

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A food preparedness campaign is now on in The Dalles.

Astoria is to have a chapter of the American Red Cross Society.

A \$30,000 corporation is being formed in Marshfield to establish a shipyard.

Cheese factories all over the state are moving now, but operations are on a limited scale.

The total cost of operating Multnomah county's five ferryboats for the year 1916, was \$93,583.70.

A meeting of the commissioners of the 13 ports of the state of Oregon will be held in Portland May 15.

The Horse Show given at Woodburn by the Woodburn Retail Merchants' association was largely attended.

R. L. Fuller, a young farmer residing near Creswell, was killed by a kick in the face by one of his horses.

Fire wiped out a number of store buildings in Salem. The total loss is estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Portland leads all stations in the country for the number of recruits for the navy obtained during the past two weeks.

Herbert Nunn, of Multnomah county, has been selected by the state highway commission as state highway engineer.

An active campaign has been started in Portland to raise \$19,000 by private donations to establish a naval base hospital unit.

Food prices for wool are assured the growers this year, according to S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association.

The first week of May will be "Oregon Clean-Up week." It was so designated in a proclamation which was issued by Governor Withycombe.

The Polk county court has appropriated \$2000 toward the expense of building nine miles of new highway from Independence to the Benton county boundary.

The county court of Curry county may refuse to call a special election on June 4, to vote on the state measures, on the ground that the bill calling the election is invalid.

For a consideration of approximately \$54,000, J. N. Scott, of Athena, has purchased 360 acres from W. R. Taylor. The land is situated one and a half miles west of Athena.

Miss Alvena Howard, senior at Pacific University, has been elected queen for the May day exercises to be held by the college students and townspeople at Forest Grove May 11.

As far as the state of Oregon is concerned, the crime of treason does not exist, regardless of war. At least there is no penalty for such crime, according to lawyers who have examined the law.

The Gagnon sawmill company of Medford has installed machinery for the manufacture of box shooks of which it plans to put out at least 300,000 this year, representing a value of \$20,000.

The Crook county Good Roads association has passed a resolution in favor of a special election for the purpose of voting on a county bond issue of \$74,000 for the construction of permanent roads.

Predictions are made by Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carleton that fully 3000 Oregon teachers will become members of the N. E. A. before it convenes in Portland in July.

At a meeting of the state water board State Engineer Lewis was directed to begin the survey of water rights on Cherry creek, tributary to John Day river, in Jefferson and Wheeler counties.

Farmers of Clackamas county are saving coyote scalps until after the raise in bounty, which goes into effect May 21. After that date the bounty will be \$3 a scalp. At present it is only \$1.50.

From investigations made by agents of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation system, this season's crop of wheat will be below normal unless more than the ordinary acreage of spring wheat is sown.

An estimate that 65 per cent of the wooden vessels to be built by the federal shipping board, the program of which calls for 1000 carriers, will be built at Pacific coast yards is made by Representative McArthur.

Athletics of every description have been discontinued at the University of Oregon. All energies of the university will be directed toward preparing students for military duty and especially toward duty as officers.

The following named have been appointed postmasters in Oregon: Mrs. Effie C. Wilson at Narrows, Harney county, in place of C. A. Haines, deceased; Nick Johnson at Norway, Coos county, vice J. H. McCloskey, resigned; Mrs. Rosa J. Endicott at Leneve, Coos county, and Leander B. Spurgeon at Sixes, Curry county. Leneve and Sixes are new offices.

PENETRATE GERMAN LINES ON WIDE FRONT

British Storm Villages in New
Offensive From Arras
to Lens.

London.—British troops penetrated the German lines all along a wide front from Arras to Lens, the war of attrition. The statement says that in the direction of Cambrai the British have stormed the villages of Hermies and Boursies and penetrated Havrincourt wood.

The fighting line from Lens to Arras is approximately 10 miles in length and lies directly north of the field of the retreat which the Germans have been conducting for the past several weeks.

London.—The British offensive between Lens and St. Quentin has proved even more successful than the earlier accounts indicated.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that captures exceeded 9000 men while 40 guns fell into the hands of his troops.

The Canadians, who had one of the hardest bits of the front to contend with, are now in complete occupation of the famous Vimy ridge, even its eastern slopes having been cleared of the Germans. The Canadians have also repulsed German counter attacks.

These reactions by the Germans indicate the importance they attach to this position, whence the conquerors look down over the plain of Douai. With Vimy ridge gone the whole German line covering the French towns and industrial districts to the north becomes a wavering one and any leisurely retreat, the Germans may have planned is made uncertain and precarious.

With the capture of the famous ridge the British made a considerable stride along the road to Douai, while the capture of the high ground north west of St. Quentin tightens the chain which the Anglo-French forces are drawing around that town.

Near St. Quentin the Germans have been driven from the high ground between Le Verguer and Hargicourt. Fighting continues along the entire battle front.

The British have seized the village of Fampoux and the neighboring defenses north and south of the Scarpe river.

BRAZIL EXPECTED TO RUPTURE RELATIONS

London.—Diplomatic relations between Brazil and Germany have been broken off, according to the Evening News.

Rio Janeiro.—Rupture of relations between Brazil and Germany was delayed solely on the formality of the reception of the official report from Paris on the sinking of the Brazilian steamer Parana by a German submarine. The break will be followed by the seizure of German ships in Brazil. The Commerce & Navigation company owners of the Parana, have received a cablegram from the captain of the steamer from Cherbourg saying that after the vessel was torpedoed she was struck five times by shells.

The company has turned the cable gram over to the government.

Dr. Lauro Muller, foreign minister, has refused to receive the German minister.

