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

Eljah C. Jeffers, 80, an Oregon pioneer of 1847, died at the family home in Astoria.

The Umpqua Academy association will hold its fourth annual reunion at Wilbur June 5.

William Howard Taft may appear in Hood River on Memorial day in a lecture on the league of nations.

The Postal Telephone exchange has filed application with the Oregon public service commission to increase its rates.

A \$21,000 bond issue to finance the purchase of a park site on the banks of the Deschutes will be voted on at Bend.

Work on the welcome arch to be placed at the main entrance to Baker on the famous old Oregon trail has been started.

Fire destroyed the opera house, two stores and two other buildings at Merrill, in Lake county. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson, believed to have been the oldest woman in the state of Oregon, died in Portland at the age of 102 years.

The seventh annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon will be held at Burns in Harney county May 24-25.

At the meeting of the Douglas County Sheep and Breeders' association, which was held in Roseburg, it was decided to form a mohair pool.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Van Winkle, 77, Oregon pioneer of 1852, died in Salem at the home of her son, I. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney-general of Oregon.

Dorothy Cooper, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper of Wauna, about 25 miles east of Astoria, was fatally burned at the family home.

Sixty-five bankers from lower Willamette and Columbia valley counties attended the annual meeting of group No. 1 of the State Bankers' association at Salem.

David M. Leach, 70 years old, pioneer resident of the Lexington district, near Heppner, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a .38-caliber revolver.

Interest on irreducible school funds of the state from August 1, 1919, to May 1, 1920, amounted to \$350,926.11, according to a statement issued by the treasury department.

Caught by the swift current of the Tumwater falls, near Celilo, Roy Dunn, machinist, and W. D. Darling, his helper, in a small boat, were swept over the falls to their death.

Farmers from all sections of the Morrow county wheat belt report wheat showing a fine stand and, since the advent of warmer weather, stooling out well and making good growth.

While working alone in the gasoline pumping station at Oakland that supplies water for the Southern Pacific company water tank, Guy Martin was caught in the shafting and killed.

Steel workers have arrived at Stansfield from Pittsburg, Pa., and work is under way on a 50,000-gallon steel water tank, the first step in the building of a modern city water system for that city.

No further contracts for improvement work will be let by the state highway commission until a recovery of the bond market assures the commission of a higher return from its issues.

Automobile tourists can easily make the trip over the Pacific highway from the California line to Portland at an average speed of 15 1/2 miles an hour, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt has advised Senator McNary that it will be impossible to detail any battleships of the Pacific fleet to Portland for the national Shrine convalescence, June 22 to 26.

Oregon will not get any captured German field guns or other confiscated war equipment until congress passes an act providing for the distribution of this class of material, according to a telegram received at the executive offices from P. C. Harris of the adjutant-general's office at Washington. One bill is now before congress, however, which, if passed, will allow Oregon a number of guns of 77-caliber and above.

"OVER THE HILL"

Mrs. Areta Clinton has returned from a visit in Portland.

Mrs. C. O. Whiteman and children were over from their home in Walla Walla for the week-end, visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. D. Elliott arrived home Sunday from Portland, where she underwent an operation for removal of tonsils.

Z. F. Lockwood, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with illness, is improving and able to leave his bed.

Neil Lieuallen has leased the Otho Reeder farm west of town and with Mrs. Lieuallen has moved out and taken possession.

Monroe Kirkland, a former well known resident of Athena, died at his home in Portland recently, so it is announced to friends here.

Two prominent and popular Milton republicans—S. D. Peterson, candidate for district attorney, and S. A. Miller, candidate for representative, were here yesterday.

Athena High school went down and cleaned up the west end of the county last week, when its classy baseball team defeated the school teams of Hermiston and Stanfield.

Orel, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Michener, suffered a fracture of the large bone of his right forearm Tuesday while indulging in practicing pole-vaulting. He pluckily submitted to the setting of the bone.

Mrs. W. S. Ferguson will leave next week to visit her son at U. of O. and will attend the commencement exercises at the University. She will also visit her daughter, Mrs. Horace Belknap in Prineville, before returning.

F. S. LeGrow, Omar Stephens, M. L. Watts and Marion Hansell were in Walla Walla Sunday and shot with the Walla Walla gun club. Mr. Watts was high man in the shoot, breaking 30 straight targets. Recently, at a shoot in Waitsburg, Mr. Hansell broke 144 targets out of a possible 150.

