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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Oregon interstate fair will be held in Prineville this year, October 1 to 5, inclusive.

The Sitka Spruce company, of Coquille, is establishing a new shingle mill in the Fishtrap district.

Preparations are being made by the labor council of Coos bay for a mammoth celebration in North Bend and Marshfield on Labor day.

Sixty-one members of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty have withdrawn to enter government service since the declaration of war.

A sawmill owned by John M. Robins at Swan Lake valley in Klamath county was destroyed by fire with a loss of between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

The prune growers of Polk county have formed a green prune pool. The minimum price paid for the green fruit will be 2½ cents a pound delivered at the Dallas warehouse.

The Iowa association of Oregon will hold its annual picnic at the state fair grounds at Salem August 17 and it is expected that former Iowans from all over the state will be present.

The George Perry sheep ranch on Rock creek was purchased last week by John J. Kelly of Heppner, consideration named being \$45,000. The ranch embraces 3500 acres of land in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Oregon has been districted into 33 divisions with a community labor board given jurisdiction over each district to prepare for mobilization and distribution of labor, chiefly of the unskilled class, in war industries.

A new magazine for Sunday school workers in Oregon, to be known as the Oregon Sunday School Outlook, will be published in Portland under the auspices of the Oregon Sunday School Association, beginning in September.

An immense run of Chinook salmon in the Columbia river, which began several days ago and is still continuing, has made it probable that this season's pack will exceed that of last year. Canneries are all working at capacity.

Work has begun on the construction of a fill to replace much of the trestle work adjacent to the big Oregon Electric railroad bridge over the Santiam river between Dever and Talbot, where the railroad crosses from Linn into Marion county.

In the mountain district about 20 miles south of Camas valley, a double tragedy occurred when two men were caught by a falling tree. They were Melvin Murphy and Robert Benham. Murphy was killed outright, and Benham seriously injured.

Only one fatal accident, out of a total of 581 industrial casualties, was reported to the state accident commission for the week ending August 3. This was the case of John M. Person, who was accidentally killed in Portland while engaged in the shipyards.

Through intervention of Senator McNary a modification has been secured of the order of the railroad administration prohibiting reduced rates on shipments of exhibits to the state fair. All exhibits sent to the next state fair may be transported in one direction free.

Oregon's fourth liberty loan quota probably will be double that of the third loan, according to information conveyed in a letter to Governor Withycombe from James K. Lynch, of San Francisco, governor of the federal reserve bank there. The quota of the last campaign was \$12,485,000.

The Oregon Historical society estimates its expenses for the next two years at \$24,300 and the department of public instruction at \$41,068, in reports filed with the state tax commission. Receipts for the historical society are estimated at \$1500 and for the department of public instruction at \$20,000.

Shipyards of the state expended \$12,218,216.73 in salaries and wages during the first six months of 1918, for 2,266,727 working days, or an average wage for all classes of employment of \$5.44 per day, according to figures which have just been completed for State Labor Commissioner Hoff's biennial report.

Wherever practicable women will be used on state highway work in the future, according to State Highway Engineer Nunn. They will be assigned to positions of inspecting, checking rock and similar lines of employment. Orders have gone forth to engage as many women as possible and to release men for other service.

Governor Withycombe believes the state military police can be cut down to two-thirds its present size on the first of the year, and that by 1920, regardless of whether or not the war continues, it can be cut to half its present size. Accordingly he declares that no less than \$322,000 can be lopped off the \$654,000 which Major Delich has estimated will be necessary for the organization during the next biennium. This would leave \$374,000 for the use of the police.

At a conference with the capitalization committee of the war industries board, Representative Blinnott was informed that the agricultural experts have reported favorably on the Warm Springs irrigation project and that the outlook is good for favorable action on the bond issue, though no definite action can be taken now.

George F. Rodgers, shipbuilder of Astoria, and former mayor of Salem, wants to use convicts to build ships. In a letter received by the state board of control Rodgers states that he is satisfied that free labor would not object to convicts working in the yards, and he states he is willing to give full pay for their services.

