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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The carrier delivery system for mail will be started in Bend on April 1.

Major James Bruce, Indian war veteran and pioneer of Oregon, is dead at McMinnville, at the age of 92 years.

Christmas business in Eugene this season exceeded that of last year by 100 per cent.

A food famine has been averted in Hood River and wood and coal are fairly plentiful at the present time.

For the improvement of the coast guard service at Siuslaw, a 30-foot motor boat has been shipped to that point.

The annual winter meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club was held at Oregon Agricultural college, December 31.

Oregon has an approximate total of 958,759 acres in irrigated lands, according to Percy A. Cupper, state engineer.

Albany voters, 98 to 50, have approved an increased levy for school purposes on the 1919 tax roll of Linn county.

Charles Holstrom, for more than 20 years night watchman at the state capitol, died after an illness of about nine months.

The Hood River county court has adopted a budget that will raise a tax of \$181,851.31, nearly \$30,000 more than last year.

Crews will begin work on the Hood River-Mosier stretch of the Columbia river highway as soon as the snow clears away.

Robert N. Stanfield and Whitney Boise, both of Portland, were reappointed members of the Oregon land settlement commission.

Engineer B. R. Jones has completed his survey for the proposed Monmouth gravity water system, which it is estimated will cost \$66,000.

Over \$50,000 for produce and labor was paid out by the Cottage Grove cannery during the 1919 season. The total pack was 289 tons.

Salem automobile dealers have organized and plans are being made for a show to be given by the organization on February 19, 20 and 21.

Eugene will hold a special election for the purpose of voting \$75,000 bonds to furnish funds for an aviation field and additional fire apparatus.

The Cottage Grove grange has joined the Commercial club in going on record as opposed to the proposed issue of \$2,000,000 in county road bonds.

K. G. Warner of Pendleton was appointed by Governor Olcott as a member of the state livestock sanitary board to succeed the late J. N. Burgess.

There was one fatality due to accident in Oregon during the week ending December 26. The victim was Swan N. Swanson, construction worker of Buxton.

Thirty Filipinos, representing the Filipino student body in Salem, Philomath and Corvallis, assembled at Salem December 30 to celebrate their national holiday.

S. T. Kesteren, fireman on the California, Oregon & Eastern railway, was severely injured at Klamath Falls when he fell from his engine and was dragged 30 feet.

Tony Lettis, recently discharged from the penitentiary after serving 20 months for alleged alien activities during the war, is again under arrest, believed to be insane.

Johnson S. Smith, deputy collector of internal revenue at Portland, was appointed federal prohibition director for Oregon, according to announcement from Washington, D. C.

G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, has recommended to the board that \$200,000 of the state school fund be invested in school district bonds bearing at least 5 per cent interest.

A bill to hold the attorney general responsible for the operation of all legislation enacted in Oregon will be submitted for the consideration of the state legislature at its special session in January.

The city of Seilo has filed application with the state engineer for the appropriation of 40 second-feet of water from Thomas creek for the development of 326 horsepower for municipal purposes.

The Phoebe company, with processing plants and head offices in Salem, has received from a New York buyer an order for 65 carloads of apple cider to be delivered at the eastern city as

soon as the product can be made.

R. N. Stanfield, well known sheepman of eastern Oregon, has closed a lease with the Warm Springs irrigation district whereby he secures for 99 years the shore line of the district's large reservoir at a reported consideration of \$50,000. The reservoir or lake will cover thousands of acres and in midsummer and early fall the water will recede and expose several hundred acres, which will afford excellent grazing and give access to plenty of water in the dry season.

Approximately 103 bridges and viaducts, representing a cost estimated at \$1,696,777, were under contract or advertised for construction during the year 1919, according to the annual report of C. B. McCallough, engineer for the state highway department.

Because of the dissatisfaction expressed by consumers with regard to rates charged by the Douglas County Water & Light company a movement is on foot at Roseburg to vote bonds in the sum of approximately \$500,000 with which to install a municipal plant.

The Douglas county jail was depopulated Saturday night about 11 o'clock when the four inmates escaped after sawing their way out of the main cage and then dropping from a second-story window to the ground. All of the escaped prisoners but one were captured during the day.

The confession of Leon Greenman, who surrendered recently to the authorities at Douglas, Ariz., admitting that he robbed the Shasta Limited at Yoncalla on the night of June 16, 1911, has cleared up one of the greatest mysteries in Douglas county crime annals, according to Sheriff Quine.

Harold Howell, who has been held in the county jail at Marshfield for several months and passed through two trials for the alleged murder of Lillian Leuthold, a 15-year-old girl of Bandon, probably never will be convicted. Judge Coke discharged the jury of the second trial after it was reported that the jury could reach no agreement.

Indications that the state fish and game commission will refuse to accede to Governor Olcott's recommendations that William L. Finley be reinstated as state biologist and that the commission will stand pat on its action of December 11, ousting Finley, are contained in letters received by the governor from Frank M. Warren and I. N. Fieischer of Portland, members of the commission.