Mrs. Lillie Miller has disposed of her Athena residence and property to Mrs. Jerry Stone and with her husband, son and daughter, will leave soon for Coos Bay to reside permanently. Mrs. Miller has purchased waterfront property at Coos Bay from the Portland, Eugene & Coos Bay Land company.

The J. W. Pinkerton residence, corner of 4th and Jefferson streets, is being remodeled and most substantial improvements will be made. A concrete foundation is laid and the entire house will be lowered. Both exterior and interior will be completely changed and modernized.

Four automobiles were required to convey Athena folk interested in the lecture given in Pendleton Tuesday evening on Christian Science by the eminent London lecturer, John Sidney Braithwaite. Those taking cars were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emmel, Mrs. Lilla Kirk, Mrs. Geo. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss.

Mrs. Ralph B. McEwen and Mrs. F. B. Boyd were guests Tuesday evening at the farewell reception given by Bushee Chapter, O. E. S., of Pendleton, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Vert, who are departing for a year's sojourn in Scotland. The affair was a very brilliant one and a splendid banquet was partaken of by about one hundred guests.

Mrs. Lela G. Saling, noted singer of Weston, was in the city Tuesday, a guest of Mrs. Lilla Kirk. Mrs. Saling has just returned from Portland, where she has been taking an advanced course in vocal training. A recital given by Mrs. Saling in the metropolis recently was given much prominence in Portland papers.

Dr. F. D. Watts has disposed of his residence property in Weston, and will move to Athena in the very near future, with his most estimable wife, and son Worth. Unable to secure a suitable residence, the doctor has decided to erect a tent and reside under his own vine and fig tree, during the completion of his house now in course of construction on south 3rd street.

The work of altering and remodeling the quarters for the new Commercial club, has progressed satisfactorily during the past week. The partitions have been removed, leaving a large general assemblage room, and two cosy rooms which will be utilized jointly by the Commercial club, the Civic club and the Athena-Weston Legion Post, for executive

Not Getting Anywhere



REFINERY CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

Salt Lake City, Utah.—A complaint charging the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake with profiteering in sugar was filed for the government here before United States Commissioner Van Pelt.

Filing of the complaint is the outcome of nearly a week's investigation into the rise in sugar prices from 13 to 22 3/4 cents per pound instituted by the company May 1.

Merrill Nibley, vice-president and assistant general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, has been arrested and released on \$5000 bond to answer the complaint. It is expected he will have a preliminary hearing in about ten days.

Three instances where the company sold sugar to local wholesale grocery concerns at a price of approximately \$23 per hundred-pound sack are cited in the complaint. It is alleged it costs but \$9.50 to produce this amount.

BORROWERS MUST WAIT

Federal Farm Loans Await Action of Supreme Court.

Washington.—Federal farm loan officials, in conference here, have found no way to avoid a summer of inactivity in loaning operations. The seasons brought convincing evidence, members said, that no further new business could be handled until the supreme court had passed on the validity of the farm loan act.

Despite the fact that the 12 land banks have borrowed approximately \$16,000,000 from private banks to loan, more than \$70,000,000 in applications for loans have accumulated.

Emma Goldman Is Homesick

Chicago.—Emma Goldman whom the government transported to Russia on the soviet ark "Buford," was homesick for the United States, according to a letter from her made public by Dr. Ben L. Reitman.

G. O. P. Leaders Meet in Chicago

Chicago.—Preliminaries to the Republican national convention will be staged here, beginning Monday, when G. O. P. national committeemen and national leaders meet to clear the way.

Some of the furnishings for the Commercial club rooms have been received and will be installed so soon as the painting and calso-mining has been completed.

Nineteen years ago, Turner Callender left the employ of Mosgrove Mercantile company here to work in the wholesale house of Fleishner & Meyer, Portland. He has since been manager of the firm's Seattle house and travels on the road. He was in Athena Monday on a short visit to his father, J. W. Callender, clerk at the St. Nichols hotel. The years have dealt gently with Turner. He hasn't a gray hair in his head; and for that matter, brown ones, either. He is married and lives in Seattle.

A new force of men who will be employed on road construction work, arrived in Athena yesterday morning. They will work for the Warren Construction company. Rock work and hard surfacing will be rushed from now on, so it is reported.

Cleanup Days in Athena, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, were generally observed, and a considerable amount of debris and rubbish was carted away from the residence and business districts.

FORECAST GREATER WINTER WHEAT YIELD

Washington.—A slightly larger production of winter wheat than had been expected was forecast by the department of agriculture on the basis of the condition of the crop and acreage on May 1.

