

OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Curry county is considering engag-
ing a public nurse.

Eugene has raised the salaries of its
city employees to the extent of \$267.50
a month.

There is much indignation in Burns
and the surrounding country over poor
mail service.

Lester W. Humphreys, of Portland,
has been appointed United States at-
torney for Oregon.

Oregon Agricultural college will offer
a course of instruction in beekeeping
during the farmers' week.

Salem's school population has in-
creased more than 600 since the open-
ing of the institutions for the fall term.

Umatilla county must raise \$675,883
by taxation in 1920 on an assessed
valuation \$4,000,000 lower than in 1919.

Smallpox in The Dalles has reached
epidemic form and drastic measures
are being taken to combat the disease.

W. H. Blair, a commission merchant
A salary increase of \$5 a month was
granted by the board of school direc-
tors at its last meeting to teachers of
Klamath Falls.

of Canby, will ship five carloads of
Christmas trees to San Francisco and
one to Honolulu.

A party of 10 state highway engi-
neers have begun surveys for the 32
miles of highway between Pendleton
and Cold Spring.

P. M. Brandt, chief of the dairy de-
partment of Oregon Agricultural col-
lege, was elected as president of the
Oregon Dairy council.

The Blinn Danielson gold quartz
mining property near Gold Hill has
been sold to William A. Douglass, an
experienced mine operator.

News is received of the death at Val-
lejo, Cal., of Mrs. Sanford Shortridge,
for more than 40 years a resident of
Albany. She was 81 years old.

The county court has prepared the
Cooe county budget for 1920, which
calls for the expenditure of \$413,116.
For roads the court asks \$211,490.

The American Legion at Prineville
has started a campaign to raise \$15,000
to be used in the erection of a memor-
ial for Eddie Bremer of the county.

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Echo mills made the first shipment
of flour last week for this milling sea-
son. A carload was shipped to Port-
land consigned to the grain corpora-
tion.

Voters of the Klamath irrigation dis-
trict will be asked to authorize an ex-
penditure of \$175,000 for construction
work during the next two years at the
January election.

Work on 20 miles of The Dalles-Cal-
ifornia highway between Bend and
Redmond and four miles of the high-
way south of Bend will start within
the next two weeks.

Loans amounting to \$45,000 were ap-
proved by the directors of the First
National Farm Loan association of
Lane county last week, this amount to
be divided among 20 applicants.

Applications for raise in rates have
been filed with the public service com-
mission by the Lebanon Mutual Tele-
phone company of Lebanon and the
Newberg Telephone company of New-
berg.

W. L. Brewster of Portland will be
appointed a member of the state indus-
trial welfare commission to succeed
E. B. McNaughton, resigned, according
to announcement made by Governor
Oleott.

The city of Reedsport, at a recent
election held to adopt a charter and
to bond the city for a municipal water
system, probably made a unique record
when every elector of the 153 voted
for both proposals.

Anthracite coal has been found to
exist in the Klamath valley, a vein of
18 inches having been cut in drilling
the prospect well that is being driven
at a point about five miles southeast
of Klamath Falls.

Out of a total of 471 accidents dur-
ing the week ending November 20 there
was but one fatality, according to the
report of the state industrial accident
commission. The victim was Douglas
Kelly, a logger of Selah, Wash.

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Jay H. Dobbin of Joseph was elected
president of the Oregon Woolgrowers'
association at the closing session of
the annual convention at Portland.
Charles C. Berkeley of Hay Creek was
elected vice-president, and Max Hoke
of Enterprise, secretary.

An injunction against further con-
struction of a transmission line to
serve Klamath Falls and vicinity with
light and power is asked in a petition
filed in the circuit court by the Cal-
ifornia-Oregon Power company against
the Keno Power company.

To wrestle with the problem of find-
ing employment for 1000 or more ex-
service men who are now without work
in Portland, and acting at the request
of Mayor Baker, a committee of 15 has
been named by the Portland Chamber
of Commerce to take up the task.

A general round-up of unemployed is
being conducted by Sheriff Terrill of
Jackson county. The shooting of El-
mer Holdman, near Ray Gold, by an
armed man from the north, which was
not reported to the authorities for sev-
eral days, has started the dragnet.

The sawmill boiler of the mill owned
by G. S. Parmlee & Son at Taft, on
Siletz bay, exploded, killing three and
injuring two. The dead are Mrs.
Nannie Parmlee, her son, Hoyt Parm-
lee, and Jesse G. Farrin. A. Arlinger
and J. Arlinger were badly injured.

In an effort to curb the alleged dan-
gerous practice of automobile drivers,
who use the main highways of the
state for speedways, Governor Oleott
issued a statement asking the peace
officers and car owners to co-operate
in the enforcement of the traffic laws.

The milking contest at the recent
dairy and hog show held at Hermiston
attracted a great deal of attention and
was a strong argument for systematic
testing. There were 22 entries, seven
of them being registered cows, but the
five prize winners were grade animals.

Because of the agitation started by
Portland post, American Legion, and
other organizations for the restora-
tion of capital punishment in this state,
the plans of Warden R. Lee Steiner of
the penitentiary to convert the death
chamber into a prison kitchen prob-
ably will be abandoned.

