

### OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Many farmers near Silverton are building silos this fall.

Lumber shipments from Bend in the past six months have averaged 25 cars a day.

Beans in the Willamette valley near Salem are showing about 300 pounds to the acre.

A few cases of typhoid fever have developed in Klamath Falls in the past 30 days.

The 28th fall meeting of the presidency of southern Oregon met at Central Point.

Mrs. John Caviness, 38, committed suicide at her home in Baker by shooting herself with a revolver.

On and after October 15, hunting of ducks and geese in eastern Oregon will only be permitted after sunrise and before sunset.

Exercises at the unveiling of the monument marking the end of the old Oregon trail in Oregon City were held Saturday afternoon.

More than 150 tons of chittim bark has been sold to dealers in Lincoln county this year at an average price of eight cents a pound.

There is a greater supply of money on deposit in the banks of Malheur county than has ever been recorded in the history of the county.

The Linn county chapter of the Red Cross has earned \$2161.95 in serving meals to drafted men en route from California to American Lake.

The Tualatin Valley Electric company was granted approximately a 10 per cent increase in its electric rates by the public service commission.

Mrs. Ernestine Gelsler, 80 years old, a resident of Umatilla county since Pendleton was a hamlet, died at her home in Pendleton of pneumonia.

Property owners on the bottom lands west of Rainier have formed a drainage district and will reclaim about 1500 acres that are flooded every summer.

Hood River county has just completed two new bridges over Hood river, one at Trout creek and the other at Dee, at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

A meeting of representatives of all the farmers' unions of Polk county will be held in Dallas October 17 for the purpose of discussing the question of a county agent.

Senator Chamberlain is advised by the director of the geological survey that a geologist has been instructed to visit Polk county and inspect reported oil and gas indications.

At a meeting held at Toledo the proposition to bond the port to build a steam schooner for the lumber and freight-carrying business of Yaquina bay was voted down by a vote of 7 to 25.

The annual state convention of the Oregon Congress of Mother and Parent-Teacher associations of Oregon will be held at Eugene this week, beginning Wednesday and closing Saturday.

Representative Willis C. Hawley has announced a competitive examination to establish a register for eligible young men for appointment to the United States military and naval academies.

Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women at the university of Oregon, has been named as the Oregon executive in the war work campaign being carried on by the North American student movement.

An inspection of 30,000 acres of land between Hermiston and Umatilla as a possible site for one of the additional army training camps has been ordered by the commanding officers of the western division.

An eight-hour day and an increase in wages of 20 cents a day has been granted to the platform, shop and barn men in Portland of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company by the board of arbitration.

With a bullet hole through the head, the body of Dr. William R. Scott, for a number of years a practicing physician of Athena, was found in the bathroom at the Claude Reeder farm home four miles east of Helix.

Although the normal forest fire season ended in central Oregon several weeks ago, fires continue to be reported, the unusual warm weather and the continued lack of rain creating conditions favorable for them.

The law exempting miners from assessment work on their claims for the years 1917 and 1918 is now in effect. The law was enacted in order that claimants could enter the Government service or devote their time to war-sustaining vocations.

N. P. Clerks' Strike Averted.

St. Paul, Minn.—A strike of railway clerks and station employes of the Northern Pacific railway, called for Monday, and which threatened to tie up the entire freight system of the road, was averted here when an agreement was signed granting the employes most of their demands.

### Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Owners of little farms succeed most surely when they aim to have acreage production, the quality of supplies and the prices obtained considerably above the average. This principle is applicable to all farmers, and owners of small places must adopt it before they can attain a fair success.

Perhaps all readers know of instances where some dairy owner has gained a reputation for producing milk under the most sanitary conditions possible in ordinary farming. In every such case the farmer is immediately able to add 50 or 100 per cent to the price of his milk. He doubles his income or nearly so without materially adding to his expense. It costs little extra to handle milk and butter in a nice way. Love for the work, careful methods and worthy ambition will give the desired results.

If the usual profit in a flock of hens is \$2 each above the cost of food the aim should be to increase egg production and the sale of broilers or other kinds of fancy poultry so that there will be a profit of \$3 or \$4 for each hen kept. This is to be accomplished by selecting pullets from the best laying mothers and by breeding up with full blooded males.

If the cows in a dairy herd are paying an average of \$100 a year make



THE STOCK MAY BE GRADUALLY IMPROVED.

an effort to raise it to \$200. Perhaps the quickest way to gain this end is by discarding all animals that fail to give five gallons of milk per day for the greater part of the year. The stock may be gradually improved by selection and breeding. It may be possible also to sell the milk or cream to particular customers who will pay double the usual rate.

When a farmer is located near a good market the thing for him to do is to sell to a select trade. He can supply hotels and restaurants as well as private residences. When producers are too far from a good market to drive in regularly they should adopt a system of co-operative selling and hauling. A number working together can ship regularly a given quantity of produce to city consumers, and the latter can best handle the business by means of an organization of some sort.

A few wise farmers in a certain district of the corn belt receive \$2.50 to \$5 a bushel for all the corn they raise. They understand the selling end of farming as well as the producing end, and their grain is sold for seed.

