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**OREGON NEWS NOTES
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Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Infor-
mation of Our Readers.

Cougars are reported killing deer on the north fork of Smith river, in Southern Curry county.

Smuggling liquor from Canada by airplane into Oregon is said to be the latest scheme to evade the law.

The Klamath county wool growers' association has elected officers, including E. M. Hammond, president.

A total of 293 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending February 5.

Possil is having its share of influenza, but the cases are generally mild. It is practically impossible to get nurses.

Agreeing to accept a standard breed of dairy cattle, farmers of Alsea valley have gone on record for a community improvement program.

Shut in from motor travel, Cove, Union county, has only developed three cases of contagious diseases in six months. These cases were typhoid.

A Salvation Army advisory board has been created at Eugene to investigate and report on local conditions in which the organization can be of service.

An anti-vaccination league has been formed at Marshfield, with more than 100 members, for the purpose of preventing the vaccination of school children.

After acquiring a fortune of \$10,000 shinning shoes at Eugene, Louis Polalis, a young Greek, has returned to his native land, after selling out to his brother.

Preference rights will be granted soldiers by the government in filing on the Oregon & California and other forfeited land grants to be opened to settlement.

Medford has been named the headquarters of the Episcopal Church in southern Oregon with Pastor William B. Hamilton of St. Marks church as dean of the district.

C. Ray Beckley of Portland has filed application with Percy Cupper, state engineer, for the use of water from the John Day river for power development and irrigation purposes.

Preliminary steps have been taken at Heppner for the organization of a Morrow county fair association, with a capital stock of \$25,000. A tract of 22 acres near Heppner will be purchased.

The Penoyer Lumber company of Saginaw, Mich., has closed a contract for the Savage tract of timber, on the border of Jackson and Josephine counties. Removal of the timber will begin at once.

Net sales of hogs, sheep and cattle sent to the Portland stockyards by the Lane county cooperative shipping association during the year amounted to \$164,076. Sixty-four carloads of stock were shipped.

Postmasters are to be appointed in Oregon as follows: Wayne E. Elliott, Veneta, Lane county; Charles W. Sharpe, Camas Valley, Douglas county; Percy E. Allen, Elsie, Clatsop county; and Mrs. Marie W. Havill, Hoff, Clackamas county.

By agreement with the state, the Pacific Livestock company will put on the market 10,000 acres of Harney valley land, and first choice will be given soldiers and sailors. They will have 90 days in which to take up the option of settlement.

Grasshoppers cannot be classed as squirrels, noxious rodents or predatory animals under the Oregon laws, and consequently county courts are not authorized to appropriate money for their extermination, according to an opinion by Attorney-General Brown.

Poultry schools are to be established in Wasco county by the Wasco County Poultry association according to plans formulated by the executive committee. It is planned to have six schools in various parts of the county which will be instructed by prominent poultry experts.

A record price for standing timber was offered at the government sale of 10,000,000 feet of white pine on the Klamath Indian reservation, the high bidder, I. H. Larkey, bidding \$6.33 per 1000 feet, and \$2.82 per 1000 feet rental for the Kirk sawmill, where the timber will be manufactured.

Predatory animals numbering 3216 were killed by the 58 men and women employed by the United States biological survey in Idaho, Washington and Oregon during the six months ending December 31. Stanley Jewett, inspector in charge with headquarters at Pendleton, announced.

In case all the millage tax measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on May 21 are approved, the state tax levy next December will exceed the levy made in December, 1919, by more than 100 per cent, according to state officials who have given the proposed laws careful study and consideration.

Officials of the Grants Pass irrigation district have filed with the state engineer resolutions outlining a plan of reclamation, request for certification of approximately \$400,000 in bonds voted for development work, and application for state payment of interest on these bonds. This district comprises about 8000 acres and is located in Josephine county.

Hop buyers in the Salem district have made several contracts recently whereby they agree to take the growers' product for a term of three years at a stipulated price of 35 cents a pound. As a result of these contracts and the optimistic feeling over the future prospects of the hop industry in Marion county the acreage will be materially increased this season.

It is estimated there will be approximately \$283,460.22 of state money available for the construction of market roads in the various counties of Oregon during the year 1920, according to a report prepared by members of the state highway commission. To obtain this money for road construction it will first be necessary for the several counties to match the state appropriation.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill carries the following amounts for Oregon: Klamath agency, \$5570; Umatilla agency, \$3000; Chemawa Indian school, \$180,000, including \$25,000 for repairs and improvements and \$15,000 for installing high-pressure boilers and steam-heating apparatus; Siletz agency, \$2500; Modoc irrigation project within Klamath reservation, \$14,000.

Over 200 orchardists of Jackson county gathered at Medford for the purpose of determining how much damage was done the fruit trees by the recent cold. A large number of fruit-growers brought samples of their trees, exhibits of bark and limbs and after examination by County Agriculturist C. C. Cate it was decided that the damage in the valley was much less than originally anticipated.

According to the monthly report of the weather bureau, January was the driest month in the history of southern Oregon, less than half an inch of rain falling. The average for the month was 4.29 inches. As the precipitation has been deficient since the beginning of the rainy season, farmers and fruit raisers are becoming worried and an added impetus has been applied to the campaign for irrigation.

Approximately a million feet of timber in the Siuslaw national forest, in the vicinity of Yachats and Cape creek, on the coast, was destroyed by insects during the past year, according to a special report just filed in the office of the Siuslaw forest. The investigation was made by one of the rangers who found that the ravages of the insects, the nature of which he was unable to determine, covered a strip about a quarter of a mile wide and 50 acres in extent, near the coast.

St. Benedict's Abbey, with headquarters at Mount Angel, has filed suit in the United States court in Portland to test the validity of the law passed at the recent special session of the state legislature making it unlawful to print, publish, circulate, display, or sell or offer for sale any newspaper or periodical in any language other than English unless the same contain a literal translation in the English language of the same type and as conspicuously displayed. The plaintiff corporation prints, publishes, circulates and sells a weekly newspaper called "St. Joseph's Blatt," which has a weekly circulation of approximately 24,700 copies and is printed in the German language.

The machinery for the first unit of the Astoria Flouring Mills company's new plant at the port terminals at Astoria has been operated for a few days as a test, and has been found to work satisfactorily. It is expected this unit, which will have a capacity of 2000 barrels of flour a day, will begin grinding immediately. The second unit of the plant will be ready for operation in about six weeks. The new plant will be one of the largest single mills of its kind in the country. It will turn out 4000 barrels of high-grade flour each 24 hours. With the company's present mill also in operation the daily output will be increased

to 5200 barrels, sufficient to provide a full steamer cargo for export each month.

The state highway commission, in session in Portland last week, awarded a contract for a bridge across Youngs bay at the price of \$308,620.60; refused to make any promises for paving until result of May election is known; decided not to push Mount Hood loop as a sacrifice of highways in Lake, Klamath and other counties; agreed to extend The Dalles-California highway 25 miles from Modoc Point to Sand creek; suspended contract on Redmond-Prineville road and will aid county on the Crooked river road toward Paulina; will neither pave nor consider road from Woodburn to Newberg until state map roads are disposed of and new roads are taken up; accepted proposals of Union county, pending result of May election, and ordered contracts called; ordered survey to finish Enterprise-Flora road in Wallowa county. No action to be taken on Crater lake project until after May election.

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