

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Six steel steamers, each of 8800 tons deadweight, will be turned out at Portland for the republic of France, four contracts having been closed with the Northwest Steel company and two with the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation.

The chamber of commerce of Grants Pass has arranged, subject to the approval of State Fire Commissioner Harvey Wells, for the conducting of classes in fire fighting methods to teach constables of rural towns and villages modern methods of handling fires.

With proposals which will be prepared soon for advertising still further work on the Columbia highway in Hood River county, the work so far mapped out for the year by the state highway commission is a little in excess of \$1,000,000.

During the past week 335 accidents, of which three were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission. The fatal accidents were Jasper Howell, Austin, sawmill, Bert Manning, Westport, sawmill, and Otto Timm, London, logging.

Contracts were closed at New York between the Foundation company, of that city, and representatives of the French government, whereby the former will construct 40 wooden steamers for France. Twenty of the vessels will be built at Portland.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Editorial association closed at Pendleton with the election of the following officers: A. E. Voorhies, president; George H. Currey, Jr., vice-president; Phil S. Bates, secretary, and E. E. Brodie, member of executive committee.

Owing to the fact that the merchants and business men of the The Dalles have subscribed liberally to liberty bonds and Red Cross funds and further that there will be additional call for money, it has been deemed wise not to hold the Wasco county fair this fall.

Unless the greatest precautions are taken this state will suffer heavy losses from forest fire this year, according to State Forester F. A. Elliott. He bases this prediction upon the unusually dry season and the difficulty owing to the dry timber, of controlling fires once they get started.

The Oregon & California Railroad company, which owns the main line operated by the Southern Pacific in Oregon, received during 1916 as income from lease of road the sum of \$1,860,748, according to the company's annual report filed with the public service commission.

Opening of the Oregon & California grant lands, for which arrangements have been practically completed by the general land office, is clouded with uncertainty as a result of the attorney general's opinion advising against payment of any penalties or interest on taxes to be paid by the government.

Following action taken at a meeting of the board in Portland on June 1, the state game and fish commission has posted Hood river and Herman creek of Hood River county as salmon spawning streams, and following July 28 the streams will be closed indefinitely to all forms of fishing except angling with hook and line.

Figures gleaned from the forthcoming Oregon blue book, which will be issued by Secretary Olcott shortly, show that in the eight regular and two special elections since 1902, at which initiative or referendum measures have been voted on, a total of 155 measures have been submitted to the people. Of this number 56 have passed and 99 have been defeated.

Following a conference between Governor James Withycombe, Adjutant General George A. White and State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells as to the I. W. W. situation in eastern Oregon the adjutant general announced that there is in process of formation a battalion to be made up of men of experienced military training, to be stationed permanently in Oregon for home defense.

An entirely new route for the Pacific highway between Junction City and Eugene has been proposed by the engineers of the state highway commission. The plan, which has been made as a suggestion for the consideration of the Lane county court, contemplates the elimination of the river road,

now a part of the Pacific highway, and the hard surfacing of a prairie road paralleling the Oregon Electric railroad for the greater part of the distance. The new road would be about the same length as the present road and four miles west of the river road.

Five visitors to the state druggists' convention at Seaside were seriously injured while taking a spin in an auto to Cannon beach, when the machine ran into a crab-hole and overturned. The men injured are: C. A. Skelton, Portland representative of the United States Rubber Co., two ribs broken; W. I. Ferdon, of San Francisco, back injured and cut about the face and legs; A. W. Allen, secretary of the association, face cut and teeth jarred loose; Glen D. Hart, of Portland, bruised about the head and body; W. R. Sawyer, knee injured and body bruised and cut.

Hundreds of trees in the Long Tom district of Lane county, infected with fire blight, have been cut down and destroyed during the last few weeks upon the direction of C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. The field of his operations have extended as far north as the Benton county line. The blight, which is declared to be the worst disease known to attack fruit trees, has been spreading badly among the wild hawthorne and crabapple trees in the Long Tom bottoms. The only remedy is the destruction of the trees. A few fruit trees on farms in that region were also found to be infected and were destroyed.

## Honor Guard Entertainment

The Girl's National Honor Guard of Monmouth will give a benefit program on Tuesday evening, July 24th, in the Normal Chapel. The proceeds of this entertainment are to be used in the purchase of a much needed ambulance for the Red Cross work. Mr. David Campbell, pianist, Miss Ruby Ann Lorence, soprano, Mrs. Genevieve Baum-Gaskins, accompanist and Miss Arbuthnot, elocutionist, will furnish the program of the evening. Tickets for reserved seats may be bought at Morlans. The program for the evening is as follows:

- Piano
- Valse in E minor—Chopin
- Etude in C minor—Chopin
- Berceuse—Chopin
- Polonaise in A flat major—Chopin
- Reading
- Voice
- "Merce dilette amiche"—Bole-ro from I Vespri Siliciani—Verdi
- Piano
- Rhapsody in G minor—Brahms
- La Campanella—Paganini
- Lizst
- Reading
- Voice
- Elegie—Massenet
- At Dawning—Cadman
- A Spirit Flower—Campbell-Tipton
- The Morning Wind—Branscombe

Samuel Strickler has been in Monmouth this week superintending the changes which he is having made in his building on the corner of Main and Monmouth.

C. E. Deakin is regaining his old time form after his recent operation and expects to take up duties at the depot in the near future.

Herbert and Ira Powell Jr. entertained a number of their boy and girl friends at their home last Friday evening. A fine time was had with sports indoors and out of doors and not neglecting to mention the refreshments.

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Ready to fight for fatherland. Now home again we come, the long and fiery strife of battle over. Rest is pleasant after toil as hard as ours beneath a stranger sun. Many a maiden fair is waiting here to greet her transient soldier lover. And many a heart will fail and brow grow pale to hear the tale of peril he has seen. We are at home! We are at home! We are at home! We are at home!

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**Trains into Monmouth**

L've Portland 7:15, a. m.	Gerlinger 10:33	Independence 11, Monmouth 11:10
" 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, 6:50 a. m., 7:35, 8:45, 10:55, 1:30, p. m. 2:20, 4, 4:40, 7:00		

**Trains out of Monmouth**

L've Monmouth 7:15 a. m.	Independence 7:35	Gerlinger 7:49	Ar Salem 8:30
" Same as above	" " " "	" " " "	Portland 11:10
" Monmouth 1:30, 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	" 11:10
" " 4:30, p. m.	" 4:55, "	" 6:00	" 6:00
" " 9:05, a. m.	Independence 10:50	Corvallis 11:50	" 11:50
" " 5:10, p. m.	" 7:15, "	8:15	" 8:15
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