

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Work on all new buildings at the Oregon state hospital has started.

Baker is planning to have a genuine old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

Every county in the state has paid the first half of the state taxes for this year.

The Condon Racing association is holding its annual meeting this week, June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

A floral show will be held in Pendleton this year. The date has not yet been determined.

Contracts on the new women's dormitory for the University of Oregon will be let probably this week.

While May was an exceptionally cold and cloudy month in northwestern Oregon, the rainfall was far below the average.

Charles L. McNary, United States senator designate, has left for Washington immediately to assume his duties in his new position.

The month just closed was the wettest May in Umatilla county in recent years. Records show almost twice the normal rainfall.

Joe Wallace, who shot and killed his wife some weeks ago on a ranch near Mayville, and who confessed, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The final report on the farm survey in Clackamas county, based on reports from almost 300 farms, shows an increase in acreage of 9 per cent.

A. E. McCully purchased of Colonel J. H. Raley, at Pendleton, a tract of farm land on Juniper canyon consisting of 1974 acres, the consideration being \$72,000.

Secretary of State Olcott has apportioned \$77,029.23, received from the government from forest reserve rentals and sale of timber, among 11 counties of the state.

Orders for 175,000,000 to 200,000,000 feet of lumber for government ship contracts probably will be placed with mills in Oregon and Washington within the next few days.

Earl Rockwell, 28, and W. H. Rambo, 52, were killed at Mill City when a logging train got away from the crew, as they were coming out of the woods with a load of logs.

The active season for mohair is over in this state. Over two-thirds of the clip has been sold and the holders of the remainder are making no particular effort to market it.

The Independence Creamery company of Independence will erect a creamery fully equipped for making butter and also a cheese factory in Harrisburg within six weeks.

With men and women prominent in the affairs of the Pacific northwest in attendance, the first re-union of the pioneer teachers and students of the old Umpqua academy was held at Wilbur.

All mills on Coos bay have announced the minimum wage for able-bodied men, commencing June 1, would be \$3.18, which is declared to be the highest wages paid on the Pacific coast for millworkers.

Manager Emmett Galligan of the Irondyke Copper mine at Homestead reports the opening of a 125 foot wide cre body, carrying gold values of \$12 to the ton, 5 per cent copper and two ounces in silver.

J. W. Shoemaker, a striking sheep shearers, was shot and killed at Riverside by James Johnson, a gang boss, during a quarrel over a strike of union sheep shearers, which resulted from a demand for increased pay.

F. F. Childers and associates, who own the Greenback mine, the largest producer of copper ore in southern Oregon, have closed a deal for the Webb mine of nine claims, seven miles southwest from Waldo.

With a view to helping in the food-preparedness campaign at Roseburg, the Douglas County Water & Light company has announced a material reduction in the cost of water to be used for irrigation purposes in Roseburg.

Because their request for a raise of 50 cents a day for all men receiving less than \$4 a day was not granted, about 50 of the unskilled laborers at the St. Helens Shipbuilding company's plant at St. Helens went out on a strike.

In order to determine as nearly as possible the labor conditions of the state, the district agents of Marion, Polk, Douglas, Linn, Clackamas and Washington counties met in confer-

Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The Miami Quarry company has completed work on a \$225,000 contract for jetty construction at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, near Florence. This contract completes a jetty construction programme covering a period of eight years. North and south jetties have been constructed during that time, and the water on the bar increased from nine to 12 feet to 18 to 20 feet at low tide.

At a meeting of the Salem Fruit Union in Salem announcement was made that 1700 acres have been signed up in this year's prune pool, as against 1400 last year. Growers estimate that the prune crop will be average this year.

Earnings of paroled men from the state penitentiary continue to show a steady increase, according to the report of Parole Officer Keller. The earnings for the month of May of 272 men totaled \$12,103.43, or an average of \$44.50 per month.

Fifty-three thousand dollars have been raised of the \$60,000 which is Oregon's and Idaho's share of the national \$3,000,000 fund for work of the Y. M. C. A. in the army and navy training camps. Portland has thus far contributed \$18,000 of her \$25,000 share.

