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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Cougars are reported killing deer on the north fork of Smith river, in Southern Curry county.

Smuggling liquor from Canada by airplane into Oregon is said to be the latest scheme to evade the law.

The Klamath county wool growers' association has elected officers, including E. M. Hammond, president.

A total of 293 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending February 5.

Possil is having its share of influenza, but the cases are generally mild. It is practically impossible to get nurses.

Agreeing to accept a standard breed of dairy cattle, farmers of Alsea valley have gone on record for a community improvement program.

Shut in from motor travel, Coa, Union county, has only developed three cases of contagious diseases in six months. These cases were typhoid.

A Salvation Army advisory board has been created at Eugene to investigate and report on local conditions in which the organization can be of service.

An anti-vaccination league has been formed at Marshfield, with more than 100 members, for the purpose of preventing the vaccination of school children.

After acquiring a fortune of \$10,000 shining shoes at Eugene, Louis Polaris, a young Greek, has returned to his native land, after selling out to his brother.

Preference rights will be granted soldiers by the government in filing on the Oregon & California and other forfeited land grants to be opened to settlement.

Medford has been named the headquarters of the Episcopal Church in southern Oregon with Pastor William B. Hamilton of St. Marks church as dean of the district.

C. Ray Beckley of Portland has filed application with Percy Copper, state engineer, for the use of water from the John Day river for power development and irrigation purposes.

Preliminary steps have been taken at Heppner for the organization of a Morrow county fair association, with a capital stock of \$25,000. A tract of 32 acres near Heppner will be purchased.

The Penayor Lumber company of Saginaw, Mich., has closed a contract for the Sayage tract of timber, on the border of Jackson and Josephine counties. Removal of the timber will begin at once.

Net sales of hogs, sheep and cattle sent to the Portland stockyards by the Lane county cooperative shipping association during the year amounted to \$164,976. Sixty-four carloads of stock were shipped.

Postmasters are to be appointed in Oregon as follows: Wayne E. Elliott, Veneta, Lane county; Charles W. Sharpe, Camas Valley, Douglas county; Percy E. Allen, Elsie, Clatsop county, and Mrs. Marie W. Havill, Hoff, Clackamas county.

By agreement with the state, the Pacific Livestock company will put on the market 10,000 acres of Harney valley land, and first choice will be given soldiers and sailors. They will have 90 days in which to take up the option of settlement.

Grasshoppers cannot be classed as squirrels, noxious rodents or predatory animals under the Oregon laws, and consequently county courts are not authorized to appropriate money for their extermination, according to an opinion by Attorney-General Brown.

Poultry schools are to be established in Wasco county by the Wasco County Poultry association according to plans formulated by the executive committee. It is planned to have six schools in various parts of the county which will be instructed by prominent poultry experts.

A record price for standing timber was offered at the government sale of 10,000,000 feet of white pine on the Klamath Indian reservation, the high bidder, L. H. Larkey, bidding \$6.33 per 1000 feet, and \$2.82 per 1000 feet rental for the Kirk sawmill, where the timber will be manufactured.

Predatory animals numbering 3216 were killed by the 58 men and women employed by the United States biological survey in Idaho, Washington

and Oregon during the six months ending December 31, Stanley Jewett, inspector in charge with headquarters at Pendleton, announced.

In case all the millage tax measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on May 21 are approved, the state tax levy next December will exceed the levy made in December, 1919, by more than 100 per cent, according to state officials who have given the proposed laws careful study and consideration.

Officials of the Grants Pass irrigation district have filed with the state engineer resolutions outlining a plan of reclamation, request for certification of approximately \$400,000 in bonds voted for development work, and application for state payment of interest on these bonds. This district comprises about 5000 acres and is located in Josephine county.

Hop buyers in the Salem district have made several contracts recently whereby they agree to take the growers' product for a term of three years at a stipulated price of 35 cents a pound. As a result of these contracts and the optimistic feeling over the future prospects of the hop industry in Marion county the acreage will be materially increased this season.

It is estimated there will be approximately \$883,460.22 of state money available for the construction of market roads in the various counties of Oregon during the year 1920, according to a report prepared by members of the state highway commission. To obtain this money for road construction it will first be necessary for the several counties to match the state appropriation.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill carries the following amounts for Oregon: Klamath agency, \$5570; Umatilla agency, \$3000; Chemawa Indian school, \$160,000, including \$25,000 for repairs and improvements and \$15,000 for installing high-pressure boilers and steam-heating apparatus; Siletz agency, \$2500; Modoc irrigation project within Klamath reservation, \$14,000.

Over 200 orchardists of Jackson county gathered at Medford for the purpose of determining how much damage was done the fruit trees by the recent cold. A large number of fruit-growers brought samples of their trees, exhibits of bark and limbs and after examination by County Agriculturist C. C. Cate it was decided that the damage in the valley was much less than originally anticipated.

