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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Clarence H. Brown of Shedd has been elected president of the Linn county Jersey Cattle club.

Commercial chicken raisers of Linn county met at Lebanon Saturday in an all-day session.

It is expected that construction work will soon start at Eugene on a new \$100,000 condensery and creamery.

An unidentified man about 40 years old was killed by a switch engine in the O. W. R. & N. yards at Hood River.

Klamath Falls barbers have advanced the price of hair cutting from 50 to 75 cents and shaves from 25 to 35 cents.

The business section of Eugene is being canvassed in favor of a movement to close all stores at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bankers representing Lane, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties met at Roseburg Saturday in regular group conference.

The Presbyterian church of Roseburg has raised the pastor's salary to \$1800 a year and reduced the church debt from \$7000 to \$2000.

The 36th annual Benton county Sunday school convention was held at the First Congregational church in Corvallis Saturday afternoon.

The navy department at the request of Senator Chamberlain will probably detail a battleship to Astoria for the Grand Army encampment.

Few contracts are being made in Marion county for loganberries at 12 cents per pound. Producers are holding out for 14 and 16 cents.

Fire losses in Oregon for the month of March, exclusive of Portland totaled \$57,000, according to a report by A. C. Barber, state fire marshal.

Captain Cushman Hartwell, now with the Eleventh cavalry at Monterey, Cal., is detailed as assistant military instructor at Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis.

Rev. G. L. Lovell, pastor of the United Evangelical church of Salem, has been elected presiding elder of the Oregon conference of that denomination for a term of four years.

Oregon postmasters soon to be appointed are: Mary L. Folger, Buell, Polk county; Charles J. Bush, Harpor, Malheur county, and Clement E. Gough at Mehama, Marion county.

Under the name of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, the old Klamath Commercial club, which lapsed into inactivity at the beginning of the war, has been reorganized.

Mrs. E. A. Young of Tangent was elected president of the Oregon Presbyterian Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church of Oregon in the annual convention at Albany.

John H. Seavey, pioneer hop grower

of Lane county, has contracted with a Portland firm to sell his 1920 crop of hops at 70 cents a pound, which is said to be the highest price ever quoted in the county.

Ground will be broken May 1 for the new Catholic academy at Klamath Falls, which it is planned to make eventually one of the largest Catholic schools in the state. The building will be a three-story brick structure.

H. A. Endrup of Hilgard killed himself in the Hotel Sommer at Elgin because of disgrace in being arrested on the charge of burning his hotel building at Hilgard several weeks ago in order to collect \$1800 insurance.

W. B. Parker, Klamath Falls manager of the Klamath Development company, backed by San Francisco and Spokane capitalists, has purchased the Keno Power company, including the Klamath river power plant. The price was \$80,000.

Five suits have been filed in the circuit court by the state industrial accident commission against Clatsop county firms, and individuals to recover the amounts alleged to be due the state for fees for the state accident insurance.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Pioneer association recently held preliminary plans for the 48th annual reunion were outlined. The reunion will take place on Thursday, July 1, in the public auditorium in Portland.

Contracts were expected to be signed at the shipping board Monday whereby the construction of seven 12,000-ton tankers will be awarded to the Northwest Steel company of Portland, in lieu of war contracts for three steel cargo ships which were canceled.

More rain this week. The soil has about all it can hold at present, and if old Jupe will hold off for awhile the farmers would have a chance to get some work done in the way of plowing.

"OVER THE HILL"

Athena is to have a commercial club, and it is a live one, too.

Al Johnson, who is assessor of Walla Walla county, has sold his acreage property near Walla Walla and moved into the city.

The new suits for the high school baseball team have arrived. Athena plays Weston High on the home grounds Monday afternoon.

John Wall, stalwart ex-service man and member of Pershing's picked brigade, has come up from Pendleton and taken a position in the Preston-Shaffer mill.

Mr. W. A. Griffith of Hall, Montana, visited his son Roy at the Carden home in this city last week. He will also visit another son at Ontario, Oregon.

Johnny Hoy and his big steam roller remained in the ditch on south Third street for a long time yesterday. The big machine struck a soft place and mired down.

The pastry sale held last Saturday afternoon in the Watts & Rogers store, netted the Methodist Aid Society about \$30. The ladies report a very satisfactory patronage.

Mrs. A. H. McIntyre arrived home Monday from Portland where she went to take medical treatment. She reports Miss Hudson, who was in the Jones sanitarium, as recovering.

