

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Nominat McNary Senator committee, through its chairman, T. B. Neuhausen, has filed an expense statement showing expenditures of \$9321.48 for their candidate at the recent primaries.

The best report yet received since he was taken ill came from Attorney General Brown's bedside Tuesday to the effect that a marked improvement in his condition was shown. He is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Among the speakers who addressed the people at the annual pioneers' picnic at Brownsville, beginning June 5, were Governor Withycombe, Dr. J. W. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, and Hon. Walter Pierce, of La Grande.

Soldiers will shortly be allowed permission to pass over the Interstate bridge over the Columbia river free from toll charges, in light of an opinion rendered Wednesday by Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle for the county commissioners of Multnomah county.

Whether the Oregon State Hospital, the largest of the state's eleemosynary institutions, will have a deficiency for the present biennium, will depend entirely upon the nature of the bids for the next six months' supplies, which will be opened within a short time at Salem, is the statement of Superintendent Steiner.

With the fund for special agents exhausted, Governor Withycombe will invest each member of the Military Police with such authority and provide him with a special agents' star to enforce the prohibition law. It is understood that the State Police already have been responsible for apprehending a number of bootleggers and it is the intention of the executive to use members of that body extensively in suppressing illicit liquor sales.

Umatilla county must forego the use of all white flour until the next grain crop is on the market. Grocers representing the entire county met in Pendleton Wednesday, organized and made a pledge to sell no more white flour until harvest. The only exception will be to sheepmen in remote districts who must bake in a pan; under a county food administrator's order, they can get a limited quantity of mixed flour containing 50 per cent of wheat.

The Port of Astoria commission at its meeting Wednesday closed a deal for the purchase of approximately 250 acres of land lying between the port dock and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad bridge. The tract embraces 7500 feet of water frontage, with 3500 feet along the shoreline, and was bought from A. B. Hammond for \$137,500 in port bonds, drawing 5 per cent interest. The property is to be utilized for the establishment of industrial enterprises.

The first deficiency appropriation to be asked for by a state institution will probably be in the latter part of June, when the state penitentiary will ask for about \$50,000 to carry it through the balance of the biennium. About \$12,000 now remains of the \$189,000 appropriations made by the last legislature to provide for maintenance of the prison. This \$12,000 will probably be gone by the latter part of July. The Emergency board will be asked to meet next month, so that provision may be made for having funds on hand when the maintenance appropriation is gone in August.

At a mass meeting held in McMinnville Sunday telegrams were authorized sent to Senators Chamberlain and McNary and to the Food administration as follows: "Yamhill county has pledged itself to the no-wheat program. People are willing to eat roots and grass if necessary that our soldiers may have food. But there is widespread indignation against the continued grain consumption by the breweries. One thousand citizens of McMinnville, in mass meeting, respectfully ask you to support the Randall amendment to the food bill."

The Eugene city council, in accordance with the state-wide plan decided upon at a recent meeting in Portland, Friday night passed an ordinance providing that all able-bodied men must work at some useful occupation 36 work at some useful occupation 36 hours each week, regardless of their financial circumstances. A fine of not to exceed \$100 is provided as a penalty for violations of the ordinance.

The Eugene chapter of the Red Cross has announced that it will publish the names of all persons financially able to give to the cause, who flatly refused to make subscriptions.

R. G. Woodward, of Hill City, Kan., arrived in Baker, Monday to visit his brother, M. R. Woodward, a mining man. This is the first time the brothers have met in 34 years since M. R. Woodward left Hill City to come west in 1882.

Union county's retailers and flour dealers meeting in special session, recently at La Grande, volunteered to abstain from the use of wheat, products until after the harvest. The resolution passed unanimously and the representation was extensive.

Military training will be a part of the course at the Medford high school next year. This move was decided on by the school board, when Melvin Edles, by the school board, acting as marauder, who has been acting as marauder, training instructor, and military instructor in manual training, and military training for the next school year.

