

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Efforts will be made this season to establish flaxraising near Albany. Canyonville, a town of about 150 people, has furnished 15 recruits for the army. Practically every man in Willamette university is taking some form of military training. The Eddyville mohair pool, consisting of 23,000 pounds, was sold at 65 cents a pound. The Wasco county industrial club held its annual Farmers' picnic at Tygh valley Saturday.

According to the census estimates, Oregon has 108,100 men of military age, between 21 and 30. Election pamphlets for the special election June 4 have been mailed to 331,692 registered voters of the state. Booster day, the annual festival event of Oregon City will probably be eliminated this year on account of the war.

Plans have been completed for the annual picnic of the travelling men of the state, to be held at Cottage Grove May 25. The Lebanon high school, to aid the war victims, will forego the pleasure this year of eating ice cream at their May-day festivities.

S. A. Stanford of Roseburg and C. K. Crosno of Toledo have been appointed appraisers for the federal loan bank of Spokane.

The dates for the annual loan county picnic remain and picnic to be held at Brownsville have been set for June 20, 21 and 22.

But one fatal accident was reported to the state industrial accident commission last week, while the usual accidents numbered 342.

All interior cities of Oregon are taking part in the food-raising campaign, according to reports from Grant, Harney and Malheur counties.

A committee consisting of five members has been named to have charge of the 251 acres to be put into grass by the Salem commercial club.

Potatoes and bean crops will be exceptionally large in the Willamette valley this year. It is estimated 10,000 acres will be planted in beans.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has announced a wage increase averaging 50 cents a day for all workmen in the woods at Wenatchee and Springfield.

John Shorran Harlan, who was taken as a breeder of Angora goats 14 years ago was said to be world famous at his home near Salem. He was 81 years old.

C. E. Porter, of Baker, has been named by the public service commission as chief grain inspector under the new grain inspection act which goes into effect May 24.

A concentrated campaign to exterminate harmful rodents from the agricultural areas of eastern and central Oregon will be started by the United States biological survey.

Miss Bertha Davis, of the domestic science department of the Oregon Agricultural college, says that which seed offers a good substitute for beans and is of about the same food value.

The western Oregon conference of Seventh-Day Adventists will hold their annual conference and camp meeting in Portland again this year, beginning May 29 and continuing until June 11.

Earl Buxton, cashier of the First National bank at Forest Grove, who disappeared mysteriously March 2, this year, is in Columbus, Ohio, according to word received by his family.

Due, it is believed, to the cool, wet spring, a small brown cutworm has made its appearance in Umatilla county and is doing considerable damage to wheat, by working at the roots.

F. C. Herley, mayor of Astoria, was found guilty in police court yesterday on the public streets and fined \$40 with the option of 30 days in the city jail. The mayor said he would appeal.

Investments of all the insurance companies in the state of Oregon on December 31, 1919, amounted to \$27,958,349.87, according to a statement just issued by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells.

All the railroad companies operating in the state now have filed with the public service commission tariffs providing for a general 15 per cent increase on intrastate rates to become effective July 1.

Wasco county sheepmen have just completed lambing and from reports the increase has gone far beyond the expectations of the sheepmen. The increase will average about 83 per cent of breed ewes.

The first complete referendum petition to be filed with Secretary of State Olcott was presented by Sanderson Reed, of Portland, and, if found properly signed, will hold in abeyance the operation of the Rogue river fish bill until the November, 1918, election.

George Ferry, a noted deep sea fisherman of the Port Orford district, wants to help combat the soaring cost of living by marketing the eggs of minnow, shad and other birds which are numerous along the coast.

The strike which has been in progress at the saw mills of the C. A. Smith Lumber company at Marsfield was settled when the company and men agreed on a minimum wage of \$2.25 a day for common labor.

The Oregon Fruit company will build plants in Eugene and Salem for peeling, grading and cleaning Oregon beans in connection with the enormous crop to be grown in the state during the coming summer.

J. B. Memick, county judge of Baker county, has filed suit against 12 leading members of the local committee for \$10,000 damages, charging conspiracy with intent of slandering, defaming him and destroying his reputation.

