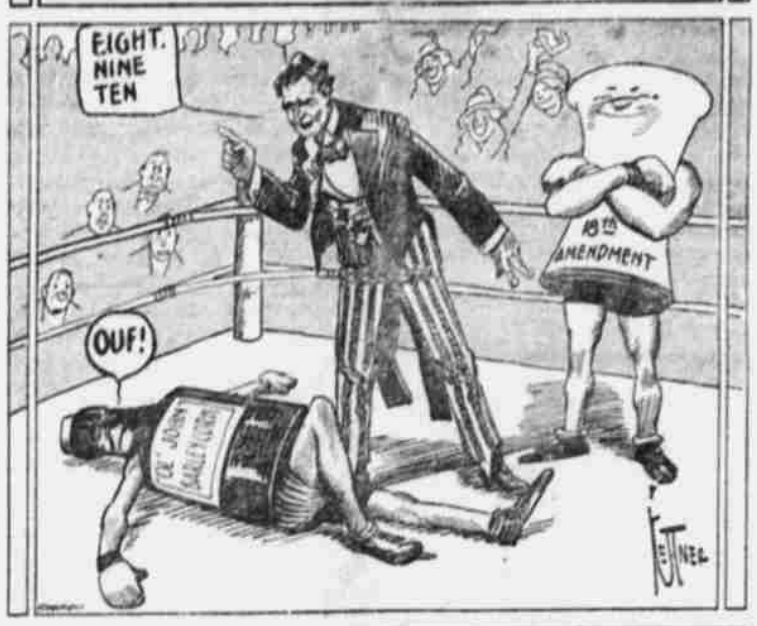


USE OLD DOCUMENTS TO FIGHT RADICALS

Washington.—Recent activities of radical propagandists led Secretary Lansing last week to display for the first time in 18 years the original parchments of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

In the presence of a group of officials the parchments were removed from the protecting walls of a steel safe inclosing them and placed on view in the state department for an hour, while motion picture cameras recorded their appearance for the benefit of the 110,000,000 persons living under the principles enunciated by them.

Owing to their age, exhibition of the parchments is a rare event. Exposure to light even though each sheet is protected carefully from air by hermetically sealed glass plates, caused additional fading of the ink inscribing the immortal words which brought the republic into being.

Helix is quarantined on account of a flu epidemic in that town. The schools and all public meetings have been discontinued.

VESSEL WITH REDS ON BOARD ARRIVES

Hango, Finland.—The United States army transport Buford, having on board 249 radicals deported from America, has arrived here.

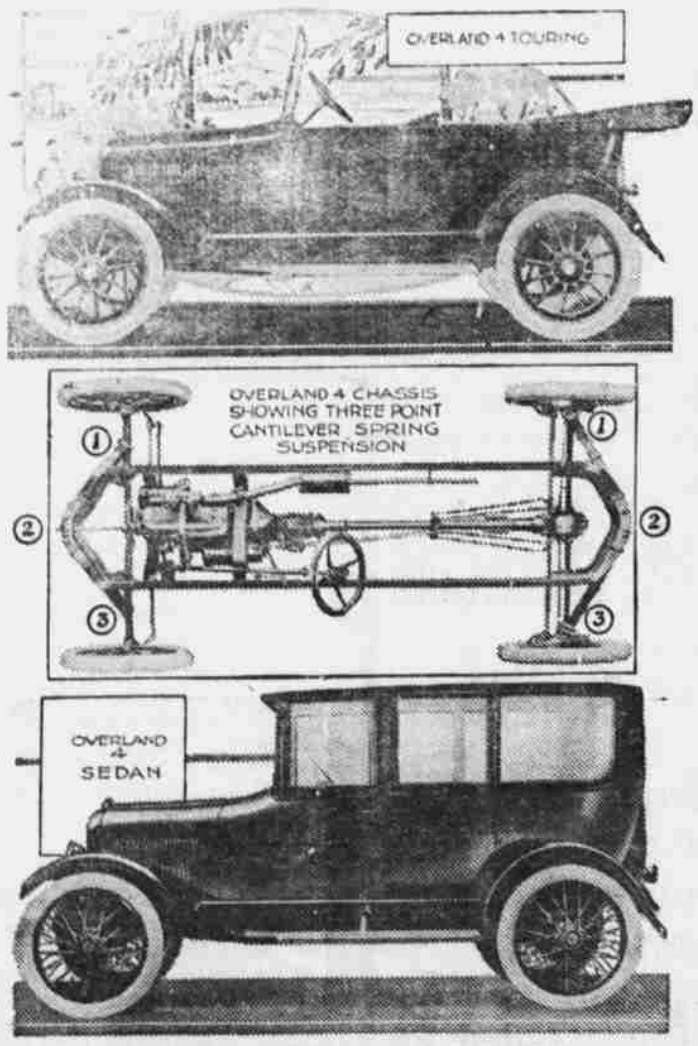
American marines and Finnish white guards were drawn up as the radicals proceeded from the ship to their train.

