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### OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Speaker district of Douglas county has sent every ton of military age into the army.

The Oregon State Editorial association will convene in Pendleton on July 13, 14, and 15.

The Oregon State Chiropractic association will hold its tenth annual convention at Portland on July 5, 6, 7.

The annual meeting of the patrolmen of the Douglas County Fire Patrol association was held at Roseburg.

Dave Cottrell was shot and almost instantly killed by Lane Wyland, son of the Meadows district, Jackson county.

Roy McCrary, 9-year-old son of James McCrary, of Albany, was accidentally shot and killed by Curtis Odenberg.

Baker County's total output of wool, about 800,000 pounds, for this year has practically all been sold, according to the growers.

At the Cherry day celebration at Freewater a large crowd was in attendance from all parts of Umatilla county and Walla Walla.

Several crews of men employed on Marion county roads have indicated their intention of going on strike unless the county raises their wages.

The annual convention of the Retail druggists of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho was held in Portland. More than 125 professional men attended.

W. T. Cobb, 61, pioneer rancher of the Baker district, drowned near his home at New Bridge while attempting to cross Knie creek on horseback.

Robert Banks, of the firm of Kruse & Banks, shipbuilders of Coos Bay, announces the firm has been awarded six vessels by the government shipbuilding board.

Eight wooden steamers, representing a combined netted price of about \$4,500,000, will be built at Portland by Supple & Hallie for the United States shipping board.

More than 1000 Grand Army men, members of the Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were attendees at the annual reunion at Forest Grove.

Two hundred and fifty Oregon physicians are needed at once for the medical reserve corps, as the state's quota of the 20,000 doctors who will be assigned to the new army.

The formal opening of the Tillamook highway and dedicating the new roadway just completed at the pass in the mountains, known as the Sour-Graze cut-off, was held Saturday.

Wong Wen Tzeung, Hop Sing tung gunman and slayer of Joseph Que, Chinese fish merchant, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Gates at Portland.

Canneries operated by the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association in Eugene, Junction City and Creswell began this season's run this week, with prospects for continuous operation until late fall.

Announcement has been made by the division of naval militia affairs, Washington D. C., that the Oregon naval militia will be mobilized at Seattle for intensive training about August 1.

State Labor Commissioner Hall has started to assemble data on a statewide census of crop possibilities, with the end in view of assisting in harvesting the crops when the harvest season comes.

The biggest west deal ever made in Silverton was consummated when Earl Wood and Frank Decker disposed of their lot comprising 4300 acres at 2 1/2 cents a pound to William Brown & Co., Inc.

Pendleton will put on the market immediately the 170,000 pounds of wool bales (two) four ropes and wool

their sale will commence the construction of a septic tank to take care of all the city sewage.

Traveling auditors of the Industrial accident commission cannot count under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, the commission was advised, because the commission cannot contract with itself.

A record-breaking sale of registered Jersey cattle was held at the farm of McArthur & Stumpf, one mile east of Rockwell, when 32 head of cows, heifers, and young bulls sold for an average price of \$240.47, or a total of \$7735.

State Forester Elliott reports that so far this year conditions have been good as far as forest fire danger has been concerned, although a few fires have been reported from logging camps. These fires were small, however, and did not do much damage.

Secretary Orent has sent out notices to all of the banks in the state calling their attention to the new law which requires banks to deposit checks in the state. Under the new law, checks deposited do not escheat to the state until after the expiration of 12 months.

The coming session of the Willamette valley chautauqua, which opens July 10 at Gladstone park, will mark the passing of one of Oregon's famous landmarks. The old auditorium, erected 24 years ago, is to be abandoned, and the big program is to be held in a new \$2000 edifice.

Miss Helen Metzger, age 18, died at Portland from injuries received when an electric train hit an auto she was driving to drive near Gresham.

Miss Metzger was the third of the occupants of the machine to die. S. E. Lindsey, her grandfather, having been killed instantly and his wife having died two hours later.

In view of the fact that nearly 6400 Oregon men have voluntarily entered the national guard and the regular army, Oregon will feel the effect of the selective draft but lightly. It is probable on the basis of present estimates that not more than 2000 Oregon men of military age out of the 62,000 who registered will be drafted.

Damages running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars was caused when the reservoir of the Klamath irrigation company, near Haines, went out and the released waters rushed in a wild torrent through the village of Rock Creek, destroying it and devastating thousands of acres of farming territory in the adjacent valley.

Purchase of the first installment of a consignment of fir lumber to build 20 wooden ships, obtained by the Emergency fleet corporation, obtained at \$20 a thousand, was announced by Chairman Demman, of the shipping board. The lumber was bought from the Coos Bay Lumber company of Oregon and the contract calls for delivery at seaboard.

