

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

Baker's first automobile show was held last week.

The Marion County Potato Growers' association held its annual meeting at Salem.

The 44th convention of Oregon state grange is to be held May 8 to 12, 1917, at Astoria.

There will be no immediate call for a special session of the legislature to consider war measures.

The steam schooner Johanna Smith, the largest vessel constructed on Coos bay, was launched at North Bend.

The coldest March in 37 years, was the month just closed, according to the report from the weather bureau.

The Bend Water, Light & Power company will begin at once on the erection of an addition to its plant.

Leonard Saxby, 23 years old, was electrocuted in the new generating plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company at Oregon City.

The Oregon state Federation of Women's Clubs will start a fund immediately that shall be known as "the Oregon Federation Hospital fund."

The Eugene chamber of commerce has taken up the plan of cultivation of all city lots to aid the nation in time of war by keeping down the cost of living.

Preliminary steps are being taken in Douglas county to vote on a county bond issue for road improvement. The total amount of the issue has been fixed at \$550,000.

Several of the farmers of the Gold Hill district have been shipping in carloads of beet pulp from the Utah-Oregon Sugar factory at Grants Pass to feed their stock.

The Coos county court, has arranged for an appropriation of \$20,000 as part of the fund for constructing an armory in Marshfield for the coast artillery company.

Subjects of interest to livestock growers will be considered at the fourth annual meeting of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association to be held at La Grande on April 24 and 25.

The United States department of labor, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., will hold its second annual citizenship convention at Portland for three or four days this coming Summer.

The next annual conference for Oregon of the United Evangelical church will be held in Portland, beginning March 29, 1918, according to action taken by the conference while in session at Salem.

A new "honor lodge" at the state penitentiary has perfected organization. The lodge has 300 members and is organized to promote better feeling between the prisoners and the prison administration.

The number of employers subject to the workmen's compensation law during the second year's operation of the law was 6594, according to the annual report of the state industrial accident commission.

Assisting the farmers of the state in the production of larger and better crops of fiber flax, will be a branch of the work taken up by the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college this month.

The industrial accident commission received reports of 277 accidents during the week between March 3 and April 5 inclusive. One of the accidents reported was fatal, the victim being Joseph Francis, of Baker, a railroad employe.

With war clouds threatening the continuance of athletics in the coast colleges later in the spring, the O. A. C. relay carnival of April 21 stands as the only major tract event of the season which is sure to be held on the coast this year.

In co-operation with similar departments all over the country, the extension services of the O. A. C. has announced that a vigorous campaign will be started immediately for the purpose of increasing the food preparedness of the country.

There were 50 fires in 31 towns during the month of March, according to figures issued by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells. The total losses amounted to \$75,145. The largest loss for the month was a \$10,000 building in Portland.

The people of Oregon are to be asked to subject to the referendum two of the school measures enacted by the last legislature—the teachers'

tenure bill and the bill shortening the terms of school directors from 5 to 3 years. Referendum petitions have been prepared.

A statement issued by the industrial accident commission says that there was a decrease of 64 per cent in the number of personal injury cases where the relation of employer and employe existed, heard before the Oregon supreme court in 1916, from the number in 1914. The total number of cases, however, decreased but 10.4 per cent.

Reports from the upper McKenzie river territory state that there is from 10 to 15 feet of snow in the mountains and that serious high water in the Willamette and McKenzie rivers is probable in the event of long continued spring rains.

Convinced that gold, platinum and other valuable minerals are to be found in the Deschutes basin deposits near Terrebonne, Deschutes county, central Oregon, a number of Portland men have incorporated the Deschutes Mining and Milling company.

The financial statement of the industrial accident commission, issued for the close of business on March 31, this year, shows a total balance with the State Treasurer of \$992,931.89. Receipts from November 5, 1914, to March 31, 1917, totaled \$2,002,395.76, and disbursements \$262,477.58.

Determined to gain access to Marion county's free ferry, the road to which has been blocked on the Polk county side by a fence along the right-of-way going to the old private ferry landing, about 150 Polk county farmers, living in the vicinity of West Salem, sawed down the fence and did away with the barrier.

Should a special session of the legislature be called by Governor Withycombe to make provisions for dependent families of soldiers called into service, the 6 per cent limitation amendment will have no binding effect on any bond issue that might be provided, according to lawyers who have studied the situation.

Information coming from several directions leads to the belief the Southern Pacific Railway company contemplates railroad extensions in the Marshfield vicinity, probably from Beaver Hill junction, 12 miles from Coos bay, to Bandon, by way of Beaver slough and down the Coquille river to the coast.

W. P. Wilson and his son, J. L. Wilson, of Olalla claimed the largest varmint bounty ever paid in Douglas county for the capture of varmints from one family, when they presented eight coyote puppies about two weeks old to the county clerk at Roseburg for bounty. The total amount paid was \$160, being \$20 each.

Attorney-General Brown received notice that he had won another of the F. A. Hyde land fraud cases. Decision in favor of the state has been rendered by Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane. This is the fifth out of seven Hyde land fraud cases, which have been won by the state. The other two are undecided.

