

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

At a meeting of farmers and fruit-growers held at Myrtle Creek a grange was organized.

The 11th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association will be held in Portland February 19 to 21.

Committees have been appointed to proceed at once with the erection of a new \$25,000 Christian church at Milton.

Baker lumber mills were compelled to close down because of the car shortage. Nearly 200 men were thrown out of work.

Hundreds of acres of ground are being prepared this year for the growing of sugar beets for the Grants Pass sugar factory.

Cheese men of Coos and Curry county will make a campaign to standardize the manufacture of cheese in the two counties.

Thirteen hundred acres in the second unit of the West Umatilla irrigation project will be opened to homestead entry March 6.

The Willamette Valley Mint Growers' association was permanently organized at a meeting of the mint growers of the state at Albany.

Ashland has decided to repeat the Rogue River roundup and celebration upon an even larger scale than last year during the coming July.

Rogue river is to have a bridge 30 miles from its mouth. It will be the only bridge between Grants Pass and the ocean, more than 100 miles.

Reports sent in from county agents of Oregon show that numerous farm loan associations are being formed in accordance with the rural credits law.

A demonstration wool car of the department of agriculture, which is touring the United States at present, will visit Oregon from February 19 to March 3.

Ernest V. Jensen, of Portland has on exhibit at the state capitol a concrete model of the Cecil canal which he is desirous to place on exhibit at the state fair.

Voters of West Linn at a mass meeting authorized an election on a \$14,000 bond issue for the construction of a modern school building in the district.

At a county meeting recently held by the Moro County Farmers' union resolutions were passed favoring the employment of a county agricultural agent for that section.

According to the figures of the semester just closed, the women of Pacific college and academy at Newberg are emphatically better from a standpoint of scholarship than the men.

Not willing to be outdone by the residents of Umatilla, the voters of Canyonville at the regular city election held there Tuesday elected women to all seats on the city council.

Births in Oregon for the year ending December 31, 1915, reached a total of 12,232, according to the report of the state board of health, just issued. During the same period there were 6718 deaths and 4983 marriages.

Seventeen young elk, the increase from the herd now in Wallowa county brought originally from Jackson Hole several years ago by the state fish and game commission, have been sent to Salem and Crater Lake national park.

The eastern half of the Christian Endeavorers of Oregon will convene at La Grande Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 16, 17 and 18. This is the first Christian Endeavor convention ever held in eastern Oregon, and at least 250 delegates are expected.

Plans are being laid by the Stanfield Fruitgrowers' union for the construction of a cold storage and packing plant. The new plant will be equipped with gravity carriers and the latest types of grading machines, making it the most modern of any in the northwest.

A large attendance of growers, farmers and dealers of the northwest who are interested in the question of federal standardization of grain is expected at the meeting of the federal grain standard bureau in Portland on Wednesday and Thursday, February 14 and 15.

Governor Withycombe granted a conditional pardon to Edward B. Denison, indicted as George C. Huff, on a charge of extortion, tried in Jackson

county, convicted, but released under bond pending appeal, and again taken into custody on the charge of a surety company, who alleged that Denison jumped his bond.

The waters of Klamath river and Spencer creek within certain boundaries are to be closed to fishermen this week for a period of four months, from February 15 to June 15, according to the state fish and game commission. The commission states that these streams will be closed during that season to protect the trout and other fish.

Max Duck, a Suey Sing tongman, was killed; a Japanese was wounded, and an unidentified Chinaman is believed to have been wounded, in a battle between allied Hip Sing and Bow Leong tongmen on the one hand, and Suey Sing gunmen on the other, in Portland.

Only 31 cars of onions are left unsold in Oregon. Except for a car or two that may be held over, the stock will doubtless be exhausted by the end of the month. The market is unchanged at \$7.50 to grower, but prices are very firm, and another advance can be expected.

President Wilson, on recommendation of Secretary of Agriculture Houston, has issued an order adding 50,000 acres to the Whitman national forest in Oregon, much of which is privately owned lands, mainly on the divide between the John Day, Powder and Burnt rivers.

The Pacific National Dairy show has been organized by dairymen and stockbreeders of Oregon for the purpose of holding in Portland an annual exhibition of dairy cattle of all breeds, as well as dairy products, including milk, butter, cheese and ice cream and also dairy machinery and equipment.

Thomas W. Lawson, Boston financier, author of "Frenzied Finance," whose charges gave rise to the "leak" inquiry by congress which has been furnishing a sensation for the nation, is in Oregon on his annual visit for rest and recreation. He is visiting his son, Douglas Lawson, at the latter's Prineville ranch.

Stockmen of Paisley have joined with the Chewaucan Land & Cattle company in their fight against the state water board and its decree in the adjudication of the waters of the Chewaucan river to prevent, if possible, the passage of the Forbes' bill appropriating \$2500 with which to carry this case to the supreme court.

Important orders were handed down by the public service commission last week, including the establishing of rates for the Consolidated Electric Light company in a formal complaint brought by John Day and Canyon City and also a grade crossing order on the Astoria division of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company.

The following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon: Jennie Glenger, Cottonwood, vice A. I. Wright, resigned; Alecy J. Pullen, Lonerock, vice J. W. Carrice, resigned; Ella M. Cree, Pleasant Hill, vice O. J. Hull, resigned; Ed I. Southworth, Seneca, vice M. Southworth, resigned; Isaac Blumauer, Cake, Malheur county, new office.

Following a conference with S. O. Correll, of Baker, secretary of the Oregon Cattle and Horsemen's association, to convene late in April, the executive committee on arrangements reports three Governors are booked to speak at the convention at La Grande, April 24-25. Governors Withycombe, of Oregon; Lister, of Washington, and Alexander, of Idaho, are the three.

In a brief sent to the five circuit judges of the state still having under consideration Hyde-Benson land fraud cases, Attorney-General Brown takes exception to the ruling of Judge Campbell, of Clackamas county. In that ruling, in one of the Hyde-Benson cases, the courts holds that a statute of 1901 validated transactions by the state land board up to that time whether tainted by fraud or not.

The Utah Quicksilver company, located in the Meadows district near Gold Hill, was sold last week to R. E. Doane and G. E. Harney, a mining man from California. It is promised that operations will start as soon as the snow leaves. The management has a retort on the property and expects to start with a crew of 10 men. As soon as the amount of ore warrants, several more retorts will be added.

Johnson Porter, of the firm of Porter Brothers, general contractors, stands ready to invest \$150,000 in a ship-building plant at Florence, at the mouth of the Siuslaw river. The little town of Florence is ready to invest \$10,000 in the project, and to make an effort to get the site selected by Mr.

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All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months of the date of this notice, to the said administrator and administratrix at Monmouth in said County of Polk.

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Porter. Eugene has been asked to raise the remaining \$40,000 required to put in a ship-building plant such as was suggested as feasible by Mr. Porter.

The senate commerce committee has completed the consideration of the rivers and harbors bill and all Oregon items carried in the house bill were retained. In addition the appropriation for Tillamook bay was increased from \$5000 to \$13,000. Surveys were authorized from Young's bay, near the mouth of the Columbia, the proposed channel at the mouth of the Willamette to the eastern limits of the city of Vancouver, Tillamook bay and Hoquiam slough.

The Port of Astoria commission is preparing to handle some of the present year's grain exports. Steps toward this end were taken, when the port engineer was authorized to prepare plans for erecting four bulk bins or tanks with a capacity of 500,000 bushels of grain. The improvements will be in addition to the present cleaning and scouring elevator recently completed that has a capacity of more than 100,000 bushels.

Blossom Time in the Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."

With warm sunny weather it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that spring time is here.

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