

REGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

The Dalles may build a municipal lighting plant.

The Oregon Chiropractic association held its ninth annual convention in Portland.

The fourth annual Buyers' Week to be held in Portland has been fixed for August 7 to 12.

Ground for the new \$125,000 Baker high school has been broken by Contractor G. H. Waale.

Plans to revive the Albany Apple fair are being developed by the Albany commercial club.

This promises to be the banner year for Josephine county in the matter of hay and grain production.

The annual convention of the church of Christ in Oregon is being held this week at Turner.

Members of the state desert land board are inspecting reclamation projects in eastern and central Oregon.

Arrangements to rebuild that portion of Lakeview destroyed by fire two weeks ago are being rapidly made.

Plans are maturing for the annual Josephine county fair, to be held at Grants Pass September 19, 20 and 21.

Lou J. Wilford, of Silverton, has applied to Representative Hawley to obtain appointment to the aviation corps of the army.

Six persons were killed and 187 injured by traffic accidents in the city of Portland in the six months ended June 20, 1916.

La Grande's 1916 Chautauqua has come to an end, and already plans are under way for a more successful endeavor next year.

With a view to preserving Klamath county's historic relics, the Klamath Historical association has been formed in Klamath Falls.

Clark Kendall & Co., Portland, were highest bidders for the Coos county road bond issue of \$362,000 and will pay a premium of \$13,915.61.

The improvement of the old military road across the Cascade mountains from Eugene to Klamath county is being discussed at Klamath Falls.

H. Chandler Egan, former amateur golf champion, won the tennis championship of southern Oregon by defeating Ernest Adams at Medford.

The census bureau's estimate of the number of able bodied men of military age, between 18 and 45, gives the number for the state of Oregon as 196,165.

The desert land board has extended the contract of the state with the Deschutes Land company on the Morson project in central Oregon to October 21, 1920.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association cannery in Eugene is manufacturing 1000 gallons of loganberry juice every day, according to J. O. Holt, manager.

Gleibisch & Joplin of Portland have been awarded the contract for the erection of the jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua at Gardiner on their bid of \$151,698.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds of wool has been pooled by the farmers of Lane county and is stored in warehouses in Eugene, Cottage Grove and Junction City.

Editors of the state will enjoy a trip to Crater Lake, as the special feature of the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association at Medford August 4-7.

The United States forest service has begun the permanent survey of the improvement of the McKenzie pass road between the summit of the Cascades and Sisters.

Petitions asking for a rabbit and rat bounty for Crook county were filed at Prineville. This measure provides for a bounty of 5 cents on rabbits and 2½ cents on rats.

Governor Withycombe has granted conditional pardons to E. C. Herlow and Clay Trites, committed to the penitentiary respectively from Multnomah and Wasco counties.

The discovery on Canyon mountain of a 50 foot ledge of what is said to be a very high grade of chrome iron ore is causing considerable mining excitement in John Day and Canyon City.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association has shipped approximately 70 carloads of strawberries and it is expected that fully 15 cars more will be shipped before the close of the season.

During the week ending July 6, a total of 244 accidents was reported to the state industrial accident commission and one of these proved fatal, that of Claud Hall, who was killed at St. Helens.

The output of gold in Oregon in the first five months of this year showed an increase of \$107,000, while the silver output increased 14,000 ounces in the same period, according to Charles G. Yale, of the United States geological survey, whose statement is compiled from the receipts of the mint and smelters at San Francisco.

Twenty tons of asbestos has been shipped east during the last few days from the Grant county mines through Baker. The shipment is said to have been worth \$3000.

The La Grande Motor Club will hold its fourth annual motor meet in La Grande July 22 and 23. The meet will consist of two days' racing for motorcycles and \$1000 in cash prizes has been offered.

Several hundred dollars' worth of liquor was poured onto the ground by officers at North Bend. It was part of a large amount of liquor seized when Chris Grohs was arrested for selling whiskey, beer and wines.

To prevent the big forest fires of former years, the Clackamas county court will send to every road supervisor in a timbered district instructions to clean up his roads, remove rubbish and clean out dry underbrush.