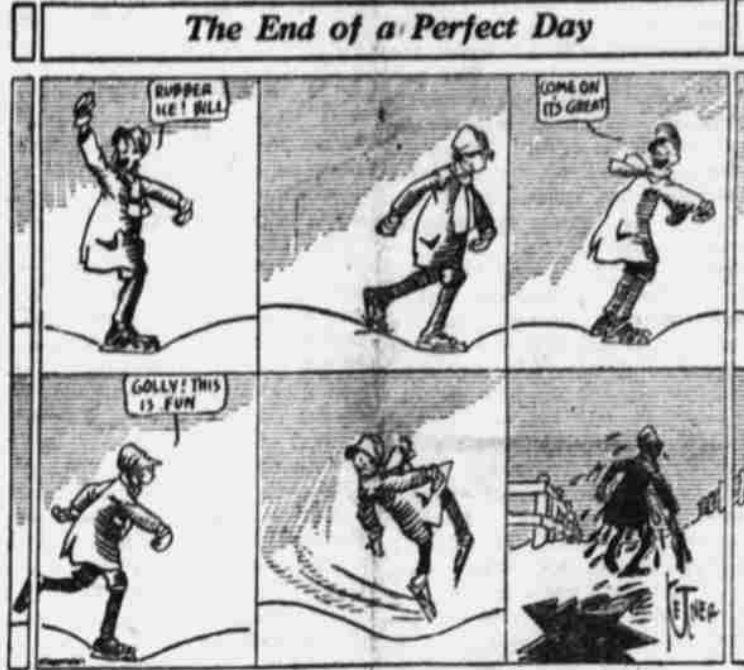
Logsdon & Myrick are installing an ice manufacturing plant at their Athena Market, this week. The plant will have a capacity of twelve hundred pounds of ice every 24 hours that it is in operation.

Roy Montague, nephew of Mr. John Stanton, and Miss Lilian Morrison were united in marriage at Arlington, on April 9. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Montague, former residents of Athena.

Claude Reeder came up this week from his home in Tacoma on business. He will leave Tacoma after the close of the school year for southern California where he hopes to benefit his health, the family making their home there.

Attorney C. E. Prestbye and wife arrived in Athena Tuesday from Whitefish, Mont. Attorney Prestbye will be associated with Attorney Watts in the practice of law here. He was city attorney at Whitefish and city clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bradley are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bern Banister. Mr. Bradley, who was formerly county surveyor, is now con-



nected with U. S. bureau of public works, at Portland.

Will M. Peterson, well known Pendleton attorney and candidate for delegate to the National democratic convention, was in the city for a short while, Wednesday forenoon. All democrats, men, women and children up this way, would be pleased to see Mr. Peterson elected. There are five aspirants in the race, and Mr. Peterson believes his election depends wholly on getting the full democratic vote registered before the primaries are held.

News is received here by Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Sharp from their daughter, Carrie, who has been critically ill in Seattle, that she has had the further misfortune of losing a trunk full of clothes in the Lincoln Hotel fire. Miss Sharp's trunk was stored in the basement of the hotel. Her sister, Mrs. James McSherry, nee Alta Sharp, had left the hotel only the day previous to the disastrous fire in which four people lost their lives.

John Pierce says he has sold \$510.28 worth of fur since last fall, having found time to trap besides doing his farm work. His last cleanup was on last Sunday when he opened a den containing seven coyote pups. These will net him \$24. During the winter he disposed of mounted coyote pelts amounting to \$61; 77 muskrat skins at \$10.18; eleven skunk at \$55; ten cayuse hides, \$60. His boys, Bob and John assisted in the trapping to some extent.

Richard Thompson, who has been farming northwest of Athena, has leased the Louis Bergevin ranch, south of Athena, and purchased the farming equipment and outfit; he will move to the Bergevin place and reside there, retaining his leased holdings northwest of town, also. Mr. Bergevin has purchased land on the south side of the Umatilla river and will engage in stockraising.

John Davidson, former Athena farmer, was in the city this week for a brief visit with his daughters, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre. Mr. Davidson has been transferred from Walla Walla, where he has long held the position of guard in the penitentiary, to a like place in the Monroe, Wash., reformatory.

Two big black cats up at the Boyd home, became involved in a fight one evening recently, and in the scuffle tipped over on themselves a kerosene can. Both cats received a bath all right, and now the fur is peeling off and they present an appearance corresponding to that of a Mexican lap pool.

