OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Lebanon has good prospects of having a flouring mill established there. The run of salmon in the Columbia river for the past week has been exceptionally good.

A drastic measure forcing all idlers to go to work has been adopted by the Klamath city council.

The Columbia river highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks was opened to traffic Sunday.

Marion and Polk counties will cele brate the completion of the new intercounty bridge over the Willamette river at Salem on July 30.

According to records, 10,000 more automobiles are in operation in Oregon already this year than were in operation during all of 1917.

Attendance at the summer school of the Oregon Normal at Monmouth has now passed 400 and is a few in advance of the attendance last year.

During the month of August the state supreme court will take the annual summer recess and most of the justices will leave on vacation trips.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bryafit, one of the oldest pioneers of Oregon, who crossed the plains in infancy, died at her home in Portland at the age of 87 years.

Fruit growers of the northwest are being urged to place their orders for boxes as early in the season as possible in anticipation of a possible shortage of box shooks.

J D McKennon, president of the La Grande city commission, has offered publicly to furnish a suitable site for any reputable dehydrating firm that will instal a plant there.

Farmers near Redmond are having difficulty in obtaining help in their hayfields. Practically every boy over 11 years of age is out on the ranches doing the work men usually do.

A deadline on Yaquina bay to protect the oyster industry and conserve the supply is being planned through the co-operation of the oystermen and the state fish and game commission.

The first annual convention of the Oregon State Elks' association will be held in Portland August 26, 27 and 28 when an attendance of 12,000 Elks and their friends will join in a three days' patriotic celebration. The body of Ralph V. Poindexter, manager of the Owl Pharmacy at Bend, who, with Vernon A. Forbes,

was drowned in Crescent Lake, has been recovered. Mr. Forbes' body had been previously recovered. Captain W. C. McNaught, well known in marine circles in Portland,

has been appointed a member of the Oregon state board of pilot commis sioners by Governor Withycombe, to succeed Captain J. Speler, resigned.

An investigation of the price of substitutes for wheat flour sold in Oregon has been requested by the national food administration, according to a letter received from Senator Chamberlain by Attorney L. E. Bean.

The high cost of living has invaded the University of Oregon summer camp. As a result men who attend the second summer camp for the 30days period beginning August 3, will have their expenses increased 25 per cent.

As a result of investigations conducted in the state by George T. Dalton, special representative of the federal trade commission, prices of coal are to be immediately lifted, according to Fred J. Holmes, state fuel administrator.

That some of the Indians on the Klamath reservation will not be able to take stock, available this year under the \$400,000 congressional appropriation, on account of shortage of hay crops, is reported by some of the prominent Indiana

A forest fire which has been burning on the northern boundary of the intake of the city water system to Klamath Indian reservation in Klamath county, now has entered the southern portion of the Deschutes national forest and threatens great tracts of standing white pine timber.

For the purpose of educating the public to the value of dairy products as a food and stimulating the almost moribund state of dairying in parts of Oregon, Governor Withycombe will be asked to set aside an entire week in August as Dairy Products week.

Threshing outfits have begun work in Linn county threshing fall grain. The fall grain generally is yielding a fair crop and in many cases grain planted on land well drained and prop erly cultivated is producing a good crop. Due to lack of rain, the spring grain is practically a failure.

The University of Oregon received notice from the war department that it will be permitted to send additional students to the cadet officers' training camp at Presidio up to one-half its nott will endeavor to hav-

present student quota in the camp. There are now 37 students and four

Eighteen additional students will be appointed to attend. Appropriations carried in the rivers and harbors bill for maintenance work and improvements in the first district of Oregon consist of \$40,000 for the Coquille, Coos, Siuslaw and Yaquina rivers and Coos, Tillamook and Nehalem bays, and \$250,000 for the Co-

faculty members receiving instruction.

lumbia river and lower Willametts. County Agriculturist H. R. Glaisver, of Klamath county, and J. E. Pittman, of the department of irrigation and drainage, who have been conducting experiments in this county, report that the application of 100 pounds of sulphur per acre on alfalfa lands has increased the yield about one ton per

Valuable fir timber on an area approximately two miles wide and four miles long, the residence of J. C. Williams, on Rogue river, in the western part of Jackson county, and many

buildings owned by farmers in the district badly burned, is the toll of a forest fire one mile south of Rogue river.

At the request of sheepmen in Klamath county, Representative Sinnott has submitted to the wool division of the war industries board petitions for lower freight rates on feed, and that bureau has promised to take the matter up with the railroad administration and secure any relief that is found proper.