The Grants Pass commercial club has asked Senator Lane to obtain the apportionment of \$40,000 from the road fund provided by the Shackelford bill, to build a road to the Oregon caves monument in the Slakiyou forest.

Judging from the claims just filed with the Klamath county court, the work of keeping the demon rum out of Klamath county is quite expensive. Claims aggregating \$1010.95 have just been filed, to be acted upon by the court.

Oregon reports 50 forest fires during the short hot spell in June. These resulted from ranchers burning slashings and from carelessness around logging works. No loss of green timber was sustained and only slight loss of logs.

Superintendents from the counties of Oregon met in Salem Monday to grade the examination papers turned in by about 1000 teachers recently in efforts to get certificates or to get higher grade certificates than they now hold.

R. B. Murdock, assistant engineer in the state highway department, who was acting as county roadmaster of Coos county, was named by State Engineer Lewis to take charge of the survey and construction of roads in Coos county.

Lieutenant Commander G. F. Blair of the Oregon naval militia has received from Washington notification that the proposed summer cruise of the naval militia will be extended until August 1, in order to give time for a visit to Puget sound.

It is reported that an eastern concern has announced intentions of developing the iron deposits of Coos county. In the vicinity of Powers, a logging town in the southern part of the county, there are large deposits of iron ore, it is claimed.

Meeting at the dividing line of Grant and Baker counties at Austin, 57 miles west of Baker, members of the county courts of the two counties decided to push the work on the Dixie mountain that will give a thoroughfare connecting the counties.

To lighten the menace of infantile paralysis, now prevalent in New York, State Health Officer Roberg has recently prepared a statement calling attention to the symptoms of the disease and warning parents and physicians against risks of neglect.

Representative Hawley, as a result of a competitive examination held recently at Salem, appointed James W. Overton, of Astoria, to the Annapolis naval academy and named Adolph Greenbaum, of Salem, and Daniel L. Woods of Cottage Grove as alternates.

Quality of the shoes made at the Oregon penitentiary for inmates of the state institutions is so poor and the cost of their manufacture is so great that John W. Minto, superintendent of the prison, has urged upon members of the state board of control either abolishment of the shoe shop or installation of more modern equipment and employment of an experienced shoemaker to direct the manufacture.

Eight state-wide measures bearing a total of 227,328 signatures, five proposed county laws, and three measures submitted by the last legislature, will be on the official ballot at the general election next November. Of the state-wide measures, which will appear on the ballot, the constitutional amendment advocated by the "equal rights for home industry" committee proposing to allow the manufacture of light beer in Oregon, leads in the number of signatures, with a total of 42,046. The proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the importation of liquor into the state for beverage purposes bore 30,740 signatures. Other state-wide measures for which petitions were filed with the number of signatures are: People's land and loan law amendment, 24,653 signatures; providing normal for Pendleton amendment, 28,000 signatures; state-wide tax limitation amendment, 25,283; rural credits amendment, 27,250 signatures; prohibition of compulsory vaccination and medical treatment law, 25,126 signatures; law to repeal and abolish the Sunday closing law, 24,500 signatures. State-wide measures referred by the last legislature are: Single item veto amendment; exemption of ships amendment, and amendment repealing constitutional provision forbidding suffrage to negroes, Chinamen and mulattoes.

MAINTAINS FIVE COW TESTING ASSOCIATIONS

Coos county is the banner dairy county of Oregon, and maintains five cow-testing associations, the value of which becomes more apparent every day. Last year the average production of butter-fat per cow was 249.5 pounds. They find the test a wonderful educator and instances are numerous where the tests have shown some wonderful surprises. One man bought a cow from a butcher for \$55 and she proved to be a very high producer. Another offered to let a buyer pick his herd at \$50 per head and a little later one cow on test proved to be the best in the association.

But it will take feed to get satisfactory returns and the silo is almost a necessity.

SPECULATION IN MOTOR STOCKS IS DANGEROUS

That the conditions that are working against motor car profits will yet prevail to lower profits for some companies this year, and for most companies next year, is the opinion of Warren W. Erwin & Co. of New York.

