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Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

The government experiment station at Hermiston will be closed June 30, owing to lack of funds.

Farmers of Yamhill county attended a three-day Oregon Agricultural college extension school at Amity.

Higher water and electric light rates for Eugene beginning June 1 have been announced by the Eugene water board.

Arthur Thompson, charged with the murder of Odie Bates at Riddle, some weeks ago, was acquitted by the trial jury.

John Friend Chitwood, an Oregon pioneer of 1853 and a resident of Clatsop county since 1879, died at Astoria following an extended illness.

Careless campers are blamed for a number of small fires within and near the boundaries of the Deschutes national forest in the Big river section.

A grain-grading school conducted by Professor G. E. Hislop of Oregon Agricultural college will operate in The Dalles three days, June 14, 15 and 16.

Dehydration plants of the Kings Food Products company in The Dalles and at Salem will process \$2,000,000 worth of fruits and vegetables this season.

A meeting of the Mooseheart Legion for the district including the lodges at Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Mill City and Toledo, was held at Albany.

Highway work in the state will not be rushed this year because of the scarcity of labor, the depressed bond market and other reasons, according to R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner.

Governor Olcott has announced that he will appoint A. Lester Andrus of Portland to succeed George Black as a member of the state board of accountancy at the expiration of the latter's term, June 3.

Samp A. Koser, nominated at the recent republican primary election for the office of secretary of state, was appointed to that position following the resignation of Governor Olcott as secretary of state.

One of the chief occupations at present in Crook county is sheep shearing. The grade of wool this year is extra high. Prices of 50 and 60 cents a pound have been turned down by owners of large bands.

Following the refusal made by the merchants' association of Bend to sign a contract submitted by the local clerks' union, specifying that the employers should agree to the closed shop principle, a strike was called.

The secretary of the interior reported to Representative Sinnott that enlarged homestead designations, aggregating 293,730 acres, have been made in The Dalles land district, covering more than 500 applications on file.

The largest parade in Baker's history, in which 3000 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, with bands, mounted guards and automobiles participated marked the third day of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs annual state convention in Baker.

Pendleton's postoffice will have classification as first class after July 1, according to notification received from the department by Acting Postmaster Lester B. Cronin. The stamp sales for the office during the past year were over \$40,000.

Defeat of the three measures designed to furnish financial relief for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company by the voters of Portland at the special election has resulted in another application for increased rates on the traction lines of the corporation being filed with the Oregon public service commission.

By careful management during the remainder of the present biennial period, based on the expenditures of the last six months, it is believed the total deficit of the several state institutions for the two years ending January 1, 1921, will not exceed \$25,000, according to figures made public by R. B. Goodwin, secretary of the state board of control.

Plans are being made at Prineville for the only celebration of Independence day in central Oregon. The celebration will be double-barreled, in honor not only of July 4 but also the completion of the Oehoco irrigation project dam. In addition to the celebration, Prineville will hold its first annual round-up at the interstate fair grounds, July 2, 3 and 4.

AMERICA'S WAR DEAD IN EUROPE EULOGIZED

Paris.—America's war dead in Europe were eulogized and their graves in all parts of France were decorated, the second Memorial day since the close of the great struggle. American flags floated in the breeze over the resting places of more than 70,000 soldiers and allied organizations joined the Americans in France in services in their memory, while throughout the republic detachments of horizon blue clad poilus acted as guards of honor at the cemeteries where lie those who fought beside them on the field of battle.

The American Legion, with the army and navy patriotic societies, co-operated with the newly-formed Memorial day committee headed by Ambassador Wallace to decorate the little mounds in 497 burying places scattered along the battle front from the channel to Switzerland and from the Rhine to the Atlantic.

POLES CAPTURE COSSACKS

Soviet Offensive Grows in Violence on 220-Mile Front.

Warsaw.—Russian Bolshevik reinforcements are being brought up everywhere in the offensive against the Poles, which is increasing in violence along the northern sectors of the front, says an official statement issued at headquarters here. Fierce combats are raging from the Dvina river on the north to the Pripiet river on the south, a distance of approximately 220 miles.

Prisoners captured by the Poles west of the Beresina river, the statement says, include 400 Cossacks.

Woman Is Assistant Attorney General.

Washington.—President Wilson established a precedent when he nominated Mrs. Annette Abbot Adams of San Francisco to be assistant attorney general. This is the first appointment of a woman to this office and is the highest federal office yet to be given to a woman. Mrs. Adams is now United States attorney for the northern district of California.

Spanish War Vets to Get Pensions.

Washington.—The house bill to grant pensions of from \$12 to \$30 a month to Spanish war veterans, incapacitated from causes other than those incident to active service, was passed by the senate and sent to conference. The final vote on the measure was 65 to 3.

