

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Fifty students will graduate from Albany high school in June.

Wasco county during 1921 paid out a total of 2666 in bounties on predatory animals.

Beginning March 1 Klamath county lumber industries will operate on a nine-hour day basis.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Linn County Jersey Cattle club will be held at Albany March 4.

The freight rate between Medford and Central Willamette valley points was recently reduced \$1.60 per ton on cull apples.

For stealing 20 pounds of candy from a box car at Baker, Charles Wilson was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Salem is to have one of the new state and federal industrial schools as soon as the shop can be fitted up for operation.

The California-Oregon Power company has just placed an order with the Gold Hill Cement company for 10,000 barrels of cement.

The first annual Bend poultry show opened in Bend Friday with 50 pens of fowls from Deschutes and Crook counties on exhibit.

A total of 273 new members was obtained during the membership drive conducted by the Josephine County Farm Bureau association.

Ben F. Chambers, aged thirty-five, indicted on a statutory charge, shot himself to death with a bullet through the head at his home in Eugene.

Salem is in the grip of another influenza epidemic, physicians estimating that there are between 500 and 1000 cases of the disease in the city.

French & Co., of The Dalles, the oldest financial institution in eastern Oregon, closed its doors on advice of A. B. Robertson, state bank examiner.

Oregon is the second state in the union in the amount of developed water power. Oregon has 74 plants with a total capacity of 185,215 horsepower.

The central stage terminal at Salem is now handling about 1000 persons daily. Approximately 45 stages arrive and depart from the terminal each 24 hours.

A choral society composed of more than 50 voices and representative of Redmond, Powell Butte, Terrebonne and Lower Bridge, was organized at Redmond.

A total of 3705 cash claims, filed by ex-service men entitled to benefits under the so-called bonus act, have been certified by the world war veterans' state aid commission.

The winter fishing season on the Columbia river closed at noon Wednesday and the catching of salmon will be unlawful until the opening of the spring season at noon on May 1.

A survey of state institutions in Salem to investigate dental care of inmates will be made soon, according to Dr. Clyde Mount, of Oregon City, president of the State Dental association.

A \$200,000 furnace for manufacturing pig iron will be started within the next six weeks upon its property a mile west of Scappoose by the Oregon Charcoal-Iron company, according to announcement.

L. L. Thomas of Marshfield was elected president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association and Eugene was selected as the next convention city during the annual convention of the association at Roseburg.

An amendment to the Interior department appropriation bill offered by Senator McNary providing \$80,000 for a new dormitory at Chemawa Indian school, Salem, was adopted by the state Indian affairs committee.

Representatives of Oregon sportsmen's associations will meet in Portland March 15 to discuss fish and game laws and the preparation of a definite program toward the improvement of hunting conditions in the state.

The Saddle Mountain Logging company and Lewis & Malone logging camps on the line of the Lewis and Clark railroad in Clatsop county resumed operations last week after a shutdown since before the Christmas holidays.

Sixty-two aliens, representing 14 nationalities, took the oath of allegiance to the United States and were granted citizenship at the municipal auditorium before an audience of nearly 3000 citizens in Portland's first public naturalization ceremony.

The attorney-general has advised William S. Lovens, district attorney of Baker County, that a county clerk must pay from the general fund of the county treasurer, the bounty provided for in the laws of 1909 and acts amendatory thereof. Also that the county court may or may not, in its discretion, provide funds for payment of the additional bounty authorized in the Oregon laws of 1907, and acts amendatory thereof.

Unless the number of cases of influenza at the state hospital at Salem decreases the institution will be quarantined by the superintendent and visitors will not be allowed. The state penitentiary has been under quarantine for more than two weeks.

A party of 500 Swiss farmers is preparing to come to Oregon for colonization purposes, according to Arnold Keller, of Portland. He has returned from Europe, where he was commissioned by the Swiss government to take up the colonization matter with Governor Olcott.

A total of 3210 checks, aggregating \$805,879.20, issued by the secretary of state at the direction of the world war veterans' state aid commission to applicants for cash benefits under the so-called soldier cash bonus and loan law were mailed to the recipients from Salem Friday.

At the request of Crook county post of the American Legion the business and professional men of the city met with the legion members and the Crook County Co-operative association was formed. The association has as its main object settling Crook county with white settlers.