Fifteen Cities in 1920 May Reach a Population In Excess of 500,000

There will certainly be ten American cities, when the 1920 census count is made, that will have a population in excess of 500,000, and there may be as many as fifteen that will pass the half-million population score, states a writer in the Baltimore American. Baltimore is going to be in the big ten, but where along in the big ten? New York, Chicago and Philadelphia will be the three largest cities in the order named. But what city will occupy fourth place? And just what place in the first ten column will Baltimore occupy? The question may seem trivial, but it is a question in which the people of at least five cities, Baltimore being included in the five, are even now taking a lively interest.

The five cities that will be in competition for fourth place are Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland. The city that is most likely to beat Baltimore in the race for fourth place is Detroit, which now has an estimated population of 825,000. Estimated populations sometimes shrink tremendously when the government count is made, and it may be so with the spurry metropolis of Michigan. St. Louis is claiming a 1918 population of 850,000, but this also is subject to possible shrinkage, as it is 163,000 greater than the 1910 score. Boston has not extended her boundary lines and is not making any claim to extraordinary population growth. The New England city does claim an increase of 100,000 over the 1910 count, however, or a present population of 767,000.

It seems to be a warranted conclusion that Baltimore must score above 800,000 to get fourth place in the column. If the Baltimore score should be around, say, 750,000, the Greater Baltimore may not be located above seventh place and may be in eighth position, or only two places from bottom. But the Baltimore count may be in a way of surprise. We don't know just how many people there are in the annex.

A FEW SMILES

A Wise Silence. "What excuse did you give the wife last night?" "I gave none." "Didn't even tell her it was business detained you?" "Heavens, man, if I'd uttered the word 'business' I'd have given myself dead away."

Inconsistent. George—"You have stolen my heart." Peggy—"That's a nice thing to say after you've been begging me for six months to accept it."

Service. "You have always considered yourself a servant of the people." "Yes," said Senator Sorghum. "But understand this, I'm not one of those servants who get independent and want to run the whole works."

If She's Mercenary. "What is the best way to lead up to a proposal?" "You might make some casual reference to the size of your income tax." "Yes?" "In a majority of cases that will put the young woman in a receptive frame of mind."

Interviewing a Lion Tamer. "What are your methods in lion taming. I would pay you well for a few lessons." "I don't mind giving you lessons, mister. But there's nothing in the business, I warn you."

A Bright Idea. Friend—"How perfectly devoted you are to your husband." Wife—"Yes, I'm trying to spoil him so that if I die and he marries again no other woman could live with him."

Speak of 100,000 Army as Sort of Corporal's Guard. The war has blunted the old meaning of figures and we speak glibly of an army of 100,000 men or more. General Pershing's offer to General Foch, as though it were only a sort of corporal's guard. Late reports hint at a larger figure than that equalling Kitchener's first army. Never before in our history have 100,000 men fought under the Stars and Stripes in any one battle. The Army of the Potomac, with which Grant and Meade fought the campaign of 1864, had an aggregate strength of less than 120,000, and only a part of them were used in any single engagement. Earlier there had been rather more than 70,000 federal troops at Gettysburg, about 65,000 at Chattanooga. Sherman started from Atlanta with some 60,000. Napoleon had 72,000 men at Waterloo and the British numbered 68,000.

Right Use of the Flag

It Should Never Be Permitted to Touch the Ground, Nor Draped as a Decoration

In these days when every household should have a flag, and should fly it upon every occasion offered, its correct use should be known to all. The following, from the National Geographic Magazine, tells the proper usage succinctly:

"While there is no federal law in force pertaining to the manner of displaying, hanging, or saluting the United States flag, or prescribing any ceremonies that should be observed, there are many regulations and usages of national force bearing on the subject.