Believing that the murder of J. N.
Burgess and George Peringer of Pendle-
ton makes it fitting for them to take
the lead in such a proposal, the Pendle-
ton commercial association, through its
board of managers adopted a resolu-
tion urging the reinstatement of the
death penalty in Oregon.

Frank C. Jordan, secretary of state
of California, is in Oregon for the pur-
pose of sounding public opinion as to
the advisability of amending the Chi-
nese exclusion law so that Chinese can
be admitted to work on farms. Thus
far Mr. Jordan says he has found very
little opposition to the plan.

A gruesome find was made near
Cottage Grove when the body of a man,
throat gashed by a knife, was found
hanging from the limb of a small tree
on the hillside. Peculiar circumstances
mystify the authorities concerning the
man's death. He was a stranger about
50 years old and of slight build.

The fall fishing season at all the
Oregon coast streams with the single
exception of the Nehalem river, closed
Friday. At the latter place, fishing
will be allowed until December 8. The
fall season has been one of the poor-
est in years and the coast pack is not
more than 50 per cent of normal.

So great is the interest in road im-
provement in Linn county that al-
though the county has voted \$800,000
worth of road bonds and there will
be a 2 1/2 mill road levy on county prop-
erty on this year's tax roll, 16 of the
35 road districts have called meetings
to vote on the question of special levies
for road work.

Notwithstanding there has been an
increase of more than 30 per cent in
the number of motor vehicles regis-
tered in Oregon during the year 1919,
when compared with the registrations
for the previous year, only 5200 ap-
plications for 1920 licenses have thus far
been received at the offices of the
secretary of state.

Approximately 1200 acres more of
tule land near Midland have been pur-
chased by Japanese from L. Jacobs,
making about 2000 acres that have
passed into the hands of Japanese with-
in the last month. The purchasers are
burning off the dry tule growth and
planning to plant the land to vege-
tables in the spring.

Willard P. Hawley Jr., vice-president
and general manager of the Hawley
Pulp & Paper Co. of Oregon City, the
sale of which to a syndicate of Pacific
coast newspapers, believed to be own-
ed by William Randolph Hearst, was
recently announced, is the defendant
in a sensational divorce suit filed by
Mrs. Marjorie Hawley, who, before her
marriage was Marjorie Fraker, a tele-
phone girl.

When Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe
of Silver Creek drove into Bend last
week with \$2500 worth of furs in their
automobile people were reminded that
trapping continues to be a great in-
dustry in Harney county. In addition
to the money received in payment for
the furs Mr. and Mrs. Lowe drew more
than \$500 from the county as bounty
on the animals killed. In 18 days they
trapped 135 coyotes, and for some time
past have made monthly trips to Bend
to dispose of their furs and to collect
bounty.

The state industrial accident com-
mission had on June 30, 1919, a sur-
plus of \$2,712,999, according to a re-
port on examination and audit of the
department prepared by J. W. Fergu-
son, a member of the commission.

Samuel E. Young, president of the
First National bank of Albany and a
leading business figure in the Wil-
lamette valley for approximately half
a century, died at his home in Albany
at the age of 81 years. He was an
Oregon pioneer of 1852.

The turkey market in Douglas coun-
ty this year has been slack, with the
price steady at 41 cents. Although
there was keen competition among
buyers there was practically no fluctu-
ation of price. On account of weather
conditions the birds did not fatten as
early as usual and turkey raisers are
holding the major portion of their
birds for the Christmas sale.

By unanimous decision of a special
board of arbitration considering a
scale of wages for the Portland street
car men and other classified street rail-
way employees, platform men were
raised from a maximum of 56 cents an
hour to a maximum of 62 cents an hour
and those of other classified employees
to a scale corresponding approximately
with that figure.

A shipment of narcissus bulbs from
Amoy, China, consigned to a Eugene
store, was found to contain a number
of Argentine ants, an insect much
dreaded by all agriculturists. The ants
have never appeared in this state be-
fore, according to C. E. Stewart,
county fruit inspector. The inspector
caused 12 crates of these bulbs to be
incinerated to prevent the spread of
ants.

To assure a naval base at the mouth
of the Columbia, a site of 2500 acres
at Tongue Point, valued by its own-
ers at \$100,000, must be donated to
the government, according to a tele-
gram received from Representative C.
N. McArthur by B. F. Stone, president
of the Astoria port commission. A
campaign to raise the \$100,000 for the
purchase of the site so that it can be
given to the government is to be in-
stituted at once.

A special election has been called by
the Salem school board for December
8, when the voters will be asked to au-
thorize a total tax levy of 8.3 mills to
provide funds with which to increase
the salaries of the 150 teachers em-
ployed in the local schools. Because
of the steadily advancing cost of living
and the inability of the school board
to increase teachers' salaries, consid-
erable difficulty has been experienced
in obtaining competent instructors for
the present year.

Immediately following receipt at Sa-
lem of two carloads of military equip-
ment for the Oregon national guard,
Adjutant-General Staffin started the
work of apportioning the supplies
among the several companies in the
state. Besides 25 transport wagons,
25 machine guns, several hundred mod-
ern rifles and large quantities of am-
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5.15 "	"	5.45 "
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