Damages in the sum of \$20,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, Mrs. Pearl Lindsey, is asked in a "heart-balm" suit filed in the circuit court at The Dalles by H. H. Lindsey of Salem. J. T. McCulloch and Noel McCulloch of Antelope are named as the defendants in the suit.

When Joseph Laundry, under two years' sentence for violation of the Oregon criminal syndicalism act, arrived at the state penitentiary from Portland to start serving his term, he was agreeably surprised by Warden Compton, who refused to accept him for the reason that a few minutes before he reached the prison his case had been reversed by the supreme court.

Approximately 11,500 acres under the proposed Powell butte high-line canal will be irrigated by water stored in the Crane prairie reservoir of the North Canal company if directors of the district accept an offer made by ex-Governor West, secretary of the North Canal company. Mr. West proposed to furnish storage, do all necessary engineering and complete canals to the lands for \$63.75 an acre.

Fred C. Baker of Tillamook, secretary of the Roosevelt Memorial Coast Highway association, has received a telegram from Washington, D. C., stating that Senator McNary had submitted data to the secretary of agriculture urging that the Roosevelt highway be designated a road of primary importance. This is the brief that was submitted to the state highway commission and was written by the secretary of the association.

That the district forester will grant a concession for the operation of a summer hotel at Diamond lake within the next few weeks was the information received at Bend by Forest Supervisor Plumb. A 10 or 20-year lease would be given and an initial investment of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 required. In the last few years Diamond lake has become one of the most popular central Oregon camping spots, both from the standpoint of the tourist and the angler.

Members of the Portland city council voted to withdraw its application filed several months ago with the Oregon public service commission, requesting that body to make an appraisal of the physical properties of the city water department. The withdrawal was made, it was announced by Mayor Baker, because it was the belief of members of the city council that "any confidence reposed in the public service commission by the citizens of Portland has been forfeited by that commission through recent acts and decisions."

If the so-called "cabinet" form of government now in operation in Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, New York and other states is found by investigation to be superior to and more economical than the present Oregon system of handling governmental affairs, Governor Olcott will lend every influence at hand to obtain its adoption in this state. This statement by Governor Olcott followed the appointment of a committee of five prominent Oregon men to investigate the measure of success attained by the "cabinet" form of government in states where it has been established and file a report in his office for submission to the legislature at its next session.

Oregon's rivers and harbors fared especially well in the bill for improvements reported out by the house rivers and harbors committee. Provision is carried in the bill for the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland by widening of the channel to 600 feet and maintaining a depth of 30 feet. This improvement would eventually cost \$1,750,000, according to the engineer's estimates.

Another provision is for the improvement of Willamette slough and still another for the construction of two jetties and the improvement of Isthmus slough at Coos Bay at a final cost of \$2,140,000. Improvement of the Clatskanie river also is included in the bill. Surveys are provided for Umpqua river, Tillamook bay and harbor, Deer Island slough and the North Portland harbor.

The Southern Pacific company, which sometime ago was ordered by the public service commission to improve its station facilities at Oregon City, has been granted an extension of 90 days.

Information received at Crater national park headquarters in Medford is that there is 9 1/2 feet of snow at the rim of Crater lake and 8 1/2 feet at Anna Spring camp, five miles lower down. This is more snow than there has been in the park for several years.

Assessors from nine Oregon counties west of the Cascade mountains held a conference in Salem to discuss a more uniform system of taxation. Counties represented at the conference included Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk, Wasco, Yamhill and Washington.

The \$800,000 highway bond issue voted by Klamath county Tuesday carried by a majority of about six to one.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has gone to Chicago to attend the annual convention of the department of superintendents of the National Education association.

Establishment of so-called joint rates on hay from east of the mountains through Portland to points west, including Marshfield, Astoria, Salem, Tillamook, Eugene, Albany and other western Oregon cities, will be attempted by the Oregon public service commission, according to announcement made at Salem.

Market conditions, as far as they relate to prunes, will show a marked improvement this year as compared with the past few seasons, according to W. T. Jenks, manager of the Willamette Valley Prune association. He also predicted that the prune crop in the Willamette valley this season would exceed in quantity that of last year.