"In raising the flag it should never be rolled up and hoisted to the top of the staff before unfurling. Instead, the fly should be free during the act of hoisting, which should be done quickly. It should be taken in slowly and with dignity. It should not be allowed to touch the ground on shore, nor should it be permitted to trail in the dust. It should not be hung where it can be contaminated or soiled easily, or draped over chairs or benches for seating purposes, and no object or emblem of any kind should be placed upon it or above it.

"A common but regrettable practice at public meetings is to drape the flag like a tablecloth over the speaker's table and then place on the flag a pitcher of ice water, flowers, books, etc.

"The flag should not be festooned over doorways or arches. Always let the flag hang straight. Do not tie it in a bow knot. Where colors are desired for decorative purposes, use red, white and blue bunting.

"The flag should not be hoisted upside down, other than as a signal of distress at sea.

"International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of any other with which it is at peace. When the flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be on separate staffs, or on separate halcyards of equal size and on the same level.

"The flag should never be raised or lowered by any mechanical appliance.

"When the national colors are passing on parade, or in review, the spectator should, if walking, halt, and if sitting arise and stand at attention and uncover.

"When flags are used in unveiling a statue or monument they should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be carried aloft to wave out, forming a distinctive feature during the remainder of the ceremony.

"Where the national flag is displayed with state or other flags, it should be given the place of honor on the right. Its use should be confined as much as possible to its display upon the staff. Where used as a banner, the union should fly to the north in streets running east and west, and to the east in streets running north and south.

"Old, faded, or worn-out flags should not be used for banners or other secondary purposes.

"When no longer fit for display, the flag should be destroyed privately, preferably by burning or other methods lacking the suggestion of irreverence or disrespect.

"A flag or an ensign at half-mast is the universal sign of mourning. Before being placed at half-mast the flag must always be raised to the top of the staff, and before it is lowered from half-mast it must likewise be hoisted to the top."

Good Irish Name Helped Mike Hogan Get a Tryout With John McGraw's Team

The bird who said there is nothing in a name had his signals gummed up.

There is quite a bit in some names, and the case of Mike Hogan of Cohoes, N. Y., proves it beyond a doubt.

Just before the Giants started for Marlin and spring training, Mike Hogan bounced into the Giants' offices and announced that he was ready to go South.

John McGraw gave him the up and down, scratched his noggin in deep



Pitcher M. B. Hogan.

thought, and utterly failed to remember of ever having heard of him.

"Why, the paper up in Cohoes said you wanted to give me a trial and so here I am," explained Hogan. "I've been pitching semipro ball up home, and I guess you've heard about me. I'm a machinist by trade."

McGraw had never dreamed of Hogan, but he liked the youngster's looks, and, most of all, he took a fancy to the name of Hogan. McGraw would like to surround himself with Doyles, McCarthys and Hogans, so he decided to give Mike a chance, and Mike went to Marlin.

So there is something in a name after all, for Hogan, who had never played professional ball, is getting his first tryout in the strongest minor league in the country, and all because his name is Hogan.

The Butter Tree.

A tree, known as the shea, or butter tree, is beginning to attract commercial attention. It supplies not only nuts, but also butter that may become an article of commercial importance, says the San Francisco Argonaut. It is already exported to Europe, where makers of artificial butter find use for it. Almost two-thirds of the nut is vegetable butter. The tree begins to bear when it is fifteen years old, and reaches its prime in twenty-five years. Chocolate manufacturers could easily utilize the product. It might also be of use in making candles and soap.

Mother's Cook Book

Wait till the laurel bursts its buds, And creeping ivy flings its graces About the Heben's rocks, and floods Of sunshine fill the shady places.

Potato Muffins. Take one cupful of mashed potato, packing the cup firmly, add a cupful of warm milk, a half a yeast cake, two eggs, a tablespoonful of lard, a tablespoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, and flour to make a stiff dough. Let rise, shape into biscuits. Let rise again, and bake 15 minutes. Set the muffins at eleven and bake at six.

