

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A bumper fruit crop all over Lane county is looked for this year.

Portland is to contribute an ambulance company for service in France.

The biggest bean acreage in the history of Polk county is being planted this year.

R. F. Shull, a young rancher living near Myrtle Point, was killed by a falling tree.

The Lincoln county fair board has set the dates for the county fair for September 18, 19 and 20.

Deposits in Portland's 25 banks and trust companies have increased \$14,000,000 since a year ago.

Eastern Oregon farmers are working every day and part of every night to get their spring planting done.

The past week has seen several mad dogs in Lakeview, and it is feared that an epidemic is about to break out.

Construction of the last wing of the receiving ward of the Oregon state hospital at Salem is well under way.

Clay Burns, an Indian boy aged 14, was found dead in the woods near Empire, with a bullet hole in the body.

The ninth annual commonwealth conference closed a three-day session at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Troop D, second squadron, Oregon national guard, sixteenth divisional cavalry, will be organized in Pendleton.

United States Senator Harry Lane, of Portland, is ill at a San Francisco hospital, and is reported to be very low.

Marion County grade and high schools held their annual festival and track and field meet in Salem Saturday.

The Oregon grand lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held its annual meeting in Eugene, beginning Monday.

A three-day convention of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Sunday School association was held at Pendleton.

Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the state gathered at Roseburg to attend the Oregon State Sunday School convention.

Charles V. Galloway was appointed tax commissioner by the state tax commission, under the law passed by the recent legislature.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Eugene District Epworth league of the Methodist church held a three-days' session at Albany.

Erastus Jones, 55 years old, committed suicide at his home in Eugene by hanging himself with a strap in the cowbarn back of his house.

"Registration day" in Oregon, under the army bill, will be declared a legal holiday, according to an announcement made by Governor Withycombe.

D. M. McEmore, a California stockman, has just shipped in 1300 head of cattle from southern California points to feed on the Klamath ranges.

The first loan to be made by the land bank of Spokane in the state of Oregon will be made to the association organized by farmers near Molalla.

Delegates from Oregon and Washington towns met in Monmouth at attend the 34th annual session of the Oregon conference of the Evangelical association.

Approximately \$302,652.32 of the appropriations of 1915-16, it is estimated by Secretary of State Olcott, remains unexpended, and will revert to the treasury.

The central Oregon track meet and field day was held at Bend Saturday, at which high school athletes from Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties competed.

More than 2000 people of Medford and Jackson county joined at Medford in the largest and most enthusiastic patriotic demonstration ever seen in southern Oregon.

The fifth annual Buyers' Week date has been set. The event marking the fifth anniversary of the merchants' convalesce will be held during the week of August 6-11 at Portland.

Midnight Sunday night all legislation passed by the recent legislature, save bills carrying an emergency clause, or referred to a vote of the electorate, became effective.

The first strawberries in Douglas county, and perhaps the first native grown in Oregon, were brought to Roseburg by J. J. Betts, who was awarded a prize of \$1 for the box.

For the purpose of stocking small farms in New York, Fred F. Thomas of Albany, N. Y., has purchased 10,000 head of yearling ewes of Dan P. Smythe, prominent Pendleton sheepman.

Orders to recruit all units of the Oregon national guard to full war strength immediately, by direction of the Secretary of War, were received by George A. White, adjutant-general of the Oregon national guard, from Brigadier-General Mann, chief of the bureau of militia affairs at Wash- ington.

Major Elliott J. Dent, United States engineers corps, at Portland, is transferred to Seattle and will be succeeded by Colonel George A. Zinn, now commanding the second regiment of engineers.

Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the state industrial welfare commission, which administers the women's minimum wage law, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe, effective June 1.

Out of 325 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week from May 11 to 17, inclusive, but one was fatal, the fatally injured workman being Joseph Gordon, a logging employe, of Gravel Ford.

E. B. MacNaughton, an architect of Portland, was named by Governor Withycombe as a member of the industrial welfare commission to succeed Father E. V. O'Hara of Portland, who has submitted his resignation.

Bids for contracts for paving the Siskiyou highway from the summit of the mountain to the California line are being advertised for. Work is to be started immediately and finished this summer if the money holds out.

One of the most important mining deals in the history of southern Oregon was closed with the giving of a bond on the 20 claims comprising the Gayblack copper mine on Greyback mountain, about 13 miles east of Selma.

With the business streets of the city gaily decorated with carnival colors and patriotic emblems, the citizens of Roseburg entertained several thousand people at the festivities attendant on the celebration of the ninth annual strawberry festival.

So great is the demand this year for canned fruits and vegetables that the Eugene Fruit Growers' association has leased the cannery at Creswell and will operate it as an auxiliary to the large plant in Eugene and the smaller one at Junction City this year.

