

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland will hold the rose festival this year as usual.

A chapter of the American Red Cross society has been organized at Bend.

The demand for loganberries promises to eclipse all previous records this year.

Farmers of eastern Oregon expect a good crop, although the season is delayed.

A branch of the federal reserve bank at San Francisco is to be established in Portland.

The Douglas county court has ordered a special county bond election to be held on June 4.

The Union and Wallowa Counties Fire association held its annual meeting at La Grande.

The Southern Oregon Association of Odd Fellows' lodges assembled in Grants Pass last week.

The Marion county Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held its convention at Woodburn.

The Albany commercial club and the Albany Retail Merchants' association have decided not to merge.

Quite a number of Umatilla county farmers are showing disposition to contract their 1917 wheat crop.

Approximately 4000 persons from all over Polk county witnessed a flag-raising ceremony held in Dalles.

Portland's recruiting office has provided more than 1000 recruits for the United States navy since April 1.

Boy scouts of Portland are to cooperate with the state fish and game commission in the protection of game and fish.

The ninth annual commonwealth conference will be held on the campus of the University of Oregon at Eugene May 17-19.

All but three counties of the 36 in Oregon were represented by delegates attending the state-wide good roads conference held in Portland last week.

Governor Withycombe is to be the head-liner at the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Forest Grove June 26, 27 and 28.

Stockraisers in the Oregon national forest regions report the past winter to have been a hard one, and as a result stock conditions are below normal.

The war department has notified Senator Chamberlain that authority has been granted to recruit a battalion of engineers for the Oregon national guard.

Oregon was the second state in the union in proportionate recruiting for the regular army between April 1 and 24 by contributing 59.3 per cent of her war quota.

Nine hundred pupils, representing 36 school districts of Washington county, participated in the annual county spelling contest and juvenile carnival in Hillsboro.

A meeting of ministers and laymen of Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties was held at Albany to organize for the purpose of bettering moral conditions in the army.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has decided to abandon the Lane county flax experiment for the coming year, in view of the war and the demand for food crops.

Robert N. Stanfield of Stanfield, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, is representing Oregon at the meeting of the council of national defense at Washington.

Representatives of four Chinese tongs, which have been engaged in warfare intermittently since last February, have signed a permanent peace agreement at Portland.

Samples of rock from a nitrate field said to cover 3800 acres, in Lake and Harney counties, have been brought to Bend by residents of Burns, who have located claims on the tract.

An increase in wages of 3 cents an hour, amounting to more than \$90,000 a year, was granted by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to its 1200 trainmen on all lines.

That there is not enough hay in Lane county to last the farmers until the first new hay is cut and cured was an assertion made by C. J. Hurd, a prominent farmer of Eugene.

Wilford Allen of Grants Pass was appointed on the state industrial accident commission to fill the vacancy caused by Lieutenant Colonel Carl Abrams being called to the colors.

The secretary of war has notified Senator Chamberlain that he has decided to purchase a tract of land near Holbrook as a site for the rifle range for the use of troops at Vancouver barracks.

Mobilization of all the boys in Oregon who are not experienced or educated in farm work into the United States boys' working reserve, under supervision of the federal government, was started by a proclamation of Governor Withycombe, at the request of Secretary Wilson, of the department of commerce and labor.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 2272 scales inspected during the quarter ending March 31, were correct, according to Deputy State Sealer Wortman. E. T. Allen, of the forest service at Portland, will be detained in Washington indefinitely by reason of his appointment on the lumber advisory committee named by the council of national defense.

That all growers of garden products of every kind shall band together and agree not to charge more than a certain price for their products is a plan broached at Seilo to reduce the high cost of living.

In order that students of the Albany high school may have most of the afternoon to engage in gardening, a plan is proposed to begin school each morning at 8 o'clock and close at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The date for the Astoria regatta, the big Lower Columbia river festival, has been changed from the first part of September to July 4 to 8. The intention is to make the regatta a big patriotic festival.

Whenever a lien of any kind exists on land held in the state, no loans will be made upon that land from the state school fund or the rural credits fund. This policy has been announced by the state land board.

The Klamath city council has accepted the bid of Robert E. Straborn, of Portland, for the construction of the Klamath Falls municipal railway from Klamath Falls to Dairly, 20 miles east, for the sum of \$300,000.

Drainage demonstrations which are being carried out as part of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college will be given in Coos county some time next month by Professor W. L. Powers and his associates.

Lieutenant A. Cantoni, of the Royal Italian Flying corps, is visiting the sawmills of Coos county inspecting the lumber output, a portion of which in best grades of spruce is going for the manufacture of aeroplanes for Italy.

