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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1917.

Every effort is being made to make farming conditions easy for the farmer by both the state and national government. This is right and proper.

## POLITICS OUR GREATEST CRIMINAL

That is the saying of Edgar W. Howe, of Potato Hill Farm, Atchison, Kas., a successful man of mature age who thinks clearly.

The progress and development of Oregon has been blocked too much by men who put politics first and still threaten this state.

They now are trying to defeat the good roads measures enacted and submitted to the people June 4, at the special election.

Most of these opponents of good roads, railroads, utilities and business in general bigger than a peanut stand are politicians.

They have no constructive mental equipment.

They would not build a mile of highway, or put a dollar into anything like an industry but prefer to make the big noises.

They pretend to want to protect the people but are really active in public affairs to loot the taxpayer and get more political power.

If Oregon wants to drive investments and wideawake people away from this state let the people vote down the good roads propositions June 4.

This would hold the development of the state down to a minimum, to hold down the values of property and the profits of business to the low level of inactive mossbackism.

## PUT THE BRAKES ON THE NEUTRALS.

The neutral countries on the north of Germany, says an eastern exchange, must sooner or later show their hands to the United States. They cannot expect this nation to keep feeding them if they in turn ship that food into Germany. Washington will have to issue its orders soon.

Norway which has its merchant vessels built in the United States, is reported to be devoting its own shippards to the building of submarines which it turns over to Germany. And these submarines in turn shoot down American shipping. Sweden is pro-German and the kaiser can have anything asks, even to food that America has sent to the Swedes. Holland has closed her ports to American ships since carrying arms in self-defense, but Holland is consistent and is endeavoring to placate Germany. Rotterdam is pro-German and Amsterdam is pro-entente.

There is no longer any doubt that these neutrals which have been ordering goods from the United States have been shipping them over the border into Germany. That was not our affair prior to the declaration of war, but it now

affects us and it is our duty to see that none of these neutrals get help from the United States. We cannot furnish goods and help to any country that is playing right into the hands to our enemies. If the neutrals are so fond of Germany and Germany's ways of doing things, let them look to Germany for their food and supplies.

The way to safeguard our food-stuffs is to put an embargo on exports to the neutrals that are feeding Germany. That is plain common sense and it will be found absolutely necessary in the future if the United States government is not already convinced of its desirability.

## GOOD ROADS POINTERS

“Better Roads Will Build Your Business Bigger” is the catchy good roads slogan coined by C. W. Walls, merchant and enthusiastic good roads booster of Fossil, Wheeler County.

Alternate stretches of improved roads and mud holes do not get the farmer or automobile owner anywhere. They need a continuous highway just as a locomotive needs a continuous track. Systems of hard-surfaced highways are the efficient and economical plan.

Vote 314 X YES and get some permanent improved roads in Oregon.

In connection with the road bond discussion it is noted that the state highway commission at its last meeting instructed its engineer to collect data relative to the cost of paving plants with a view of being independent of paving contractors. It is also noted that the commission has practically decided to lay a section of cement concrete on the road near Sheridan.

Are you aware that in the past ten years approximately \$40,000,000 has been spent in the state of Oregon on roads, principally patch work, a load of gravel here and one there? In view of this expenditure what about a bond issue of \$6,000,000 for permanent roads? Some people will not believe these figures, but secure them for yourselves. The figures can be secured from different state and county officials.—Brownsville Times.

To bring about an expediency of the good road condition for use in the time of the nation's need it seems best to accept the proposed bond issue, because of the conflicting political interests that seem to have been able to be foisted upon the unwitting, yet honest voters of Oregon through the initiative. The six per cent tax limitation forbids Oregon ever getting adequate and passable roads in the next two centuries, unless the issue is taken up from another angle.—Burns News.

The time has come for Oregon to make a start in the direction of permanent state highway construction. Washington, north of us, will spend \$6,500,000 in the next two years; it is proposed that Oregon spend \$6,000,000 in five years; California, south of us, has authorized \$15,000,000 to be spent in the next two years and about as much more will be spent by the counties of California. Indications are that conservative people are awakening to the need of getting away from the mud and dust and expense of poorly built and maintained means of communication.—Moro Observer.

Under the tax limitation law there can be only a 6 per cent increase in taxes annually. As that increase will probably be made by the tax levying bodies whether any extensive road building is done or not, the voters should certainly decide in favor of good roads. There need be no fear of additional state bond issues, either, unless the people of the state want them as such bonds can only be issued after the matter has been approved by popular vote. The present tax rate, with the annual 6 per cent increase, will provide the state with an excellent system of roads in a few years. Since the taxes must be paid anyway, let's have good roads.—Roseburg Review.

“Considering the condition of the roads the past few days,” says the Burns Tribune, “it is not likely that the people of Harney County will vote against the \$6,000,000 bond issue or any other measure that has for its purpose the building of permanent highways which would be passable the entire year. In this country where the ground is practically level permanent highways could be built at a nominal cost. Under the present laws of the state there is no reason why the roads should be in an impassable condition. If this county is to progress and develop it must have roads over which teams and autos may pass not only certain portions of the year but all times.”

# STATE NEWS NOTES

## Brief Items of Interest from Various Towns in Oregon.

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 Embire, 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, 56 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. McLemore, a California stockman, has just shipped in 1200 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 \$302,085.32 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' conclave 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 Washington.

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 Greyback 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 Crogwell 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 50, 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 Rigin, 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.

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