According to the monthly report of the weather bureau, January was the driest month in the history of southern Oregon, less than half an inch of rain falling. The average for the month was 4.29 inches. As the precipitation has been deficient since the beginning of the rainy season, farmers and fruit raisers are becoming worried and an added impetus has been applied to the campaign for irrigation.

Approximately a million feet of timber in the Siuslaw national forest, in the vicinity of Yachats and Cape creek, on the coast, was destroyed by insects during the past year, according to a special report just filed in the office of the Siuslaw forest. The investigation was made by one of the rangers who found that the ravages of the insects, the nature of which he was unable to determine, covered a strip about a quarter of a mile wide and 50 acres in extent, near the coast.

St. Benedict's Abbey, with headquarters at Mount Angel, has filed suit in the United States court in Portland to test the validity of the law passed at the recent special session of the state legislature making it unlawful to print, publish, circulate, display, or sell or offer for sale any newspaper or periodical in any language other than English unless the same contain a literal translation in the English language of the same type and as conspicuously displayed. The plaintiff corporation prints, publishes, circulates and sells a weekly newspaper called "St. Joseph's Blatt," which has a weekly circulation of approximately 24,700 copies and is printed in the German language.

Stock-raising is now an essential occupation in all branches of public economy. Any person found mistaking his eggs may expect to be severely dealt with.

There is room only for six more distinguished men to be buried in Westminster Abbey. But none seems unduly ambitious to secure that honor.

Pupils in a Berlin school struck because a picture of the ex-kanzler was taken from a wall during vacation. Maybe it was one that showed him sawing wood.



## HOOVER SAYS HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE TROOPS REPULSE KENTUCKY MOB

New York.—Herbert Hoover issued a statement here defining his attitude toward the presidency. He announced that he is not a candidate for the nomination and that no one is authorized to speak for him politically. If the league of nations is made an issue in the election he says he will vote for the party that stands for the league. In response to requests that he declare allegiance to either one or the other of the great political parties, Mr. Hoover said:

"I am being urged by people in both parties to declare my allegiance to either one or the other. Those who know me, know that I am able to make up my mind when a subject is clearly defined. Consequently, until it more definitely appears what the party managers stand for, I must exercise a prerogative of American citizenship and decline to pledge my vote blindfold. "I am not unappreciative of the many kind things that my friends have advanced in my behalf. Yet, I hope they will realize my sincerity in not trying myself to undefined partleanship."

A Johns Hopkins scientist advises people to eat less meat if they would keep young. There is every indication that his advice will be followed, though not for that reason.

Lexington, Ky.—Four persons were killed and fifteen were wounded here when a mob intent upon lynching William Lockett, a negro, who confessed to the murder of 10-year-old Geneva Hardman, charged the court house during Lockett's trial and was fired upon by police and state troops.

Two women were reported to be among those shot by the state troops. The clash with the soldiers held off the mob while the authorities managed to slip the negro away to a place of safety.

While the mob, the ring-leaders of which carried a rope, was attempting to get into the court house to get Lockett, a jury found him guilty of first degree murder and a minute or two later the negro was sentenced to die in the electric chair March 11. Lexington and all of Fayette county were placed under martial law by Brigadier-General F. C. Marshall upon his arrival from Camp Taylor with 300 troops of the first division.

Chelan county jurors only took five minutes to arrive at a verdict of guilty in the cases of seven I. W. W.'s charged with being members of a criminal organization under the law of the state of Washington. The verdict was unanimous.

## LANE TO RETIRE MARCH 1 GRAND JURY CHARGES WHEAT MANIPULATION

Both President and Secretary Express Regret at Serving Relations. Washington.—President Wilson accepted, effective March 1, the resignation of Franklin K. Lane, for nearly seven years secretary of the interior. Letters exchanged between the president and Secretary Lane, which were made public, indicate that good feeling marked the retirement. Both the president and Lane expressed regret. Lane resigned, it is understood because it was necessary for him to earn more money than a cabinet officer's salary.

## KOREANS ATTACK JAP POST

Movement Said to Be Initiation of a Big Rebellion. Washington.—Official dispatches received here said a force of 2900 Koreans, armed principally with equipment furnished by the bolsheviks, crossed into northern Korea from Kirin, Manchuria, and attacked a Japanese post of 700 men at night, killed 300 of them and routed the remainder. According to these dispatches the attack was the initiation of an active rebellion in Korea. It was described as the "beginning of a tremendous affair."

## U. S. Court Affirms Albers Sentence.

San Francisco.—The United States circuit court of appeals here affirmed a decision of the federal district court of Portland, Or., imposing a fine of \$14,000 and three years' imprisonment on Henry Albers, a Pacific coast miller, on charges of violating the federal espionage act.

