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THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO THE POPE.

If and when President Wilson replies to Pope Benedict's peace proposal, says an eastern exchange, he probably will write a personal letter to him. It will be an unofficial letter from a citizen of the United States to another private person.

The president will write to Pope Benedict as if he were writing to the Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, a Methodist bishop, a moderator of a Presbyterian assembly or a distinguished clergyman in any foreign country.

The pope does not communicate with the United States government through the secretary of state or any other diplomatic channel—because the vatican is not recognized by the United States government as a sovereign power.

To the American government, the pope is the spiritual leader of millions of Christians. We maintain no diplomatic representative at the vatican and the papal legate in the United States is not a member of the diplomatic corps.

It is only with Austria that the vatican today maintains full diplomatic relations.

When the pope speaks through the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Gasparri, the communication at Vienna is treated exactly as the communication from a sovereign power.

When the pope speaks at the head of the church in his encyclicals addressed to the church or to mankind in general he is speaking in another capacity—as the spiritual father of his church and an adherent and expounder of the teachings of Christ.

Austria and the Hapsburg dynasty maintain today the same relations which existed when the pope and the emperor of Germanic "Holy Roman Empire," founded by Charlemagne, were in theory the joint rulers of Christendom. The Hapsburgs once swayed that scepter with the consent and blessings of the pope, and in theory the relations have never been changed.

Other nations maintain modified diplomatic relations with the pope.

Both Germany and Great Britain transacts business with the vatican through diplomatic agents. Both these empires have many millions of subjects who owe spiritual allegiance to the holy father.

Spain and some of the South American republics also maintain diplomatic relations with the vatican, although the extent of their relations has been increasingly limited in recent years.

France, Italy and Portugal, although the vast bulk of their people are spiritual children of the pope, do not maintain any diplomatic relations with the vatican and do not recognize any sovereign power as residing in the pope.

Under the czars, Russia recognized the pope in a diplomatic way, for the transaction of temporal business, although the czar himself was a rival religious potentate and the spiritual head of that branch of the Christian church which practices the eastern or Greek rites, as distinguished from the Roman.

To the czar the pope was only the bishop of Rome in a religious sense, but to the czar's Polish subjects the pope was the head of the church.

The Russian republic has, of course, dissolved all these complicated relations.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, will until 10 o'clock, a. m., on September 14, 1917, receive sealed proposals for constructing a concrete viaduct over Beaver Creek in the town of Beaver, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk of Tillamook County. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash or bidder's bond made payable to Erwin Harrison, County Clerk, equal in amount to 5 per cent of the total amount of bid. All proposals must be made on the form furnished by the County Clerk.

The County Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Erwin Harrison,

County Clerk.

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STATE NEWS NOTES

Brief Items of Interest from Various Towns in Oregon.

N. Y. E. Scott, of Philomath, was accidentally killed while deer hunting on Mary's creek.

Hotels and private homes in Bend are finding it almost impossible to secure female help.

The state board of conciliation recently appointed by the governor held its first meeting at Portland.

The Southern Pacific company reported to the public service commission a net car shortage in the state of 989.

The state Endeavor union will hold its third annual institute at Wichita, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cranberry raisers of Marshfield report a probable average crop this year, although the berries will be small.

Fires near the headwaters of Lake creek, in western Lane, have destroyed more than 1,000,000 feet of green timber.

Women in wartime work are becoming common on Coos bay and there are many filling places formerly held by men.

With orders to shoot to kill, federal troops have been dispatched to every section of western Oregon to guard the timber belt.

The Oregon Normal school at Monmouth will be opened on September 24 instead of September 10, as previously announced.

The Everfresh plant, at Sutherlin, is installing two huge vats holding 20,000 gallons each, for the manufacture of cider vinegar.

While kindling a fire at her home near Hillsboro, Mrs. J. B. McNew, 68, was so severely burned that she died within a few minutes.

Reports received from Douglas county indicate that most of the forest fires which have been raging for the past few weeks are now under control.

