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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A county teachers' institute is to be held in Albany on April 24.

It is proposed to locate a new trout hatchery just south of Hood River.

Unsold apple stocks held at Hood River will not exceed 25 carloads.

The Hood River County Public Health association has been organized. The state board of control has sold \$11,000 worth of flu to an Eastern firm.

A bacon war is on in Albany. The price for side bacon is down to 20 cents a pound.

Much new business is being offered the lumber mills of western Oregon by buyers for the railroads.

Three crates of Chinese pheasants have been shipped to Bend for distribution in Deschutes county.

The annual state convention of the Oregon Association of Master Plumbers will be held at Salem May 14.

A largely attended meeting of the North Willamette Valley Merchants' association was held in Woodburn.

Bids are being asked for the leasing of more than 200 tracts of wheat land on the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Machinery has been ordered for a factory to make Swiss cheese in Coos county. This will be the first factory of its kind in Oregon.

The county commissioners of Walla Walla county have authorized a loan of \$1000 to the farm bureau to be used in buying squirrel poison.

After lying idle for nearly two years during litigation, the Grays Harbor Development company's copper mine at Waldo is now opening.

Building activities in McMinnville have begun in earnest and indications are for one of the most prosperous years in the history of the city.

Lumber amounting to nearly 10,000,000 feet will be shipped from the Columbia river to Australia, China, Cuba and South America, this month.

At a recent meeting of livestock producers at Prineville a resolution was passed demanding an investigation of the methods of the Portland Union stockyards. No specific charge was made.

Rosa Humphrey, aged 18, daughter of Mrs. Mollie Humphrey, living on a farm in the Meadow View district northwest of Eugene, died as a result of burns sustained when she fell into a fireplace.

The issuance of \$500,000 worth of bonds bearing 5 per cent interest, for the purpose of erecting a municipal light and water plant, will be voted upon by the residents of Roseburg at the May election.

Bellevue Roseburg should support a city band at least during the summer months the Music club is circulating a petition to the city council asking that body to assist in maintaining such an organization.

The state highway will be enriched by \$1,144,545.97 received from motor vehicle registrations between January 1 and March 15, 1920, according to figures made public by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to accidents during the week ended March 18, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was A. M. Berch, brakeman, of Knappa.

The funeral of Roger B. Sinnott, who died in Portland Tuesday evening, following a sudden attack of heart failure, was held at The Dalles Monday following the arrival of his brother, Representative N. J. Sinnott.

Resources of the 25 banks and trust companies in the city of Portland at the close of business on February 28, 1920, totaled \$178,749,944.26, according to a report prepared by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks.

W. R. Ledbetter of Alsea has sold one of his prize-winning Shire mares to Frank Lewis of Mikkalo. The purchase price was \$1000, which is one of the highest prices ever paid in Union county and probably in eastern Oregon.

Revenues of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company, with headquarters at Baker, will be increased approximately \$54,025 annually as the result of a new tariff approved in an order issued by the Oregon public service commission.

Without further delay the presidential campaign of Senator Miles Poin-dexter will be put under way in Ore-

gon. J. C. Herbsman, newly-appointed state manager for Oregon of the Poin-dexter campaign, has arrived in Port-land and will start the ball rolling.

School superintendents and members of school boards of the larger cities and towns of the Willamette valley have been invited by the Albany school board to meet in Albany Fri-day for the purpose of agreeing so far as possible upon a schedule of teach-ers' salaries for the coming year and considering other matters of interest to the schools.

Considerable seabees has made its appearance among the flocks in parts of Benton, Linn and Marion counties and a general dipping of all sheep af-fected will be undertaken early in the spring, according to an announcement made by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterina-rian.

The first bombardment group of the air service and the 147th squadron of the first pursuit group, both stationed at Kelly field, near San Antonio, Texas, were designated by Colonel Fochet to go to the Pacific northwest to detect forest fires in case additional patrols are desired.