Potato Stuffing. Mix two cupfuls of mashed potato one cupful of soft bread crumbs, one-third of a cupful of melted shortening, half a teaspoonful each of salt and poultry dressing, a few dashes of cayenne pepper, mix thoroughly and use as stuffing for fish or poultry.

Swiss Potato Soup. Take four large potatoes, one large white turnip, three quarts of boiling water, a quart of scalded milk, one-half an onion, four tablespoonfuls of fat, one-third of a cupful of barley flour, and a half teaspoonful of salt, and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper. Wash the potatoes and turnip, cut in small pieces and cook ten minutes, drain and add the onion cut in slices, add three cupfuls of water, cook until the vegetables are soft, press them through a sieve, return to the water; add milk, reheat and thicken with the flour and fat cooked together; add seasoning.

Potato Puree. Pour boiling water over a fourth of a pound of salt pork, scrape and rinse in cold water. To the pork add three potatoes, pared and cut in quarters, one onion, peeled and sliced, four branches of parsley, half a cupful of chopped celery, all cooked until tender in just enough water to cover. Remove the pork, press the vegetables through the sieve, adding the water. Add a quart of hot milk, a teaspoonful and a half of salt, a half teaspoonful of pepper, and when boiling stir in the egg beaten with a little cold milk. Serve at once without further cooking or the egg will curdle the mixture.

Potatoes, to be palatable boiled, should be drained as soon as they are tender, then shaken over the heat to remove all steam and make them mealy.

Nellie Maxwell

Short and Snappy.

Jealousy at best is but a chronic case of self-love.

A shady character doesn't always keep a man cool.

During the courtship love shows up in the dark.

Men of genius often make a fortune for a man of talent.

Singers who pursue the even tenor of their way never get off their bass.

Sometimes the man who is afraid to take a chance is beaten at his own game.

PUBLIC ROADS

CARING FOR COUNTRY ROADS

Heavily Loaded Wagons With Narrow Tires Are Injurious—Place Harrows on a Drag.

(By E. B. HOUSE, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.)

Excessive loads placed on wagons with narrow tires are exceptionally bad for any road. Tractors using wheels upon which are cleats, or anything that will cut through or injure the road surface should never be allowed on country roads. Disk harrows and in fact any cultivating tool should be kept off the road. If it is necessary to move them along the road, place them upon a drag, stone boat, or haul them to the field on a wagon. If dragged over the road, they will scar the road badly, break through the surface and start disintegration. No road is in such poor condition as to warrant abuse of this kind.

ITEMS OF HIGHWAY EXPENSE

Interest on Investment and Cost of Maintenance All Have Vital Bearing on Road Plans.

The following is quoted from an article by B. H. Piepmeyer, maintenance engineer, highway department, state of Illinois:

"There are three principal items of expense connected with road improvement which the engineer must impress upon the public mind before it will be possible for him to construct an economical system of roads. These factors are: The original cost of the improvement; the interest on the money invested in the improvement, and the total upkeep cost. When all of these factors are taken into consideration, it is evident that many of the cheaper types of roads, when properly maintained, will give the desired service and yet will be much more economical on account of their low first cost.

"When a type of road is selected, taking into consideration the three principles set forth above, it is very essential that provision be made for proper and efficient maintenance. If local conditions are such that maintenance may be delayed or prevented, preference should be given to a type of pavement that requires only a small amount of maintenance and which will be serviceable for a period of time even with no maintenance whatever.



Concrete Road in Suburbs of Chicago.

Neglecting proper maintenance for but one year on many types of roads is very much more serious than the amount of money involved represents. The road engineer should keep this in mind and thoroughly impress the fact upon the individuals who have a voice in the final determination of a type of road.

SOUTH IS IMPROVING ROADS

Interest Stimulated by "Drive-Aways" of Automobiles and Trucks From Northern States.

