

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Jitneys again have made their appearance in Portland.

James Ellison, resident of Albany for the past 40 years, died there, aged 80 years.

The Farmers' Creamery company of Carlton is installing a plant for the manufacture of cottage cheese.

The president sent to the senate the renominations of Edith B. Ward, postmaster at Stanfield, and B. C. Small, postmaster at Turner.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, was elected president of the Northwest Society of Engineers at a meeting held in Portland.

George G. Watts, a Corvallis soldier, and Private Claude D. Perrin, of Monroe, with the American expeditionary forces in France, died of pneumonia.

The Oregon penitentiary service flag has 15 stars and the 16th is soon to be added, as another prisoner has just been pardoned to fight for his country.

Two of Douglas county's pioneers died last week. T. G. Dubell, 86 years old, passed away at Riddle, and Grafton Worthington died at Myrtle Creek.

An organized effort is under way for the draining of 3500 acres of land in the southwestern corner of Marion county, known as the Ankeny bottom.

The consolidation of Oregon rural schools as a wartime measure of economy is advised strongly by the Oregon normal school department of rural education.

Oregon farmers prospered so exceedingly during the past year that they are from 25 to 100 per cent better off than they were a year ago, according to estimates.

Mandius Olsen, owner of the fine Newell farm and stock ranch at Seghers, a few miles south of Forest Grove, died at his home from the results of self-inflicted wounds made by a razor-blade.

Bend will be the convention city of the Oregon State Federation of Labor in 1919. That was decided by the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the fifteenth annual convention at Astoria.

Fifty-four men and women gave cuticle from their limbs for a skin-grafting operation designed to save the life of Harry G. Weiger, a soldier of the spruce division, at St. Vincent's hospital at Portland.

The best record of any rural mail carrier in Oregon in the sale of war savings stamps is claimed by Roy Hanville, mail carrier on route No. 2 out of Newberg. One day last week his sales amounted to between \$1200 and \$1300.

The car service committee has advised Senator Chamberlain that instructions have been sent the local car committee at Seattle to investigate and take steps to remedy the car shortage complained of by lumber mills at Baker.

The authorities at Astoria have doubled the military guards about the mills, wharves and warehouses in the city. It is thought this action was taken with a view of preventing any disloyal act by German sympathizers or agents.

Sergeant George H. Mullin, of Portland, who, according to press dispatches captured a "pill-box" single-handed, and rushed a sniper's post, destroying the garrison, on the western front, is a nephew of Mrs. J. M. Shelley, of Eugene.

The last legislature changed the law relative to Arbor day so that it will hereafter be observed on the second Friday in February in all schools west of the Cascade range and on the second Friday in April in schools east of the mountains.

Tillamook county interests are taking up with the state highway commission a proposal that a serviceable automobile road be constructed through the Grand Ronde Indian reservation to tap the extensive spruce regions of the county.

During the past week 504 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission. Of this number, four were fatal, as follows: Jack Allonius, Astoria, shipbuilder; A. E. Breedon, Portland, shipbuilder; Ankle Yocum, Sheridan, logger.

On account of war conditions, three of Forest Grove's leading churches will have only one pastor. To this end steps were taken toward organizing the three churches—Methodist, Christian and Congregational—into one federated

church during the war period.

For the purpose of developing a better system for the settlement of agricultural and logged-off lands of the state, Governor Withycombe has created a new non-salaried commission, to be known as the Oregon Land Settlement commission. The commission includes State Treasurer Kay, Salem; O. M. Clark, Portland; William Hanley, Burns; Emory Olmstead, Portland; J. D. Farrell, Portland; Whitney L. Boise, Portland, and William Polman, Baker.

Governor Withycombe has declared himself in sympathy with a movement on foot to create some sort of a board or commission to have general charge of raising donations for war needs, to avoid duplication in the work.

Consumers are taken to task by Food Administrator W. B. Ayer for failure to follow more closely the food conservation suggestions. Mr. Ayer says that the consumers can be of great assistance in carrying out the national conservation plan if they will exercise greater self denial.

A big timber deal was consummated last week, when the Clark & Wilson Lumber company, of Linnton, purchased several thousand acres of timber land in Columbia county, Oregon, at a price approximating \$800,000. The Fir Tree Lumber company and the Appledale Land company sold the properties.