The old military highway, between Eugene and Klamath Falls, now officially designated as the Willamette road because it follows the river of that name for a great part of the distance, will be opened for the first time to automobile travel the latter part of August according to an announcement made by Clyde R. Seitz, supervisor of the Cascade national forest.

A contract for 10 miles of hard surface pavement, the first to be let under the road bonding measure, approved at the June election, was awarded by the state highway commission and the Umatilla county court to the Warren Construction company for \$118,120.42. The section of the road to be surfaced is the first 10 miles between Pendleton and the White Hills.

As a result of the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the 15 per cent freight rate increase cases, Chairman Frank J. Miller of the Oregon Public Service commission expects the railroads in Oregon, which have asked for a 15 per cent increase on all interstate freight rates to abandon their general applications and endeavor to get increases in the rates on certain classes and commodities, which might be able to stand higher rates.

Nine fatal accidents, out of a total of 43, were reported to the state in

quarries accident commission this week. The fatal accidents were as follows: John Lantz, Astoria, sawmill; Fay B. Barnes, Gaston, sawmill; Fritz Miller, Powers, logging; Charles Ripley, Sheridan, sawmill; Marion L. Slinnett, Bend, logging; Carl Carlson, Furwood, logging; Indian George, Hood River, railroad trespasser; E. Correll, Pendleton, railroad trespasser; Charles Walker, Coquille, railroad trespasser.

On their return from an inspection of the Fayette-Oregon slope irrigation project on the Snake river, Attorney General Brown and Superintendent of Banks Sargent were enthusiastic about the project. They went as members of the state bonding board to investigate the land relative to the certification of \$250,000 worth of bonds the district proposes to issue. Findings will not be drawn up for a few days, but the board, it is understood, will endorse the proposed issue. The project includes 54,000 acres, all watered by pumping, the pumping power being electricity generated from the water of the Snake river.

The culmination of Oregon's largest timber land deal of recent years, growing out of the option on the \$1,000,000 holdings of the Dubois Lumber company, granted to David C. Keeles, head of the Oregon American Lumber company, on January 24, awaits only the return of John Dubois, head of the selling company, from the east. Official notice that the option, which expired July 1, was to be concluded by purchase was given by Charles T. Early, of Portland, manager of the Keeles timber interests in Oregon, to J. K. Gamble, secretary of the Dubois Lumber company.

Attorney General George M. Brown, State Engineer John H. Lewis and Superintendent of Banks S. G. Sargent, the commission created by the irrigation securities law of the 1917 legislature, have just returned from a trip of inspection preparatory to putting the securities statute into effect for the first time. The irrigation securities act provides for the formation of relative districts by agreement and sale of the property owners within any designated and agreed boundaries. It also provides that districts may lease bonds, the same as school district districts, to bring water to the land.

### RAILROADS LOSE IN RATE DECISION

Washington.—The interstate commerce commission has denied the plea of the railroads of the United States for a national increase of 15 per cent in freight rates.

In its decision the commission indicated its willingness to increase rates in the eastern district approximately 11 per cent. Since about one-fourth of the freight handled is moved under class rates, the decision virtually allows the eastern lines about a 4 per cent increase in gross freight revenue. Increases sought in rates on coal, coke and iron ore will be granted.

The commission found, as a result of extended hearings, that the carriers generally show a substantial and increasing financial prosperity, and that they have ample resources with which to conduct transportation.

The opinion intimated that a rehearing would be of no value at this time, but said that relief will be granted within the next few months if the carriers meet adverse conditions.

The commission finds that the gloomy forecasts of jeopardized income, such by railroad officials early in 1917, have not been borne out by the figures available for later months. The proceedings were brought in March, when the returns from February were just being made. February was one of the worst months in railroad history. The subsequent months have shown increasing revenues, while expenses have in many cases failed to mount to the extent the carriers' officials feared.

### ALBERT GLEAVES



Admiral Gleaves in command of the warships which conveyed the American troops across the Atlantic.

### WILLIAM L. SIBERT



Major-General Sibert, who is in a five command of the first American troops to land in France.

### FOOD BILL MAY NOT PASS FOR TWO WEEKS

Washington.—A schedule of summer legislative programs under prohibition and revenue for the measure, said conference committee in its report, which began the month ago.

With business expected to continue and the food bill, which has been passed, senate leaders hope to see rapid progress on the food bill with its provision prohibiting manufacture of distilled spirits to send it to conference by the end of the week.

With the house recess until July 7, even should the senate dispose of the bill this week, a conference agreement and final conference printing will not come until near the middle of the month.

Intervention of President Wilson checked the bone-dry national prohibition movement in conference. Announcement of prohibition legislation in distilled beverages without interference with the manufacture of beer and wines, it is generally agreed, will result.