S. H. Kulik and Alex Aushiki, employees at the Big Creek Logging company's camp at Knappa, were burned to death while trying to escape from a forest fire.

The annual Hood River apple packing school, held under the auspices of the Apple Growers' association, will begin September 17 and continue for five days.

The snows that covered the earth during the most of last winter and the extremely low temperatures prevailing decimated grouse in the Hood River valley.

The Suttles lake irrigation district, in Jefferson county, is preparing to apply to the state securities commission to certify a proposed bond issue for the district.

Polk county's prune crop, which had promised to be one of the best in several years, now appears to be afflicted with a mysterious disease which is causing the fruit to drop seriously.

The desert land board has petitioned the secretary of the interior to extend the time for the completion of what is known as the Paisley Carey act project, in Lake county, for five years from September 11, 1917.

Willamette valley loganberry crop is very short this year. Sutherlin reports the local juice factory handling only 90,000 pounds of berries this season against 250,000 pounds in 1916. Lack of rain is given as the reason for the shortage.

George W. France, postmaster at Ten Mile, Douglas county, was indicted by the federal grand jury under the federal espionage act, recently enacted, on the specific charge of attempting to influence young men not to enlist in the army or navy.

Several California operators in oil have men in Coos county, securing leases on lands situated about Coos bay and one company of Los Angeles promoters is signing contracts to start drilling within four months from the time of closing leases.

Water rights for irrigation, mining and other beneficial uses that have been acquired upon lands in the Oregon-California railroad land grant will be protected under the federal laws, according to James T. Chinnock, superintendent of water division No. 1.

Special instruction in food conservation will be given at all teachers' institutes and all county and district fairs held in Oregon this year, according to co-operative plans agreed upon by Herbert C. Hoover and President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural

college.

As a result of a conference between residents of Aurora, Hubbard and Woodburn, S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, and officials of the Southern Pacific railroad, the location of the 10 miles of pavement to be laid along the Pacific highway in Clackamas and Marion counties may be changed to points on the highway in the same counties where rock is available.

Edna Gregory, wife of Carl Gregory, an employee of one of the sheep companies at Pendleton, was arrested on the charge of sending poisoned candy through the mails. The candy, a small box, was received by Mrs. May Clark, of Pendleton, February 9, by special delivery.

Declaring the selective draft is working a great hardship on the wool-growing industry, by taking away expert herders, a number of prominent eastern Oregon sheepmen telegraphed to Senator Chamberlain to use his influence to secure exemption for bonafide herders.

Car shortage and stringency in the labor market are so hindering contractors on state highway work that the state highway commission ordered State Highway Engineer Nunn to make a reduction in his forces to correspond to the slackened pace in highway construction.

The United States war department, through the military attache of the British embassy in Washington, has asked for the release of Lieutenant Colonel Leader, of the British army, from service in England, that he may become military instructor in the University of Oregon.

The public service commission has ordered a number of safeguards installed at the road crossing of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company tracks at Hogan, near Portland, where an accident occurred June 28 causing the death of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lindsey and Miss Helen Metzger.

H. P. Barss, head of the plant pathology department at the Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed chief collaborator of the national plant disease survey for Oregon. He is asking for volunteers to assist in gathering and reporting information on plant diseases in every part of the state.

Secretary Lea has made final announcement of the following livestock judges for the Oregon state fair this year: C. A. Saunders, Manila, Ia.; Thomas W. Brunk, Eola, Or.; Carlos W. Hall, Denver; Latimer Wilson, Creston, Ia.; Harry Wilson, Downers Grove, Ill. and T. B. Johnston, of La Grande.

By a deed filed for record at Astoria the Dubois Lumber company sells to the Oregon American Lumber company large tracts of timber land in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. The consideration was \$3,650,000. This deed is the consummation of the purchase of vast timber holdings in this section by the Eccles interests of Salt Lake.

