

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland's ninth annual automobile, truck and tractor show was held last week.

The John Day river is the highest since 1904 and much damage in the valley is reported.

Thrift stamp and war savings certificate sales in Oregon aggregate \$814,960.02, according to the latest returns.

Crop prospects in the great central Oregon wheat belt are exceedingly bright and growers are glowing with optimism over the promise of record breaking crops.

Arrangements are now being made to open to entry and settlement a considerable area of Oregon & California railroad grant lands classified as agricultural in southern Oregon.

Hereinafter physical examinations will be made of boys committed to the state industrial school for boys, and parole violators must report to the superintendent at least once a month.

Mrs. Lena Bergmann, wife of Captain Bergmann, for years in charge of the lifesaving station at the mouth of the Umpqua river, near Gardiner, died suddenly from heart trouble at Eugene.

For the first time in more than two years the Southern Pacific company last week overcame its car shortage in Oregon and reported to the Oregon public service commission a surplus of 91 cars.

A drive for \$1500 is being made among the Linn county farmers to secure a county agricultural agent. Should the \$1500 be raised it will make a \$4500 fund available for hiring an agriculturist.

Passenger and freight traffic on the line of the Valley & Siletz railway, running westward from Independence to Valdez, has increased to such an extent that \$20,000 has been expended in new equipment.

A number of Grass Valley ranchers will build an elevator for bulk handling of grain. The elevator will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels. More and Hay Canyon people are considering an 80,000-bushel elevator.

Accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week total 454, of which two were fatal, as follows: William Lake, Deer Island, logging, and B. A. L. Christenson, Cornucopia, mining.

The state highway commission has employed the firm of Crandall & Roberts, public accountants, to expert the books of the state highway department and check up the system of accounting being used by the department.

There is no hope for state time for 1918 crops, and what the chances are for next year "all depends." Dean Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural college stated this to the state time committee meeting recently held at Corvallis.

The resignation of J. W. Pomeroy of Seapooose as a member of the state board of horticulture for the first district was accepted by the state board of control and Homer C. Atwell of Forest Grove was appointed to fill the vacancy.

State Veterinarian Lytle says he has received reports of a great outbreak of rabies in northern Klamath county, causing heavy losses of cattle. Rabid coyotes are said to be running rampant in the country there and attacking cattle freely.

Last year 1201 industrial club members of the boys' and girls' clubs produced food materials valued at \$31,182.92, and they will exceed that this year, according to a booklet on the club work just issued by the department of education.

The Carnegie hero fund commission has recently awarded to Homer W. Carson of Eugene the sum of \$1000 and a medal for an act of heroism done by him in rescuing Lawrence E. Parks, a 10-year-old lad, from drowning nearly two years ago.

According to Fire Chief Lawton's annual report, Medford, in the state fire marshal's opinion, is "one of the safest cities in the state from a fire stand point." There were only 33 fires in 1917, at a total loss of \$6751, entirely covered by insurance.

Representatives of the Grange, Farmers' union and the Oregon State Federation of Labor at a meeting in Portland decided to affiliate with the National Non-Partisan league and to take steps toward forming in this

state a branch of the new political party.

A farm survey to show kinds and amounts of crops and also farm labor conditions in Linn county is to be made under the direction of the Linn county council of defense. It will show how much the county will produce this year and the facts are being compiled for the government. The work is in charge of a committee consisting of A. C. Miller, of Albany, Rex W. Davis, of Harrisburg, and M. Sanders, of Albany.

Senator Chamberlain has received from the chief of the signal corps a letter indicating that one of 12 aeronautical stations, which the war department proposes establishing in sea-coast states, will be located somewhere on the lower Columbia river.

Spruce production in Oregon and Washington will hereafter be in charge of the Pacific coast committee of the aircraft board, which will consist of Colonel Disque, W. M. Ladd and Amos Benson, of Portland, Or., and J. H. Bloodell, of Bellingham.