Raise a first class article, whether grain, vegetables, chickens or pigs, and there will be no difficulty in finding people who want your product if you will let them know what you have and what you sell it for.

I have often seen men going from store to store with a tin bucket and an old rag sticking out under the cover asking the merchants if they wanted butter, and at every place they would be told that it was not wanted, when in fact those very merchants were getting print butter from other states. They knew the character of the butter in the tin buckets and did not want that sort. As with butter, so it is with all products of the farm. It is quality that makes the articles sell.

Conditions are right for money making by the agricultural class. It simply remains for the farmers themselves to develop methods of selling by which they can take advantage of the improved markets. The rapid growth of cities and the sharp demand for all kinds of produce are substantial evidence of this improvement.

How to Control Scale Insects.

Spraying fruit trees with lime-sulphur wash and with soluble oils controlled San Jose scale when properly applied, while powdered sulphur compounds gave promising results in experimental tests conducted by entomologists of the Ohio experiment station. Cure-alls were unsuccessful.

Little difference in effectiveness was noted between home boiled lime-sulphur and the commercial form mixed with seven parts of water and applied in early spring. Soluble oils mixed with fifteen parts of water are also recommended.

Powder sprays, as soluble sulphur compound and barium sulphur, gave variable results in killing the scale insects. The station experts do not discriminate against such materials, but say they should be used only in an experimental way.

### SUBMARINE CRISIS IS BELIEVED PAST

Washington.—Detailed information reaching the government has confirmed the opinion in official circles that the submarine crisis is past.

Germany, building more U-boats than ever before, is obtaining less results than at any time since, and even before, its proclamation of unrestricted undersea warfare.

This information includes figures as to the number of submarines captured and the number believed to have been sunk. Officials declare that the total would give a thrill of astonishment and satisfaction to the allied peoples should the figures be made public.

While it is admitted that Germany probably is increasing its fleet of U-boats, the destruction being less than the reported output, the new U-boats show the depreciation of Germany's resources. They are merely shells with engines in them, compared with the powerful submarines she had in the early months of her campaign.

Many are little better than death traps, it is declared, and the opinion is expressed that many German submarines are lost through the risks of the sea which, if added to the allies' toll, would throw the balance the other way.

The situation is still serious and there is no attempt to underestimate it, but the belief here is that the German tide is receding on sea as well as on land and that while sinkings will continue and seriously handicap the nations fighting Germany, the danger point has been left to the rear.

### BRIEF WAR NEWS

Along the Aisne a lively artillery duel continues between the French and Germans.

On the Austro-Italian front, especially in the Isonzo region, the reciprocal bombardments continue heavy.

A new national flag is shortly to be unfolded on the French front—that of Poland. An autonomous Polish army is already in course of organization on French soil.

The British remain in disputed possession of the ground gained on the west Flanders front. The fact that the Germans withheld attempts to shake the British from their newly-won grounds except for what must have been a very weak effort around Passchendaele, indicates strict observance of the new Hindenburg rules of economy of Germany's man power.

The farmers of Junction City have organized a cow-testing association.

Portland has a population of 286,753, according to Polk's city directory.

The first annual automobile show of Baker will open Thursday evening, April 5.

Albany may have a policewoman to give special attention to children on the streets at night.

Condon will hold its fourth annual race meet, beginning Monday, June 5, and continuing for five days.

Lin Sing, believed to be a member of the Hip Sing tong, was shot in his room in Astoria's Chinatown.

Twenty-five cases of chickenpox and mumps have been reported in Amity and vicinity in the last month.

Thousands of tons of baled alfalfa hay are being shipped from Echo to various points in eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The fourth annual convention of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Breeders' Association, will be held at La Grande April 24-25.

The Girl's National honor guard of Oregon will start at once to make comfort bags for members of the Oregon National guard.

The Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs will convene in Grants Pass for a three-day session, beginning April 12.

W. T. Carroll, who came to Oregon in 1864 and was deputy Sheriff in Union county in early days, died in Eugene at the age of 72 years.

Astoria will be headquarters for the new revenue cutter just completed at Baltimore, which is to replace the Manning on the Pacific coast.

Many requests being received by the state highway department for bridge designs indicate there will be much bridge construction this season.

The Coos county court has turned over to the state highway department the supervision of the expenditure of the \$362,000 county bond issue.

Women students of the Oregon Agricultural college who are registered in agriculture have organized the Women's Agricultural association.

Major Carl Abrams has been promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the Third Oregon. He will be succeeded as major by Captain Daughtery, of Portland.

Canyon City, Grant county, looks like old times, as the result of a jump in price of chrome iron ore from \$7 to \$22 a ton at Prairie City, the shipping point.

Officials of the Southern Pacific are considering plans to distribute all the fuel oil used by their locomotives in Oregon from a depot to be established on Coos bay.

Contention of the industrial accident commission of Oregon made through out a controversy which waged nearly all summer to the effect that men working on hulls of vessels during construction after they have been launched, or longshoremen or stevedores working on vessels in a harbor, may come under the terms of the workmen's compensation act, is upheld by the Johnson law passed by the last congress. In this act, while the common law remedy is still allowed to apply, and a right of action lies in the admiralty courts for the cases in question, the law saves to claimants "the rights and remedies under the workmen's compensation law of any state."



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