The entire extension division of the University of Oregon has been turned over to the Red Cross and will be used by the government relief agency as organization and information center for all war activities in the state of Oregon for the duration of the war.

The food survey campaign being conducted in Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college, under the direction of the United States department of agriculture, is progressing rapidly.

The government, in an endeavor to get as much land as possible under cultivation within the Klamath and Umatilla irrigation projects, has come forward with an offer to landowners within these projects to supply water at actual cost under a three-year lease.

Special premiums will be offered in the sheep department of the state fair by the American Shropshire Registry association, the American Hampshire Sheep association, the American Oxford Down Record association and the American Cotswold Registry association.

The referendum petition directed against the Gill bill of the last legislative session was filed with Secretary of State Olcott by the Clackamas Fishermen's union. The petition contains 16,160 names. The Gill bill would close the Willamette river between Oregon City and Oswego to commercial fishing.

J. H. Bristow, probably Lane county's oldest native son and one of the first white children born in Oregon, died at his home on the farm near Eugene where he was born 68 years ago. He was a son of A. K. Bristow, who headed one of the early immigrant trains and who settled on this farm in 1848.

Every unmarried man between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, who lives in Port Orford, Curry county, the westernmost town of the United States, already has volunteered for service in either the army or the navy branch. The volunteers from the little town of 250 people number one-third of the adult male population.

Contracts have been virtually closed by the United States shipping board for the construction of 12 wooden cargo steamers in Oregon yards at a cost of approximately \$6,000,000. Six will be built by the Peninsula Shipbuilding company, of Portland; four by the Coast Shipbuilding company, of Portland, and two by the C. A. Smith Lumber company, of North Bend.

William Rigallo, aged 37 years, convict at Salem, serving time for larceny in Yamhill county, and now in the county jail at Hillsboro for investigation of another case, made a voluntary confession, claiming that he killed William Booth near Willamina, October 8, 1915. Mrs. Booth, wife of the murdered man, and William Branson are now serving time in the state prison for the Booth murder.

Three members of the state land board, created by chapter 397, laws of 1917, have been appointed by the governor, as follows: Benton Bowers, Ashland, recommended by the taxpayers league; B. G. Leedy, Corvallis, recommended by the State grange; John Shimaneck, Crabtree, recommended by the Farmers union. The warden of the state penitentiary is an ex officio member of the board and these four will select the fifth member.

RUSSIA IS AGAINST A SEPARATE PEACE

Reorganized Provisional Government Declared United in Policy.

Petrograd, via London.—The reorganized provisional government declared that it was united in the rejection of a separate peace and that it adopts as its aim the re-establishment of a general peace which will not tend either to domination over other nations or to the seizure of their natural possessions—a peace without annexations or indemnities.

Particular significance may be attached to the announcement rejecting a separate peace with Germany, because the three ministers who control Russia's part in the war—all socialists—agreed upon such a pronouncement.

Prince Lvoff, the prime minister, after declaring that the nation had been brought to the edge of an abyss, said:

"The government considers that it is its duty to proclaim clearly and definitely its desire for the conclusion of a speedy peace; but, in speaking of peace without annexation or indemnities, the government declares it is not a question of passive defense. Free Russia will not consent to leave under the yoke of German militarism territories which were abandoned owing to the criminal negligence of the old regime.

"Neither can Russia remain indifferent to the fate of Belgium, Serbia and Roumania, nor forget its duties toward them. Russia cannot hand down to future generations a dishonored reputation.

"The existing armistice at the front, which gave the German chancellor a pretext to formulate his idea of a separate peace, dishonorable to Russia, must cease. The country must speak its imperious word and send its army out to fight."

Irish Frame Constitution.

London.—It was announced by Premier Lloyd George in the house of commons that the government proposed to summon immediately a convention of representative Irishmen in Ireland to submit to the British parliament a constitution for the future government of Ireland.

Uncle Sam Has No Seed.

Washington.—No seed for free distribution nor for sale is at the disposal of the United States department of agriculture.

Wapinitia Items

(to list for last week)

Several fine showers fell here the past week which is of great benefit to the crops.

Mrs. Fenton who has been with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Rice, left here Wednesday for Bend.

Jamie Abbott who has been quite sick at Portland returned to his home here Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. Heisler of Dufur and Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Tygh visited at the J. M. Powell home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barzee attended the ball game at Grass Valley Sunday, arriving home early Monday morning. They went in their car and had seven punctures and blowouts, and had to leave their car at Maupin. James Harman brought them home.

Robert Tapp returned to his school at Dufur Sunday after assisting his father the last two weeks with farm work.

Mr. French of The Dalles was demonstrating the Hudson car on the Flat last week.

J. P. Abbott made a business trip to The Dalles last week.

Lu Kelly and Mr. Shattuck of Maupin were in our community Monday working in the interest of the new Warehouse.