### DRY LAW NOW EFFECTIVE

Wash. Amendment Prohibiting Sale of Liquor is in Force.

Washington.—Twenty-three states became "bone dry" at midnight today, the hour at which the amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor into any territory where manufacture or sale is prohibited is now effective. These states are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Those partly affected are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio and Texas.

The law bars from prohibition areas, whether states or smaller corporations, all mail matter, including advertisements or solicitations for orders of intoxicants, in order to suppress the activities of mail order houses.

### Relations Cut By Greek Government

Athens.—The Greek government has broken diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Though war has not yet been declared, the Greek government considers that a state of war exists.

### PRESIDENT ISSUES ARMY DRAFT RULE

Washington.—Regulation No. 25, the next step toward selecting national war army from the 100,000 registered for service on June 5, was issued at the direction of President Wilson.

Upon organizing the local boards, which will take over from the registrars, they will number serially and list to posting to public view. They are having been advised of the method by which the order of liability to service shall be determined and the spots to be drawn from the lottery, each board will prepare a list of persons designated for service. The order of their liability, put to that list, will be the basis and within three days send notices to each designated person by mail.

As the men so notified appear, the boards first will make a physical examination in accordance with special regulations to be provided, leaving behind that all persons accepted by them will be reexamined by the surgeon.

Claims for exemption because dependents may be made by the applicant, his wife or other person, or by a third party who has previously investigated the case.

### EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

With irresistible force, Russian forces are closing in on the western bank of the Dnieper and are expected in extending northward. They made in the Ukraine last the previous day German army headquarters has announced.

The Russians also made night attacks on both sides of the Dnieper, and Berlin reports the results between Zoria Lepa and the Caucasus. The soldiers arm of the Russian forces has been active and from the Berlin report it is learned that an intense duel has been in progress from the region of Bessarabia to as far northward as the middle Dnieper, and in Volynia, a distance of about 175 miles.

The French armored cruiser Kiber, 1670 tons, has been sunk off Point St. Mathieu while on her way from Dakar, Africa, to Brest. She was destroyed by a mine, with the loss of 33 men.

### THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club 12 1/2; Western 12.25; red Russian 12.10; forty 10.00, 12.15.

Barley—No. 1 1.00, 1.15 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$10 per ton, alfalfa \$18.

Butter—Creamery, 35c.

Eggs—Eastern, 31c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 61c; valley, 71c.

Mohair—65c per lb.

### Local Interest

G. W. Mallatt ran in the fat man's race yesterday and strained one leg quite painfully.

Bert Nusker was thrown from a race horse yesterday and received several minor injuries.

The rain is in trouble again and the towns are suffering for want of water.

Holly Mead returned with her grandparents last evening after a pleasant week with them.

Arthur Philmies has taken over the Oregonian route from the Canfield boys.

Mrs. Gilbert is assisting Mrs. Kellogg in the postoffice.

Mr. Powell and children who have been camping by the spring went to Tygh Sunday.

Frank Creeger is driving a new Studebaker car purchased a short time ago.

### Don't blame your clock—it needs cleaning. Emmons will do it for you and guarantee it.

### TO DRAFT MEN AT CAPITAL

Conscription Rules Designate Washington as Place.

Washington.—Drafting of 625,000 men for the national army will be conducted entirely in Washington, according to the conscription regulations approved by the president.

In the United States there are approximately 4,000 registration districts. In each there is a separate series of registration numbers, beginning with number one.

When the drawing begins, probably early in July, a board in Washington will select a number through the jury wheel or other lottery system.

The number will be telegraphed to each registration district and all the men on the registration lists who have that number will be called.

It will be on to each man individually to ascertain whether he is selected. He will not be required to report until a general summons is issued for all drafted men to come forward for examination.

### French Troops Are Again in Athens

London.—A dispatch to the Times from Athens says French troops have entered Athens and occupied several points in the city. A Reuters dispatch from Athens says there was a demonstration in the city on Sunday night and that the allied troops ordered the city to assist in maintenance of order.

Streeter Dies in Niagara Rapids.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Nine persons are known to be dead, two persons known to have been on the car have not been seen since the accident and probably are dead, as no definite number of bodies estimated at 1000 tons, were reported missing and more than a score are in Niagara, suffering from injuries, when a last time one of the Great Gorge rafts left the falls placed down a 2000-ton stone and turned over in 10 feet of water on the edge of the whirlpool rapids.

### Battleship 1436 Is Launched

Camden, N. J.—A 10,000-ton battleship machine for the navy took the water from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company when the super-dreadnought battleship ship to the Pennsylvania, flagship of the Atlantic fleet, was successfully launched.