"Drive-aways" of automobiles and trucks from the manufacturing centers in the North to points south of the Mason and Dixon line has wonderfully stimulated the good roads movement in the South, writes an accessory dealer in Atlanta.

"I have traveled over considerable territory in the South of late and it is noticeable the amount of interest that has been worked up locally over road improvement by the influx of cars that from necessity had to be driven to distributors. The high price of cotton is responsible in great measure for the prosperity this section is enjoying."

WORKING FOR BETTER ROADS

Man Has Always Recognized Importance of Improved Highways for Transportation.

Ever since civilization adopted the wheel vehicle, civilized man has recognized the importance of improved roads and better vehicle transportation, and has constantly striven by individual or co-operative effort to make it easier by animal or other power to get to and from the place of production to center of consumer distribution.

NEW REVOLT PLOT IN RUSSIA FOUND

Conspiracy Extends to All Parts of Country.

MOSCOW UNDER SIEGE

Czechoslovak Troops Mutiny—Capture Railways—Message Tells of Schemes of Revolutionists.

London—The discovery in Moscow of a large counter-revolutionary plot which stretches through the whole of Russia is announced in a Russian wireless message received here today.

To this plot is attributable in part the mutiny of the Czechoslovak troops, which have captured important railway junctions and lines.

The soviet executive decided on May 15 to undertake the partial calling to arms of several classes of workmen and the poorer peasants in Petrograd and Moscow and the Kuban and Don regions.

At the same time Moscow has been declared in a state of siege. Counter-revolutionaries have been arrested in considerable numbers and energetic measures have been taken against the masses. These measures are necessary, it is announced, owing to the situation in which the Russian revolution has been placed.

The question dominating all others is that of supplying the people with bread, now that Russia has been deprived of the Ukraine granary. The Kuban and Don regions are, according to the Russian scheme, menaced by a counter-revolutionary band, which hopes by means of complications to provoke intervention by foreign powers and thus drive the Russian masses toward famine.

In most regions the large owners are mobilizing the well-to-do peasants with the object of resisting the efforts of the government to commandeer the flour depots, and are trying to conceal their stocks for purposes of future speculation and finally agents of the counter-revolution in the various cities throughout the country, says the statement, "are seeking to excite the starving masses against the soviet government."

Tokio—It is understood that the United States government is studying the feasibility of extending economic assistance to Russia. The proposal to assist the Russians in an economic way was made as a possible solution of the problems now confronting that country. Assistance from the United States would take the form of purchasing and assembling them in European Russia.

It also is proposed to purchase food in Japan for distribution in Russia.

Stockholm—Germany is so well satisfied with the progress of events in the Ukraine that she has decided to withdraw two-thirds of the German troops now in the east. The troops withdrawn will be used on the western front and they will be replaced in the east with Austrians.

Stockholm—How little power remains to Finland and how completely the Germanization of Finland has been effected, is indicated by announcement Sunday that all licenses for import into Finland must be approved by German officials. The Deutsche bank has established a branch office at Helsingfors for the control of affairs.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE EXPECTED ANY TIME

New York—The United States now has a large number of first-class battleships "preparing side by side with the best ships of the British navy for an engagement on the high seas, which is expected to occur at any time, with the German fleet," according to a statement made in an address here Sunday by Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves.

"I am going beyond the border line of secrecy," declared Admiral Gleaves, "when I say that a few days ago there came an alarm to the heads of the British navy that the German battleships were about to come out for the expected engagement on the high seas. I know that the British navy heads gave the first-class American battleships a post of honor in preparation for the attack."

Huge U. S. Force Arriving.

London—The official correspondent with the Australians in France, in a telegram received here, says that the Americans, with their enthusiasm and earnestness and their magnificent physique, have brought an impression of the mighty untapped strength behind them which has caused the French and British armies to take a fresh outlook of the situation. He says that the widespread quartering of Americans over the country behind the lines is the best indication of the multitudes in which they are arriving.