

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A food preparedness campaign is now on in The Dalles.

Astoria is to have a chapter of the American Red Cross Society.

A \$30,000 corporation is being formed in Marshfield to establish a shipyard.

Cheese factories all over the state are moving now, but operations are on a limited scale.

The total cost of operating Multnomah county's five ferryboats for the year 1916, was \$93,583.70.

A meeting of the commissioners of the 13 ports of the state of Oregon will be held in Portland May 15.

The Horse Show given at Woodburn by the Woodburn Retail Merchants' association was largely attended.

R. L. Fuller, a young farmer residing near Creswell, was killed by a kick in the face by one of his horses.

Fire wiped out a number of store buildings in Salem. The total loss is estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Portland leads all stations in the country for the number of recruits for the navy obtained during the past two weeks.

Herbert Nunn, of Multnomah county, has been selected by the state highway commission as state highway engineer.

An active campaign has been started in Portland to raise \$10,000 by private donations to establish a naval base hospital unit.

Food prices for wool are assured the growers this year, according to S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association.

The first week of May will be "Oregon Clean-Up week." It was so designated in a proclamation which was issued by Governor Withycombe.

The Polk county court has appropriated \$2000 toward the expense of building nine miles of new highway from Independence to the Benton county boundary.

The county court of Curry county may refuse to call a special election on June 4, to vote on the state measures, on the ground that the bill calling the election is invalid.

For a consideration of approximately \$54,000, J. N. Scott, of Athena, has purchased 360 acres from W. R. Taylor. The land is situated one and a half miles west of Athena.

Miss Alvina Howard, senior at Pacific University, has been elected queen for the May-day exercises to be held by the college students and townspeople at Forest Grove May 11.

As far as the state of Oregon is concerned, the crime of treason does not exist, regardless of war. At least there is no penalty for such crime, according to lawyers who have examined the law.

The Gagnon sawmill company of Medford has installed machinery for the manufacture of box shooks of which it plans to put out at least 300,000 this year, representing a value of \$30,000.

The Crook county Good Roads association has passed a resolution in favor of a special election for the purpose of voting on a county bond issue of \$74,000 for the construction of permanent roads.

Predictions are made by Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carleton that fully 3000 Oregon teachers will become members of the N. E. A. before it convenes in Portland in July.

At a meeting of the state water board State Engineer Lewis was directed to begin the survey of water rights on Cherry creek, tributary to John Day river, in Jefferson and Wheeler counties.

Farmers of Clackamas county are saving coyote scalps until after the raise in bounty, which goes into effect May 21. After that date the bounty will be \$3 a scalp. At present it is only \$1.50.

From investigations made by agents of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation system, this season's crop of wheat will be below normal unless more than the ordinary acreage of spring wheat is sown.

An estimate that 65 per cent of the wooden vessels to be built by the federal shipping board, the program of which calls for 1000 carriers, will be built at Pacific coast yards is made by Representative McArthur.

Athletics of every description have been discontinued at the University

of Oregon. All energies of the university will be directed toward preparing students for military duty and especially toward duty as officers.

The following named have been appointed postmasters in Oregon: Mrs. Effie C. Wilson at Narrows, Harney county, in place of C. A. Haines, deceased; Nick Johnson at Norway, Coos county, vice J. H. McCloskey, resigned; Mrs. Rosa J. Endicott at Leneve, Coos county, and Leander B. Spurgeon at Sixes, Curry county. Leneve and Sixes are new offices.

The issuing of commercial fishing licenses has been going on rapidly since the first of the month. The fish and game warden's office has issued 269, good until March 31, 1918.

Construction work on the electric power line from Robinett to Pine Valley has been started by the Idaho, Oregon Light & Power company and it is expected that the work will be completed through to Coraueopia by early fall.

A full troop of cavalry—75 men—for the Oregon national guard was recruited in Portland in six hours, under direction of Adjutant General George A. White. It was designated as troop B. First Oregon cavalry, and supplements troop A.