Seventeen bricks of gold, weighing 1221 ounces and valued at \$23,199, said by milling men to be the largest clean-up ever yielded by a southern Oregon gold mine, were brought to Grants Pass by James Logan, owner of the Simmonds-Logan placer mine at Waldo, about 40 miles southwest of Grants Pass. The mass of gold was the result of a 10-day run.

The legislative road bond committee has decided to hold a statewide rally in Portland, April 28. This will not be in the nature of a convention, but will be a rally to which are invited delegates from all organizations in Oregon interested in the road movement. Governor Withycombe will be invited and the three state highway commissioners will be in attendance.

Insurance business in the state is increasing by leaps and bounds, according to figures compiled by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells. During the first three months of this year the fees of his office amounted to \$121,910.98, as compared to \$97,524.43 for a similar period last year. When the new insurance code goes into effect the amount of the fees of that office also will be greatly augmented.

The first two weeks the rural credits amendment has been actually in operation show that 67 applications have been made for loans from that fund, and out of this number 44 have been approved. The loans asked for average about \$2000, although some run as high as \$5000 and others as low as \$300. Approximately \$90,000 worth of loans have been approved out of the \$140,000 worth applied for.

Central Oregon communities are re-

sponding with liberality to the request of Robert E. Strahorn for aid in the financing of the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad which, when built, is to serve Crook, Klamath, Harney and Lake counties. Klamath Falls has voted \$300,000 in municipal bonds; Burns, \$125,000; Lakeview, \$20,000. Bend has contributed \$35,000, and is preparing to vote \$100,000 in bonds in aid of construction. Surprise valley citizens are taking steps to vote \$100,000 in bonds.

Treasurer Kay has directed letters to the Oregon delegation in congress, asking that steps be taken to regulate food prices. He asserted in his communication that speculators have taken advantage of the war to run up prices, even on American-made goods, the manufacture of which are not affected in any manner by the war, and that as a result the wage-working classes throughout the United States would soon be reduced to the condition of the people in European countries if some remedial legislation is not enacted.

OPEN COMPETITION POSITIVELY ASSURED

All Contractors to Have Chance to Bid on Proposed Highways.

In reply to an inquiry from the Legislative Good Roads Committee as to what its policy would be in the matter of awarding contracts for road construction if the pending road bond bill should be approved by the voters in the June election, the State Highway Commission issued the following statement:

"We recognize the propriety of your inquiry and therefore hereby authorize you on our behalf to say that this Commission, at a public meeting held at Portland on this date, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas there exists in the public mind an impression that undue profits have heretofore been made by paving contractors in Oregon,

"Be it resolved that it will be the policy of the Highway Commission to call for bids on all standard types of pavement in open and fair competition and to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder who will be required to give a good and sufficient guarantee for the permanency of his work.

"Be it further resolved that in the event no satisfactory bid can be obtained the Highway Commission will proceed to do the work itself by force account after the purchase and installation of its own paving plant."

"The above resolution is intended as a frank statement to the public of what our policy will be. If there is anything which is not fully covered it is due to an oversight on our part and not due to any desire to evade any issue or question.

"We may summarize our plans as follows: We shall demand and endeavor to acquire for the state full value for every dollar of public money expended. If the bond issue is adopted we shall so far as possible, commence work in every county in which work is to be done at the earliest possible moment. We shall not favor one county or locality over another, but will, to the best of our ability, be fair to the various sections of the state."

OREGON FARMERS HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN

Under the plan submitted in the road bonding bill, the farmer has everything to gain and nothing to lose. According to a compilation by the State Tax Commission, agriculture in Oregon pays on approximately 26 per cent of the total taxable property, timber and lumbering on 19 per cent, city and towns on 41 per cent and public utilities on 14 per cent. Designated as they are to meet the requirements of the state as a whole, these main through arteries will be built from city limits to city limits, the cities alone having authority over city streets. The Highway Commission has announced that, where any of the main roads to be improved pass through the smaller towns and villages and the street is not already improved, the Commission will hard-surface that portion of the road included within the limits of such towns and villages without additional cost to such communities. When improved these main lines will serve not only the agricultural districts through which they pass, but will also serve centers of population—the principal market places. They will be market roads as well as through state roads—not luxuries.

The State Highway Commissioners, who will have charge of the disbursement of the proposed \$6,000,000 road bonds, have given the assurance that all roads built under their supervision will be constructed honestly. Contracts for the work will be subject to

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GOOD ROADS RALLY

The Legislative Good Roads Committee has decided to hold a state-wide good roads rally in Portland, Saturday, April 28. Every organization in the state favorable to the road bond bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. The committee has taken up with the various transportation companies the matter of securing a special reduced rate for those attending the rally. Reports from Astoria and several points in Eastern Oregon are to the effect that the good roads enthusiasts of those sections are planning to charter a boat or special train and come to Portland in large numbers, accompanied by bands. Similar large excursions are in prospect from other points. There is every indication that the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters that was ever held in the Pacific Northwest.

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