As a prerequisite to employment in the Bend schools, instructors must hereafter be native-born Americans, or in case of those of foreign birth, must be able to show papers setting forth their declaration of intention to be-come citizens, it has been decided by the district directors.

Grain Grading School for Umatilla

A grain grading campaign in Uma-tilla county is planned for the com-ing summer by the farm crops de-partment of Oregon Agricultural College, according to George Hyslop, head of the department. Summer field inspection of the growing crops will be made also for the purpose of locating good seed which may later be recommended to the farmers of the county.

"We have inspected several thou-sands of acres of grain in the field and besides have examined many samples at the college," said Professor Hyslop. "Our main object is to locate good seed and standardize it. We are then able to recommend a source of supply to the farmers of the county through the county agent. Umatilla county has a normal wheat crop of between four and five million bushels. One per cent of the wheat crop of the United States is marketed through Pendleton.

"We have tested a great amount of alfalfa seed for the western part of the county to determine the germina-tion test as well as to assist in avoid-ing weed pests in the seed. An enormous amount of correspondence is re-ceived by the department asking for information on all phases of crop production including forage, potatoes, silage, pasture and even cotton."

KING OF DENMARK REFUSES DEMAND

Copenhagen.—King Christian re-fused to comply with the ultimatum of the Social Democrats demanding the reinstatement of the Zahle min-istry, dismissed by the king, and other action in connection with the govern-ment crisis.

Socialist and trade union represen-tatives who conferred with King Chris-tian relative to the crisis which has arisen in Denmark as a result of the dismissal of Premier Zahle's cabinet, demanded immediate reinstatement of the Zahle ministry, an immediate call for a meeting of the Rigsdag and the introduction once more of constitu-tional conditions in this country.

Declarations were made that if these demands were rejected, all Dan-ish trade unions would call a meeting with a view to declaring a general strike.

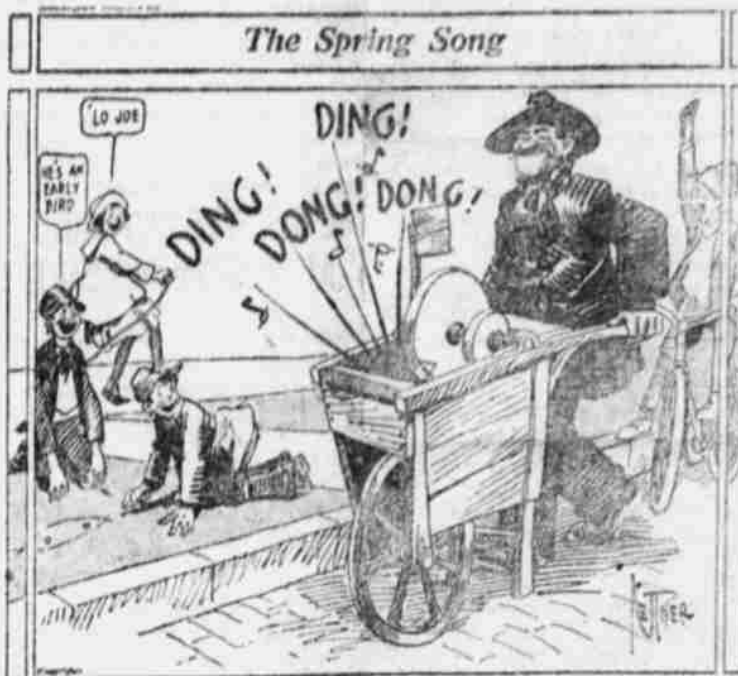
Crowds in the public squares were raising cries for the establishment of a republican form of government for Denmark.

New Cannon Fires Missile 120 Miles.

Paris.—Delamare Maze, a French inventor, sold to the French govern-ment the patent of a new long range gun which after thorough tests, has shown it has a range of from 100 to 120 miles.

La Crosse, Wis., Flooded.

La Crosse, Wis.—Railroad tracks leading to factories and jobbing houses along the river front are under water. With a stage of 18.2, over a foot above flood stage, the Mississippi is still rising.