Profiteers Fined \$37,000.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Weed's Incorporated, Binghamton clothiers, tried in United States court under Justice Martin T. Nanton here, were found guilty on all counts in a federal indictment charging them with profiteering. The court imposed a fine of \$31,000 upon the firm.

Idaho Bankers Will Meet in Moscow.

Moscow, Idaho.—Idaho bankers will hold the 16th annual convention of their association here this year, June 4 and 5.

Palace Bought by United States.

Prague.—Schonborn palace, with its grounds, has been purchased for the American legation. The price paid is said to have been \$50,000.

One of the features of the entertainment for the Grand Army of the Republic at the state encampment at Astoria on June 5 will be a big salmon dinner for the veterans, their ladies and the members of the affiliated organizations. The encampment will continue three days and in the neighborhood of 1000 visitors from various parts of the state are expected.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

All water rates must be paid on or before the 10th of each month, in advance.

Irrigation will be charged for from June 1st, and users commencing at that time will have preference in case of insufficient water for all later in the season.

Commencing with June the collector will be at Goodwin's drug store on the 9th and 10th of each month, to issue receipts. Those wishing to do so may pay the collector at any time prior to the 9th of the month. Users now delinquent must pay at once.

By order of the Council.
C. W. AVERY,
Superintendent.

Wife He Believed Dead Turns Up After 46 Years

RICHMOND, MO.—After believing for 46 years that he was legally married, and after rearing 13 children, James J. Wainscott, wealthy land owner of this place, faces the predicament of having two wives, one of whom he had thought dead for a half century. A woman, claiming to be his first and only legal wife, arrived unexpectedly here and as a result Wainscott is making a speedy effort to get his first marriage annulled by a divorce proceeding.

In the spring of 1880 Wainscott, then a young man, went to Lone Jack, Mo., and married. But, according to his story, his wedded life was very unhappy, and in October of the same year he separated from his wife. He then settled in the town of Camden. Desiring to marry again, he began divorce proceedings. The papers were returned with the information that Mrs. Wainscott was dead.

Recently a train from Kansas City brought Mrs. Wainscott No. 1 to Camden. Wainscott is an old man. She is his legal wife. Should he die she would obtain a share of his property—and he has been very successful financially.

The woman claiming to be the legal wife of James J. Wainscott stated she was married to Wainscott in 1874. She registered at the Hotel Richmond as Mrs. James Jackson Wainscott of Denver, Colo., and was accompanied by Mrs. James Manley of Denver.



"OVER THE HILL"

Ireland would soon have her new republic gown if she could only shed her Ulster.

Mrs. M. M. Johns came up from Vancouver Saturday to visit her sons, Melville and Flint Johns, and wives, on their farms near Athena. She was joined Monday by her sister, Mrs. Jacob Proebstel of Portland, and both ladies were calling on friends in the city Wednesday afternoon. They will return home tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pambrun and family and Mr. Normandin, brother of Mrs. Pambrun, who is visiting her this week, attended the commencement exercises of St. Paul's school, Walla Walla, at which Miss Belle Pambrun is one of the members of the graduating class of nine young ladies.

Frank Rogers, erstwhile Athena resident, and well known farmer, was in town from the ranch Wednesday. Frank tells us that he has an 180 pound son that will take up the burden of running his dad's ranch before Programs have been received in Athena from the Walla Walla Rod and Gun Club of the First Pacific Zone Handicap Trapshooting Tournament, which will be held at Walla Walla, June 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Nate, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBride, while mooching around in a woodshed the other day, had his hand caught in a rat trap. The little fellow never whimpered though the trap must have squeezed his hand considerably.

F. B. Wood, agent for the N. P., returned Tuesday evening from Portland bringing his son, Fred Wood, ex-service man, who has been in a sanitarium. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will take their son on an extended motor trip for the benefit of his health.

Friends in Athena of Mrs. Ethel Scott Templeton, have received cards from her addressed at Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton are touring the East and have visited many places of interest, including Washington, New York and Boston.

W. J. Gholson has constructed a garage at his home on Adams street. As William has no buzz cart of his own, we conjecture that it is for the accommodation of his three sons-in-law, each of whom is not averse to giving "dad" a ride once in a while.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hansell entertained at dinner Sunday at their country home, the Omar Stephens and F. B. Boyds, the occasion being the natal day of the host. A centerpiece of wild flowers graced the hospitable board, at which twelve covers were laid.

A band of gypsies did not tarry long in Athena Tuesday afternoon. They barely had time to make a close-up pilgrimage along Main street before drawing their walking papers. They had been fired out of Pendleton. They were traveling de lux; in Packards and Fords.