Total production was estimated at 484,647,000 bushels, or 1,030,000 more than was forecast as of last April 1. This total, however, is about 287,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop, a decrease of 33.8 per cent.

There was an improvement of 2.5 per cent in the condition of the crop during the month. During the winter 11.9 per cent of the acreage planted was abandoned, the total acreage remaining to be harvested being placed at 34,165,000.

Acreage of winter wheat May 1 and the forecast of production based on May 1 condition acreage by important states include:

Washington, 735,000 and 15,765,000. Oregon, 693,000 and 14,345,000.

POLES WIM WAY TO KIEV

Red Troops Evacuate City as Cavalry Enters.

Warsaw.—Polish cavalry entered the city of Kiev Saturday morning on the heels of the retreating bolsheviks. The infantry kept up its advance towards Kiev, cavalry detachments keeping contact with the infantry.

There was little fighting, according to reports reaching Polish headquarters in Warsaw, the cavalry going into the city all day as the infantry advanced in a great semi-circle.

A few machine gun shots were fired in the early morning as the cavalry appeared, but this was quickly silenced, and reports say that the evacuation of Kiev began soon afterward.

House Abandons Retail Sales Tax

Washington.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee definitely decided to abandon the proposed 1 per cent retail sales tax for raising part of the money for the proposed soldier relief legislation.

Gibson May be Colby's Aid

Washington.—It is understood on good authority that the post of assistant secretary of state has been offered to Hugh S. Gibson, at present American minister to the new republic of Poland.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$68.50 a ton.
Corn—Whole, \$76@77; cracked \$78@79.
Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$31 per ton; alfalfa, \$34.
Potatoes—Oregon, 7 1/2@8c pound; Gems, 8@8 1/2c f. o. b. station.
Butter Fat—55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 40c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 30@33c.
Cattle—Best steers, \$12@12.50; good to choice, \$10.50@11; medium to good, \$9.50@10.50.
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$15@16; medium mixed, \$14@15; pigs, \$12@15.
Sheep—Spring lambs, \$14@15.50; eastern lambs, \$15@16; valley lambs, \$13@15; ewes, \$8@12.
Seattle.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$44@45 per ton, alfalfa, \$32@44.
Potatoes—Yakima Gems, \$180@190; local, \$165@175 per ton.
Butter Fat—59@61c.

WESTON SCHOOLS

Paramount among the social events of the week was the formal banquet given the Senior class of Weston High school by Mesdames F. D. Watts, J. Harl Williams and F. C. Kirkpatrick, Wednesday evening at Jensen's tea room in Walla Walla.

Automobiles provided by Dr. F. D. Watts, Worth P. Watts and F. C. Fitzpatrick conveyed the guests to the scene of entertainment.

A surprise feature of the evening was the privilege of viewing an original painting by DeMereau, valued at \$65,000, on exhibition at the Jensen establishment. An appetizing five-course banquet was served, the faculty, hosts and hostesses being seated at one table and the members of the class at another. Table decorations carried out the class colors of yellow and green in flowers, place cards, favors and shaded candles.

The young lady graduates appeared in dainty evening gowns of pastel shades. Mrs. F. D. Watts was adorned in black lace and jet. Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick wore white georgette crepe, combined with pink, with a corsage bouquet of Cecil Bruner roses. Mrs. J. Harl Williams' gown was a stunning creation of apricot crepe de chine, elaborated with jet and steel, a cut jet necklace adding a pleasing note to the costume. Mrs. Edward Thornton of Roseburg was attractive in lemon yellow tulle. Miss Frank Harris Davis looked fascinating in a robe of pink georgette embroidered with silver; her flowers were pink roses. Miss Edna Hollenbeck was distinctive in Nile green crepe de chine, with a corsage bouquet of pink sweet peas. Miss Lurline Brown wore a handsome dress of gold-colored satin and chiffon, and a corsage of red carnations.

Formal toasts were given in an effective manner by mellow candlelight, as follows:

To the Hostesses—Miss Goldie Nesbit, President of Class.

Response—Mrs. J. Harl Williams.

To the Hosts—Miss Nesbit.

Response—Dr. F. D. Watts.

To the School—Worth P. Watts.

Response—Prof. F. C. Fitzpatrick.

To the Faculty—Gail Miller Williams.

Response—Miss Edna Hollenbeck.

Informal speeches and toasts were then given by all the students and guests, rounding out one of the most delightful events of the school year.