Rev. G. Kopriva last Sunday preached his farewell sermon in the Methodist church, where he has resigned his pastorate for a position as field agent for an orphanage in Salt Lake City. He left Monday to assume his new duties, his family remaining here until the close of school.

Mrs. Edna McPherrin Bell, well known in Athena, was married recently at Yuba, California, to Mr. W. D. Caswell, of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Caswell will reside in San Francisco where the groom is engaged in the automobile business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley will leave shortly for California, to remain a short time. They will join Mr. and Mrs. V. C. McDonald, on a motor trip home, the Dudley car having been left in California, when they came home, several weeks ago.

The county rock crusher is crunching away at its work in the quarry in the southwest part of town, and the output is being transported in big trucks to the point of macadamizing the highway, east of town.

The Campfire Girls

Swas-Te-Ka Campfire held a most delightful session at the club room in Memorial hall Saturday afternoon. All the members responded to roll call. Homecraft honors were awarded each young lady. Velma Banister was elected musician. A debate was then given on the question: "Resolved, that home training is more beneficial to a woman than business or political training." The affirmative was presented by Misses Helen Rayborn and Velma Banister, while the negative was handled by Misses Aileen Eagleton and Kathleen Pedersen. A love-feast followed which included a repast of palatable dishes prepared by Misses Pearl Davis and Velma Banister and Mrs. Sarah Rowland. Mrs. Peter Hass was an interested visitor at this meeting.

A "Hike" for the Boys

An enterprise that will surely be greeted by three rousing cheers from the Young America of Weston and vicinity has been planned for tomorrow (Saturday) by Cash Wood, county secretary of the Y. M. C. A. It is no less than a grand and glorious hike to some destination that as yet possesses the glamor of the unknown, and it will start at ten o'clock tomorrow from the fountain on Main street. All boys ten years or older are eligible to go on the expedition. They are requested to bring lunch and two raw eggs. No fire arms are allowed on this hike, but the boys may carry cameras, baseball gloves and fishing tackle. Some grownup boys figure on going and renewing their youth.

ROADS WANT \$600,000,000

Amount Declared Necessary to Buy New Railway Equipment.

Chicago.—Six hundred million dollars will be needed by the railroads this year to finance the purchase of new equipment, the Association of Railway Executives announced. Presidents of 65 railroads met here to discuss division of the \$300,000,000 loan provided by the transportation act.

The remaining \$300,000,000 will be furnished by the stronger systems and through loans negotiated in the investment market, the executives stated.

Equipment needs for this year, the presidents reported, include 100,000 freight cars, 3000 passenger cars and 2000 locomotives.

Guatemalans in Revolt.

Washington.—The long threatened revolution in Guatemala against President Estrada Cabrera finally has broken out. Reports to the state department said the opponents of the president had gained control of Guatemala City, after some street fighting. A marine guard from the cruiser Tacoma and submarine tender Niagara has been landed to protect the American legation.

Labor Board Named.

Washington.—The railroad labor board was appointed by President Wilson. The members are: Representing the public—George W. Hanger, Washington, D. C.; Henry Hunt, Cincinnati; R. M. Barton, Tennessee. Representing the railroads—Horace Baker, J. H. Elliot and William L. Park. Representing the employees—Albert Phillips, A. O. Wharton and James J. Forrester. The board will be authorized to meet in Washington at once to take up the grievances of the railroad employees now on strike.

THOUSANDS DESERT NAVY

Whole Service Treated With Disaster, Says Rear Admiral.

Washington.—Thousands of desertions in the navy in the last year have brought conditions unparalleled in American naval history, Rear Admiral Thomas Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, Friday told the senate investigating committee. The whole naval service, he warned, is threatened with disaster unless congress immediately enacts legislation raising the pay of officers and men to a point that will allow the navy to compete with civil occupations.

There were 4666 desertions in the last six months of 1919, Rear Admiral Washington declared, and thus far this year they have averaged around 700 a month.

Probers Find Coal Price Inexcusable.

Washington.—The United States bituminous coal commission, which settled the dispute between soft coal miners and operators, declared in a formal statement that present prices of bituminous coal "were inexcusable and out of all relation to the increase in the cost of production caused by higher wages granted by the commission."

Twin Falls Man Idaho Legion Head.

Twin Falls, Idaho.—Leo Bracken of Twin Falls was chosen Idaho state commander of the American Legion at the final meeting of the state convention here. Keillogg was chosen the 1921 convention city and Twin Falls the state headquarters for the coming year.

