

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The government experiment station at Hamilton will be closed June 30, owing to lack of funds.

Farmers of Yamhill county attended a three-day Oregon agricultural college extension school at Amity.

Higher water and electric light rates for Eugene beginning June 1 have been announced by the Eugene water board.

Arthur Thompson, charged with the murder of Odie Bates at Riddle, some weeks ago, was acquitted by the trial jury.

John Friend Chitwood, an Oregon pioneer of 1853 and a resident of Clatsop county since 1879, died at Astoria following an extended illness.

Careless campers are blamed for a number of small fires within and near the boundaries of the Deschutes national forest in the Big river section.

A grain grading school conducted by Professor G. E. Bishop of Oregon Agricultural college will operate in The Dalles three days, June 14, 15 and 16.

Dehydration plants of the Kings Food Products company in The Dalles and at Salem will process \$2,000,000 worth of fruits and vegetables this season.

A meeting of the Mooseheart Legion for the district including the lodges at Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Mill City and Toledo, was held at Albany.

Highway work in the state will not be rushed this year because of the scarcity of labor, the depressed bond market and other reasons, according to R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner.

Governor Olcott has announced that he will appoint A. Lester Andrus of Portland to succeed George Blank as a member of the state board of accountancy at the expiration of the latter's term, June 3.

Sam A. Koser, nominated at the recent republican primary election for the office of secretary of state, was appointed to that position following the resignation of Governor Olcott as secretary of state.

One of the chief occupations at present in Crook county is sheep shearing. The grade of wool this year is extra high. Prices of 50 and 60 cents a pound have been turned down by owners of large bands.

Following the refusal made by the merchants' association of Bend to sign a contract submitted by the local clerks' union, specifying that the employees should agree to the closed shop principle, a strike was called.

The secretary of the interior reported to Representative Sinsott that enlarged homestead designations, aggregating 293,739 acres, have been made in The Dalles land district, covering more than 500 applications on file.

The largest parade in Baker's history in which 2000 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, with bands, mounted guards and automobiles participated marked the third day of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs annual state convention in Baker.

Pendleton's postoffice will have classification as first class after July 1, according to notification received from the department by Acting Postmaster Lester B. Cronin. The stamp sales for the office during the past year were over \$40,000.

Defeat of the three measures designed to furnish financial relief for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company by the voters of Portland at the special election has resulted in another application for increased rates on the traction lines of the corporation being filed with the Oregon public service commission.

By careful management during the remainder of the present biennial period, based on the expenditures of the last six months, it is believed the total deficit of the several state institutions for the two years ending January 1, 1931, will not exceed \$25,000, according to figures made public by R. B. Goodwin, secretary of the state board of control.

Plans are being made at Prineville for the only celebration of independ-

ence day to central Oregon. The celebration will be double-barreled, in honor not only of July 4 but also the completion of the Ochoco irrigation project dam. In addition to the celebration, Prineville will hold its first annual round-up at the interstate fair grounds, July 2, 3 and 4.

To give George J. Burt, wealthy potato broker, the opportunity of presenting his side of the case in regard to agitation which has started in the north end of Deschutes county against the employment of Japanese labor on his extensive agricultural holdings, the Bend commercial club voted to take no action in regard to the controversy until Mr. Burt appears before the club early in June. The report of a committee now at work drafting anti-Japanese resolutions will be deferred until that time.

One of the features of the entertainment for the Grand Army of the Republic at the state encampment at Astoria on June 8 will be a big salmon dinner for the veterans, their ladies and the members of the affiliated organizations. The encampment will continue three days and in the neighborhood of 1000 visitors from various parts of the state are expected.

What is said to be the largest land transaction ever consummated in Umatilla county, and one of the largest to take place in eastern Oregon in years, was completed at Pendleton, when the Cunningham Sheep & Land company was purchased by Fred W. Falconer of Enterprise at a price said to exceed a half million dollars. Included in the deal are 25,000 acres of land and 14,000 head of sheep.

Official or complete unofficial returns from every county in the state give Senator Johnson a plurality of 2154 in the recent presidential preference primary election. On the face of these figures, Johnson received 40,917 against 43,759 for General Wood. Governor Lowden ran third with a total of 15,601, while Herbert C. Hoover received 14,930 votes despite the fact that he had withdrawn as a candidate in this state.

Arrangements have been completed by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, whereby the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth will

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conduct a 12 week course during the summer for the benefit of students who are graduates of a standard four-year high school, and who wish to take the examination for a teacher's certificate but have not finished an elementary teachers' training course, nor a course at the normal school.

Filing fees as provided under the Oregon laws are not a part of the campaign expenses of candidates for office, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown. The attorney-general held in his opinion that a person wishing to run for office is not a candidate until the filing fee is paid, therefore this contribution to the state would not be considered a part of expense of the candidate in making his campaign.

It is expected that the work of paving the Pacific highway northward from Albany to the county line at Jefferson will be completed by July 1. The Linn county court will make application to the state highway commission for paying the highway southward from Albany to a point beyond Tangent this summer. The grade of this section was prepared last year. The court plans also to prepare during the summer the grade between Tangent and Shedd.