Barring bad weather from now on until July, it is the opinion of H. E. Momyer, in charge of Crater Lake national park during the past winter, that the tourist season there will open on time this year between June 15 and July 1.

Instead of throwing down the bars to the sale of revolvers in the state, as has been the general impression, the law of the 1917 legislature makes the restriction surrounding their sale even more stringent, according to Attorney-General Brown.

While weather conditions have improved and cattle are being turned out on the range, from the Long Creek section of Grant county comes a report of heavy losses by sheepmen, hundreds of young lambs being lost as the result of cold weather.

Arrangements were perfected at Eugene for a series of meetings to stimulate interest in beagrowing to meet the national demand for food production, and it is hoped to secure the planting of 10,000 acres to beans in the neighborhood of Eugene.

It is proposed by County School Superintendent Duncan, of Yamhill county, to release all high school students from further school work this spring, providing the pupils will agree to offer their services to farmers and orchardists who are in need of help.

Attorney General Brown advises Governor Withycombe to institute mandamus proceedings against the officials of Curry county if they persist in refusing to call a special election for June 4 to give the electors an opportunity to vote on measures referred by the recent legislature.

Specifications for roadbed sections, culvert designs and grades have been forwarded by State Highway Engineer Nunn to the county courts of the state. He has also forwarded copies of survey and specifications for preparing subgrade for hard surfacing.

Out of 340 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week from April 20 to April 26, inclusive, three were fatal. The fatalities were H. L. Aumack, Mount Angel, light and power employee; L. C. Stimpson, Wheeler, sawmill employee; John Carlson, Kerr, logging employee.

Following passage by the Portland city council of an ordinance providing a fine and imprisonment for any person refusing to admit a health inspector into a warehouse where food is stored, Mayor Albee instructed health officials to start an investigation of storage food, with the idea of forcing the releasing of large quantities of stored food.

Mark Woodruff, director of the Northwest Tourist association, has been advised by the attorney-general's office that the bill of the last legislature appropriating \$45,000 for the promotion of tourist publicity throughout the northwest, in conjunction with Washington and British Columbia, is valid in its terms and that the appropriation may be used.

Secretary Daniels has assured Mayor Harley, of Astoria, that he will strongly endorse the forthcoming report of the Helm board recommending the establishment of a submarine and naval base near the mouth of the Columbia and in sending that report to congress will ask that \$200,000 be appropriated to acquire the site and prepare it for governmental use.

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HOMAGE IS PAID AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON

Mount Vernon, Va.—The flags of Great Britain, France and the United States floated proudly together Sunday over the tomb of George Washington. Beneath them, spokesmen of the three great democracies paid homage to America's soldier and statesman and pledged themselves, each to the other in the name of the dead, to prosecute the present mighty struggle against autocracy on the lines he himself had followed in bringing America into being.

Marshal Joffre, victor of the Marne, and idol of the French people, spoke two brief sentences:

"In the French army all venerate the name and memory of Washington. I respectfully salute here the great soldier and lay upon his tomb the palm we offer our soldiers who have died for their country."

As Marshal Joffre passed back among the spectators Mr. Balfour came forward with the British wreath of lilies and oak leaves tied with the colors of the three allied nations. He too, entered the tomb and placed the British token beside the French.

JOFFRE STIRS U. S. SENATE

Hero of Marne Acknowledges Ovation With Words "Vive l'Amérique."

Washington.—France's war mission, headed by Rene Viviani, Marshal Joffre and Admiral Chocheprat, spent more than half an hour Tuesday on the floor of the senate and stirred that body and galleries crowded to capacity first to vigorous applause and then to roars of cheers.

After the senators and members of the house had grasped the hands of the distinguished visitors, and M. Viviani, vice-premier and leader of the mission, had delivered an address that thrilled his hearers, the greatest outburst of enthusiasm came. It was a tribute to the hero of the Marne.

In response to rousing cries of "Joffre, Joffre, Joffre," from every corner of the chamber, the soldier responded with eight words of French and English, which all understood:

"I do not speak English. Vive l'Amérique!"

OREGON PREPARES TO TAKE WAR CENSUS.

Salem, Or.—Governor Withycombe has sent to the sheriffs of the state letters which mark the preliminary step that brings into actual operation, in Oregon, conscription plans. The governor has designated the sheriff, county clerk and county physician of each county as the official registration board. Following the lines laid down in instructions received from Secretary of War Baker the voting precinct will be the primary registration area.

Peace Not Considered by Russia.

Petrograd, via London.—Premier Lvoff, speaking on the subject of a separate peace, said Russia will not and other nations were asked not to judge the country by the remarks or opinions of isolated socialists.

China May Declare War on Germany.

Pekin.—A declaration of war against Germany by China is expected within a fortnight.

Brazil Outsts German Ex-Consuls.

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