Marion Hansell and Billie "Pink" had fair luck in the north fork of the Walla Walla, Tuesday, making a catch of sixty-one trout. The Press man can substantiate the number of the catch to the extent of a dozen speckled beauties which the boys left in his refrigerator.

Mrs. G. Kopriva left this morning for Salt Lake, where her husband is located and where they will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. Eager left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Great Falls, Montana. During Mr. Eager's

vacation trip Raymond Geissel is station agent for the O-W. Mr. and Mrs. Eager contemplate being away from Athena for a month.

Mrs. C. L. McFadden, accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Banister, to Pendleton Tuesday.

Thos. Gilkey has returned from Oakesdale, Wash., where he was called several weeks ago on account of his father's illness. His father died shortly after Tom arrived at the home of his parents.

Miss Thelma Anderson of Weston, was a week-end guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. R. Barnes of this city.

Charley Betts will leave next week for Hot Lake, where he will take a course of baths for the relief of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. LeGrow and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McEwen motored to Walla Walla Sunday for Decoration day exercises.

Dr. L. Dell is at St. Johns, Wash., for a three weeks' visit with relatives. This is the doctor's first visit out of town for some time.

Francis W. Herr, assistant cashier of the State Bank at Richmond, Baker county, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Herr, in Athena, Friday last.

Mrs. Roy Cannon has been very seriously ill the past week at her home west of town. Her condition is not much improved, reports her physician.

Dr. E. B. Osborn, who formerly was a veterinarian in Athena, who served the government with the rank of lieutenant during the war in France, was in Athena Monday, visiting friends. Dr. Osborn is now a member of the faculty at O. A. C., being in the department of animal husbandry. He is also secretary of the State Stallion Registration Board.

Mrs. R. B. McEwen and sons, Ralph and Edwin, will leave next Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goff, of Newberg. Mr. McEwen will join them later when both will attend grand chapter of the Eastern Star in Portland, R. B. taking in the Shriners' doings also. They will be guests at the A. B. McEwen home while in the metropolis.

Mrs. Melville Johns is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Cleve Myers has sold his Main street property to William Counter.

Mrs. Minnie Mitchell and little son were in Athena this week from their home in Seattle.

W. E. Dobson came up from his new home at Estacada, a suburb of Portland, Saturday and has been engaged this week in packing his household goods for shipment. A freight car has been chartered over the N. P. and Mr. Dobson will take his entire belongings, including a pair of thoroughbred Poland China pigs from the Swaggart herd. He will soon begin the erection of a bungalow on his recently acquired 40-acre tract, and will stock up with dairy cows later. Bill has planted a generous garden and will proceed to live like folks when settled on his farm. Mrs. Dobson will leave tomorrow, Mr. Dobson following Monday with the freight.

With a large force of men, women and children on hand Monday afternoon, the city park was cleaned up in spick and span fashion, and a really truly weenie roast dinner was enjoyed in picnic fashion.

The annual picnic held by the farmers of Umatilla county, takes place this year on Saturday, June 12, at Mission on the Umatilla river.

\$436,000,000 FIXED AS NAVAL BUDGET

Washington.—Next year's naval budget was fixed at about \$436,000,000 under a complete agreement on the naval appropriation bill reached by senate and house conferees. The original house bill carried \$425,000,000 and the senate about \$467,000,000.

The conferees agreed on \$20,000,000 for navy aviation, a compromise between the \$15,500,000 voted by the house and \$25,000,000 by the senate.

In lieu of the senate appropriation of \$1,000,000 to begin work on the new Pacific coast base in San Francisco bay, the conferees authorized a congressional commission of five senators and five representatives to investigate available sites on San Francisco bay and report to congress not later than December 31.

The Tongue Point submarine base in the Columbia river near Astoria was approved.

WANT OUTLET FOR ARMENIA

Wilson to Insist on Access to Sea Through Batum.

Washington.—In arbitrating the boundaries of Armenia, President Wilson, it is said, will insist that the new republic be given access to the sea through Batum, which the allied supreme council has tentatively decided shall be a free port under inter-allied control.

Batum is one of the most important ports on the Black sea and is the terminus of the trans-Caucasian pipe lines to the extensive Baku oil fields. It also is the outlet for Georgia and Azerbaijan.

Palmer Criticizes Post.

Washington.—Charging that Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, had a "perverted sympathy" for the criminal anarchist, Attorney General Palmer told a house committee that in dealing with attempts of the government to rid the country of dangerous aliens Mr. Post had employed a "self-willed and autocratic substitute of his own mistaken personal viewpoint for the obligations of the public law."

Chevrolet Wins 500-Mile Classic.

