

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Abrams Brothers' sawmill at Crawfordsville was burned last week.

The Oregon Retail Jewelers' association met in Dallas Monday for a two days' session.

The greatest irrigated crops in the history of Klamath county are now being harvested.

Charles Hixon, of Antelope, committed suicide near Antelope by slashing his throat with a razor.

Thousands of young sheep are being sold by Baker stockmen because of the high prices asked for hay.

The women's state golf championship will begin at Gearhart-by-the-Sea on Monday morning, August 13.

Several dairy cows belonging to farmers of Gresham have died recently from the effects of some poison.

The Coos county court is threatened with recall proceedings by citizens of Myrtle Point, on a charge of extravagance.

All forest fires are now under control, and most of them have been extinguished, according to State Forester Elliott.

Lottie and Esther McGuire, aged 13 and 9, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGuire, of Siletz, drowned while bathing in Siletz river.

Governor Withycombe has re-appointed J. M. Cramer of Portland, and J. T. Nots of Baker, as members of the state veterinary board.

The Oregon State Baptist Young People's union and summer assembly opened at the state fairgrounds at Salem for a 10 days' session.

Mum-Sow, the aged widow of Five Crows, one of the famous Indians of the Northwest, died at her home on the reservation near Pendleton.

Fire put the Fremont plant of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company plant out of commission and put small cities west of Baker in darkness.

Work has been started on the construction of the horticultural by-products building and the veterinary hospital for the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

C. A. Harris, 44 years old, an employe of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, at Black Rock, fell 40 feet from a bridge, receiving injuries from which he died.

The excavation at the Port of Astoria grounds for the new million-bushel bulk grain bins is about complete and work is in progress driving the foundation piling.

Representative Hawley has urged Secretary Lane to expedite issuance of patent to the state of Oregon for the Saddle Mountain park transferred by a recent act of congress.

Oregon's new law governing automobiles throughout the state, doubling license fees and making several other important changes, became effective Wednesday, August 1.

By the middle of August, at the latest, all road work contemplated by the state highway commission for this year will be going ahead in full blast, State Highway Engineer Nunn announces.

The halibut sloop Spray returned to Newport from a two and a half days' fishing cruise with about 11 tons of halibut and nearly three tons of black cod. This is the best catch reported this season.

Close to 12,000,000 pounds of wool, the product of spring clipping in the northwestern states, and equal to or greater than the entire clip for the state of Oregon is stored in warehouses in Portland.

Rugg Bros., chief owners of the Nunemaker Sheep & Land company, have sold to Patrick Connell 5000 acres of land on Rhea creek, the consideration being \$55,000. The land is located 11 miles southwest of Heppner.

Congressman Hawley is advised by the Indian office that his request has been granted for an early distribution of the Siletz funds. The payments to be made aggregate \$12,000, which gives each Siletz Indian \$30.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of livestock has been killed by poison in Klamath county within the last few months, according to the report of a federal investigator, and the I. W. W. are blamed for the loss.

An auction sale of monkeys, deer, elk, bear and other animals is in store for Portland. Plans have been formulated by Mayor Baker for thinning down the number of animals at the zoo because of the high cost of living.

Official announcement was made by Governor Withycombe that on November 1 Chester A. Moores, of Portland, will assume the duties of private secretary to the governor, to succeed George Palmer Putman, who resigned recently.

C. E. Coe, superintendent of the Roseburg Indian office, announces that he is making plans to hold a sale of Indian allotments on September 25. The lands to be sold are located in northern California, Curry county and central Oregon.

Out of 450 accidents reported to the Industrial accident commission during the week from July 20 to 28, inclusive, two were fatal, these two being J. N. Kelly, McMinnville, railroad operation; Denver Marsh, Jacksonville, railroad operation.

An alarming car shortage is reported by the public service commission, which is receiving daily reports as to the number of cars available in the state to meet the needs of shippers. The shortage has been climbing daily during the past week.

A convention of the Willamette division of the Women of Woodcraft Circle will be held in Dallas, August 2 and 3. Thirty-three lodges from the six Willamette valley counties will be represented and over 100 delegates are expected to attend.

Governor Withycombe has announced his plan for keeping Oregon free from labor disturbances by the creation of a board of conciliation and arbitration to which would be submitted all difficulties which might arise between labor and capital.

An estimate was received by the public service commission from C. F. Porter, chief grain inspector for the commission, that the estimated wheat yield for the state of Oregon this year is 11,400,000 bushels, or but 60 per cent of last year's wheat crop.

A deed was filed for record at Astoria whereby the Youngs River company sells to the Crown Willamette Paper company 4955 acres of timber land, located in the upper Youngs River district. The consideration named in the deed is \$450,000.

Because of the danger of fire from discarded lighted cigars or cigarettes, Public Service Commissioner Corey has written the superintendents of all the railroads of the state, suggesting that temporarily they put screens on the windows of all smoking cars.

According to reports received by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, from his force of deputy wardens, forest rangers and other sources, there will be plenty of deer when the season opens in district No. 1, which includes all of western Oregon.

Pronouncing the service of the Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company insufficient and unreasonable, the public service commission has issued an order requiring the company to provide the citizens of Oswego with pure water and an adequate service.

"Silver Leaf," an orchard disease, has been discovered in the Winston orchards at Roseburg, the first appearance, it is believed, of the pest in the United States. It is known in England, New Zealand and Canada, and invariably kills the fruit tree attacked.