The "undesirables" were placed in boxcars fitted with plank benches, tables and beds. Each car contained seven boxes of army rations.

The train was held here until positive assurance was received from the soviets that they would permit the party to cross the Russian border and that the deportees would not be molested.

Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, who have been looked upon as the leaders of the deportees, have declared they will not remain in Russia, but will "return to America to save it."

Beet growers of Yakima valley in session at Toppenish have declared that $10 per ton is not sufficient for their product and have agreed to demand $15 per ton for 1920.



SAY, FRIENDS!

ARE YOU IN THE MARKET FOR A LIGHT CAR? IF SO, LET ME DEMONSTRATE THIS WONDERFUL LITTLE CAR TO YOU. AFTER YOU HAVE RIDDEN OVER THE WORST ROAD YOU CAN FIND IN THE COUNTRY, IF YOU ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT IT IS THE FINEST PERFORMER YOU EVER RODE IN I SHALL NOT INSIST ON YOUR BUYING. BUT I DO INSIST THAT YOU GIVE THIS CAR A TRYOUT BEFORE YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY ON SOME OTHER CAR. IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. JUST CALL ME UP AND SAY YOU WANT TO TRY OUT THE LIGHT FOUR OVERLAND.

NOTE THE TRIPLE SPRING IN THE PICTURE.

DR. S. L. KENNARD — Weston and Athena

TEACHER SHORTAGE ACUTE

Thousands Resign and Normal School Attendance Falls.

New York.—The teacher shortage has developed into a national public school crisis. Teachers by the tens of thousands have given up teaching. Their positions are either remaining unfilled or are being taken by an increasing number of poorly-prepared persons. Normal and other training schools cannot meet the demands. The number of students attending is rapidly decreasing.

The reason for the conditions confronting the schools is low salaries.

Reports gathered by the National Educational association from 1700 school superintendents who supervise 238,573 teaching positions show a present shortage of 14,689 teachers, or more than 6 per cent of their teaching positions. This shortage would have been greater had proper standards for teachers been maintained, but the superintendents declare that they are employing 23,006 teachers below standard. This is almost 10 per cent of their entire teaching staffs. During the year more than 22 per cent or 52,798 teachers gave up their positions.

Seattle Reds Held For Deportation.

Seattle.—Federal officials announced that twenty-seven alleged radicals, arrested in raids here Monday night, are to be held for deportation. Three hundred and sixteen were arrested in the raids which were directed against members of the union of Russian workers and other alleged radical organizations. Many were released after examination by department of justice officials.

Odessa Falls Before Bolshevik Armies.

Washington.—The Bolsheviki have captured the important city of Odessa, on the Black sea, the state department was advised by Polish authorities in Bucharest.

Cabinet of Premier Clemenceau Quits.

Paris.—The cabinet of Premier Clemenceau has resigned. President Poincare asked Alexander Millerand, governor of Alsace, to form a new cabinet.

Distillate Taken Off Oil Market.

San Francisco.—Distillate has been withdrawn from the market by the Standard Oil company.

WAR HITS SWISS FORTUNES

Depreciation of Foreign Securities Amounts to Huge Sum—Hotels Suffer.

Berne, Switzerland.—Six billion francs is the sum representing the loss suffered by Switzerland, as a result of the war, according to an estimate by M. Sarasin, president of the Swiss Bankers' union of this city. Of this 2,400,000,000 francs are accounted for by depreciation of German securities and 1,500,000,000 francs by depreciation of Austro-Hungarian securities held by Swiss citizens.