Petitions asking that the county court of Douglas county call a special election on June 4 for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$555,000 with which to construct permanent roads in Douglas county have been placed in circulation.

Ground was broken for the new sawmill of the Pacific States Timber Investment company at Austin. Work on the mill, of 150,000 feet daily capacity, will be rushed and the plant probably will be ready for operation by the middle of June.

Captain Roy R. Knox, commanding the Fifth company, coast artillery corps, Oregon national guard, of Albany, has received notice of his appointment by Adjutant-General White as a member of the general staff of the Oregon national guard.

Representative Hawley introduced bills in congress appropriating \$100,000 each for public buildings at Oregon City, Grants Pass, Corvallis and Ashland. He also introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for fish cultural stations on the Columbia river.

All arrangements have been completed whereby the Wittenberg-King company of The Dalles will erect a fruit and vegetable process factory in Salem at a cost of \$150,000, according to announcement made by Ivan G. McDaniel, manager of the Salem Commercial club.

Life insurance policies held by soldiers and sailors of the United States government enlisting from the state of Oregon will not be canceled by reason of such service during time of war, according to a statement issued by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells.

Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hawley reintroduced in the senate and house the bill of last session ratifying the compact between the state of Oregon and Washington, under which they proposed to exercise joint jurisdiction over fisheries in the Columbia river.

Four fatal and 133 non-fatal industrial accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week. The victims of the fatal accidents were: Joseph McCord, Portland, shipbuilding; Leonard K. Saxby, Portland, paper mill; M. Lowery, Deer Island, logging; William C. Stuetzer, Portland, sawmill.

Under a ruling of Attorney General Brown to the effect that money derived from the quarter mill tax and from the sale of bonds under the Bean-Barrett law must be applied in matching the federal appropriations, the state highway commission is unable to undertake any construction work until after the paving bond election is held.

Through the advice and management of County Agriculturist Jay L. Smith, Coos county dairymen who in the past two years have made very liberal purchases of registered and high grade dairy stock, are about to increase their bent towards better breeding of dairy cattle by the addition of from 60 to 100 registered bulls and heifers.

C. W. Hungerford, of the United States department of agriculture, recently arrived at the Oregon agricultural college, where he is working co-operatively with the extension service in carrying on certain cereal investigations in Oregon. Mr. Hungerford reports the presence of a new grain rust which attacks the heads, and is highly destructive to the crops. The new pest is known as yellow stripe rust.

"The hop vines must go." Such

was the decision made by 18 growers of the largest acreages in Polk county, who, after two years of unprofitable growing, due to increased cost of production and lower prices of hops, have decided to plant their land to crops which will help in swelling the supply of foodstuffs in the United States during the present season. The plow has commenced its work of removing the vines from between 1500 and 2000 acres of land.

Word has been received by the public service commission that the national industrial traffic league on car demurrage and shortage, after a conference with the committee on relations of the American Railway association, has given its tentative approval to the demurrage rules, including the average agreement, which were promulgated by the Oregon public service commission and became effective in this state on January 1 of this year. Indications point to the fact that the rules adopted by the Oregon commission will come into practical universal use throughout the United States.

TAXES WILL NOT BE INCREASED

Revenue Provided for Interest and Principal on Road Bonds.

Opponents of the road bond bill contend that the proposed bond issue will become an added burden to the general taxpayer. As a complete answer and refutation of this argument, the Legislative Good Roads Committee has incorporated the following statement as a part of its argument in support of the bond bill which will be published in the official state pamphlet:

"We have ascertained from the records of the office of the Secretary of State that the income from the present quarter-mill tax is \$220,000 per annum; that the income from auto licenses, based upon the present number of automobiles at the increased license rate effective August 1st, will be not less than \$310,000 per annum to be used in paying interest and principal of bonds. The above funds will be sufficient not only to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized by this act, but will also pay the interest and principal of the \$1,819,280.55 in bonds authorized to meet the government road appropriation. After paying these bonds there will be a surplus of at least \$2,783,402.66. Since 1911 the increase in the number of automobiles in the State of Oregon has been 33 1/2 per cent per year. With the completion of good roads this increase will naturally be larger. However, we have not taken any increase into account but have based our figures on the present number of automobiles."

