

**OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST**

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

Astoria and Clatsop county are lining up solidly against the proposed creation of the Port of Columbia.

Hopgrowers of the Sheridan section are signing contracts for the hop crop for a three-year period at 25 cents.

W. W. Poland of Shedd was elected president of the Linn county farm bureau in the annual meeting held in Albany.

The cranberry growers of Clatsop county have decided to increase the amount of their acreage 20 per cent this year.

Students of Oregon Agricultural college who are entirely or partially self supporting form 77 per cent of the student body.

The Victory Rose Festival will be held in Portland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 11, 12 and 13, it has been decided.

Oregon's quota in the \$6,000,000 Victory drive, being conducted by the national committee of northern Baptist laymen, has been fixed at \$33,963.

Work will start next week on a seven-mile extension of the Shelvlin-Hixon company's logging railway near Bend, the improvement to cost \$100,000.

To succeed W. B. Ayer, who resigned from the soldiers' and sailors' relief commission, Governor Withycombe appointed Frederick W. Mulkey of Portland.

Astoria was selected as the next meeting place and Charles Brown of Astoria was elected president of the Oregon Retailers' association, which held a successful three days' convention in Salem.

The employment situation in Portland is steadily improving, according to the federal employment bureau. Before the middle of March, it is expected, jobs will be available to absorb the surplus in the labor market.

To set dates, arrange the lists of events and standardize rules for the annual central Oregon interscholastic track and field meet, delegates from Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties met in Prineville Saturday.

With a total of six points in its favor and but two against, the Corvallis high school has won the interscholastic debate championship of the west side Willamette district. Beaverton is second, with five points in its favor.

Sheriff John W. Orr, of Polk county, seized a shipment of about 100 bottles of whiskey at Ballston, a little hamlet in the northern part of the county. The liquor was packed in a steel vault and was shipped from a point in California.

Final hearing on the proposed increase in telephone rates in Oregon, approved by the postmaster general, which were to have become effective December 6, will be held before the Oregon public service commission on Monday, February 24.

Two hundred delegates, representatives of 140,000 employees of shipyards and allied industries, met in Portland Monday when the Pacific coast metal trade workers convened for their annual session. The convention will probably last about a week.

Federal money secured on farm loans through the Bandon-Curry County National Farm Loan association during the past year totals \$112,400, according to figures presented at the annual meeting held in Bandon. The entire amount is being used in developing the dairy industry.

Completing a contract for supplying the French government with 22 carloads of an evaporated material for soup, the Wittenberg-King company of The Dalles shipped its last carload Saturday. One-half of the big order was filled by the The Dalles plant and one-half by the plant at Salem.

To prevent the district meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, scheduled to be held at the Bend Athletic club gymnasium, members of the central labor council rallied on directors of the club, protesting against the use of the gymnasium for that purpose. The labor representatives contend that the Loyal Legion is hostile to union interests.

Unless restrictive conditions imposed by the United States railroad administration are removed from the manufacture of ties practically all of the small mills of Oregon will be forced to suspend operation, according to the widespread opinion among operators. At least one has done so already, and others are apt to follow within a short time, it is predicted.

March 4 has been set by the Umatilla county court as the date for a special election to vote upon the proposed bond issue for \$1,050,000 with which to improve the principal highways of all parts of the county. If the county votes the bonds the state highway commission will appropriate more than half a million dollars to match the county expenditures on state highways.



Walker D. Hines, who succeeded W. G. McAdoo as director-general of railroads.

**WILL STRIP GERMANY
OF FIGHTING POWER**

Paris.—The special commission of the supreme council charged with drafting terms of a definite armistice which will hold good until the peace preliminaries are signed, has almost completed its task. It is understood that the terms will include clauses by which Germany will be allowed to maintain only 250,000 men under arms to keep order.

All war material beyond what is necessary to equip these troops would, according to report, be placed under control of the allies, who will also hold Germany's munition factories.