All old officers and employees of the industrial accident commission, with the exception of the commissioners themselves, are to receive increases in salaries, beginning August 1, by an order just issued by the commission. The order affects 36 employees, and amounts to approximately \$400 a month in additional pay.

The last legislature appropriated \$10,553.58 toward handling the flax industry of the state with the express provision attached that the same is to be returned from the receipts for sales of flax during 1917-18. Present indications make it appear that it will be impossible to meet this legislative provision. Apparently there will be a failure of the flax crop, owing to bad weather conditions.

All records for industrial accidents in one week were broken by reports to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending August 23. The number of accidents reached 455, of which six were fatal. The fatal accidents were: A. J. Kilbe, Shedd, construction; Roby Floyd Shull, Myrtle Point, logging; James McCanna, Klamath Falls, logging; Henry Niemi, Astoria, light and power; G. A. Hardy, Freewater, threshing; James McCoy, Portland, construction.

Whether fishing for salmon is the act of catching the fish only or in-

cludes also the act of landing the fish is a question put up to Attorney-General Brown by State Game Warden Shoemaker, and the attorney-general holds that it includes the act of landing the fish as well as taking it in the net. Under a law of the last legislature fishing for salmon with a purse net is prescribed inside of a certain dead line near Astoria. Purse seiners caught fish up to the deadline, closed the purse and dragged their fish in the net across the prescribed waters, where they were landed.

Seven women nominated by the Oregon Agricultural college for county agent work in connection with the food conservation campaign in Oregon have been appointed by the United States department of agriculture and are to report at once for duty in their respective districts, as follows: Miss Martha Bechen, of Hillsboro, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties; Miss Clara May Murphy, of Portland, Umatilla, Union and Baker counties; Miss Anne McCormick, of Lebanon, Josephine and Jackson counties; Miss Ruth Corbett, of Corvallis, Douglas and Lane counties; Miss Bertha Edwards, of Monroe, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties; Miss Lorene Parker, of Salem, Marion and Clackamas counties; Miss Nell Sykes, of Salem, Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties.

Dissatisfaction of the Klamath Indians culminated in a tribal meeting, at which Clayton Kirk, Charles Hood, Abraham Charley, Drumer David, Harrison Brown, Samuel Clinton and Superintendent Asbery were speakers. The Indians declared themselves capable of self-government and asked that some of their vast resources be made available for immediate use. Criticism of the present practice of the Government in dealing with the Indians was made and resolutions were adopted asking the government to give the Indians a chance.

Work of opening the central Oregon highway, which will extend from the Idaho state line to the sea, was begun last week, when a crew of engineers working under the direction of the state engineering department, pitched camp and started work on survey of the portion of the proposed road from Eugene to Deadwood, in the coast mountains. The three links of this highway will be the proposed road from Florence to Eugene, the road from Eugene through the McKenzie pass to Mitchell and the John Day highway from Mitchell to Ontario, on the Idaho boundary.

Members of the I. W. W. are charged with \$165,000 of the total fire loss of \$420,870 in Oregon during July, in a report issued by State Fire Marshal Wells, by causing fires at Klamath

Falls, which was the heaviest sufferer of 47 towns in the state last month.

For the purpose, if possible, of having counties containing Oregon & California land grants act together in the collection of interest and penalties on taxes from the government, district attorneys of the interested counties held a meeting in Salem Tuesday.

To get a year ahead in the completion of contracts for highway paving under the \$6,000,000 bonding act is the goal toward which the state highway commission is now working. By January 31, 1918, the commission hopes to have all work let for next year.

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, announces that in a few days deputies from his department will make a complete survey of the Astoria waterfront and business district to ascertain if contemplated increases in rates of insurance are justified.

A bean crop of at least 50 per cent is assured in the Willamette valley, according to the estimates of the Salem Fruit company, which has contracts with bean growers throughout the valley. In some localities there will be hardly 25 per cent of what was expected a month ago, while again a number of growers report fine conditions.

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