Increased production—estimated at 1,800,000 cars this year, against 703,527 last year. This country will, at the end of 1916, have about 3,400,000 cars or one for every six families. At this rate the United States will soon be saturated with automobiles. By next year the supply of cars will almost surely exceed the demand for them. We will then have cut-throat competition and only the fittest will survive.

The cost of material for motor cars has increased enormously within about a year. Copper has doubled—14 cents to 28 cents; aluminum has trebled—20 cents to 61 cents; leather has doubled; vanadium steel has increased five times; ordinary steel more than 80 per cent—\$23 to \$54. Skilled labor has also increased from

20 to 60 per cent. Altogether the cost of cars has increased from \$50 to \$300 apiece. In some cases this increase is partly overcome by large scale production.

The demand for cars and trucks for war purposes will slacken at, if not before the end of the war.

For these reasons we do not think that this country will much longer

absorb automobiles at the rate of 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 cars a year. Hence we anticipate trouble in the motor industry and in motor stocks before many more moons.

Bulletin No. 5

The Bethlehem Steel Company's Offer to Serve the United States

At a time when the expenses of the Government are so enormous—

Isn't it worth while finding out the actual facts before plunging ahead into an expenditure of \$11,000,000 of the people's money for a Government armor plant?

To clear up the whole situation, and to put it on a basis as fair and business-like as we know how to express it, we now make this offer to the Government:

The Bethlehem Steel Company will manufacture armor plate for the Government of the United States at actual cost of operation plus such charges for overhead expenses, interest and depreciation as the Federal Trade Commission may fix. We will agree to this for such period as the Government may designate.

The House of Representatives voted down a proposal to empower the Federal Trade Commission to determine a fair price for armor, and allow private manufacturers opportunity to meet that price before the Government built its plant.

Isn't our proposition fair and ought it not to be accepted?

The measure is now before the United States Senate.

CHAS. M. SCHWAB, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACE, President

Bethlehem Steel Company

PUBLIC AUCTION!

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE OLD JOBE RANCH
FIVE MILES EAST OF SISTERS, ON

Thursday, July 20th

At 10 O'clock A. M., the Following:

THIRTY HEAD OF HORSES THREE SETS OF HARNESS ONE NEW WINONA WAGON ONE PETER SCHUTTLE WAGON THIRTY HEAD OF CATTLE	FARM MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS ONE MILWAUKEE BINDER ONE McCORMICK MOWER ONE SUPERIOR GRAIN DRILL TWO STIRRING PLOWS ONE SCRAPER ONE SADDLE WHIPPLE TREES AND OTHER ARTICLES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION GROWING CROP, 150 ACRES, AS FOLLOWS: FIFTY ACRES IN RYE FIFTY ACRES IN OATS TWENTY-ONE ACRES IN WHEAT THIRTY ACRES IN ALFALFA AND CLOVER HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ETC. ONE WROUGHT IRON RANGE (Home Comfort), WITH ALL COOKING UTENSILS ONE HEATING STOVE ONE SEWING MACHINE	ONE SET DINING ROOM CHAIRS ONE EXTRA FINE OAK PARLOR SUITE ALL NECESSARY DISHES THREE FINE ROCKING CHAIRS ONE FINE DAVENPORT ONE FINE OAK EXTENSION TABLE ONE DRESSER ONE BOOKCASE WITH BOOKS ONE PHONOGRAPH, LARGE COLLECTION OF RECORDS ONE BED AND TWO SANITARY COUCHES ONE CHIFFONIERE ONE CENTER TABLE ONE WRINGER TWO WASH TUBS ONE 10x12 RUG TWO 2x4 RUGS TWO LINOLEUMS SOME CARPENTER TOOLS ONE ICE CREAM FREEZER LINEMAN'S TOOLS, ETC. OTHER ARTICLES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION
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Lunch Will Be Served on the Grounds.

Terms of Sale: Six months time on all sums over \$10, at 10 per cent interest from date. A discount of 5 per cent for cash. All sums of \$10 and under, cash. Notes will be accepted with approved security.

F. G. CUTLIP, Owner and Auctioneer