**TROOP MOVEMENT FASTER
States Have Been Demobilized**

Washington.—Embarkation of soldiers from France is speeding up. At the same time demobilization of soldiers in American camps is about ended for the time being. Practically all that will be left in United States stations in a few days will be the "overhead," which must be maintained for some time to come.

These facts developed from Chief of Staff March's press conference. Total demobilization has reached 1,103,310 men and 71,235 officers. The embarkation of overseas forces has reached 305,306, of whom 68,000 embarked in the first 10 days of February, and of whom 227,000 have actually reached American ports.

Borah Declines Wilson's Invitation. Washington.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, has asked to be excused from attending the dinner at the White house at which President Wilson will discuss with members of the foreign relations committee of congress the constitution of the proposed league of nations. He based his declination on two points: First, that he and the president are fundamentally at odds regarding any league of nations plan, and second, that he could not allow himself to be bound by a confidential discussion, no part of which he could use later in argument or public discussion.

Tacoman Named French Ambassador. On Board the U. S. S. George Washington.—President Wilson has nominated Hugh C. Wallace of Tacoma, Wash., ambassador to France to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Graves Sharp.

Allies Asked For Ships For Hoover. Washington.—The shipping board will ask that England and France provide vessels to meet future requirements of the European relief commission headed by Herbert C. Hoover, Chairman Hurley announced.

Flood of Spruce Outfit Bids. Portland, Or.—Hundreds of bids were received by the sales department of the United States spruce corporation for various items of the equipment used in the getting out of army airplane stock in various camps of the northwest and which the government is to sell.

FOYERS IN FRANCE.

Four departments of the French Government have asked the American Y. W. C. A. to open social and recreation centers for girls employed by them—Finance, Commerce, War and Labor.

Lieutenant Poncet of the Ministry of Labor recently requested that this Y. W. C. A. work be begun for girls in his offices after seeing the social and recreation centers which had been opened at the request of the Ministry of War. Sixteen centers of this kind are operated in six cities in France. Three of them are in Paris.

The last of these Foyers des Alliees is for girls who are working in the Department of Labor. It is far down the Seine, under the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, and overlooks the Quai d'Orsay.

The rooms are bright and cheerful, with chintz hangings and cushions, comfortable chairs, reading and writing tables and a fireplace. A kitchen has equipment so that girls can prepare meals for themselves. They go to the foyer for their two hour luncheon time, for social evenings and for classes in English.

**PEACE CONGRESS
MEETS IN PORTLAND**

Ex-President Taft and Other Prominent Men Attend Conference.

Portland, Or.—Unqualified endorsement of the league of nations covenant, as promulgated at the Paris conference by President Wilson and his fellow councillors of the allies, was voiced at the northwestern congress for a league of nations, held in Portland for the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

For the purpose of crystallizing nationwide sentiment in the league of nations ideal, and that comprehensive understanding be afforded of its principles and purposes, ex-President William Howard Taft, champion of the cause, and many other notable leaders of national thought, were in Portland to attend the two-day congress.

Among the speakers of national prominence who addressed the congress, and who also spoke at many churches and civic functions, were ex-President Taft, Dr. Lowell of Harvard, Dean Brown of Yale, Edward A. Filene, director of the chamber of commerce, U. S. A.; Hon. Henry Morgenthau, formerly ambassador to Turkey; Hon. Henry Van Dyke, formerly minister to The Netherlands; Dr. George Grafton Wilson, Harvard university; Mrs. Philip North More, president of the American council of women; Hon. Frank P. Walsh, formerly joint chairman of the war labor board.

Portland staged the fifth of the series of national conventions of the league.

Significance of the Portland conference transcended that of the four previous assemblies—inasmuch as it followed directly upon the presentation of the league of nations covenant at the Paris conference, by President Wilson. For the first time in their coast-to-coast progress, the speakers of the congress were able to deal in discussion with concrete facts, for the handwriting of the league conference is before them. For this reason their expressions of opinion were of more than national interest.

