

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eastern Oregon is experiencing its first winter weather of the 1917-18 season.

Military drill is a part of the regular college work at Willamette University at Salem.

Mrs. W. Hudkins of Albany has knitted 26 sweaters for the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Charles Lyman Barnes, one of the most widely known citizens of Polk county, died in Dallas, aged 58.

The Grants Pass high school debating team won the triangular debate between Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Mid-year commencement exercises of the Eugene high school, customary in former years, were abandoned this year.

Sheep raising is to be a feature of the industrial club work among the school children of Klamath county the coming year.

The Washington County Patriotic council was recently organized by representative men from various parts of the county.

The first annual convention of the Oregon Greeters, a hotel clerks' organization, was held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fire which originated in the Odd-fellows' building wiped out half of the business section of Ione. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Thomas F. Ryan, assistant state treasurer, has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination as state treasurer.

Retail hardware dealers from all parts of Oregon will gather at Portland January 22 to 25 for the 12th annual convention of their association.

Dr. J. W. Meredith, 56 years old, and for 46 years a practicing dentist in Salem, where he continued his practice during the entire time in one office, is dead.

Applications for \$230,000 worth of loans have been made by 85 members of the Lewis and Clark Farm Loan association of Clatsop county since April 9, 1917.

Polk county farmers are puzzled over recent heavy losses of sheep. While it is known that dogs are doing the work, there has appeared no effective way to find the dogs.

Arnold Sandoz, in a fit of anger, shot and killed his brother-in-law, Lewis Chase, at the ranch home of his father, Alfonso Sandoz, on Mill creek, five miles south of The Dalles.

The building of 40 miles of track on the Valley & Siletz railway, between Independence and the Siletz basin, has opened up the largest body of yellow fir timber on any one watershed in the state.

In a formal statement, Representative C. N. McArthur, of Portland, has announced his candidacy for renomination upon a platform pledging continued support of the government's war program.

The Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has exceeded its quota in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals by more than \$2000, the total returns being \$12,161.86. The quota was \$10,000.

Another big logging camp will be opened at once in the coast mountains west of Eugene, for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, adding largely to the output of logs for the company's big plant at Springfield.

On the morning that the daily papers told of the worst blizzard of years in the east G. W. McFarland brought into Cottage Grove a tomato which had ripened in his garden and which he had found that morning.

Charles H. Gram, for six years president of the state federation of labor and for ten years deputy state labor commissioner, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination as state labor commissioner.

One hundred per cent organized in logging camps and lumber mills is the record for Coos county, it is reported. The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, a patriotic organization, now has a total of 3821 members.

Never before in their history were the factories of Oregon in a condition as prosperous as at present. In nearly all cases they are running to capacity, and many of them have orders booked which it will require months to fill.

Under the probability that several Coos Bay sawmills will go on double shift soon in order to aid the airplane

and ship timber production, several hundred extra men must be housed. Fifty houses could be rented if available.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette University, has been given a six months' leave of absence by the trustees of that institution to go to France, investigate the conditions there and return to America to assist in acquainting the public with such conditions. During his absence Dean George H. Alden will act as president of the school.

Representative Hawley has been advised that a preliminary examination made in Yamhill and Polk counties by H. S. Gale, of the United States geological survey, showed numerous indications of natural gas, but no indications of oil.

Estimates published at the San Francisco office of the United States geological survey, concerning the mineral output of the state of Oregon, are in many instances contradictory, unreliable and unfair, according to H. M. Parks, of the Oregon bureau of mines.

A tract of spruce in the Westlake district near Florence, which will cruise 60 per cent clear spruce and produce from 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 feet of spruce timber has been discovered and steps are being made to begin logging operations in the near future.

William Chandler, 50, was shot and killed, and Mrs. Amanda Bonner, 47, was probably fatally wounded in Portland by W. H. Clark, 51, an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Mrs. Bonner. Clark then turned his pistol on himself and fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

Grazing for 25,000 head of Oregon sheep in the national forests of Idaho is provided in an agreement reached by T. P. Mackenzie, in charge of grazing privileges in the national forests of Oregon and Washington, and a representative of forest district 2, in a conference at Missoula, Mont.

Engineers have completed a third survey of a proposed route for the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier. The new survey, referred to as the compromise route, reaches a maximum elevation of 400 feet. The total distance of the proposed new route is approximately seven miles.

Attorney General Brown has advised Governor Withycombe to direct the district attorney of Multnomah county to institute proceedings in the name of the state, upon leave granted by the circuit court for Multnomah county, to annul the charter of the Portland Stewards' association because of its many convictions for gambling.

H. P. Scheel and William McArthur, of Tenino, Washington, have submitted a proposal to the citizens of Marshfield to establish a coal briquetting and by-products plant with an initial capacity of 160 tons daily, to employ at the start from 50 to 75 men and within a year agree to have a \$250,000 industry operating. The plant would operate entirely on the slack coal which is wasted at the various mines.

A total of 517 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending January 10, of which number, six were fatal. One of the deaths reported was due to an accident sustained prior to the week covered by the report. The fatalities were: Henry J. Bauer, steelworker, Portland; J. Johnson, Astoria; F. N. Ellsworth, Mill City, and J. O. Brown, Harrisburg, loggers and Joe Pappas, Astoria, passenger.

Jackson county cannot be considered as lying east of the Cascade mountains, in the application of chapter 255, laws of 1915, which provides that no bull, except a pure bred bull of a recognized beef breed, can run at large on ranges of the counties east of the mountains. A small part of the county lies east of the main divide of the mountains. State Veterinarian Lytle asked the attorney general for an opinion on the question, with the above result.

Purchases and household supplies of flour are limited to one-fourth barrel; definite limits are placed on sugar sales by wholesale dealers, and a full complement of county chairmen to aid in enforcing food regulations are announced in a letter mailed to every retail and wholesale grocery dealer in Oregon by W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator. Administrator Ayer says in his letter that the more stringent restrictions are not promulgated because of existing shortage, but merely to conserve the supply.

A number of important steps in fitting state regulations of railroads to the system of federal control were taken by the public service commission at its last meeting, foremost among which was the acquiescence in the demurrage order issued by Director-General McAdoo and giving to the

Pacific car demurrage bureau authority to publish the demurrage rules accordingly. These new rules start demurrage charges at \$3 a car and go as high as \$10 a day, while the state rules start at \$2 a car and go only as high as \$4 a day. The federal rules will become effective January 21.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill at the request of the aircraft production board authorizing the president, as a war measure, to take possession of privately-owned timber that may be required for any government purpose, particularly for shipbuilding and the construction of airplanes, and to pay the owners of such timber a fair recompense. The powers conferred upon the president are to be delegated by him to the secretary of war, secretary of the navy and chairman of the shipping board. These officials will be empowered, under the bill, when in need of lumber or logs of particular dimensions, to furnish specifications to loggers and lumbermen, who will be required to furnish the logs or lumber called for.

Frank Gibson of West Salem is to be a candidate for the Republican nomination as county judge.

Less than three per cent of the questionnaires sent out to eligibles in Polk county have failed to return.

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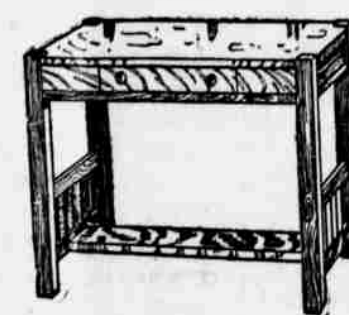
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