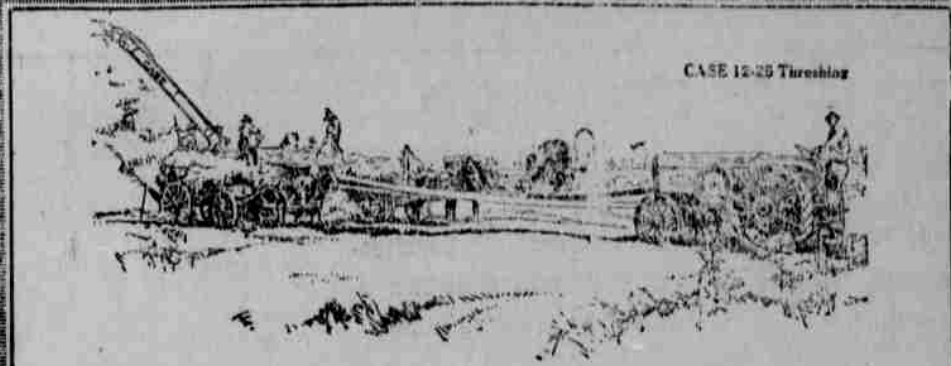
Four more of the boys left here Monday morning to enlist in the army; they are Arthur Rice, Chester Crabtree, Lu and Delbert McCoy.

Mrs. Selts Miller of Criterion was visiting at the home of her father Newton Crabtree the first of the week.

We understand that Wapinitia has to have a garage in the near future.

Quite a number from here attended the picnic at Tygh Saturday. All were well pleased.

Erma Smith left here Sunday



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and is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henneghan.	Friday of this week.	Crystal Pratt of Wamic was calling on friends here Saturday evening.
Mrs. Hedia entertained her Sunday school class at her home last Thursday evening. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent around a huge bonfire playing games, all report a splendid time.	Mrs. E. Hartman was visiting her son Lincoln in The Dalles the last of the week.	Leonard Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Welch and Mr. Livingston, of the Portland company were all out from The Dalles last week delivering and demonstrating cars in this section.
O. L. Paquet completed assessing Monday.	Several weeks ago Joe O'Brien found a dead snake in his sheep shed. Not much was thought of it at the time as its head was full of porcupine quills, and it was thought that it had died from the effects of them, but some time ago two of his sheep showed signs of being mad and they were immediately killed, and one head was sent to Portland, but the disease had not developed sufficiently to find the germs. In a few days another one of the sheep showed a sign of being mad and Mr. O'Brien tied it up. It lived six days, when it died the head was sent to Portland and the discovery made that it had died with rabies. The rest of his sheep are alright and it is believed no other cases will develop as it has been some time since this happened.	Pearl Eyck was a visitor to The Dalles the last of the week.
A hard freeze was experienced here Tuesday night, injuring some of the early gardens; cannot tell yet whether the fruit is hurt or not.	Captain Murphy of The Dalles spoke to the school here Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by F. S. Gunning of The Dalles and several other gentlemen. Captain Murphy is working in the interest of Y. M. C. A. A committee consisting of M. H. Staines, Mrs. D. Woodside and L. B. Kelly was chosen to canvas the community to secure funds to help in this great work among our soldier boys. The last report \$180 had been raised.	D. Wright left here last week for British Columbia to purchase mules for the government.
School closed here Friday.	Lester McCook returned Friday from a week's stay in Portland.	Mr. and Mrs. Olsen made a trip to Criterion Sunday to visit Mrs. Olsen's sister, Mrs. Walter Driver. Their son Ivan remained for a two weeks' visit there.
Mr. Harrington, Farmer Smith and A. R. Chase visited our school here Friday and spoke to the pupils urging them to plant gardens and corn. Free seeds were distributed to all who would plant them.	Chester Crabtree visited relatives at Criterion last week.	Joe Graham is in Portland for a month's stay.
The eighth grade examinations	John Ward and Mack Hollman returned the last of the week from an extended fishing trip to Crooked River and Metolus. They report some very good catches.	Mrs. Bessie Aubrey of Criterion visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Belle Delco. Ralph and Louis Delco accompanied her home.
		Dr. and Mrs. Irvine went out to the Warm Springs last week. Doc is reported improving. Mrs. Irvine returned home.
		Mrs. Albert Hammer took her little son Alvin to The Dalles last week and had his tonsils removed.
		Mrs. I. Woodside entertained J. T. Harv of the Oregon Trunk R. R. fully and D. M. Shattuck of Maupin for dinner Monday.
		Mia Celia Flinn is employed at the home of Mrs. Haggy.
		Mrs. Ines Hartman left the middle of the week for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Wn.