Napkins and other linens made from Oregon flax are being exhibited in Salem by Robert Crawford, formerly at the head of the prison flax industry, but at the present time manager of the Willamette Valley Flax & Hemp Growers' association. These articles were manufactured in Belfast, Ireland, from flax gathered in the vicinity of Salem.

The snow and ice on the pavement between Hood River and the Multnomah county line has caused considerable damage to the Columbia river highway, according to J. R. Nickelsen, superintendent of maintenance of the road in Hood River county. The pavement has been cracked in spots. Fences have been smashed and walls pushed down.

The postoffice department has announced the following appointments of fourth-class postmasters in Oregon: E. Oscar Rickell at Dothan, Douglas county; William E. Evans at Kamela, in Union county; Minnie Gustafson at Reth, in Umatilla county; Minnie Kramer at Top, in Grant county; and Berton K. Lawson at Wedderburn, in Curry county.

A shaving brush of cheap manufacture, thought to have caused the death by anthrax of Rev. W. J. Bowerman, who died at Albany, has been sent to the laboratories of the state health department at Portland for investigation. These brushes are understood to have been imported from China where they were made of Siberian horsehair or boar bristles.

E. E. Elliott, director of the state board of vocational education, has a deed for 1000 acres of land lying between the Miami and Seloto rivers in Ohio. It was issued by the governor to Archibald Blair, as assignee of James Wood, who was a colonel in the American army during the revolutionary war. The deed was signed in the handwriting of John Adams, president.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending February 23, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Sefano Lopen, laborer, Glendale; George Striemer, faller, Portland; Sam Zano, fireman, Banks; and A. G. Van Ressen, machine operator, Portland. A total of 366 accidents were reported.

Complete exoneration of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Myers of any fault in connection with reports alleging misconduct in the management of the Oregon employment institution for the blind in Portland and recommending the immediate dismissals of Charles G. Bishop, O. L. Johnson, Ellen Silvers, Charles S. West and Sylvester Mayer, inmates of the school, were the outstanding features of a report submitted to the state board of control by a committee of prominent Portland residents, appointed recently to make a thorough investigation of the institution.

Public Service Commissioner Williams and representatives of the state bridge and highway departments, the Southern Pacific company and the county court, met in Roseburg for the purpose of considering the overhead crossings to be built at once on the Pacific highway at Oakland, Sutherlin, Wilbur and Shady Point. Each site was inspected and a hearing then held in Roseburg. The costs of the crossings will be apportioned by the commissioner between the state, county and railroad company.

## DANTE'S INFERNO OUTDONE IN ARMENIA

### Walls of Starving Children Assault the Ears of Relief Workers at Erivan.

The tragic progression of famine conditions in Armenia is strikingly shown in the personal reports brought back by State Director J. J. Handsaker of the Near East Relief when he visited that section last August, and in the letters that have been received at intervals since.

"When I was there in the late summer," said Mr. Handsaker, "The conditions were truly appalling, despite the fact that the orphanages were filled to their utmost capacity and everything possible was being done. I myself selected a little naked girl with nineteen others from among hundreds of starving children to fill the only possible vacancies in the orphanage at Erivan at that time. However, the weather was warm, and the refugees could manage in some way to keep alive. Reports from Erivan in late September told of the coming of the cold weather, and how the reserves were drawn upon for the opening of additional soup-kitchens. Starving men, women and children from all sections were flocking desperately to the Near East Relief stations in the hope of getting work, food and clothing. Two months later, under date of Nov. 29, we have news of the frightful situation that followed. This news came to Dr. Esther Lovejoy, of Portland, Oregon, who is national chairman of the American Women's Hospitals, from Dr. Mabel Elliott, in charge of the American Women's Hospitals in the Near East section. This organization is co-operating with the Near East Relief, and is handling the medical work of the latter at Erivan. Below is an excerpt from Dr. Mabel Elliott's letter to Dr. Lovejoy:

"I cannot begin to tell you, doctor, of the misery here in spite of the enormous amount of work being done. Since I have been here 852 is the lowest number of cases we have had in our hospitals at any one time, and yet they are dying on all corners of the city. Last Sunday we went out on horseback to see how things were beyond the town; we passed a dead horse by the side of the road, and three wretched human beings were sitting beside it, taking the flesh off with their hands. It was a most repulsive sight.