Indianapolis, Ind.—In the most spectacular finish witnessed on the speedway here, Gaston Chevrolet, driving an American-designed car, rode to victory in the eighth renewal of the 500-mile automobile race before a record-breaking crowd of 125,000. His time was 5:40:16.14, an average of 88.16 miles an hour, the second best in the history of the event.

Japan Seeks New British Alliance.

Tokyo.—The cabinet has decided to open negotiations for a renewal and revision of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which Great Britain is said to be willing to maintain with modifications, said Yomiri Shimbusu.

States Must Abide By Amendments.

Washington.—The supreme court held that federal constitutional amendments cannot be submitted for ratification to a referendum vote in the states having referendum provisions in their constitutions.

Chicago.—Delegates to the republican national convention from all sections of the country are arriving in Chicago.

Campaign managers for the announced presidential aspirants are perfecting their plans for the actual work in the convention. Wood headquarters has announced that Governor H. J. Allen of Kansas had been elected to make the principal nominating speech for General Wood and it has been announced that George H. Walker of Seattle had been chosen to perform a similar office for Senator Miles Polindexter of Washington.

One of the problems which confront the national committee is the reducing of oversized delegations to a size which will permit of their being seated in the space reserved for delegates.

According to Secretary Miller, a majority of these cases resulted from attempts to harmonize factions in various states, and when the delegations were asked to cut down their membership to conform to the convention call, the same old problems bobbed up again. Undiminished confidence was reflected in the announcements from the Lowden, Wood and Johnson managers. The Hoover headquarters took on added activity with the arrival of a large force of workers from New York.

SOLDIER RELIEF BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Provides Cash Bonus of \$1.00 to \$1.25 a Day For World War Veterans.

Washington.—The soldier relief bill was passed by the house, 289 to 92, and sent to the senate.

Forty republicans and 52 democrats voted against the bill on the final roll call.

The bill provides a cash bonus for men who served in the military or naval forces during the world war of \$1 a day for each day of service for men who did not go overseas, and \$1.25 a day for each day of service for men who served overseas. No cash bonus for men who served in the United States is to exceed \$500 and no bonus for men who served overseas is to exceed \$625.

In lieu of a cash bonus the service men may choose a paid up insurance policy, federal aid in the purchase of a farm or suburban home, or vocational education.

The cash bonus is not payable before January 1, 1921. The bill will now go to the senate, where it is not expected there will be any action upon it until after the national conventions. To provide funds for the bonus the bill carries a schedule of new taxes which would become effective on December 1, 1920. The taxes provided include a 10 per cent tax on stock dividends since March 15, 1919, an increased tax of approximately 15 per cent on tobacco; a tax of 1-5 of 1 per cent on stock exchange transactions and real estate transfers.

Arrangements have been completed by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, whereby the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth will conduct a 12 weeks' course during the summer for the benefit of students who are graduates of a standard four-year high school, and who wish to take the examination for a teacher's certificate but have not finished an elementary teachers' training course, nor a course at the normal school.

Filing fees as provided under the Oregon laws are not a part of the campaign expenses of candidates for office, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown. The attorney-general held in his opinion that a person wishing to run for office is not a candidate until the filing fee is paid, therefore this contribution to the state would not be considered a part of expense of the candidate in making his campaign.

It is expected that the work of paving the Pacific highway northward from Albany to the county line at Jefferson will be completed by July 1. The Linn county court will make application to the state highway commission for paving the highway southward from Albany to a point beyond Tangent this summer. The grade of this section was prepared last year. The court plans also to prepare during the summer the grade between Tangent and Shedd.

To increase the city's water supply the water commissioners of The Dalles have decided to run a tunnel through the solid rock near Hansen's mill on the east fork of Mill creek, about 15 miles from The Dalles. Bids for the work will be called about June 5. The tunnel will be rushed to completion in order that the city may have more water during the summer months. Experts say that when completed the tunnel will insure a six-inch stream of water.

Henry J. Schullerman, state corporation commissioner and candidate for secretary of state on the republican ticket at the primary election, was requested to resign from his office, in a letter prepared by Governor Olcott. Mr. Schullerman's resignation is to become effective at once, according to the executive's letter. Concurrent with the request for Mr. Schullerman's resignation, Governor Olcott announced the appointment of T. B. Handley of Tillamook, as successor to the office.

What is said to be the largest land transaction ever consummated in Umatilla county, and one of the largest to take place in eastern Oregon in years, was completed at Pendleton, when the Cunningham Sheep & Land company was purchased by Fred W. Falconer of Enterprise at a price said to exceed a half million dollars. Included in the deal are 25,000 acres of land and 14,000 head of sheep.