CUBA DECLARES WAR

Island Republic Decides To Support
the United States.

Havana.—The republic of Cuba has declared war with Germany.

In a joint resolution passed by the senate and approved by the house, the island republic ranged itself as ally of the United States in the war against the German government.

President Menocal signed the war bill immediately after it was transmitted to him by the house.

The wildest scenes of enthusiasm greeted passage of the measure. Not one of the leaders neglected to mention the gratitude Cuba felt toward the United States and not one of them failed to receive thunderous bursts of applause at such references.

England Stirred by Drive.

London.—The news of the successful opening of the new British offensive has stirred high hope among the people throughout the country. Whatever the enemy may have claimed as to the retreat in the Somme sector having been prearranged and strategic, it is contended that their recoil before the blow delivered in the Arras-Lens region cannot be explained away in any such manner.

Spain Declares She Is Neutral.

Madrid, via Paris.—The Official Journal publishes a decree declaring the neutrality of Spain in the war between the United States and Germany.

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BARLEY TO SOLVE STOCK FOOD PROBLEM

(By N. S. Robb, County Agent)

Barley is a crop that is deserving of more attention in the county from the man who has livestock on his farm. It is of importance as a feed on these farms because it gives a profitable yield as a grain crop for feed and supplies the much needed carbohydrates or fat and energy producing supply for the stock during the winter feeding period.

Many dairymen in Lane county felt the need seriously during the past winter for just such a feed but have not been able to procure the same on account of the previously high prices. The lack of this class of feed on their farms during the past should serve as a warning for them to grow certain acreages of barley on their farms during the coming season. Every stockman who is interested in fattening stock for the market during the coming year should also grow such a crop as barley or corn for fattening his stock profitably.

Barley is a crop that does well under local conditions. As a crop it is adapted to a wide range of soil conditions, the best yields, however, being obtained on well drained fertile soils of loamy texture.

There are many varieties of barley grown in the northwest, but the two that are most common in the county are a six-rowed spring barley resembling Oederbrucker and the other a black hull-less barley. Both varieties are good.

Any community should standardize on the variety of crop grown in the locality. The first step in this movement is to determine the variety that has given the best yields at the experiment stations for a period of years. The spring barley that has stood the test of years at the Oregon Agricultural college is the variety known as Hanneken. This is a two-rowed spring barley and surpasses all others at the station in point of yield.

There is still another type of barley that is grown in the northwestern states that is comparatively unknown in this county. This is the fall variety known as white winter barley. Where it can be grown satisfactorily as a winter crop it has produced large yields. In order to determine the value of this variety to the county here a number of demonstration plots have been placed over the county for the purpose of determining the ability of the variety to withstand winter-killing, time of maturity, and yield. This work is being carried on in cooperation with the department of

farm crops of O. A. C. by the office of the county agricultural agent. Demonstration plots have been placed over the county at Marcola, Colburg, Creswell and Cottage Grove.

As a spring barley Hanneken is superior in yield, plumpness of kernel, thinness of hull and tendency of heads to break off at harvest. It is a spring variety that should be grown in the county in the future. It is to be regretted that the seed is so scarce this year.

Good cultural practices are associated with high yield in barley the same as in any other crop. As a general rule fall plowed land makes the best seed bed for the seeding of barley in the spring. The field should be worked well in the spring previous to seeding. There is no set date for seeding the crop. However, the general rule is to seed when there is not too much danger of frost injuring the young plants.

On the bottom lands and more fertile soils barley is generally seeded at the rate of two bushels, or 90 to 95 pounds, to the acre. On poorer and lighter soils 75 to 80 pounds is a sufficient rate of seeding.

Barley is superior to oats as a nurse crop for clover. However, to obtain the best results the rate of seeding should be reduced as it permits the growth of clover to be formed somewhat.

Parties who feed barley to dairy cows speak very highly of this crop and place a great deal of emphasis on its value as a grain in the ration for dairy cows. Likewise those who have used the grain for fattening hogs are high in their praises of the crop for this purpose.

Where sentiment is so favorable toward a crop as it is here there is undoubtedly need for the production of a large acreage, and where the demand for the crop is such it will prove a profitable crop to grow either for market or feed. The greatest profit will come from the feeding of the crop on the farm as a higher market price will be received when marketed as butter fat or live stock; besides the fertility will be retained on the farm when utilized in this way. With conditions such as this prevailing in the county there is need for an increased acreage of barley over the county in the future.

Property of Peaceful Aliens Safe.
The department of state on February 8 issued the following statement: "It having been reported to him that there is anxiety in some quarters on the

part of persons residing in this country who are subjects of foreign states lost their bank deposits or other property should be seized in the event of war between the United States and a foreign nation, the president authorizes the statement that all such fears are entirely unfounded. The government of the United States will in no circumstances take advantage of a state of war to take possession of property in which international understandings and the recognized law of the land give it no just claim or title. It will scrupulously respect all private rights alike of its own citizens and of the subjects of foreign states."

GOOD ROADS RALLY HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Boosters From Over State to Meet in
Portland April 28.

The Legislative Good Roads committee has decided to hold a state-wide good roads rally in Portland Saturday, April 28. Every organization in the state interested in the road bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. The committee has taken up with the various transportation companies the matter of securing a special reduced rate for those attending the rally. Reports from Astoria and several points in eastern Oregon are to the effect that the good roads enthusiasts of those sections are planning to charter a boat or special train and come to Portland in large numbers, accompanied by bands. Similar large excursions are in prospect from other points. There is every indication that the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters that was ever held in the Pacific northwest. Definite announcement of a program and speakers will be made later.

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