"All day long you can hear the groans and walls of little children outside our building in hopes we can and will pick them up. If the sun shines for a little while they quiet down, and then when it rains they begin again. One day the rain turned into snow and it was awful to listen to them. The note of terror that came into the general wall was distinctly perceptible, although my room was upstairs and the window was closed. They will know what a single night out in the snow would mean to them. We are picking them up as fast as possible.

"You can see by my report how many more patients we have than beds, and the same holds good in the orphanages. There is no use crowding them in so that they will all die."

## PRETTY OREGON BRIDE MOTHERS 2000 ORPHANS



Mrs. Ethel Long Newman, Oregon Agricultural College, 1920, who is now in charge of a Near East Relief orphanage in Armenia. She mothers her family of 2,000 little war victims while her husband runs a 20,000-acre farm which is a part of the constructive work being done in Russian Armenia by the Near East Relief.

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Twenty-two cases of influenza have been reported at Tillier in Douglas county.

A night school has been organized at Halfway for persons over high-school age.

Dairy demonstrations will be held in Linn county this week under the direction of the county farm bureau.

Caroline Testout rose slips from the state capitol grounds at Salem will be set out in many rural school lots in Lane county.

The port of Port Orford has contracted for a 50-by-160-foot extension to the shipping dock at that city and work will be started at once.

More than 700 acres of flax land in Marion county has been signed up by the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers' association, it is announced.

A light form of influenza which has attacked many residents of Dufur has resulted in closing of the schools and placing of a ban on public meetings in that town.

Stage service between Grants Pass and Crescent City is hampered by deep snow in the vicinity of Monumental, the highest point between these two cities.

Assets of the state industrial accident commission at the close of business January 31 aggregated \$4,765,730.55, according to a report prepared by the department.

The state board of control opened bids for the installation of a ventilating system in the capitol building at Salem. Six bids were received, ranging from \$14,492 to \$16,514.

A return of the municipal railroad has been tendered Grants Pass by the California & Oregon Coast railroad, purchased under contract from the city by Twoby Brothers.

Wildcats are unusually plentiful in some parts of Tillamook county this year, and the trappers are having good luck. Albert Aubermauer of Hebo trapped 29 wildcats this year.

Four persons were killed in traffic accidents in Portland during January. There were 866 automobile accidents in the month, in which, besides those killed, there were 106 injured.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, well known throughout the state and for many years a resident and practicing attorney of Pendleton, has announced his probable candidacy for governor. Salem's new stage terminal, which was completed recently at a cost of approximately \$30,000 was opened Saturday. The ceremonies were featured by a dance and other entertainment.

There were 50 per cent more births and less deaths in Medford last year than during any year in the city's history since official records were kept, according to City Health Officer Pickel.

An agreement is being circulated among the merchants of Eugene and signed by all members of the Lane county credit association, binding themselves to abolish all forms of misleading or false advertising.

The Penn state college debate team will appear at O. A. C. Friday. John Gray of Santa Rosa, Cal., Paul Knoll of Corvallis, and Ernest Abbott of Ashland will represent the Oregon Agricultural college in this contest.

Nine prisoners in the Eugene jail made a dash to freedom Friday night after opening seven corridor doors and two outside doors with passkeys that the prisoners evidently had fashioned from materials they had obtained in jail.

F. M. French, W. A. Eastburn and C. H. Stewart have been appointed by the Albany chamber of commerce as a committee to arrange plans for the home-coming next summer of ex-residents of that city who now live in jail.

Marshfield was chosen as the meeting place for the 1922 convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association, at a meeting held by representatives of that body in Portland, June 29, 30 and July 1 are the dates set for the session.

A conference of all attorneys and appraisers in Oregon appointed under the provisions of the so-called soldiers' bonus act will be held in Portland February 17. The conference will discuss bonus problems and policies relating to appraisals.

Wool growers of this state met in their twenty-fifth annual convention Friday at Pendleton and undertook the consideration of the problems facing their industry in Oregon. More than 100 of the biggest producers in the state attended the session.

Persons operating motor vehicles who cannot show that they have made application for 1922 licenses now are subject to arrest and prosecution under the state traffic laws, according to a letter issued by Secretary of State Kozler and mailed to all peace officers in Oregon.