McDonald & Vaughan, who have a three-year contract for cutting spruce and white cedar on the Coos bay peninsula, in the interests of the government aeroplane programme, have a crew of surveyors in the field laying out the logging road which is to tap the area, and will construct the camps as fast as possible.

The use of the eulachon, a valuable but neglected fish of the Pacific coast, is being advocated by the bureau of fisheries, department of commerce, not only on account of its intrinsic value and excellence, but as a solution of the problem of finding a supply of sea foods during the winter season when the catch is reduced.

The skeleton remains of a mastodon or some other prehistoric monster were unearthed near Helix when workmen for the light company were digging a hole. A tooth weighing 14 pounds was taken out and a tusk several times as large as an ordinary elephant tusk. Several other bones were found. The discovery has been reported to Smithsonian Institution.

Val W. Tompkins, superintendent of Cascade Locks and co-operative observer for the United States weather bureau there, has received a letter from Professor Todd, director of the observatory at Amherst college, who says that numerous astronomers will visit the northwest to observe the total eclipse of the sun that will be visible in southern Washington and northern Oregon this spring.

Elmetta Bailey, superintendent of schools for Baker county, has written to State Superintendent Churchill that the school at Bourne has set a record. Each of the children in the school has sold \$50 worth of war savings certificates and all are anxious to join the Junior Rainbow regiment being formed by Mr. Churchill to include the first 1000 children of the state who sell \$50 worth of thrift stamps apiece.

Prospects are good for a new hatchery for silverside salmon above tide-water on Smith river, a tributary of the Umpqua, according to information made public by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden. Fishermen on Smith river, says Mr. Shoemaker, have petitioned Governor Withycombe for the establishment of the hatchery, offering to tax themselves 2 cents per fish through the season for the erection and maintenance of the hatchery.

State Treasurer Kay has returned from the east after an investigation of the J. Sidney Starling linen factory at Tonnawanda, N. Y., for the Portland chamber of commerce. He found all of the mills in the east anxious to obtain Oregon flax, declaring it was the best produced in the country. He visited mills at Lockport, North Andover and other points and all of them indicated that Oregon flax is in big demand and that there will be no scarcity of a market for any that is produced.

The government has abandoned as impracticable its original plan of constructing wagon roads into the Lewis and Clark river district to haul aeroplane timber from the forests on motor trucks. Instead it will foster the building of a railroad by the Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber company from Stavebolt landing, on the Lewis and Clark river, along the old Reid grade a distance of 11 miles. Under the contract the government will do the grading, while the mill company will furnish the rails, ties and rolling stock.

Owing to the demand for alfalfa lands in Umatilla county during the past two years and the many thousands of acres developed and in course of development, the Hermiston commercial club has sounded the cry for more land. Rather, the call is for more water for the land that is not

now under irrigation. Thousands of acres of this land lies tributary to the Umatilla project and the water is available from the Umatilla river if stored in reservoirs from the Spring floods. Committees were appointed and the work will be started at once to secure if possible, the necessary appropriation or legislation to do the work.

Directors of the Rogue River Public Service corporation, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, have voted to close up the affairs of the company and ratified the filing of bankruptcy proceedings in Portland, January 13, by the Salt Lake City and Chicago creditors, with claims aggregating \$75,000. The company for a number of years has controlled and operated extensive irrigation projects and power plants at Grants Pass and Gold Hill, costing in construction \$2,500,000. Bonds are outstanding to the amount of \$500,000 and the company owns more than 2000 acres of land. It also has a lighting and water franchise with Gold Hill which will expire next year.

Lumber orders placed in Oregon with mills at Portland, Rainier, Tillamook, Silverton and Dallas approximating 10,000,000 feet and which is said to be only "a starter," will play a leading role in the construction of the Hog Island shipbuilding project at Philadelphia, which is to be the largest plant of the kind in the world and will employ 40,000 men.