Court Defied; Union Man Jailed.

Pittsburg, Kan.—President Alexander Howat of the Kansas-Missouri district of United Mine Workers, was sent to jail by Judge A. J. Curran for contempt of court. Howat had denied the authority of the newly created state industrial court.

WESTON SCHOOLS

The girls of the Red Cross class have resumed their work under the instruction of Miss Counahan. They will be examined in this work the latter part of the month. One semester's credit will be given for Red Cross work.

The boys have been doing little work in baseball and track the last week, on account of the rainy weather.

Henry Craigen was a welcome visitor in the primary room last Friday.

The sophomore class elected Helen Johnson as secretary-treasurer at a recent meeting.

Mr. Hopkins of Pleasantville, N. J., was a visitor in the high school Friday afternoon.

Dr. Louise M. Richter and Mrs. L. S. Sanders from the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, gave lectures Monday morning to the pupils of the high school and the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The Freshmen will give a benefit movie at Memorial Hall April 22, Marguerite Clarke in "Still Waters," and one of Fatty Arbuckle's comedies will be given.

Miss Colvin has had nearly a perfect attendance in her room this week. The pupils are doing some very artistic work in spring decorations.

Mrs. Cannon of Milton, was a visitor in Miss Rintoul's room Tuesday. Eldred Price is back in school after an absence of several days.

The Astoria Amateur Wireless association, with E. P. Hawkins, president; Carl Josephson, vice-president; E. A. Smith, secretary and treasurer, and a charter membership of 15, was reorganized April 1. The former organization was discontinued at the outbreak of the war.

The Oregon State Bar association, through its grievance committee, has filed proceedings in the supreme court asking that George A. Hall, an attorney of Portland, and John N. Seivers, an attorney with offices at Oregon City, be disbarred from practicing their profession in Oregon.

Pine Valley residents are making another effort to divide Baker county. It is proposed to cut off what is called the Panhandle, once a part of Union county but later annexed to Baker, and form a new county. The great distance from the Panhandle to Baker, the county seat, is the source of dissatisfaction.

SONORA REPUDIATES MEXICO GOVERNMENT

Federal Custom-Houses and Property Seized When State Secedes.

Nogales, Sonora.—Customs-houses and all property of the federal government of Mexico were formally seized in the name of the "Republic of Sonora" here, simultaneously with receipt of a report of a clash between Carranza soldiers and Sonora state troops at Guaymas.

Sonora state officials, headed by Governor Adolfo de la Huerta, governor of Sonora, who has been proclaimed "supreme power of the republic of Sonora," by the state congress, declared while the state had seceded, it would return to the Mexican republic upon guarantees from the national administration that there would be no infringement of the state's rights by the federal government.

The secession was brought about by Carranza ordering federal troops into the state.

Spread of the secession movement to other sections unless the government acts quickly was forecast here. The Sinaloa state congress, according to information received here, has endorsed the action of the Sonora congress in demanding constitutional rights and Lower California, according to these reports, is expected to do the same. Sinaloa politics are closely interwoven with Sonora's and both states are largely controlled by General Alvaro Obregon.

Reports from the Long Creek and Muddy Creek districts in Baker county are to the effect that a second winter is being experienced, and hay is becoming so scarce that there is likely to be a severe loss of stock if the winter lasts much longer. Because of the snow, all farm work has been discontinued.

Practically all the laws passed at the special session of the legislature last January, with the exception of those vetoed by Governor Olcott and others contingent upon approval of the voters at the election to be held on May 21, will become operative April 17, according to announcement made by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state.

Petitions asking that the name of Leonard Wood be placed on the republican preferential ballot at the primary election to be held on May 21 were filed with the secretary of state. The petitions were signed by more than 2000 voters of Oregon and were brought to Salem by Dow V. Walker and J. D. Zuecher, both of Portland.

J. G. Kelly of Portland filed with the state engineer application for permission to construct what will be known as the Marion lake reservoir, at the headwaters of the north fork of the Santiam river, for the storage of 28,155 acre feet of water, and the appropriation of the stored water for the development of 26,636 horsepower.

At a special municipal election at Baker, two measures, one authorizing the bonding of \$40,000 to provide funds for construction of a dam on the city's Goodrich creek reservoir site to store water to augment the present supply, and the other measure authorizing bonds for the construction of better and larger quarters for the fire department, passed.

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