Pyre chickens are to be distributed to boys and girls of Lane county by the Eugene chamber of commerce, as a part of a state-wide campaign to be launched by the Oregon State poultry association to increase the meat production in the state.

Lectures and demonstrations at Independence and Mouth closed the Bon Horn Pacific-Oregon Agricultural college campaign of preparation, after a trip of practically three weeks, covering most of the points along the Southern Pacific lines in western Oregon.

Both eastern and western Oregon are included in the itineraries that have been arranged for extensive speech-making tours by Oregon's three state highway commissioners—S. Benson, E. J. Adams and W. L. Thompson, for the week of May 21-25, Ireland.

The first sales that have been made of 1917 pack Columbia river salmon have been at prices about 40 per cent higher than those ruling last year, and there is every reason to believe that the total valuation of the pack will average that much over the output of 1916.

Unless the farmers are being lifted in protest against further search of the rural districts of the state for recruits for the army and navy. They say the limit has been reached and if Oregon is to have a food crop of any proportions, men must be available to help till the soil and to harvest the products.

Lane county agricultural council adopted a resolution favoring the late opening of schools throughout the county next fall in an effort to meet the labor problem, which it is anticipated, will develop in connection with the harvesting of the increased acreage of food crops now being planted.

Engineer U. S. Hanson and Frank Hablett, of Heppner, section foreman, were drowned in the turbulent waters of Willow creek, near Morgan, when the engine pulling O. W. R. & N. mixed passenger and freight train No. 25 dived through a bridge, weakened by high water following a cloudburst.

Eleven-year-old Carl Tuell, committed to the boys' training school because of robbery of beach cottages in Lincoln county, in which he had participated with the notorious convict, Jess Hall, confessed to Sheriff Bert Geer, of that county, and to employees of the state training school, that he shot and killed Hall about a month ago at their lonely camp on the beach near Seal Rock. Hall's body was discovered by his brother at the camp.

Alumni of the Oregon Agricultural college are being called into service to assist the food production campaign. Assistant State Engineer Percy Cupper, who is acting president of the association, and E. B. Lemon, its secretary, are sending out letters enlisting all of the alumni in the work that the Oregon Patriotic Service league has designated for them to do. Alumni are urged to see that all land possible, including their own, is tilled and that organizations be perfected so as to prevent duplications of effort.

Under an agreement made with representatives of the federal government that the state of Oregon, through its government, may accept the provisions of the act of congress providing for the creation of a federal and several state boards of vocational education, Governor Whitcomb has accepted the terms of that act for the state until the next session in 1919. The governor also selected the state board for Oregon. Those appointed on the state board are: L. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction; W. B. Ayer, Fairfield; E. J. Stack, Portland, secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor; Mrs. Charles Cantner, Hood River, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs; and Max G. Smith, A. McMack, Portland, president Oregon Congress of Mothers. The federal act makes an appropriation of \$750,000 for the use of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, and \$700,000 for the use of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919. The federal government will cooperate with the states in preparing teachers, supervisors and directors of agricultural subjects and home economic subjects. The allotment of funds to any one state in any year shall not be less than \$500,000.

WILLIAM MARCONI



William Marconi, the famous wireless expert, who is a member of the Italian war commission to America.

GENERAL PETAIN



General Petain, defender of Verdun, who has been appointed chief of staff of the French army.

SENATE PASSES ESPIONAGE BILL

Washington.—After nearly three weeks of debate, ranging over innumerable problems of the war, the senate, by a vote of 77 to 9, passed the administration espionage bill, pronounced one of the most drastic and all-inclusive measures in American congressional history.

A similar bill has passed the house, but virtual redrafting of many of the most important provisions is expected in the forthcoming conference.

Vigorous efforts to retain provisions for newspaper censorship and partial prohibition, together with foodstuff conservation, during the war, culminated in final votes, in which the senate voted, 48 to 34, to eliminate all the provisions for the press censorship.

On the question of prohibition and foodstuff conservation the senate, by a vote of 47 to 37, reversed its action of Saturday in accepting Senator Cummins' amendment providing that during the war manufacture of cereals, grain, sugar and syrup into intoxicating liquors should be prohibited.