## Lloyd George Less Harsh on Germans.

London.—Premier Lloyd George is reported to favor a substantial modification of the list of Germans whose surrender the allies demand, the Westminster Gazette says.

## The Senate and the Treaty

Washington.—The peace treaty was formally brought back into the open senate Monday, but as soon as parliamentary barriers to its consideration had been removed it was put aside again for a period of waiting, which the leaders said would last at least a week.

Suspending its rules by a bi-partisan majority of seven to one and virtually without debate, the senate reconsidered in short order the action by which ratification failed on November 19 and then, as a matter of formality, sent the treaty to the foreign relations committee with instructions to report it back at once with the reservations framed by the republicans at the last session.

Although prompt agreement is expected generally on many of the minor points at issue, a long and bitter contest is forecast over article 10 and perhaps a few other treaty provisions. Besides the outstanding issues of the treaty fight the most prominent subject of discussion among senators was the letter of President Wilson laid before the democratic conference and made public by Senator Hitchcock. The president's renewed declaration of opposition to some of the language of the republican reservations were interpreted in different ways. Although the president's letter was written before publication of the statement of Viscount Grey regarding reservations, in some quarters it was suggested that the letter would not have been permitted to become public if the British statesman's views had resulted in any change in the president's position.

## Railroad Strike Is Possible.

Washington.—Wage negotiations of the railway employes with Director General Hines have reached a critical stage, and insofar as the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is concerned, a strike looms unless pending demands are satisfactorily settled. W. G. Lee, president of the union, has served notice on Mr. Hines that his men are "very insistent" and must have a definite answer soon. White house and railroad administration officials regard as most serious the railroad situation precipitated by the orders for a strike February 17, issued by officers of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

## Industry Census Work Under Way.

San Francisco.—The decennial industrial census of the Pacific coast district has been started by Frank L. Stanford, chief special agent of the census bureau, who opened an office here to receive mail statistics from manufacturers.

## M. H. Houser Accused of Helping to Corner Wheat Supply and Raise Price.

Spokane.—Wholesale speculation in grain by milling companies of the Pacific northwest, among them three Portland concerns in which Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States Grain corporation for the northwest, is declared by the report to be interested, is charged in a return made by a United States grand jury here. Purchase of grain at the government fixed price, estimated by the report to total 85 per cent of the Washington state crop of 42,000,000 bushels in 1919, by about half a dozen large grain concerns is charged by the report, which declares that by purported sales of grain to each other and through "manipulation of the grain market centered at Minneapolis," and by other methods, they have advanced the price to about \$1 a bushel above the government price.

The grand jury recommends that President Wilson issue a proclamation under the wheat guarantee act, fixing a selling price for all wheat now held in the United States at the price paid to the farmer, plus a reasonable carrying charge and that a similar price be fixed on flour and mill feed. It further recommends that no appropriation be made by congress to finance wheat sales to foreign countries until such time as the American people are relieved from paying the extortionate prices now required of them by reason of grain manipulation.

## Houser Says Charge False

Portland, Ore.—M. H. Houser declared there was no basis whatever for the allegations made by the Spokane grand jury. He said: "The allegations made by the federal grand jury at Spokane are untrue. The whole thing is a misstatement and distortion of facts. The charges are ridiculous and absurd and they cannot get figures to substantiate them. They simply don't know what they are talking about. "I have had absolutely nothing to do with the management of any of these concerns, notwithstanding what the grand jury may say to the contrary. If I were loose from the grain corporation and anxious to collect a few filthy dollars, I would not put in my time day after day with the thankless job of trying to handle the grain corporation here in the northwest."

## Blind Beggar Calls This World's Meanest Man

Los Angeles, Cal.—There are mean men and mean men, but Los Angeles must bow its head and admit it has the meanest. Old Bill Mason, blind miner, with a cheery word for everyone, says there is only one man in Los Angeles that gets on his nerves. That man will come along noisily and there is always a cheering jingle in Old Bill's cup. Old Bill reaches in the cup and finds nothing. The secret leaked out when a small boy explained indignantly: "Say, mister, that fresh guy's only joshing you. He had a nickel with a hole in it and it's tied to a string. He gets his fun watching you trying to find it after he yanks it out."

## Changing Japanese Conditions.

Abe Kobel, a rich Yokohama merchant, bequeathed 1,000,000 yen to be used for the public welfare of Kanagawa prefecture, placing the matter entirely in the hands of the governor, Inouye. This is by no means a solitary case of its kind, as it may be remembered that an Osaka merchant, not long ago, donated 1,000,000 yen to construct a public meeting house, which is now complete and in use. However, it shows a change in the psychology of the people, with whom the family has been the unity of society, and family property and possessions have been kept intact from one generation to the next, even by the expedient of adopting other people's children to keep up the family lineage whenever no heir is born. This change is welcome for it indicates a contribution to the betterment of the social welfare of Nippon.



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