

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

There were only 25 cases of infectious diseases in Pendleton last year. Fifty-five banks in the state have unclaimed deposits aggregating \$7,550.90.

The state poultry show is being held in Medford this week, from Tuesday to Friday.

Since January 1, 127 applications for land have been filed at the La Grande land office.

Edward Bartholomew was declared guilty of the murder of John Lind by a jury at Portland.

The state Peppermint Growers' association will hold its annual meeting in Albany January 13.

Approximately 46,000 acres of land have been filed on at The Dalles land office since January 1.

Portland's annual automobile show, the eighth, will be held at the armory January 27 to February 3.

A total of \$119,987.45 will be returned to the several counties of the state from the motor vehicle fund.

Care of the insane will cost the state \$989,817 for the next two years, according to estimated requirements.

Only one insurance company has so far failed to renew its annual license to do business in Oregon during 1917.

During the past month death has claimed seven of the old pioneers of Coos county and in most cases death was due to grip.

No fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission this week. A total of 188 accidents were reported.

The Josephine County Bar association has launched and indorsed a proposal for a separate judicial district for Josephine county.

The total cost for the Oregon soldiers' home for the next biennial period is estimated at \$103,460 in a budget prepared by the commandant.

Between 150 and 200 dairymen, farmers and their wives attended the formal opening of the Stanfield cheese factory at its new plant in Stanfield.

Bend has made a formal application to congress for a new federal building, basing its claims upon the postal receipts of the town and the population.

Thirteen and forty-four one-hundredth acres on Crooked creek in Klamath county has been deeded to the state of Oregon for a trout hatchery.

Governor Withycombe has appointed L. N. Blowers of Hood River as county judge of Hood River county, succeeding E. E. Stanton, who resigned.

The 20th annual winter short course began Monday at the Oregon Agricultural college and will continue until the close of the second semester, February 2.

The state of Oregon will receive this year the sum of \$128,111 as its allotment of the appropriation to aid in the construction of roads in national forests.

A federal commission of naval officers, headed by Rear Admiral James M. Helm, investigated proposed sites for a naval base on the Columbia river last week.

Wasco county is about ready to begin construction work on its system of main highways, for which the people of the county voted a bond issue of \$360,000 last November.

Approximately 1000 iron sign posts, directing tourists along the Pacific highway in Oregon, will be placed just as soon as a truck, loaded with the signs, can get over the road.

Senator Lane will urge an amendment to the river and harbor bill appropriating \$250,000 for further improvement of the entrance to Yaquina bay to give a depth of 20 feet.

The deep snow now covering Klamath county has made it extremely difficult for the quail to exist, so the Klamath Sportsmen's association is taking steps to see that they are fed.

The Oregon naval militia has been authorized to send one officer and four men to the government aeronautic station at Pensacola, Fla., for a three months' course of instruction in flying.

Officials of the Whitman national forest report that government stakes on the higher mountains of the reserve show considerably more snow on the ground now than at this time last year.

Combined, the requirements of Oregon's higher institutions of learning—

the agricultural college, the university and normal school—total \$2,298,464 for the next two years, according to the state budget.

The most successful farmers' and homemakers' week ever held at the Oregon Agricultural college closed Saturday, after practically every phase of industry of direct interest to the farmer or housewife of the state had been treated by specialists in their respective lines, through lectures, demonstrations and conventions.

Oregon now ranks first in the United States in regularity of attendance in the rural schools, according to the biennial report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

Miss Lily Luscher, 18 years of age, was instantly killed, and her sister, Rosalind, 21, was terribly injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an electric train near Portland.

President Wilson has approved the recommendation of Secretary Lane that an appropriation of \$400,000 be made by congress this session to build the Warm Springs dam on the Malheur irrigation project.

Members of the Tumalo Development league have asked that government hunters be sent to their community to assist in killing coyotes which have come to be a source of much loss to stockmen.