The body of Walter S. Brockman, the largest owner of cattle in Wallowa county, was found near a trail on the Snake river, where apparently he had fallen over the cliffs. Lying near him was his pack mule, also dead, and some of his horses were nearby. He was at work on the trail and is believed to have met his death accidentally.

The Industrial Accident commission will have an estimated deficiency of \$110,000 for the present biennium, according to a supplemental report filed with the state tax commission. Expenditures for the first six months against the state's share of expense make an expense of \$360,000 likely for the biennium, as against an appropriation of \$250,000.

Various timber owners and lumber operators asked Governor Withycombe to suspend the hunting season, which opened Thursday, that the danger from disastrous forest fires might be minimized. Lumbermen believed that the hunting season should be deferred until changed climatic conditions reduce the liability of forest fires. The governor, however, decided to allow the hunting season to open August 15 regardless of the protests.

The initiative and referendum pamphlet for the general election contains 14 pages, the smallest issued in the history of the Oregon system. Six measures are covered, including establishment of normal schools in eastern and southern Oregon, a home for defective and delinquent children, prohibiting commercial fishing in the Willamette and seine and set-net fishing in the Rogue river and repealing bills covering advertising delinquent tax lists and cost of legal publications.

In event the legislature listens to a recommendation of the Industrial Accident commission to make workmen's compensation compulsory, it will cost the state but \$296,974.16 to conduct that commission during the next biennium. On the other hand, if the recommendation is not abided by, the state's share of the accident fund for the two years will be \$1,200,000. These facts are brought out in the special report of the Accident commission just filed with the State Tax commission.

Henry L. Corbett, of Portland, submitted his resignation as chairman and member of the state council of defense to Governor Withycombe, to become effective immediately. William F. Woodward, of Portland, was named to succeed Mr. Corbett. Mr. Corbett said his selection in connection with the Military Training Camps' association made it necessary for him to resign. His new position will take him on inspection work through the camps of Oregon, California and Washington, and will consume much of his time.

More than 100 pounds of surplus honey per colony is the record of some Oregon Agricultural college bees in tests carried on this summer. The result is attributed almost entirely to winter care by A. L. Lovett, entomologist, who made the tests. Other colonies, similar in every way but wintered in the usual manner, made no such record. Plenty of stores, plenty of room and plenty of protection make up the formula. The successful colonies were wintered in a double hive, the upper part filled with stores, the whole protected from cold and moisture.

At least five state institutions will need further funds through the state emergency board before the end of the year, and the total necessary will be above \$100,000, probably in the neighborhood of \$112,000. This estimate is based on figures in recent reports from the institutions in the hands of Secretary Goodin, of the state board of control. The requirements to complete the present biennium will be about as follows: State hospital for the insane, \$62,000; state training school for boys, \$5000; state tuberculosis sanitarium, \$7000; industrial school for girls, \$2000; penitentiary, \$35,000.

Fees of the state treasurer's office, including those on inheritances and on interest on deposits, are expected to increase over \$100,000 in the next two years, bringing their aggregate up to \$295,500, according to a statement filed by State Treasurer Kay with the tax commission. Expenses for the office for the two years are estimated at \$30,400. The Public Service commission, exclusive of the state grain inspection department, estimates its expenses at \$97,100, with fees of \$2000 from log boom companies. The state weather board asks \$30,000, minus fees of \$12,200, and the bureau of mines and geology \$60,000. The Florence Crittenton Home expects \$7500 from the state as part of receipts totaling \$19,500.

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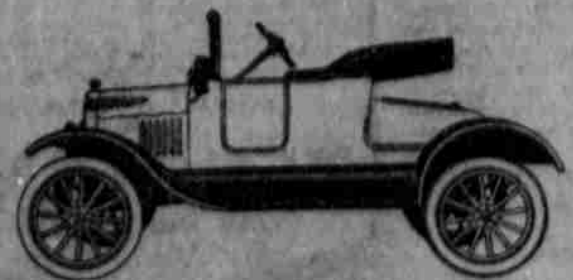
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