Last Thursday evening after school Miss Davis entertained the Freshmen with a steak broil, up Pine creek. The next afternoon the Sophomores gave the rest of the high school and faculty a splendid picnic on the classic banks of the same stream. A very good time was reported at both.

Eighth grade and high school examinations began Thursday morning. The annuals will be out Saturday. All wishing copies should apply to Jessie Davis as soon as possible, because there will be only a few copies over the number on the list.

The class is fortunate in obtaining Dr. Penrose of Whitman college to speak, and Mrs. E. L. Blomgren to sing, for Baccalaureate Sunday evening, May 16, in the high school auditorium.

Commencement is Wednesday evening, May 19, in Memorial hall. Mrs. Lela G. Saling will sing. Dr. Bollen of the White Temple, Walla Walla, will give the address.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts vetoed the bill permitting manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer and light wines.

Mrs. Samuel Gompers, wife of the president of the American Federation of Labor, died at her home in Washington, D. C.

President Wilson nominated ex-Governor McCall of Massachusetts to be a member of the United States tariff commission.

All railroads west of the Mississippi river have formally filed with the interstate commerce commission proposals for advances in freight rates of 24 per cent.

Flat denial was made by Henry Morgenthau of the report that he was considering asking President Wilson to withdraw his nomination as American ambassador to Mexico.

A minimum of \$2500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad brotherhoods, asserted before the railway labor board in Washington.

TRAIN WRECK IS FATAL TO NINE

Thirty-eight Hurt When Electric Cars Hit Head-on Near Portland.

Portland, Ore.—Three women, two children and three men were killed, and 38 persons badly injured Sunday morning when two Southern Pacific electric trains crashed together head-on just outside the city limits of Portland.

Several of the injured were so seriously hurt that it is believed they will not recover.

The wreck is alleged to have been caused by the failure of the engineer-motorman on the inbound train from Hillsboro to Portland to observe his orders.

The inbound train did not stop at Bertha but proceeded at high speed down about half a mile of straight track toward Portland. At the end of this tangent of straight track the track starts to swing in a curve around a high bank. This was the point where the two trains met head-on.

Evidently each train had been hidden from the engineer of the other until they were within 200 or 300 feet of each other on the single track.

The forward coach of the fastgoing train from Hillsboro bored into and through the vestibule of the forward car of train 107, lifted it slightly and shoved it partly off the track.

It was here that all the deaths occurred. There were many people, including women and children, seated near the front of the inbound Hillsboro car. The heavy steel bumper of the other car, lifted as it was, slid along the floor of their car, plowed into them and crushed them.

Another fatality was added to the list of victims when Miss Camille A. Dosch, society editor of the Oregonian, died at 1:45 Monday morning at Good Samaritan hospital from injuries sustained in the head-on collision. The death of Miss Dosch brought the number of fatalities to nine.

CHINESE LOANS PLANNED

Consortium Arranged After Year's Negotiation By Powers.

Washington.—Japan has withdrawn all objections to Chinese consortium and has prepared a communication accepting the terms as agreed upon by the United States, Great Britain and France, the state department was informed by the American embassy at Tokio.

The consortium will become effective as soon as the signatures of officials have been affixed.

Watson Confesses to Nine Murders

Los Angeles, Cal.—A total of nine murders of his "wives" had been confessed by the man who, under the name of James P. Watson, was sentenced to serve a life term in San Quentin penitentiary for the slaying of Nina Lee Deloney. In addition the man asserted his true name was Dan Holden and that he had been born and reared in Arkansas and was of a "respectable" family.

Marines Ordered to Key West

Washington.—A force of approximately 1200 marines was ordered to proceed on the transport Henderson from League Island to Key West, Fla., to be held for possible service in Mexico.

Canadian Wheat Advances 40 Cents

Winnipeg, Man.—The price to mills of all grades of western wheat was advanced 35 cents a bushel and British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec wheat 40 cents a bushel, in new regulations issued by the Canadian wheat board, effective May 8. The maximum wholesale price of bran and shorts were increased \$3 a ton.

Lodge Selected to Open Convention

Chicago.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, republican senate leader and author of the Lodge reservations to the league of nations covenant, will sound the keynote of the presidential campaign at the republican national convention at Chicago, June 8.

Oregon leads the seven states included in the 12th reserve district in the purchase of thrift and war savings stamps, according to a report received by J. A. Churchill, thrift director for the state, from the regional director's headquarters in San Francisco.