Governor James Withycombe of Oregon and Governor Moses Alexander of Idaho held a conference at Portland, on the initiative of Governor Alexander, who had requested the Oregon executive to meet him for the purpose. Neither would discuss the subject of the conference.

The effective work of the Citizens' Defense League, working in co-operation with the officials, seems to have brought a decided check to the I. W. W. activities in Klamath Falls, and a wholesome respect for the incensed people of the community has been established. There is talk of erecting a stockade.

Farmers and other growers of potatoes, if they have access to water, may very materially increase yield, quality and profits of the potato crop by proper irrigation. Based on 10 years of experiments in potato irrigation, the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station has collected extensive and valuable data.

A million gallon reservoir, in addition to the present 2,000,000 gallon reservoir, to be built especially for fire fighting purposes was one of the most important recommendations made to Mayor Walter Keyes and William McGilchrist, chairman of the fire prevention committee of Salem by the state fire marshal's department.

The public service commission has issued orders suspending the proposed advanced tariffs on intrastate coal shipments in Oregon on the Southern Pacific, O. W. R. & N., Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon Electric, Pacific & Eastern and United Railways. The tariffs, under the orders issued, are all suspended until November 1, or until such time as hearing can be had.

Counting road construction, bridge building and other work turned over to the highway commission by the various counties of the state for overseeing, the commission has on hand work aggregating the sum of \$2,200,000, which is nearly as much as the commission has done heretofore since its organization in 1913. There is now under way or in proposals called for an aggregate of work in excess of \$1,500,000.

Several thousand Belgian families, who are war refugees, will be transported to Oregon for colonization purposes if plans outlined to Governor Withycombe by James Stevin, an American representing a Belgian colonization organization, materialize. Mr. Stevin closed a deal for 542 acres near Dufur for 250 families and his mission was to obtain information from Governor Withycombe as to where other large bodies of land for colonization might be available.

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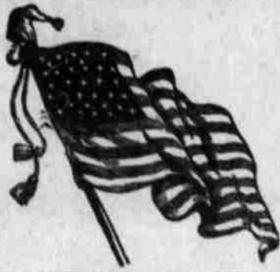
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If you don't see it in the Leader mckbe it ain't so.

Three years ago Germany started something that the Allies are going to finish.

A "live wire" named Hutchins has taken hold of the lone Independent and is making it hum.

It may be scorched a bit, but it will be the biggest money crop that little old Umatilla county ever raised.

Monday's issue of the Bulldogger was really wuth readin', having been devoted largely to an important and interesting subject not unrelated to an eminent East End journalist who runs the best paper between Milton and Athena. Congratulations.

Reported to be wondering what will happen to her after the war is over, Germany would better devote a part of her concern to what will happen to her before it ends.

Coincident with the timely return of his general superintendent, John Banister no longer looks concerned over the burden of running his business.

We unhesitatingly condemn the weeds about town for failing to heed the council's edict and the Leader's editorial remarks and removing themselves forthwith from the ken of man.

The Iron Chancellor would have allowed a baker's dozen Austrian princelings to have been murdered by half baked Serbs before making the break that has brought the Fatherland to the verge of ruin and drenched the world with blood.

It will not be regarded as an evidence of strength that all peace talk emanates from the Central Powers.

Now is the accepted time to brag on Oregon's climate and condole with our heat-baked cousins in the East—but we haven't the heart to do it.

What Congress has lacked in speed Hoover, we trust, will make up in control.

About the only safe prediction is that the war is three years nearer an end than in August, 1914.

NO WONDER IT'S BLUE!

The Leader is in receipt of a copy of the 1917-1918 Oregon Blue Book from Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State. This is a convenient and comprehensive book of reference indispensable to every sanctum, and we are glad that Ben remembered us.

In addition to the valuable statistical matter contained in former issues, corrected to date, this number includes a table showing the dates of the creation of the several counties of the state and the derivations of the county names; the Declaration of Independence; the Federal Constitution; the several Acts

relating to the admittance of Oregon to statehood; a synopsis of the Federal Naturalization Laws, and a statement of the taxable property in the several counties for the year 1916.

An interesting table showing the approximate registration by sexes under the several political parties is also included. There is such a deplorable Republican preponderance, no wonder the book is blue!

"Copies will be promptly forwarded to all residents of the state upon request," says Secretary Olcott.

Get one and read it, if you want to be posted on Oregon affairs.

The Senate has passed the national prohibition amendment for submission to the states, and it's up to the House to concur. If it will help any, we concur.

The Allies propose to get the submarine base in order to get the base submarine.

"This whimpering of the bully under the lash," is the way the Oregonian describes Teutonic tirades.

It is quite anomalous that some of us move in such a narrow plane that we have never seen an aeroplane.

Nuttily speaking, we would prefer to be identified as the "Kernel" rather than the shell-bound vacuum typified by the empty head of the Bulldogger ed.

"The man who does not give his fullest cooperation to his country in this hour will die unhappy," says Woodrow Wilson.

The I. W. W. activities of Frank Little—and incidentally Mr. Little—have been summarily suspended.

In a sense it is a Butteful method—and It Will Work.

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the main tent program. The Ringlings have secured scores of circus performers never before seen in America.

An entire trained animal show has been made a part of the main tent program this season. The menagerie now numbers 1009 wild animals. The elephants, including "Big Bingo," the earth's largest pachyderm, have been increased to 41 and almost 800 horses are carried. There will be 60 clowns and a big free three-mile street parade show day morning.

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