The Pendleton water commission has installed a chlorine plant at the guard against any possible infection from river water which was turned into the system some weeks ago to avoid a shortage during the time the new extension to Chaplish springs is being completed.

Prices for the fall run of salmon on Oregon coast streams were announced by W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator, following several conferences and approval of the prices by the food administration heads at Washington. The approved price for chinooks is placed at 8 cents. That for silversides is set at 6% cents, and that for chums at 3½ cents.

Secretary Lane has approved Congressman Sinnott's bill granting the citizens of Malheur county the right to cut timber in Idaho for agricultural. mining or other domestic purposes. The passage of the bill will be of great assistance to citizens of Malheur county in Gordon valley, and Mr

Principals and superintendents of Oregon schools in attendance at the University of Oregon summer school are sending out letters to the school boards of the state urging that the districts send some man of their faculty to the second summer camp at the university, which opens on August 3, that they may be trained in military work and be able to teach the boys in the schools.

A reduction is shown this week in the number of accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission. During the week there were reported 534 accidents, of which five were fatal, as follows: Louis Giertsen, Olney, logging; Leater Vaughn, Springlumbering; S. Mathisen, Portfield. land, shipbuilding; Charles Eckert, Tillamook, logging; William G. Murray, Portland, motorman.

The shortage of harvest hands in the Prineville community is becoming very acute. Many of the farmers are able to obtain only about one-half the number of men required for harvesting their crops. A number of men and boys from the town, including store clerks and professional men, are working in the harvest fields, because of the scarcity of labor. The wages paid average from \$3 to \$4 s day, including board.

A second shipment of foxglove, \$50 pounds-enough for nearly 510,000,000 doses of tincture of digitalis-dried and shipped by citizens of Oregon at the request of the United States government, has just been sent by Dean Adolph Ziefle, of the Oregon Agricultural college school of pharmacy, to the federal laboratory at the University of Minnesota, where it will be made into tincture of digitalis for the army and navy.

State Highway Engineer Nunn has submitted to Governor Withycombe statement showing the total of estimated funds available for highway improvement purposes contemplated by the commission for the five-year pe riod. 1917 to 1921, inclusive. The statement shows that from the several sources a grand total of \$15,058,500.13 will be produced. Up to July 1, this year, \$1,895,525.91 has been expended and the total amount available in the next five years will be \$13,162,974.22.

Probably not since the days when the waters of Jordan rolled back at the command of Moses for the shildren of Israel to cross dry-shod, has a more wonderful phenomenon of this kind occurred than the drying of the rapids of Link river at the west end of Klamath falls by winds sweeping up the canyon from the south. These rapids, which have a fall of 63 feet in two miles, and which furnish enough power under ordinary conditions to turp every wheel in Klamath county, were blown back ir a few hours, leavice the bed of the river so dry that it could be crossed on foot at almost any point.

THE MARKETS

Portland. Oats-No. 2 white feed, \$61 per ton. Barley-Standard feed, \$53 per ton. Corn-Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76.

Hay-Timothy, \$34 per ton; alfalfs, Butter-Creamery, 49c per lb. Eggs-Ranch, 40c per dozen. Potatoes-Old, \$2.25 per hundred; new, 3%c per pound. Poultry-Hens, 21@23c; brollers, 26@30c; ducks, young, 30c.

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Troops From Camp Lewis in France. Portland, Ore .--- Cable messages arriving in Portland indicate without doubt that all of the 91st Division. which left Camp Lewis late in June for overseas, has arrived safely in France.

BIG FLOUR MILLS ARE SOLD

Max H. Houser Secures Control o Large Milling Companies. Portland, Ore .- Financial control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, one of the largest and oldest milling companies on the coast, has passed from the Wilcox estate to Max H. Houser, vice president of the grain corporation, and several associates, it was announced by Mr. Houser. While the consideration was not announced. it is believed to have been close to \$10,000,000.

The deal involves complete control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Warehouse company, Pacific Coast Elevator company and subsidiary corporations. The company owns and operates 11 mills in the northwest having an aggregate capacity of more than 11,000 barrels of flour daily. The principal mill is in Portland, having a capacity of 4000 barrels.

Archangel Taken From Bolsheviki. Kandalaska, Russian Lapland. - A revolution at Archangel has resulted in the complete overthrow of the Bolsheviki and the flight of their troops from the city. The revolution was led by interests favorable to the entente nations. Following the striking of the first blow in the revolt allied troops were landed at Archangel, occupying the railway station and the telegraph office with insignificant resistance.

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