INCREASE ARMY STRENGTH

New Regiment to Be Formed at Vancouver Barracks.

Washington.—Expansion strength of 200,000 men, contemplated in the administration army bill, has been authorized by President Wilson.

Organization of the new regiments will begin at once. About 65,000 of the 122,000 men to be added to the army already have been recruited.

The immediate effect of the order will be to promote nearly two-thirds of the present officers of the regular army.

In the western department the 44th infantry will be raised at Vancouver barracks, Washington, from two battalions of the existing 4th infantry, which will be ordered there. The 42d and 63d infantry will be raised at San Francisco and the 24th and 25th cavalry at Fort D. R. Russell, Wyo.

Liberty Loan to Get Aid.

Washington.—The publicity machinery of the democratic and republican national committees may be enlisted to help advertise the Liberty loan.

J. B. Foraker Dead.

Cincinnati.—Joseph Benson Foraker, ex-United States senator from Ohio, lawyer, orator, soldier and citizen, died at his home here, aged 70 years.

Canada Wheat Crop Short.

Ottawa, Ont.—A serious shortage in the winter wheat crop of Canada was revealed by a report by the census and statistics office made public.

Chicago Pit Stops May Wheat Trade.

Chicago.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago board of trade.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$2.98; Bluestem \$3.02; red Russian, \$2.96; forty-fold, \$2.99.
Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$52.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$22 per ton; alfalfa, \$23.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Eggs—Ranch—32c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 50c; valley, 50c.
Mohair—60¢ per lb.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 30¢; club, \$2.93; forty-fold, \$2.95; red Russian, \$2.91; No. 2, \$2.87; turkey red, \$3.
Barley—\$53.50 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—36c.

10,000,000 MEN ARE SUBJECT TO DRAFT

Washington.—In a statement issued by the director of the census, he estimates that there are 10,000,000 men in the United States of conscription age.

The conferees appointed by the senate and house to adjust the differences between the conscription bills passed by the respective houses submitted their formal agreement. The senate bill fixed the maximum age at 27 years, the house bill at 40 years. The compromise determined upon is 30 years.

But in order that men under 21 and over 30 might serve their country if they so desired, the conferees measure provides for the acceptance of volunteers of over 18 years and under 30 years.

The proposed law gives authority in the president to draft as many men as he deems necessary to fill up the regular army, the national guard and the conscription force of 1,000,000 men.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

French artillery continues to bombard the German lines and munitions depots along the Aisne front.

In Macedonia, British, French, Italian, Russian and Serbian troops under General Serrail have started their long-expected advance.

The German drive at the Chemin-Dances positions, where the French are well established for a further push toward the fortress of Laon, has been unsuccessful. Paris announces.

From April 9 to May 12 Germans to the number of 49,579 have been made prisoners in France by the British and French. In addition 444 heavy and field cannon, 943 machine guns and 396 trench mortars were captured.

The sixth Zeppelin to meet with destruction by British and French since the war began has been accounted for by British naval forces in the North Sea. The airship, the L-22, was destroyed and it is believed that most of its crew perished.

The news from Russia is increasingly gloomy in nature, and it becomes more and more a question whether the provisional government can weather the storm which has been precipitated by the radical socialists and visionaries. In any event there seems little likelihood of any effective military action on the part of Russia for a long time to come.

The front in northern France is witnessing an increasingly determined resistance by the Germans to any further advances by the British and French, who in their offensive have pushed to points of extreme danger for the German lines. The British, however, have held their grip on the Hindenburg line in the Bellecourt region, the German thrust completely failing.

Germany Must Have Revolution.

Berlin, via London.—The socialist leader, George Ledebour, declared in the reichstag that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation, and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany, as it had happened in Russia.

Joseph H. Choate Dies Suddenly.

New York.—Joseph H. Choate, ex-United States ambassador to Great Britain, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in this city. He was 55 years old.

Navy Strength Raised to 150,000 Men.

Washington.—The senate passed the house bill increasing the enlisted strength of the navy to 150,000 men and that of the marine corps to 20,000 men.

Italians Start Offensive.