OVER THE HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris were in the city Wednesday from Walla Walla to attend the funeral of David Taylor.

Miss Vernita Watts will arrive to-day from Portland, where she is at-tending St. Helens Hall for the East-ern vacation.

Henry Koepke Jr. came up from Eugene, where he is a student at the University, to spend the Easter vaca-tion with friends.

J. N. B. Gerking came up from his home at Madras, Oregon, this week, being called by the death of his brother-in-law, David Taylor.

Walter Cameron, well known resi-dent of the reservation, died Sun-day at St. Anthony's hospital in Pen-dleton, from a complication of dis-eases.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinkerton of Weston, and Mr. George Craigen, were dinner guests Sunday at the Fred Pinkerton home on Current street.

Miss Helen Counihan, county Red Cross nurse who last Friday afternoon resumed the lessons here, begun by Miss Walsh, was called to Seattle this week by the death of her father, which occurred from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Elliott leave today for Portland, where Mr. Elliott will undergo a surgical operation for a troublesome goitre with which he has been afflicted for some time.

Ray and Blaine Hansell have re-turned to their farm near Lewiston, Idaho, after having accompanied the remains of their grandmother, Mrs. Stafford-Price, to Halsey, for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint Jones came up from Vancouver, Wash., this week and they will make their home here, Flint taking a partnership in the farming operations of his brother, Melville.

Mrs. Martha Mays came down from Huntsville, Wash., last week, where she has spent the winter with her son Grant, and will spend the summer here with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Barrett.

Miss Zola Keen is home from Whit-man college for the Easter vacation, and is accompanied by a young lady friend from Walla Walla. Miss Keen is completing her musical stud-ies at Whitman.

Miss Ruth Stewart writes home that she has secured all her credits necessary for graduation at the U. of O., and will remain during the bal-ance of the school year to take up other work, until commencement.

Lynn Ferguson of Athena was re-cently appointed first sergeant at Hill Military Academy in Portland. Cadet Ferguson will share honors with other officers and cadets at the Academy with an Easter ball to be given in the academy armory on April 10.

Mrs. Laura Zerba has resigned her position at the local telephone office and has purchased a small tract of alfalfa land near Walla Walla. With her mother, she moved yesterday from the Dell Cottage on Fifth street where they have resided, to occupy their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McEwen have purchased a fine home in Mt. Tabor, a suburb of Portland and this week will move into it. The property com-prises a half-acre of ground, and con-tains a rose garden whose owner last year took several prizes at the Rose Festival for fine roses.

M. L. Watts has purchased the lot on Third street opposite Dr. Sharp's residence and will remove the house, a landmark of old Centerville days, therefrom and have his present resi-dence moved to that site from the corner of Fourth and Jefferson, be-fore beginning the erection of a fine new residence. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodward have made arrangements to rent the Third street property for occupation next school year, moving in from the farm west of town.

With open ditches and newly laid water mains and connections with wa-ter service for Main street business houses, the city has its work of pre-paring for hardsurfacing of streets well underway. Advertising for bids for the hardsurfacing and the grad-ing of streets is being legally com-pleted, so that by the time the surfacing of the highway west of town is completed, all will be in readi-ness for the street improvement.

Mrs. W. J. Ashby, formerly a resi-dent of Umatilla county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Miller in Los Angeles, March 21, and the remains were interred in Weston cemetery Thursday of last week. Mrs. Ashby and family formerly resided at Weston. The de-ceased was the mother of Mrs. J. N. Burgess. She is survived by seven daughters, one son and twenty-two grandchildren.

Three feet of snow is reported at Toll Gate, on the summit of the Blue mountains east of Athena. This snowfall is of late occurrence, is light and will be of no material benefit should it go off quickly, which is con-sidered more than likely. Should it disappear gradually, mountain streams would remain stronger as a consequence.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gerking were in Walla Walla Saturday where they went to see Mr. Gerking's sister, Mrs. Fay Decker, who recently sub-mitted to an operation at St. Mary's hospital for the removal of a fibroid tumor. Mrs. Decker, who resides at Enterprise, Walla Walla county, is recovering from the operation.