**CONGRESS ASKED
TO DEFER DEBATE**

Washington.—President Wilson has cabled a request to the foreign relations committee in congress to defer debate on the constitution of the proposed league of nations until he had an opportunity to go over it "article by article" with the members.

"There is good and sufficient reason for the phraseology and substance of each article," declared the president in his message, transmitted through Secretary Tumulty.

Members of the senate and house foreign committees will dine at the White House on February 26, the day after the president is expected to land at Boston. This early meeting was interpreted as evidence of the president's determination to get the details of the new world federation for peace before congress as quickly as possible.

The cabled invitation did not name a date for the conference, but almost immediately the time was announced and this was taken to mean that the president would proceed here direct from Boston after an address in that city.

**TROOPS ARE WELCOMED
Sixty-Fifth Coast Artillery Given a Warm Greeting.**

Portland, Or.—The arrival here of the Sixty-fifth coast artillery on two special trains was the occasion Monday for a celebration such as the boys have not participated in since they left Puget Sound for France last year.

It was a glad day for Portland, for included in the regiment composed for the most part of regular army troops and national guardsmen from Seattle and Tacoma, were many Oregonians.

Every store along the line of march of the parade presented a holiday appearance and a program of entertainment was arranged which was to convince the boys that the folks here are glad to see them back.

Holland Permits Passage of Troops. Washington.—Minister Garrett at The Hague notified the state department that The Netherlands government had consented to aid in the return home of American troops by permitting trans-shipment to transports at Rotterdam of soldiers brought down the Rhine.

THE MARKETS

| Portland | |
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| Barley—Standard feed, 44.50 ton. | |
| Corn—Whole, 64@66; cracked, 66@68. | |
| Hay—Timothy, 30@32 per ton; alfalfa, 28.50. | |
| Butter—Creamery, 46c per pound. | |
| Eggs—Ranch, 45c per dozen. | |
| Poultry—Hens, 30@32c; roosters, 18c; turkeys, dressed, 41c. | |
| Seattle | |
| Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, 338 per ton; alfalfa, 334 per ton. | |
| Butter—Creamery, 50c. | |
| Eggs—Ranch, 46@48c. | |
| Poultry—Hens, heavy dressed, 40c; light 35c; live, 36@37c; springs, dressed, 40c; ducks, live, 37@38c; dressed, 36@41c; geese, live, 33@34c; dressed, 28c; turkeys, dressed, 45@46c. | |



THE NEAR EAST TO CIVILIZATION
"SAVE MY CHILDREN"

**GOV. LYNCH URGES WEST
TO LAST BIG LOAN DRIVE**

To the Citizens of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District:
The Fifth "Victory" Liberty Loan is in sight. Let us thank God that it is not just the Fifth Loan. Victory means the end of the war, the end of loans, the dawn of peace



JAMES K. LYNCH
Governor, 12th Federal Reserve District

and prosperity. It means that the market price of government bonds will soon stabilize at par or better. It also means that commercial, agricultural, and industrial affairs will stabilize, and that the Hun-inspired clamor will cease.

We were advised that the war would last through 1919, probably through 1920, so we were prepared for that; to have done less would have been suicide. We prepared to crush the Hun on his own ground, and he prudently quit. It cost us some money but it saved the lives of half a million of our men. Was money ever better spent?

Now we have bills to pay, promises to make good, our men to bring home. This will take from five to six billion dollars. Let us get ready and raise it. A big task, but the last, and therefore easy. All together, shoulder to shoulder, and the loan goes over!

The "Ninety-first" is the Pacific Coast Division; remember their achievement, and honor ourselves by living up to it.

JAMES K. LYNCH,
Governor, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Chairman, Liberty Loan General Executive Board, Twelfth Federal Reserve District.

Our Allies in the Near East
By CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

Probably at no time in the history of the world have there been so many fatherless and motherless children as there are today. Tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands in Armenia, Syria, Caucasus, Persia, Mesopotamia and Palestine are not only without parents, but are without any strong parental government to give them the help and protection which orphan children of other lands enjoy.