An Oregon girl won the interstate prohibition contest for the Pacific coast at Los Angeles. Miss Margaret Garrison of Willamette University was the successful candidate. She will represent the Pacific coast at Washington, D. C., in the national contest in a few weeks.

As one of the first state-wide moves under the new state fire marshal law, Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells, who also is state fire marshal, will send out the latter part of this week a letter of instruction to all fire chiefs of the state and to others who have charge of firefighting.

The University of Oregon is considering a plan of sending professors along with military organizations, if the war department will permit such an arrangement, according to an announcement by President P. L. Campbell. The purpose of the plan is to permit students to continue studies while in the service.

Ephraim Barnes, supervisor of the Minam forest, has received a telegram from headquarters to the effect that all stockmen holding permits to graze stock in the reserve will not be compelled to relinquish their permits upon enlisting in the army. Each will be required only to notify the office of his enlistment and other herds will be substituted until his return.

In the Willamette and Columbia river district and along the Oregon coast a total of 13 shipyards are building vessels, eight others are laying out plants and five more have taken initial steps and are arranging for active operations, a total of 26 plants. Actually under construction now are 23 steel steamers and 39 wooden craft. The eight plants now being laid out already have 14 ships contracted.

Grant Smith & Co., of Portland, will execute a contract for the construction of a \$60,000 highway in Coos county between Glasgow and Hauser, 10 miles, and will commence work this month. The county court advertised the job as a unit of the \$362,000 bond issue system, but received no offers. The court then decided to build the highway on force account, borrowing the equipment of Grant Smith & Co.

On the ground that the problem of feeding the nation as a result of war is not the work of months, but of years, E. J. McClanahan, president of the Oregon State Poultry Breeders' association, has announced plans for a statewide meeting of Oregon poultrymen, to be held in connection with the Oregon state fair at Salem this fall. At that time it is proposed to outline a campaign for the spring and summer of 1918.

A remarkable showing of the speeding up of industrial activities throughout the state is indicated in the weekly report of the industrial accident commission for the week of May 25 to 31, inclusive. Of the 454 accidents reported four were fatal, the fatalities being Frank Bablet, lone, railroad operator; Ulysses S. Hanson, Heppner, railroad operator; Abijah Bickford, La Grande, trespasser, and Harold Hanson, Colton, mineworker.

A letter received by Secretary Olcott from L. A. Liljeqvist shows that the game laws of the last legislature, as they refer to Chinese pheasants, are slightly tangled. Three different acts were passed, and Attorney Liljeqvist expressed a desire to know the time of passage to ascertain, if possible, which is controlling. The three

chapters of the session laws involved are 297, 340 and 413. Secretary Olcott has advised Attorney Liljeqvist that Chapter 297 was received in his office February 17; Chapter 340 on February 16, and Chapter 13 on February 19.

Since a few days ago when the state land board failed to receive more than one small bid on \$500,000 worth of rural credits bonds which were advertised for sale, and it was decided to ask the banks of the state holding state funds to take over these bonds, only approximately \$150,000 worth of the issue has been sold, all told among nine banks. On the other hand a number of leading banks have flatly refused to invest in the bonds. As a result the state land board is facing a peculiar situation, and it seems possible, even probable, that the board will be compelled to shut down on loans in the near future and close up the rural credits account for a time, save as to those loans already made, or to be made, out of the small amount of money on hand.

### Monmouth Heights

Mrs. A. J. Shipley and children Kenneth and Naomia visited relatives in Falls city Tuesday and Wednesday.

V. A. Fishback was a business visitor in Dallas, Tuesday.

George Cheseboro was transacting business with pleasure in Monmouth Wednesday.

H. H. Lowe, Mrs. Jessie Mayer and Miss Hetta Newman of Falls City were callers at the Fishback home, Thursday.

P. F. Friesen of Dallas traveling salesman for the A. B. See-lye Medical Co. was in this vicinity Saturday.

Dave Dove had business which

called him to Dallas, Friday.

A large delegation from here was in attendance at the Shady Lane picnic Saturday.

Miss Hetta Newman of Falls City has been engaged to teach the Sunny Slope school the coming winter.

Miss Grace Williams of Monmouth was on the Heights Saturday.

Mr. Hanson, south of Monmouth and J. W. Skeen of Monmouth were here the first of the week.

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