W. E. Dobson writes friends here that he has purchased a 10-acre tract of land near Portland and will im-prove it with the view of making it his home. He will be joined by Mrs. Dobson as soon as her school here is finished. At present Mr. Dobson is running a tractor on a dairy farm near Portland.

Joe Cannon has leased the Ernest Koepke ranch near Helix and will move his family there to live. He has engaged the services of Jesse Smith, and the latter will live on the Crig-lar place, also farmed by Mr. Can-non. Mr. Smith has heretofore been employed by the Tum-lum Lumber company.

Matt Taylor, only surviving brother of the late David Taylor, is in the city from his home in Portland, hav-ing come to attend his brother's fun-eral. Mr. Taylor is well known to many Umatilla county pioneers, hav-ing lived in Weston and this vicini-ty in the early days. At Weston he owned a blacksmith shop, which he sold to the late Ransom Lieual-len. Mr. Taylor at one time "took up" the land now comprising the Kirk home-stead adjoining Athena and after lay-ing a foundation for a shack, traded the 160 acres for a yearling calf. Later he did the same with what is

now the Johns farm, near Rawhide, and traded it for a cayuse. Mr. Tay-lor has many interesting anecdotes of Umatilla county's palmy days.

Superintendent Hall of the Athena schools attended a meeting of Eastern Oregon school principals at La Grande Saturday. A salary schedule of \$1200 as the minimum for normal school graduates and \$1400 for teach-ers in high schools, with 12 months as the basis was endorsed by those in attendance, as was also other fea-tures of the schedule proposed by the Oregon State Teacher's Association. Resolutions endorsing the two-mill tax for support of elementary schools and the millage tax law for Oregon's three institutions of higher learning, were passed.

With better weather conditions, the work on the State Highway will be resumed in the near future. In fact, some work is now under way, a force of men being employed on the grading, preparatory to spreading the bitulithic on the stretch of road west of town. In order to facilitate the completion of this section of the road, the State Highway engineers will be compelled to close all travel from Main street south, and west toward Adams, where the highway remains to be finished, and it will be necessary for all traffic to take the detour route.

Hot stuff from the Warren Con-struction company plant in Athena, will be transported to Pendleton by trucks for use in making repairs to hard surfaced streets there. The repairs are necessary at points where the bitulithic was broken to make replacements of gas and water pipes.

For School Superintendent

Announcing that she believes the present time is one in which unusual interest is being manifested in the school system and feeling that she is well qualified for the position, Mrs. Clara Partridge Stone of Athena has declared her candidacy for the office of county school superintendent, subject to the decision of the Republi-can primary election of Friday, May 21, 1920.

Mrs. Stone has had twelve years' experience teaching in the Oregon schools, including positions in the Athena and Milton high schools. During other years she has been employed in country dis-tricts, which she considers has given her opportunity to observe conditions existing and occasion for noting where improvement is needed in both the city and country schools.

She holds a life certificate as well as degrees of Bachelor of pedagogy and psychology and has studied in Europe. Her father served in the Union army of the civil war as a gen-eral.

IRISH THREATENED BY REIGN OF TERROR

Dublin.—Ireland is believed to be the scene of a deadly vendetta.

Sinn Fein leaders said a reign of terror had been declared by extremists of their own ranks on one hand and sympathizers of the government, police and military authorities on the other.

The murder of James McCarthy, Sinn Fein leader at Thurles, was seen as the latest expression of the vendetta. McCarthy was shot and killed at 10:30 a. m. by a band of armed men who broke into his bedroom. Sinn Feiners said he was murdered in cold blood without opportunity to defend himself.

Unusual precautions have been taken to protect the lives of all government officials. The government feared early efforts at retaliation by the Irish nationalist radicals who have asserted openly that the deaths of Sinn Fein members will not go unavenged.