## OREGON BRIDE MOTHERS 2,000

### Ethel Long Newman Writes of Life in Armenia, Where She Manages Great Orphanage.

Some vivid pictures of life in Russian Armenia, where gaunt famine stalks in the wake of devastating war, are given by Mrs. Samuel Newman, formerly Miss Ethel Long, graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, class of 1920, in letters to friends in Oregon.

Mrs. Newman and her husband, the latter a graduate of the Idaho Agricultural College, were married in Portland last spring, and soon after left for Armenia to join the staff of Near East Relief workers in charge of two large orphanages near Alexandropol, where an extensive agricultural reconstruction project is being inaugurated by the Near East Relief organization. The Soviet government, unable to cope with the appalling conditions following the warfare waged in that region almost continuously since 1914, last year turned over to the Near East Relief three mammoth military posts which had been converted into orphanages, together with 118,000 acres of land to be put under cultivation.

"It is a staggering task the Near East Relief has undertaken," writes Mrs. Newman, "but we are working hard and making progress in the face of overwhelming odds. Sam has 20,000 acres of farm lands under his supervision, and is toiling early and late getting his farm units started. I am busy every hour of the day with my work in the orphanage here, which shelters 2,000 children and gives employment to the mothers and fathers of many hundreds more. The farms, you know, are operated in connection with the orphanages. Besides receiving instruction in manual training and other useful things, the larger boys are taught modern scientific methods of farming. The orphan girls are taught to weave rugs and to sew and cook. We are also operating several industrial units where cloth is woven and garments made for the children.

"It was all very discouraging at first," Mrs. Newman continues, "but now we are taking heart and working harder than ever. Sam had an awful time getting his first unit started. However, after scouring the whole country he got together a few plows and harrows and things; also, a little later, the modern machinery contributed by friends of the Near East Relief began to arrive, and Sam had the good fortune to round up 32 good reliable mules. He has sixteen teams now at work, and expects to have a tractor in the field soon. \* \* \* The poor peasants here had never done any real farming, and it was very hard for them at first, but their eagerness to learn and to help is very pathetic. The great deep furrows Sam plows with his good American equipment are a never-ending marvel to them. When Sam gets one unit started with men trained to operate it, he begins another and the orphan boys take to the training with great zeal.

When the Newmans arrived at Djelaghogh, the orphanage there sheltered only 400 boys and girls, and Mrs. Newman writes of these; "There were 1,000 in this lot last spring, but because of malnutrition and sickness, 600 of them died during the summer, so the Soviet officials had only 400 left to turn over to us. Enough have been brought down from the over-crowded orphanage at Alexandropol to make 2,000 here, and as you can imagine, I have my hands full, helping to mother them. It is wonderful to see how the wretched, dirty, starved little newcomers begin to blossom and grow as soon as they have been bathed, clothed and given a few rations of wholesome food."

Mrs. Newman says there are things the relief workers must think of as little as possible, and must turn away from when outside the orphanage gates. To attempt to aid all the starving people, or even children, would be utterly futile, she says, and would exhaust the Near East resources without permanently helping any. The orphanages take in just as many as can be managed safely.

"We simply must ignore the rest," she writes. "Just outside our gates there are scores of starving children lying or sitting about listlessly, shivering in filthy rags, with their little bones fairly protruding through their skins. Many of them are sick and in pain, and they all beg piteously to be taken in every time they can catch the attention of any of the workers. Many times we have taken in 'just one more' until it cannot be done again, else there would not be food enough for the ones we already have. Another awful thing one may see any day, are the little quiet bundles of rags lying on the sunny side of a wall or a hillside, just able to stir feebly now and then, or to lift up pleading little wails for arms in supplication, if anyone passes. They will lie in the same spot for days sometimes, before they become quite still. Then the Soviet cart with its daily load of the dead, comes and picks up the little bundle. Just picture any one of the many mothers in this tragic land—half-starved and despairing, clad in rags and tatters, with her naked babe in her arms, the little thing trying feebly to draw nourishment from her dried-up breasts. I must not write of it, nor think of it. We must all keep strong for the work that is before us, and think only of the great good that we are doing. But I beg of you, never believe that there can be any exaggeration in the stories you hear of the sufferings and horrors here in this unhappy land.