Governor Withycombe will be asked to call a special state election to be held in conjunction with the primary nominating election May 17, that Oregon voters by the enactment of appropriate legislation under the initiative may provide a means by which soldiers and sailors enlisting from this state may participate in future elections in their home state.

Representative Sinnott has brought to the attention of Railroad Director McAdoo the need for federal assistance in completing the railroad from Bend to Klamath Falls. There is now a gap of 40 or 50 miles beyond Kirk. If the government is going to aid in financing new and important railroad construction, Mr. Sinnott urges that this road be aided.

The secretary of agriculture has advised Representative Hawley that no seed can be sent to Cottage Grove for the purpose of reseeding to suitable grass a large area of land west of that city and east of the Siuslaw valley, which was burned over by forest fires last fall. Residents of Cottage Grove had agreed to sow the seed if the government would furnish it.

Several county stock inspectors in various parts of the state will find their official position knocked from under them, State Veterinarian Lytle says, as the result of an opinion by Attorney-General Brown. The attorney-general holds that the old act providing for county stock inspectors is repealed by implication by later statutes providing for county veterinarians.

Attorney-General Gregory has issued general instructions for the information of German aliens who must register either with the chief of police or the postmaster between February 4 and 9, both inclusive. These instructions are designed to inform those covered in the registration that has been ordered and are expected to simplify that registration when it is made.

Attorney-General Brown has held that candidates for the Bull Moose party are not entitled to a place on the primary ballot in May. The attorney-general holds that under the law a party, to secure a place on the ballot, must have at least 20 per cent of the vote for presidential electors at the preceding election and that the Progressive party failed to secure that number.

Douglas county must pay R. M. Buttle, a traveling salesman of Des Moines, Ia., \$1300 as a result of injuries alleged to have been the result of a bad road, according to a mandate received by the Lane county circuit court from the supreme court of the state. Buttle was a passenger on a stage which upset while traveling over the road between Drain and Scottsburg April 11.

Chrome ore from Josephine county soon will be shipped east in large quantities for use of the United States government. The Golconda chrome property at Takilma, which has been lying idle for several months, will be placed in immediate operation, and concentrating machinery will be installed. It is expected that within 60 days this mine will be shipping five carloads of concentrates per week, requiring the mining of 100 tons a day.

After the federal government, through Secretary of War Baker, had rejected a suggestion of Governor Withycombe that men be sent from the cantonments at Camp Lewis to guard

the mill, warehouse and shipbuilding properties at Portland, the executive announced that he would seek the men available in the recently organized Oregon militia to serve at such pay as the state is able to give them. The governor states that in the event funds for that purpose are inadequate, rather than to call a special session of the legislature he will appeal to the emergency board.

Immediate organization of a non-partisan league in this state was decided upon at an executive meeting of between 30 and 40 members of the state federation of labor, the grange and the farmers' union at Portland. Whether the proposed organization shall be affiliated with the National Non-Partisan League or shall merely be patterned after the North Dakota league was left to a special committee consisting of C. E. Spence, master of the grange; Hector Macpherson, of the Oregon Agricultural college; E. J. Stack, secretary state federation of labor; J. A. Smith, of the farmers' union, and C. L. McKenna, of Portland.

Prof. H. A. Wheeler and family who have been visiting with Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Balderee in Dallas departed for Japan last week. Mr. Wheeler is an instructor in the American College in Tokyo.

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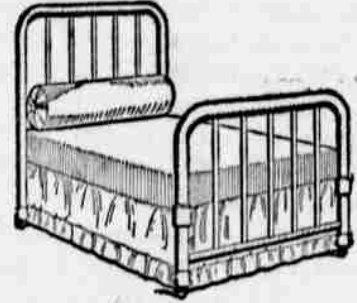
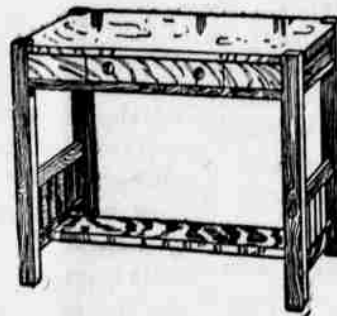
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