STORM DEVASTATES ELGIN

Brunt of a Tornado Falls on Illinois Town.

Elgin, Ill.—With eight known dead, 100 or more injured and property loss that may exceed \$4,000,000, Elgin was paralyzed as a result of a tornado that swept over this town at noon Sunday.

The storm, which swept a path 200 yards wide across the heart of the city, took its greatest toll of life at the Congregational and Baptist churches where four women were killed and dozens injured.

The storm struck Elgin from the southwest during a torrential down-pour of rain. The tornado was fol-lowed by a terrific hail storm lasting 15 minutes.

MANY ARE KILLED IN MID-WEST TORNADO

Thousands Rendered Homeless and Millions in Property Destroyed.

Chicago.—Reports from the states in the middle west which were tor-nado-swept Sunday indicate over 150 persons lost their lives, while thou-sands were rendered homeless and millions of dollars worth of damage done.

Elgin, Ill., suffered the heaviest property loss, the damage there being \$4,000,000.

Illinois was the hardest hit of the central states, with 30 dead, more than 1000 injured and 2000 homeless.

Property loss in Illinois, almost all in the Chicago district, was estimated at \$6,000,000; in western Ohio at \$2,000,000, in Georgia at more than \$1,000,000, while other states visited by the tornado reported much damage.

The following fatalities were re-ported: Ohio, 26; Greenville and Nash-ville, 8; Van Wert, 3; Moulton, 3; Renolette and Brunersburg, 6; Genoa, 2; Raabs Corners, 4.

Indiana, 36; Adams county, 2; Allen county, 11; Jay county, 11; Steuben county, 1; Montgomery county, 1; Union City, 10.

Illinois, 30; Elgin, 8; Irving Park, 6; Melrose Park, 9; Maywood, 4; Plainsfield, 3.

Georgia, 38; La Grange, 26; West Point, 10; Macon, 1; Milner, 1.

Alabama, 17; Alexander City, 11; Agricola, 5; Cedar Springs, 1.

Missouri, 1.

St. Louis, 1.

Wisconsin, 1; East Troy, 1.

Michigan, 12; Fenton, 4; Maple Grove, 3; Coldwater, 2; Hart, 1; Kalamazoo, 1; Yankee Springs, 1.

Bolshevik Drive Fails

Warsaw.—Polish armored trains fought pitched battles against the bol-shevik monitors and other fighting craft on the Pripiet river during the bolshevik thrust which was designed to gain control of additional links of the railroad extending from Homel to Kalenkovicz and Mowl.

The bolshevik drive has been un-successful, according to a communica-tion issued here. The communication announces that the Polish military au-thorities after eight days of fighting at various points on the 600 kilometer front, see signs of weakness in the long-planned spring drive of the bol-sheviks, which was designed to break the hold of the Poles upon the entire front.

The communication also reports se-vere fighting in the region of Olensk and to the south along the Slutch river, with both sides using artillery exten-sively.

On the Podolian front there is fight-ing along the railroad from Ploskirow to Ziorynka, the bolsheviks having attacked. They were driven back a few kilometers in a northeasterly di-rection, however. The Poles have an-nounced that several of the bolshevik formations were annihilated. During the recent fighting in the swampy country near Mowl, the bolsheviks used long-range guns, the newspapers said, arousing the local population, which took up arms and aided the Poles, defending the railroads and the countryside.

Publisher's Statement.

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CLARK WOOD

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of March, 1920.

S. A. BARNES

Notary Public.

(My commission expires November 17th, 1920.)

A Walla Walla dispatch of March 25th announces the death of Rev. A. W. Roberts, which occurred in Ari-zona, where he had been sojourning for his health for about a year. The body was shipped to Walla Walla, where the deceased has a brother, W. O. Roberts. Rev. Roberts was well known in Athena having married Miss Jocelyn Koonz, who survives him. He was a minister in the Meth-odist church.