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**OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Smallpox has again broken out at Brownsville.

Registration for the coming primaries in the heaviest Umatilla county has ever had.

Willamette university girls defeated Pacific university co-eds in debate Friday night.

It is predicted that the Oregon strawberry crop this year will be one-third larger than ever before.

Albany's quota of \$10,000 worth of stock in the Linn County Fair association has been subscribed.

The annual meeting of the Ohio association of the Rogue River valley was held at Medford Saturday.

Hood River citizens plan during the next two weeks to raise \$4400 for religious and charitable purposes.

A total of 1920 real estate dealers in Oregon have obtained licenses through the state insurance department.

C. L. Howell, a rancher, was killed instantly when his auto overturned on the road south of Klamath Falls.

Almost the entire Postal Telegraph line between Roseburg and Eugene will be rebuilt this spring and summer.

Three peppermint distilling plants are to be erected in the near future adjoining the mint fields east of Brooks.

Work will soon be started by the state highway department in paving the road between Marshfield and Coquille.

The Bend Commercial club will have charge of the entertainment of the 598 delegates to the state grange, which meets there June 1.

Corvallis shows a registration of 2398 voters which is the highest ever recorded there and 97 per cent of the possible registration.

Improvement work in Portland amounting to \$3,366,048.55 is already under way and will be completed before the end of the summer season.

As a result of a visit to Roseburg by the superintendent of Eugene schools it is stated that seven Roseburg teachers will teach at Eugene next winter.

William Farre of Burns was named by Governor Olcott as county judge of Harney county to succeed Judge H. C. Levins, who died in Portland recently.

Canners at Hood River are making eager bids for strawberries at 16 cents a pound field run and furnishing crates. This nets growers \$2.88 per crate.

Plans for raising Marion county's quota in the Salvation army drive are taking shape. Solicitors will be sent out early in May. The county quota is \$12,500.

Inability to sell bonds advantageously has caused the Astoria water commission to postpone the proposed raising of its dam to double the capacity of the reservoir.

Albany has been selected definitely as the site for the Young People's Summer Conference of the Presbyterian church of Oregon which will be held July 22 to 29.

Work is progressing on the Smith hill grade 16 miles north of Grants Pass on the Pacific highway. About 1000 feet remain to be graded before the summit is reached.

Practically all members of the force at the Folk county courthouse in Dallas have joined the army fighting the high cost of clothing and are wearing overalls in their various offices.

Edward A. McLean, secretary of the Oregon Retailers' association, asserts that members of the association have not profited and on many articles are making less profit than ever.

Less than 400 carloads of potatoes from the 1919 crop remain to be shipped out of Oregon, compared with 3000 cars at the same time last year, according to Marion county growers.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association is hastening shipments of stored stocks of Newtowns following lifting of the embargo on freight placed as result of the switchmen's strikes.

Plans are now being made by the secretary of state to license all drivers of motor vehicles under the provisions of a law passed at the special session of the legislature in January.

Hood River valley irrigation projects have won in every point in litigation with power concerns over water rights on Hood River, according to a decree just entered by the state water board.

The annual founders' day celebration at Champoeg will be held Saturday, May 1. Five-minute addresses will be given by pioneers attending the celebration. Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem will preside.

J. O. Hays, San Jose millionaire, who owns much property in the Lake Labish region near Salem, is constructing a sawmill in that vicinity to cut lumber for the construction of warehouses. These will be used as storage places for onions and other vegetables for protection against freezing weather.

With a membership of twenty, the Hood River chapter of the women's auxiliary of the American legion has been launched.

Immediate relief of shortage of cars in Baker is demanded by the Baker county chamber of commerce or serious labor troubles as well as financial ruin to the local lumber industry is likely to result.

Directors of the Bend school district have authorized the calling of a special election, the date to be set later, to vote on a \$32,000 bond issue to finance the completion of the main unit of the high school.

The St. Helens water commission has filed application with the state engineer for the appropriation of water from Milton creek for municipal purposes. This improvement will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

All bids submitted for the purchase of the \$1,000,000 bond issue offered for sale by the state highway department under the act of last January, in extension of the Bean-Barrett act, were rejected by the state board of control as being too low.

Mrs. Edward School, of Hubbard, is dead and her husband, Dr. Edward School, is in a critical condition from nervous shock as result of the automobile in which they were riding being struck by a northbound Southern Pacific freight train.

Tim Stratton, well known in the John Day district, and his wife are dead as a result of a murder and suicide committed in a hotel at Baker. The tragedy is believed to have been caused by domestic trouble and followed several hours of quarreling.

Four hundred Indians gathered near Adams to celebrate the potlatch of the late Yumaunkia, who died in Chicago recently. At the potlatch his blankets, saddles, horses and other possessions were distributed among his relatives, according to the tribal customs.

An increase in the rates of the Union County Telephone company to a point comparable with the lowest rates charged by the Home Telephone company, operating in the same territory, was granted in an order issued by the public service commission and effective May 1.

A. B. Foster, who was convicted of the murder of Lawrence Goodell in Portland and who escaped a month ago from the state tuberculosis hospital where he had been transferred from the penitentiary has been returned to Salem. Foster was captured at El Paso, Texas.

Strawberry growers in the Willamette valley are being offered 15 cents a pound for their 1920 product, but as yet few contracts have been made at that figure. Some of the growers believe the price will go to 20 cents a pound and are not in favor of selling below that figure.

Total taxes levied by counties for the year 1920, based on the rolls of 1919, exclusive of the fire patrol assessment, aggregate \$32,596,695.03, or approximately \$7,000,000 in excess of the amount raised in the year 1919, according to a report prepared by Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner.

A program for paved market roads in Linn county will be inaugurated by the county court this year by paving a stretch of seven miles. The first road to be paved extends from Selo to Green's bridge, which crosses the North Santiam river, the boundary line between Linn and Marion counties.

Application for a charter for the Peoples State bank, which it was proposed to organize at The Dalles, has been refused by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, on the ground that the city already has two depositories in operation and a third bank scheduled to open its doors between May 1 and May 15.

The largest moonshine still ever found in Clackamas county and probably the largest in the state was raided near Boring by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Hughes and two revenue officers of Portland. The officers found 75 gallons of moonshine whisky and more than 1700 gallons of mash made from corn and hops.

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