

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

F. C. Harley has been elected as Mayor of Astoria.

The new concrete bridge at Independence has been opened for traffic. It cost O. A. C. \$295 per foot for man to maintain a team in the season just passed.

The Oregon Woolgrowers' association met at Heppner for the nineteenth annual session.

Dice games, punch boards, raffles and card games for trade checks are under fire in Pendleton.

Indications are that there will be but little road-building in Polk county during the coming season.

The report of county superintendent W. L. Jackson shows that Linn county has 8052 children of school age.

Wild dogs, or tame dogs running wild, have killed 50 sheep belonging to F. A. Stewart, near Roseburg.

The Northern Pacific Brewing plant, at Astoria, has been purchased and will be converted into a milk condenser.

The first of the Willamette Valley Interscholastic debates will be held on Friday evening, December 22 at Lebanon.

Twohy Bros., of Portland, have received an initial contract to build 200 freight cars for the Union Pacific railway system.

The National Mohair Growers association, in sixth annual convention at Galveston elected U. S. Grant, Dallas, Or., president.

Rev. O. H. Holmes, of Forest Grove, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe as a member of the state parole board.

In a duel in which at least eight shots were fired, Salvatore Amato was killed by his brother, Frank, in the latter's home in Portland.

Total resources of all the banks in the state of Oregon on November 17 last were \$204,365,342.51, an increase as compared with November 10, 1915, of \$39,884,215.37.

Farmers of southern Klamath county are beginning a strenuous campaign towards the extermination of Jack-rabbits, which are becoming a serious pest in that section.

The contract was let last week for the erection of the government coast guard building at the mouth of the Siuslaw river near Florence, to H. R. Kibler of Portland. His bid was \$3389.

W. D. Barnes of Tumalo, A. L. Mackintosh of Bend and L. E. Smith of Redmond have been appointed as members of the county court of Deschutes county, created at the November election.

So great has been the demand for flour in Grant county that the Prairie City mill has been running 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is so far behind orders that a second mill will be opened at John Day.

The Klamath irrigation project stands second in the list of 23 government projects now in operation for its cash value returns in crops this year, according to the annual report of Secretary Franklin K. Lane.

The total assessed valuation of the state for this year, including property assessed by county assessors and that assessed by the state tax commission is \$878,753,944.71, as compared to \$934,495,032.25 for last year.

One fatal accident was reported to the industrial accident commission during the past week, this being Fred Coombs, a box factory worker, of Klamath Falls. A total of 307 accidents were reported for the week.

Steps to organize a Willamette Valley Corn association with eight counties represented, was a feature of the closing of the Marion county corn show and the exhibit of the Marion County Potato Growers' association at Salem.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has sent F. Small, a San Francisco manufacturer, samples of flax grown in Lane county for the purpose of testing it in the manufacture of fishermen's twine. This twine is now selling for \$2.25 a pound.

The state tax levy for 1917 will be \$2,899,250. These figures were arrived at by the State Tax commission by taking the last years tax levy, arbitrarily adding 5 per cent to it, and leaving it up to the legislature to keep within the amount designated.

The famed MacRae ranch of 8000 acres in Grant county, known as one

of the most efficiently conducted cattle ranches in the west, has been sold by its owner, Mrs. Lillian MacRae, to C. P. Ragsdale of Joseph. The price was \$200,000 and the deal was cash.

Percy Cupper, assistant state engineer, has sent letters to the secretaries of the 17 irrigation districts of the state suggesting that the districts form an association in connection with the Oregon Irrigation congress to promote the interests of irrigation generally and of the districts in particular.

Figures furnished from the records indicate that the taxpayers of the of a number of counties over the state different counties have been required to pay an average of more than \$3000 a year per county, beginning with 1911, for the publication of the delinquent tax lists.

Members of the Hood River commercial club unanimously indorse a proposed tax of \$1 a horsepower on automobiles. The club further recommends that the fund so raised be used toward matching federal appropriations for state road work under the Schakelford road bill.

In a report issued by State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, he states that capital of \$23,619,902 is invested in plants and equipment in the timber industry of the state, this being exclusive of timber holdings and working capital, including only buildings, machinery and other equipment.