GOOD ROAD POINTERS

Good roads will make Oregon the greatest dairying center in the world. Remember this when you vote on the road bond bill in June.

The proposed bond issue will provide good roads at no greater cost than the state is now paying for poor ones.

The action of the recent Legislature in doubling the annual license on automobiles and making the funds derived therefrom available for road construction is justified by the reasoning that it is the automobile that destroys the road and it should bear the burden of road construction.

"When public money is honestly spent on a road every dollar becomes three dollars," says the Portland Journal. "First, there is the dollar in the road itself. Second, there remains in the community the dollar which has been paid out for labor and material. Third, there is the dollar of economic value added to the land adjacent to the road. This is a real value, not a speculative one. It is an increase in productive capacity."

Better reasons for supporting the road bond bill June 4th could not be offered. It may be depended upon that Highway Commissioners Benson, Thompson and Adams will see to it that every dollar of the road fund is honestly expended and full value returned in roads honestly constructed.

The personnel of the Highway Commission, appointed by Governor Withycombe, is in itself a guarantee that the money derived from the proposed \$6,000,000 good roads bond issue will be wisely and economically expended. It is a further guarantee that every cent of the money will be spent in practical road construction. There will be neither waste nor extravagance in the expenditure of the fund.

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" Salem 9:45, "	" " " " " "
" " 1:40, p. m.	Dallas 2:55, " " " 3:20
" " 4:00, "	Gerlinger 4:38, Independence 4:55, Monmouth 5:05
" " 6:15, "	" 7:00, " 7:20, " 7:30
" Portland 3:20, "	Connects with above
" Corvallis 6:45, a. m.	Independence 7:35, Arrive Monmouth 7:45
" " 1:15, p. m.	" 2:20 " 2:30
" Dallas 7:00, a. m.	Arrive Monmouth 7:25
" Airlie 8:30, a. m. and 3:55, p. m.	Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Leave Independence, 7, a. m.	7:35, 8:45, 11, p. m. 1:30, 2:20, 3, 4:15, 4:55, 7:20

Trains out of Monmouth

Leave Monmouth 7:15 a. m.	Independence 7:35, Gerlinger 7:49, Ar Salem 8:30
" Same as above	Portland 11:10
" Monmouth 1:50, p. m.	" 2:14, " 2:27, Salem 3:15
" Same as above	Portland 5:55
" Monmouth 4:35, "	4:55, " 5:10, Salem 6:00
" " 9:05, a. m.	Dallas 10:10 " 11:10
" " 4:30, p. m.	" 4:55, " 6:00
" " 9:05, a. m.	Independence 10:50, Corvallis 11:50
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absolutely no chances. The one authorizing the bonds specifically describes the roads to be improved, and defines the general character of their construction. Bids will be invited and, if the proposals are excessive, the Highway Commissioners have announced that they will do their own paving. What more could be asked?

None of the money to be expended for good roads under the bonding act will be expended in Multnomah County although that county pays 40 per cent of the automobile licenses of the state and a proportionate share of the regular quarter mill road tax.

GOOD ROADS RALLY TO BE HELD APRIL 28

Reduced excursion rates from all sections of the state have been granted by the railroads for the Statewide Good Roads Rally to be held in Portland, Saturday, April 28. Don't forget the date and arrange to attend. Every friend of the road bond bill and good roads enthusiast is invited to be present.

Governor Withycombe and Highway Commissioners Benson, Thompson and Adams will deliver the principal addresses and short five-minute talks are proposed by the Mayors of various Oregon cities. From present indications, the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters ever held in the Pacific Northwest.

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