A statement issued by the state banking department on the basis of the call of March 4, shows total deposits in all banks and trust companies of Oregon amounting to $228,911,632.43. This is an increase over March 4, 1918, of $39,320,323.75.

Siewert & Engstrom, of Salem, and M. W. Lorenz, of Portland, are the successful bidders on two buildings to be constructed at the state institution for the feebleminded. The Salem firm will build the boys' dormitory at the contract price of $25,411 and the Portland firm will construct the combined hospital and dormitory at a cost to the state of $25,372.

Epidemic influenza which raged throughout the state during the winter months caused an unprecedented boom in the sale of life insurance, according to Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, who reports that the life insurance business done in the state during the first three months of this year is double that of the same three months of 1918.

Outside of Portland, Salem has the lead over 26 cities in the state that have bank deposits of $1,000,000 or more. The first five in the list, as tabulated in the office of Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, are: Portland, 22 banks, $124,678,494.56; Salem, four banks, $7,026,711.51; Astoria, four banks, $6,610,729.26; Eugene, three banks, $4,017,295.69.

Twenty-four span of horses and mules, including some of the best imported stock in the state, were burned to death when the big barn on the Malcolm A. Moody ranch at Tygh Valley was destroyed by fire. The burning barn, which was the largest in the county, and the screams of the animals, attracted neighbors from miles around. The loss is estimated at $25,000.

Authority has been received in Portland from the Western Passenger Traffic committee, at Chicago, to announce round trip rates during 1919 at one and one-half times one-way fare for state and county fairs in Oregon and Washington and 2-cent-a-mile rate each way for local and state encampments of the G. A. R. and United Confederate Veterans and affiliated organizations.

Vive la France, a senior 4-year-old Jersey cow owned by Pickard Bros. of Marion, has broken the world's butterfat record for Jersey cows of all ages, and has probably broken the senior 4-year-old record for all breeds, although no official record has yet been issued by the American Jersey Cattle club. The unofficial record shows that Vive la France's production of butterfat will approximate 1028 pounds.

The port of Astoria commission has authorized the construction of pier 3 at the port dock, with a warehouse 1500 feet long by 160 feet wide, the estimated cost of the proposed improvement being approximately $900,000. The pier will be equipped with loading cranes for the handling of import and export traffic, complete systems of railway tracks and all modern facilities for the loading and discharging of vessels.

At a meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce steps were taken for issuance of a booklet illustrative of the resources of Douglas county. Business interests are taking on new life, and with returning of the men from the service the situation begins to assume pre-war activity. Many people are arriving from eastern points, and business men are buckling into the work of securing locations for homeseekers coming into southern Oregon.

J. H. Upton, president of the Oregon irrigation congress, called a meeting of all officers and committees of the Oregon irrigation congress to meet in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday for the purpose of perfecting plans to carry on a campaign of publicity throughout the state in behalf of the amendment to the state constitution, authorizing the state, under well-defined restrictions, to guarantee for a period of not over five years the interest on bonds issued by drainage and irrigation districts.

Until fruit of another crop ripens soldiers passing through Hood River will get no more apples from members of the canteen committee of the Hood River Red Cross chapter; that is, when seven boxes of Newtowns, held in storage, are gone. J. H. Fredricy, member of the canteen committee, who has had charge of the distribution of 2500 boxes given out to service men in the past six months, is holding the seven boxes as a treat for a contingent of Oregon men expected this week.

Total returns from all fruits in the Hood River valley for the season of 1918 will reach $3,000,000, the highest ever received by growers of the valley. The Apple Growers' association leads all local shipping concerns, reporting a gross business in excess of $2,000,000. Dan Wuille & Co., the bulk of whose stock of 150 cars was shipped to England, report returns of $300,000. The business of the Hood River Fruit company will reach a similar figure. The fruit handled by the Hood River Apple & Storage company and that shipped independently, it is estimated, exceeded $400,000.

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