American Consuls and missionaries cable the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, almost daily regarding the situation. One message from the Russian Caucasus pleads for the support of 10,000 children at an average expense of two dollars per month per child.

Another from Tiflis reports 40,000 children in one region waiting for an answer to a previous cablegram requesting help. Reports from other points indicate similar conditions. Among the many appeals it is possible for this committee to assume responsibility for only the most pressing cases, and it is upon these that the committee would focus the attention of the American people.

Splendid help has been rendered the little ones in other lands, but these in Western Asia are no less human than those who have already been aided by American charity. It is the duty of Americans, as well as a privilege to respond to this great opportunity and help keep alive the best civilization that Western Asia has developed.

All expenses of administration for this relief are privately met, so that every dollar sent to the committee is used directly by their agents in purchasing food and supplies for the needy who, according to the best advices and from audited reports, receive the full benefit of the funds sent them.

Out of the horror and nightmare through which these people have passed comes the gratifying word that we can be of assistance; that our efforts will prove availing, and that we can share with these orphan children the bounty which we, as Americans, have enjoyed for years. The work done by this committee has been most unselfish and effective under conditions of great personal sacrifice. May America respond to their appeals.

**RESUME OF WORK OF
OREGON LEGISLATURE**

Last Week of Session Begins With Work in Both Houses Badly Congested.

Salem.—The present legislature in one respect at least has followed precedent for it started out on the closing week of the session with the legislative hopper clogged with undrained bills. Both houses are badly congested with work and the closing days will witness the usual confusion, heated arguments and strenuous efforts to save pet bills. It seems to be the habit of legislatures to fritter away much valuable time during the early days of the session with useless discussion on unimportant bills, while the money and other important measures are held back for committee tinkering and then rushed through during the closing hours when there is little time for consideration.

Anti-Trust Paving Bill Passed. Stormy times are expected over road legislation this week. The house and senate started the week at loggerheads over the anti-trust paving bill which passed the senate last week after an extremely bitter debate.

Strong opposition developed against the senate anti-trust paving bill when it reached the house and the ire of house members was aroused by threats of certain senators to defeat the \$10,000,000 road bonding bill unless the house enacted the senate bill.

Local Autonomy for Counties Favored. By adopting senate joint resolution 14, introduced by Senator Farrell, the senate went on record in favor of taking from the legislature authority to increase the salary of any state official during his term of office and of referring all county salary increases to a vote of the people of the county.

Session of 60 Days Proposed. A proposed constitutional amendment submitted to the senate by Senator Jones of Lane county contemplates several changes in the provisions governing Oregon's legislative assemblies.

The most important proposal would extend the session from 46 to 60 actual working days, for which members shall receive \$300. It also provides that in case an extra session is called by the governor it must not be of more than 20 days' duration and the members shall be paid at the regular rate for every day of such extra session.

It provides that all bills must be introduced during the first 20 days of the session.

Absent Voter Bill Passes the House. The house passed a bill introduced by Representative Kubli which will enable qualified voters who may be away from home on election day to vote.

The bill provides that voters who are absent from home but within the state may notify his county or city clerk, as the case may be, 30 days before election. The clerk will then forward an official ballot, which the absentee will sign, together with a certificate, which will then be returned to the clerk, who will cast the ballot for him. The bill was designed with especial reference to students and traveling salesmen, but also applies in all other cases of necessary absence from home on election day.

Legislative Brevities. The house also passed a bill by Representative Cross providing that suits for divorce must be filed in the county in which the plaintiff resides.

A joint resolution, calling for a bill to be placed on the ballot providing for compulsory registration and voting, was adopted by the senate.

Death came to the Oregon military police when the bill to keep the organization alive under the measure introduced by Senator Orton was killed.

With but eight opposing votes, Senator Dimick's resolution providing for a submission of the capital punishment amendment to a vote of the people, was adopted in the senate.

Delinquent tax notices will not be sent to the owners of property on which the delinquent tax amounts to less than \$1, according to an amendment to the delinquent tax notice law passed by the senate.