Umpqua fishermen are reaping a harvest, receiving double and triple the amount for steelheads and silver-sides they have received in the past. The average steelhead or silver-side brings the fisherman \$1.

Four thousand nine hundred acres of level, fertile irrigated land in the reclaimed bed of Tule lake in southeastern Klamath county, will be opened for homestead entry in the near future, probably by a land drawing.

Four additions to the force of the state board of health for carrying forward more efficiently the work of that body are urged in the seventh biennial report of the board to the governor and the 29th legislative assembly.

Receipts of the industrial accident commission from November 5, 1915, to December 31, 1916, aggregated \$1,789,587.88 and the disbursements \$1,504,857.68. The commission has received reports of 17,459 non-fatal accidents and 938 fatal accidents.

Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures Wortman has ordered his field deputies to make a general check in all parts of the state of the weights of flour, as several complaints have come into his office that short weights have been given.

Congressman Hawley has been advised by the forest service that the fund for the improvement of Oregon roads and trails will not be extended until the state legislature provides for a co-operative plan between the state and federal government.

The municipal water plant owned by the city of Hood River has been a success in every way. The records of the water office show that \$1000 per month has been earned through this source above expenses of operation and maintenance during the past year.

That the institutions under state control be placed under the supervision of the secretary of state so far as the expenditure of money is concerned, is the substance of a bill advocated for passage at the coming session of the legislature, by the state board of health.

Dogs are worth more than cows in a number of counties of the state, according to returns on file with the state tax commission from the assessors of the state. For instance, the average value of a dog in Tillamook county is placed at \$33.75, while the average value of cattle is \$27.72.

An appropriation of \$25,000 will be asked of the Oregon legislature, to match a similar sum from the state of Washington, and \$12,500 from British Columbia for the big joint advertising campaign of the Northwest Tourist association. These sums are to be annual for a two-year period.

The Northwest Grain convention in session at Corvallis went on record as favoring bulk handling of grain as opposed to the present sack handling. Resolutions were adopted, declaring that hereafter all wheat quotations shall be considered as being for bulk unless specifically stated otherwise.

That farmers of the dry-farming districts of eastern Oregon could greatly increase their yearly profits by plowing earlier in the spring and by utilizing the summer fallow by means of crop rotation, is stated by D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the dry-farming branch experiment station at Moro.

With the adoption of a comprehensive programme especially emphasizing needed legislation, the importance

of aiding irrigation farmers and encouraging general land settlement, followed by the election of officers, the Oregon Irrigation congress concluded its sixth annual session in Portland Saturday.

A most ambitious plan for a system of state roads connecting every county seat has been brought forward by State Engineer Lewis. It involves approximately 4200 miles of state road and 8000 miles of county roads as feeders to the system. To construct the system would involve an expenditure of \$235,000,000 according to his estimate.

Woolgrowers of Umatilla county and other sections of northeastern Oregon are not taking kindly to the thought of contracting their 1917 clips this early in the year, even though the offers made them are very attractive. Visions of 40 cent wool are more or less general in eastern Oregon sheepland, and until something happens to dispel them there will be but little wool sold until the actual buying season has begun.

Animals and Climbing.

Bears can climb well if little, but the grizzly and other large species stay mainly on the ground. A bear always climbs down a tree backward, as does the domestic cat until she has nearly reached the ground, when she turns and jumps, but most wildcats run down a trunk head first, even the heavy leopard being a more skillful climber than the light house cat. The tiger and lion, however, do not climb, for no discoverable reason unless it be that they fear failing on account of their weight.

Brass.

Brass is an alloy of tin and copper, and analysis of the earliest existing specimens demonstrates that it was formerly manufactured in the proportions of one part of tin to nine of copper. A notice in Genesis fixes the discovery and use of both these metals, according to the Bible, at between 4,004 and 1,635 years before the Christian era.

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S SALE

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.

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Dated December 13, 1916.

C. LORENCE,

Executor of the estate of
Phebe Jane Martin, deceased.

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