To increase the city's water supply the water commissioners of The Dalles have decided to run a tunnel through the solid rock near Hansen's mill on the east fork of Mill creek, about 15 miles from The Dalles. Bids for the work will be called about June 5. The tunnel will be rushed to completion in order that the city may have more water during the summer months. Experts say that when completed the tunnel will insure a six-inch stream of water.

Henry J. Schuiderman, state corporation commissioner and candidate for secretary of state on the republican ticket at the primary election, was requested to resign from his office, in a letter prepared by Governor Olcott. Mr. Schuiderman's resignation is to become effective at once, according to the executive's letter. Concurrent with the request for Mr. Schuiderman's resignation, Governor Olcott announced the appointment of T. B. Handley of Tillamook, as successor to the office.

There are included in irrigation districts now organized in Oregon a total of 1,036,283 acres, of which 278,388 acres are actually under water at the present time, according to a report prepared by Percy Cooper, state engineer. Bonds voted for the development of these districts aggregate \$15,222,000, of which \$4,861,000 have been certified by the irrigation securities commission under a law passed in 1916.

State estimates of interest has been authorized on bonds amounting to \$2,600,000, and \$3,290,000 already has been expended in development of the various districts.

Governor Olcott has made public the names of 15 men, five to represent the employers, five to represent the employees, and five the citizens of the state at large, on a committee to investigate and recommend to the legislature in 1931 changes in the workmen's compensation act. Members of the committee are: Employers—H. T. McEhin, Crown-Willamette Paper company, of Portland; George T. Gerlinger, Willamette Valley Lumber company, Dallas; G. J. Evanson, Benson Timber company, Clatskanie; Thomas B. Kay, Kay-Woolen Mills, Salem; B. C. Ball, Willamette Iron and Steel works, Portland. Employees—B. W. Sleeman, Portland; W. F. Brainard, Portland; Frank Hannan, Portland; C. M. Ryerson, Portland; L. E. Stephens, Portland. State at large—Del A. Dinamore, merchant, Portland; Sidney J. Graham, lawyer, Portland; C. L. Hawley, farmer and stockman, McCoy; Leslie Butler, banker, Hood River; Dr. T. Thoralson, representing Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Portland.

With a view of adjusting the timber valuation of Douglas county on an equitable basis, Assessor Calkins has sent letters to all of the leading timber owners in the county, inviting them to a conference in Roseburg, April 22, when the issues will be discussed.

Members of the Oregon Jersey Breeders' association will hold a three days' jubilee in the Willamette valley beginning May 3. The purpose of the tour of the valley is to ascertain at first hand what is being accomplished along the line of improving the Jersey herds.

The Astoria Amateur Wireless association, with E. P. Hawkins, president; Carl Josephson, vice-president; E. A. Smith, secretary and treasurer, and a charter membership of 15, was reorganized April 1. The former organization was discontinued at the outbreak of the war.

The Oregon State Bar association, through its grievance committee, has filed proceedings in the supreme court asking that George A. Hall, an attorney of Portland, and John N. Selvers, an attorney with offices at Oregon City, be disbarred from practicing their profession in Oregon.

Pine Valley residents are making another effort to divide Baker county. It is proposed to cut off what is called the Panhandle, once a part of Union county but later annexed to Baker, and form a new county. The great distance from the Panhandle to Baker,

the county seat, is the source of dissatisfaction.

Reports from the Long Creek and Muddy Creek districts in Baker county are to the effect that a second winter is being experienced, and hay is becoming so scarce that there is likely to be a severe loss of stock if the winter lasts much longer. Because of the snow, all farm work has been discontinued.

Practically all the laws passed at the special session of the legislature last January, with the exception of those vetoed by Governor Olcott and others contingent upon approval of the voters at the election to be held on May 21, will become operative April 17, according to announcement made by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state.

Petitions asking that the name of Leonard Wood be placed on the republican preferential ballot at the primary election to be held on May 21 were filed with the secretary of state. The petitions were signed by more than 2000 voters of Oregon and were brought to Salem by Dow V. Walker and J. D. Zuercher, both of Portland.

J. G. Kelly of Portland filed with the state engineer application for permission to construct what will be known as the Marion lake reservoir, at the headwaters of the north fork of the Santiam river, for the storage of 28,155 acre feet of water, and the appropriation of the stored water for the development of 26,638 horsepower.

At a special municipal election at Baker, two measures, one authorizing the bonding of \$40,000 to provide funds for construction of a dam on the city's Goodrich creek reservoir site to store water to augment the present supply, and the other measure authorizing bonds for the construction of better and larger quarters for the fire department, passed.

There were four fatalities due to accidents in Oregon in the week ended April 8, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Thomas L. Heninger, rip Sawyer, Portland; Charles W. Miller, millman, Klamath Falls; William R. Hingsworth, logger, Tillamook; and W. F. Coulter, logger, Bates.

Nearly a million dollars—\$929,497—was saved to the farmers of Oregon throughout the work of the county agents, according to the annual report of Paul V. Maris, county agent leader. This was done at a cost of \$99,475, or approximately \$10 saved to \$1 spent. County agents were employed in 23 of the 36 counties of the state last year and three additional counties have employed agents this year.