In compliance with a resolution adopted at a conference held in Portland, Attorney-General Brown will draft the bill providing for an increase in payments to injured workmen under the compensation act, according to announcement made by members of the state industrial accident commission. The bill will be submitted for the consideration of the legislature at its special session in January.

Reports of excessive damage to the fruit and berry industry of the Willamette valley, due to the recent freezing weather, were emphatically denied at Salem by C. I. Lewis, secretary of the Oregon Growers association, and V. W. Brown, secretary of the Polk County Growers association. Especially does this denial apply to orchards, which the experts state are practically uninjured by the froeze.

Because of the present car shortage which is said to be hampering many Oregon industries and throwing thousands of men out of employment, Fred Buchtel, chairman of the Oregon public service commission sent telegrams to R. H. Ashton, regional director of United States railways at Chicago, and L. C. Gilman of Seattle, district director of the federal railroad administration, urging that they aid in relieving the situation.

W. P. Andrews, forest valuation engineer of the northwest district, bureau of internal revenue, who has been in Portland since last September 5 in connection with questionnaires by timber owners, has completed his work and will return to Washington, D. C. The questionnaires are now being sent to Washington and the valuations placed on timber lands and timber products will be made the basis of income and excess profits taxes.

During the period between February 26 and November 30, 1919, enough gasoline was sold in Oregon to operate each motor vehicle now licensed in the state for a distance of approximately 5400 miles, based on an average of 15 miles to each gallon of gasoline consumed, according to a statement issued by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state. Nearly 30,000,000 gallons of gasoline was sold to Oregon motor vehicle owners during the period covered in Mr. Koser's statement.

Professor C. L. Lewis, one of the staff of managers for the Oregon Growers Co-operative association, who has

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS



Uncle Sam Is to Expand Chemical Warfare Service

WASHINGTON.—Announcement by the war department that will entail and concentrate at once at the Lakehurst proving grounds 1,000 men from the chemical warfare service indicates Uncle Sam will not neglect the development of this branch of the modern army.

When the war ended America had made wonderful advancement in the methods of chemical warfare. There have been prominent army officers who have suggested that the conflict was forced to a quicker conclusion by the work that was done at Lakehurst, expressing the belief that German spies may have carried information as to the efficiency with which the United States employing these new devices could exterminate armies and cities. The recruits will be enlisted in the infantry and immediately assigned to the chemical warfare service. Only white men will be accepted.

Lakehurst was selected by the government after a countrywide search for sites as the most available place for its tests of ordnance and chemical warfare materials.

One of the most famous gases developed there was a mustard variety ten times stronger than that employed by the Germans against the Americans. Experiments showed that it frequently killed on contact. Another gas, which the country has already learned could have wiped out Berlin life in a night, was perfected in a remarkable series of tests.



PLAN FOR STRIKE TRIBUNAL OUTLINED

Washington, D. C.—Tentative recommendations for the establishment of machinery to prevent or retard labor conflicts in private industry were announced by the president's industrial conference with a view to obtaining constructive criticism before a final plan is adopted.

The plan as outlined now contemplates the creation of a national industrial tribunal and regional board of inquiry and adjustment, which would move to the settlement of disputes before there was any stoppage of production. Decisions would have the full force and effect of a trade agreement between the parties to the dispute.

Remarking that some public utilities, such as railroads, are essential to the very existence of the people, the conference's tentative statement expressed the opinion that the "interruption in such essential public utilities is intolerable." But the conference states that further consideration is required of the problem whether some method can be arrived at that will avert all danger of interruption to service.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The stand of various posts of the American Legion in opposing performances of German opera and concerts by German or Austrian artists is endorsed by the executive committee of the organization in a telegram sent to the Americanism commission of the legion in Washington.

Sugar May Be 20 Cents.
New York.—The public probably will have to pay 20 cents a pound for the advance crop of 9,000,000 pounds of Cuban sugar now being delivered and distributed here, according to a statement by Federal Food Administrator Williams.

made a deep study into loganberry culture, advises loganberry growers hereafter to delay placing their vines on the trellis until spring to prevent freezing. Lewis advocated this several years ago. The subject has been brought sharply to the attention of growers by the recent unusually cold weather which froze many acres of vines in the Willamette valley that were on the trellises.

As a phase of the purchase of more than 13,000 acres of potato land between Powell Butte and Prineville by George L. Burt, one of the biggest potato buyers on the coast, and associates in central Oregon and elsewhere, the Deschutes Valley Seed company filed articles of incorporation. Capital stock is listed at \$50,000. The incorporators are Guy E. Deben, Redmond banker, Mr. Burt and George L. Reid. A wide range of agricultural activities is made possible by the articles, but it is understood that the company's work will be chiefly the production of Netted Gem seed for the California market.

MACHINISTS VOTE STRIKE

More Than 100,000 Union Men Affected by Decision.

Washington.—Organized railway machinists, through their president, served notice on congress that they would not submit to enactment of the Cummins railroad bill with its drastic anti-strike provision.

Voting more than a month ago, 99 per cent of the 125,000 members of the union favored an immediate walk-out in event of the bill's passage by both houses of congress, but the result was not made known through fear that the brotherhoods might appear in the light of attempting to coerce the lawmaking branch of the government.