The prediction that the consolidation programme for the session was virtually killed when the house killed the department of agriculture bill, was fulfilled when the committee withdrew all of its bills.

A house bill by Senator GILL providing for compulsory surgical treatment of all school children afflicted with diseases of the eyes, ears, nose, throat or teeth, was defeated after a stormy debate, which was featured by

Provision for re-establishment of the straight Australian ballot system in the state, with party candidates segregated on the ballot and the voter given the right to vote a straight ticket by checking the circle at the top of the ballot over the party of his choice, is made in a bill by Representative Lewis which passed the house.

Philippine Horses. The horses in the Philippine islands are ponies containing a mixture of the blood of ponies and small horses from northern China, French Indo-China and Mexico, with a considerable admixture of Arab blood. There are about 215,000 horses in the islands.

Zoological Notes. Another thing we can't understand is how a woman can be a perfect cat and yet be scared to death of a mouse.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Portuguese Cemeteries. Instead of headstones and monuments, the cemetery of Lisbon shows rows and rows of tiny chapels ranged in long avenues bordered by cypress trees. The Portuguese are reluctant to bury their dead out of sight, and these chapels serve as mortuaries for the coffins, which are placed on the shelves within. Through the iron grills the eye discerns small altars and flowers gleaming through the subdued light of the interiors.

"Take It Easy." A great many young folks make hard work of things that should be perfectly easy, and as long as there are plenty of really hard duties to be done, it seems a pity to make hard work of the rest. One of the arts of life is to learn to do our work in the easiest way, saving on the simple tasks strength to apply to the hard duties.

Teachers' Examinations
January 23, 1919.

To County Superintendents:
The state superintendent of schools has decided to hold an examination in all of the counties of the state in all of the subjects required for a one-year certificate on February 26, 27 and 28. Should a five-year paper expire before next June the holder of such may have the matter adjusted by writing to this office regarding it.

Very truly yours,
J. B. Churchill,
Supt. Public Instruction.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Sherman county, Oregon, will hold a regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Moro, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1918 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and continuing until Friday Feb. 28, 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (penmanship).
Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic.
Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling).
Friday Afternoon—School Law, Civil Government.

J. A. Churchill,
Supt. Public Instruction.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, of Sherman county, Oregon, residing near Monkland, Oregon, on what is known as the M. L. Hoskinson ranch in said county and state, have this day to-wit: December 19th, 1918, taken up one white gelding pony with unknown brand on left side, with two black spots on hips, both eyes white, weight about 750 pounds, aged about five years; that said pony has been on and around my premises for several months last past; that said pony, unless redeemed, will be sold at public auction at the above named ranch east of Monkland on Monday, February 24, 1919, at the hour of 10 a.m. of said day. O. E. Baker.

Notice for Publication
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 30, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that Aaron S. Noyes, of Monkland, Oregon, who, on December 9, 1913, made Homestead Entry No. 012318, for Lot 2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 2, Town 2 South, Range 18 East, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 35, Town 1 south, Range 18 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, on the 12th day of March, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: George W. Davis, of Grass Valley, Oregon; J. H. Elliott, of J. O. Elliott and Herman Nichols, of Monkland, Oregon.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

Notice for Publication
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 9, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Bert Owens, of Ajax, Oregon, who, on May 23, 1913, made Homestead entry No. 011725, and on June 5, 1914, made additional No. 013264, for lots 1, 3, 4 E 1/4 W 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 18, township 2 south, range 19 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described before J. D. Woodcock, U. S. Commissioner, at Condon, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Harry Palmer, Charlie Allard, George Owens, Albert Tate, all of Ajax, Oregon.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract
Public Land Sale. 016370.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 9, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of James A. Clausen, serial No. 016370, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., on the 18th day of March next, at this office, the following tract of land: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 26, W 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 35, Township 1 South Range 15, East, W. M. (containing 120 acres).

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the above described land is advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

L. A. BOOTH, Receiver.