Rome, via London.—Important successes were won by the Italians in opening their drive on the Isonzo front. Valuable positions have been won and prisoners are flowing into concentration camps.

INDUSTRIES DECLARE TAX MENACES LIFE

Interests Called on For War Taxes Assert Financial Ruin at Hand.

Washington.—Congress began the sixth week of war with the calendars of both houses still filled with legislation which the administration feels is essential to the successful conduct of the conflict with Germany.

The war time tax schedules of the \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill were attacked as threatening the life of many industries by a score of witnesses before the senate finance committee and were defended by house leaders during debate on the other side of the capital as absolutely necessary to preserve the life of the nation.

Manufacturers, jobbers and retailers in many lines touched by the new levies, including high officials of some of the country's leading industrial concerns, almost without exception condemned the house bill as unjust, discriminatory and likely to result in the suspension of many of the smaller business houses.

Most of the senate committee witnesses expressed their willingness to do their bit in paying war taxes, but declared the house provisions distinctly unfair. Those who protested included concerns interested in taxes proposed for public utilities, coffee, tea, advertising, insurance, automobiles, musical instruments, the moving picture industry, jewelry and drugs.

In the house many portions of the bill were under fire, but democratic and republican leaders in charge replied that the money must be raised and only high taxes could do it. Representative Fordney, of Michigan, ranking republican on the ways and means committee, made a speech for the measure. He said he agreed with Democratic Leader Kitchin that the bill had some faults, but that on the whole it was equitable.

HOUSE AGREES TO LET COLONEL RAISE ARMY

Washington.—The way was cleared in congress for Colonel Roosevelt, if authorization is given him by the administration, to raise a division of volunteers for service in France.

Reversing its previous action and overriding the conference committee on the army draft bill the house voted 215 to 178, to empower the president to extend authority for recruiting such a division.

Forty-five democrats and four independents were among those who voted for it, and there were 30 republican votes cast against it. Representatives McArthur and Sinnott, of Oregon; Johnson, Hadley, Miller and Dill, of Washington, and French, of Idaho, voted to allow the colonel to raise four divisions. Representative La Follette of Washington voted against the proposal.

BERLIN SILENT ON PEACE

German Imperial Chancellor Refuses to Discuss Terms.

Berlin.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, refused to discuss Germany's peace terms in the reichstag, as demanded by the conservatives and socialists, but made what is construed as friendly overtures to Russia for a separate peace.

"The interests of the country would not be served by the war aims of the central powers being made known at this time," said the chancellor. He said that for that reason the Teutonic terms would be withheld for the present.

Miliukoff and Brusloff Resign.

Petrograd, via London.—Paul N. Miliukoff, minister of foreign affairs, has resigned, leaving the cabinet altogether. General A. A. Brusloff, most notable of Russian generals and director of the Russian offensive which cleared Gallicia of the Austrians, also has resigned rather than be hampered by orders from the workmen's and soldiers' committee.

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WISE REPORT
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As concerning errors in our type last week.

Financial statement at the close of business, April 30, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Cash in hand	\$ 207.56
Cash on hand	105.81
Bills Receivable	1478.91
Accounts Receivable	937.04
Misc. (Inventory)	995.00
Outstanding Charges (Inventory)	1000.00
Permanent Improvements	14,208.00
Total	\$18,932.40

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$14,000.00
Accounts Payable	2.80
Bills Payable	2630.00
Loss and Gain for 1916-1917	2067.47
Undivided Profits balance 1915-1916	232.13
Total	\$18,932.40

Cash Receipts and Expenditures for fiscal year:

Cash on hand May 1 1916	\$ 510.41
Cash received during fiscal year	\$57,016.14
Total	\$57,529.55
Cash paid out during fiscal year	\$57,429.74
Cash on hand April 30 1917	\$105.81
Total	\$57,529.55

White River

Mrs. Bell Thompson has been visiting in the community this week.

Mrs. Lucre has gone to The Dalles again this week to continue her treatments.

J. G. Tuison and motor party arrived home Wednesday evening. They report lots of rain in Portland and we trust they have brought some home with them.

Chas. Labach, Bert Brown and H. A. Muir went to Maupin Monday to make final proof on the former's home-trad.

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