The machinists, according to William H. Johnston, president of the international association, are the only railway employes who have taken a strike vote.

Rail Brotherhoods to Fight High Costs.

Washington.—Disappointed at what they term the failure of the government to reduce the cost of living, the railroad brotherhoods, working in conjunction with the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, are considering a plan to undertake the fight themselves. The project, although still nebulous, contemplates a national chain of co-operative banks, fashioned something on the order of the non-partisan league's idea in North Dakota, and a chain of co-operative stores.

Legion Posts Widely Scattered.

Indianapolis, Ind.—American Legion posts in the United States and foreign countries now total 6561, it was announced at national headquarters. France, England and Canada each have one post, Alaska has four, Hawaii five, Cuba one, Panama one, Mexico two and the Philippine islands one. Ten states have more than 200 posts each.

JAPANESE DOCTOR IS Y. W. C. A. OFFICIAL.

Dr. Tomo Inouye of Tokyo, Japan, treasurer of the National Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association in Japan, Dr. Inouye has been



Dr. Tomo Inouye of Tokyo, Japan, a delegate to the six-week international conference of women physicians called by the Y. W. C. A.

particularly interested in the public health and recreational plans of her city for some time and is medical inspector for girls in the public schools of Tokyo, as also in several private schools in the city. There are approximately 500 women physicians in Japan now, she says, and 400 women medical students. Dr. Inouye was the only delegate from Japan to the Y. W. C. A. International Conference of Women Physicians, in session during September and October.

FRENCH POILUS ASK OFFICE

Cry "New Conditions, New Men," as They Stand for Election to Chamber Seats.

Paris.—"For new conditions, new men," is the rallying cry of the former soldier element for the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

Some of the many veteran organizations demand that the men who fought the war out should alone be charged with the work of reconstruction. Others demand that 50 per cent of the candidates of each party for the chamber of deputies be recruited from the soldier organizations.

Among the former soldiers who will seek election is the "ace" of French military aviation, Rene Fonck, who, it is reported, will run on the same ticket with Georges Mandel, right-hand man to Premier Clemenceau.

POISONOUS DRINKS CAUSE MANY DEATHS

Many Victims of Wood Alcohol "Whisky" Reported From Eastern Cities.

New York.—Seventy-six persons have died and scores of others are suffering from paralysis and blindness, due to drinking wood-alcohol "whisky," according to reports received from eight eastern cities and Chicago.

The toll of poisonous liquor was the highest in New England, where 69 deaths have been recorded.

With six men in custody, alleged ringleaders in a conspiracy to flood New York, New Jersey and New England with poisonous substitutions for whisky, federal, state and city authorities were united in a vigorous pursuit of the purveyors of the poisonous beverages which have caused scores of deaths and hundreds of cases of blindness and illness. The capture of at least a score or more of the poison dispensers is expected, according to the officials.

The two most important arrests, according to the federal agents, are those of John Romanelli, Brooklyn undertaker, and Samuel Saleeby, a Brooklyn druggist, who are accused of being the principals in the distribution of the poison throughout New England. They were released on \$25,000 bail, pending examination.

The remaining four men are Adolph Panarelli, a former saloonkeeper; Carmine Licenziato, Amedeo Deloma and Luigi Pao, Italian grocers.

In Chicopee, Mass., 33 men and two women died; in Springfield, three men and one woman; Holyoke, six men, and in Greenfield, Mass., one man. In Hartford, Conn., 13 persons died. In Thompsonville, Conn., two deaths were reported. Chicago reported eight deaths. Two deaths were announced at Newark, N. J.

Probe for Naval Decorations

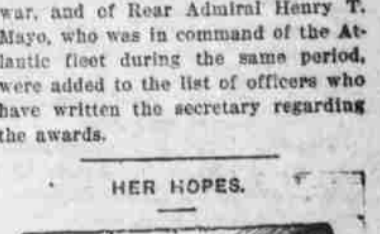
Washington.—Full investigation of the controversy over awards of decorations for war service to naval officers brought to a head by Rear Admiral William R. Sims' recent protest against the tentative list issued by the navy department, will be made both by congress and by the department.

On the heels of Secretary Daniels' announcement that the naval board headed by Rear Admiral Knight had been ordered reconvened to review its findings on recommendations for medals or other decorations, Representative Lufkins, republican, Massachusetts, of the house naval committee, conferred with members of the senate committee and stated that a joint committee would take up the entire question when congress reconvened.

Secretary Daniels said that in revising the list of decorations and in passing on new recommendations for awards, the Knight board would be instructed to follow in general the policy he adopted in revising the original lists, giving due consideration to the objections voiced by officers who have criticized some of the awards.

The names of Admiral Henry B. Wilson, who commanded American naval forces in French waters during the war, and of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who was in command of the Atlantic fleet during the same period, were added to the list of officers who have written the secretary regarding the awards.

HER HOPES.



Alice—It's quite a secret, but I was married last week to Dick Gay!

June—Indeed! I should have thought you'd be the last person in the world to marry him.

Alice—Well, I hope I am.