Senator Chamberlain has been formally notified by the secretary of war that, after referring the matter to the local military authorities, it has been decided to be highly inadvisable to return for muster out battery A, artillery, and troop A, cavalry, of the Oregon national guard, as there are no troops available to replace them.

In its closing sessions at Hood River the 31st annual convention of the Oregon State Horticultural society went on record as decidedly opposed to proposals that have been advanced at different northwestern fruit centers to lower the standard of grading rules. A resolution adopted recommended that the strict rules that have heretofore prevailed be maintained.

Although the army engineers have not yet sent to Congress the report called for last session on the advisability of further improving the entrance to Yaquina bay, Representative Hawley has received unofficial notification that the local engineers have recommended an appropriation of \$486,000, half to be appropriated by congress and half by the local community.

For a consideration reported in the neighborhood of 125,000, the entire sheep plant of the J. E. Smith Livestock company, at Barnhart has been sold to A. K. Smythe, of Portland, and Dan P. Smythe, of Pendleton, members of the firm of Smythe Bros., who already own plants at Arlington. By this deal the Smythes become the largest breeders in the northwest.

Three thousand acres of raw land in the west end of Umatilla county will be brought under irrigation and cultivation next season according to L. A. Rineman, county watermaster. The land consists of 1000 acres under the Furnish project, 1000 acres under the Western Land and Irrigation project, 500 acres under the Umatilla project and 500 acres under the west extension.

A larger and more complete normal school is the programme of the Oregon normal at Monmouth, which is planning on a big expansion in training school activities, the beginning of regular extension work, larger dormitory space, an addition to the main building, and minor campus improvements, to be embodied in a bill for an appropriation for \$86,000 when the legislature meets.

Although Secretary of State Olcott urged cancellation of a contract, whereby Jason Moore is to be allowed to remove salts from Summer and Abert lakes, in Lake county, the state land board has refused to take that action and the matter remains in status quo. The question of the lease and contract on the lakes has been hanging fire since 1914 and six extensions of time have been granted.

Announcement of plans for the construction of a three-story, 80 by 250 feet, reinforced concrete addition to the plant of the Oregon City Manufacturing company at Oregon City, and the complete rearrangement of the plant—improvements which will increase the capacity of the mill 50 per cent and make it the largest woolen mill west of the Mississippi river—was made by Adolph Jacobs, president of the company.

With the money in the state school

fund piling up and loans being paid up practically twice as fast as the money is loaned out, the state land board has decided to increase the amount allowed to be loaned from the school fund to any individual from \$2500 to \$5000. At the same time it was tentatively decided that the board will ask the next legislature to reduce the interest on school fund loans from six per cent to five per cent.

The board of directors of the Portland schools will ask the legislature through a bill already drafted and ready for submission, to untie its hands in the management and administration of the public schools of the city by giving the board authority to transfer teachers from place to place as occasion requires; to discontinue the services of women teachers marrying while in the service; to dismiss teachers without the right of appeal after a hearing at which neither the board nor the teacher shall be represented by counsel. The bill also lengthens the probationary period prior to definite tenure of office from two to four years.

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Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, made on the 4th day of December, 1916, in the matter of the estate of Phebe Jane Martin, deceased, the undersigned, as executor of the said estate, will sell, at private sale, to the highest bidder, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation by said County Court, from and after Saturday, the 13th day of January, 1917, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Phebe Jane Martin, deceased, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired, other than or in addition to that of said deceased at the time of her death; of, in and to the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the center of the County Road 21.85 chains East and 11.55 chains South from the Northwest corner of the John B. Smith Donation Land Claim, Notification No. 1586, Claim No. 41, in Township 8 South, Range 5 West, in Polk county, State of Oregon, and running thence South 3 degrees and 15 minutes West along the center of said road 11.22 chains; thence West 22.63 chains to the West boundary line of said Claim; thence North 11.20 chains; thence East 7.00 chains; thence North 31-3 chains; thence East 15.00 chains to the center of said road; and thence South along the center of said road, 3 1-3 chains to the place of beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash on confirmation of sale and delivery of executor's deed for said property.

Bids may be made to the undersigned in person or sent by mail.

Dated December 13, 1916.
C. LORENCE,
Executor of the estate of
Phebe Jane Martin, deceased.

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