The losses suffered by the hotel world are put down as amounting to 400,000,000 francs. The majority of Swiss private fortunes are invested in foreign government and foreign industrial undertakings, the value of which has declined 40 to 50 per cent.

When the special session of the legislature adjourned Sunday morning after 3 o'clock, it left a record of passing favorably on 94 bills, and a miscellaneous assortment of memorials and resolutions. Following are the constitutional amendments and other measures to be submitted to the voters of this state at the special election May 21: Extending road limitation indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent; relating to debts and liabilities of counties, enabling counties to fund their debts; relating to succession to governorship, providing president of senate succeeds; restoring capital punishment; providing additional tax levy for operation of soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational aid act; levying annual tax of 2 mills for support of public elementary schools; levying special tax for erection, equipment and maintenance of institution for blind; providing tax of 1.2 mills for support of University of Oregon, agricultural college and Monmouth normal; relating to acquiring of private lands for public purposes.

That "king of the hoboes" is about the only surviving remnant of royalty.

When a meeting comes to order it makes a difference whose order it is.

There is plenty of sugar yet everybody finds it is scarce—just like money.

ANTI-BRITISH ORDER DENIED BY DANIELS

Naval Secretary Did Not Tell Admiral to Watch British.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels, in a letter forwarded to Chairman Page of the senate naval affairs committee, declared that it was not he who had told Rear-Admiral William S. Sims before the admiral's departure in March, 1917, for London "Not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes," and that the United States "would as soon fight the British as the Germans."

Testifying before a senate naval subcommittee investigating naval awards, Admiral Sims said that such admonition had been given him "by a high official" and quoted from a letter recently written to Mr. Daniels entitled "certain naval lessons of the great war" which arraigned many aspects of the navy department's conduct of the war.

Secretary Daniels in his letter to Senator Page said that Admiral Sims' letter had been referred to the general board of the navy for action.

Charges of Rear-Admiral Sims that the navy department failed to co-operate with the allies during the war will be investigated by the senate subcommittee before which they were made.

This was decided by the full naval committee, which also authorized appointment of another sub-committee to determine if there should be an inquiry into charges by J. R. Rathom, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Journal that with the knowledge of Secretary Daniels "many seamen have been used for most vile and nameless practices to entrap innocent men."

OPPOSE ANTI-SEDITION BILLS

Gompers Announces American Federation of Labor will Fight.

Washington.—Formal announcement that the American Federation of Labor would oppose "with whatever power it may possess" the enactment of the anti-sedition bills now pending in congress, was made in a statement by Samuel Gompers.

The attack of organized labor, its chieftain indicated, will be directed impartially against the Sterling bill, recently passed by the senate and against the Graham measure, based on suggestions of Attorney-General Palmer and awaiting action by the house rules committee for a special rule to expedite consideration. Referring to the two measures as one bill, President Gompers declared its enactment "would violate the constitution and rob the whole American people of their most cherished and basic guarantees of free government."

TO VETO STRAIGHT TICKET

Governor Olcott Indicates His Disapproval of Recent Act.

Salem, Or.—The so-called "straight party" ticket bill which was passed in the closing hours of the special legislative session will be vetoed, according to an announcement made by Governor Olcott.

The bill provides a form of ballot enabling the voter to approve an entire party ticket by a single mark of the pencil. There is a provision in the bill, however, which allows the voter to scratch a ticket if he so desires.

Influenza Sweeps Chicago.

Chicago.—Influenza continues to sweep through Chicago at the rate of 1100 new cases every twenty-four hours. During forty-eight hours 2279 new cases were reported and the deaths numbered twenty-six. There were 382 new cases of pneumonia and sixty-six deaths.

A South African mob has been pelting home rule leaders with eggs. The first thought which will strike people on this side is the terrible waste of eggs.

A French scientist has discovered a sure way of exterminating cooties. It is a pity his discovery did not connect better with the psychological moment.

The shah of Persia is taking eight chaplains with him on his European tour, which serves to confirm the suspicion that he may need a lot of watching.