Anticipating, apparently, that legislation will be enacted by congress permitting the utilizing of water sites that have been withdrawn by the government, H. S. McGowan, of the state of Washington, has filed two applications for the appropriation of water from the Deschutes river. One calls for the appropriation of the stream in Wasco and Sherman counties and the other in Jefferson county. The estimated cost for the works of the first is \$2,000,000 and for the last named \$4,000,000.

That hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of the best land in the McKenzie river valley from Thurston to Cogswell's hill is menaced by the McKenzie river, and that unless immediate action is taken it will be swept away, is the statement made by C. R. Seltz, forest supervisor of the Cascade forest, who made an examination of the situation at the request of a number of the farmers. Already the river has washed away a number of good buildings, and is within 10 feet of one of the best barns in the valley.

"Oregon farmers must turn to the bulk method of handling grain," said J. C. Hawkins, of the United States department of agriculture, co-operating with the Oregon Agricultural college, who in company with a co-worker, W. B. Oldham, is spending two

weeks in and near Heppner. "The United States government has commandeered 60,000,000 sacks for army purposes," continued Mr. Hawkins, "and last year there were shipped into this country from Calcutta only 39, 900,000 sacks. I predict that grain bags will be selling for 25 cents a piece and I doubt if they can be had at that price on account of the shortage." Mr. Hawkins advises every farmer to hold on to all sacks he has whether first or second hand, and ship put all his grain in bulk.

Porter Bros., the railroad construction contractors, are making preparations to open six camps in the spruce belt in the western part of Clatsop county to get out aeroplane timber for the government.

The first step toward the bulk handling of wheat in Union county was made last week, when the farmers of Imbler organized the Imbler Union Elevator company and instructed the board of directors to proceed at once with the erection of a 100,000 bushel elevator.

Representative Hawley is urging the reservation by the government of a small tract of land, now embraced in a Northern Pacific selection, which embraces the intake for the water supply of Oregon City, in order that the water supply may be permanently protected.

Three of the 489 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending January 24 were fatal. They were: Al Haggelund, of Svenson, and L. Blomich, Knappa, killed in logging operations, and D. A. Bagich, Dee, killed in lum-

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Trains into Monmouth

L've Portland 7:15, a m,	Gerlinger 10:20,	Independ'ce 10:32,	Monm'th 10:50
" Salem 9:35, "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
" " 1:40, p m,	Dallas 2:45, "	" " " "	" 3:10
" " 3:45, "	Gerlinger 4:24,	Independence 4:37,	Monmouth 4:55
" " 6:00, "	" 6:45, "	" 6:57, "	" 7:10
" Portland 3:30,	Connects with above		
" Corvallis 6:45, a m	Independence 7:35, "	Arrive Monmouth 7:45	
" " 1:15, p m	" 2:14	" 2:30	
" Dallas 7:00, a m,	Arrive Monmouth 7:25		
" Airlie 8:30, a m and 3:45, p m.	Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a m and 4:13 p m		
Leave Independence, 6:50 a m, 7:35, 8:45, 10:35, 12:20, 1:30, p m, 2:20, 3:50, 4:40, 7:00			

Trains out of Monmouth

L've Monmouth 7:05 a m,	Independence 7:35,	Gerlinger 7:49,	Ar Salem 8:30
" Same as above			Portland 11:10
" Monmouth 1:45, p m,	" 2:14, "	" 2:27,	Salem 3:10
" Same as above			Portland 5:50
" Monmouth 4:05,	" 4:40, "	" 4:55,	Salem 5:35
" " 9:05, a m,	Dallas 10:00	" 11:00	
" " 4:30, p m	" 4:45,	" 5:35	
" " 9:05, a m,	Independence 10:32,	Corvallis 11:20	
" " 4:55, p m,	" 6:57, "	" 7:45	
" " 7:25 a m and 3:10 p m.	Arrives Airlie 8 a m and 3:40 pm		
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The Farmer who Needs New Machinery

Manufacturers are allowed only enough steel with which to supply orders. No machinery can be built and stored. Added to this the delays incident to congested freight traffic and it will be realized that the farmer who gets new machinery this spring, must order at once.

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