

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

More than \$1,500,000 was spent in Astoria in building construction during 1919.

A gift of \$12,100 from Mrs. Jacob Kamm of Portland was received by Albany college.

The Methodist church of Bend has decided to erect a \$40,000 building with a capacity of 600 or 700.

Owing to the large number of cases of influenza at Mt. Pleasant the public school at that place has been closed.

A fund for the establishment of a Wasco county Young Women's association at The Dalles will be initiated.

Miss Faye Steinmetz was elected president of the State Christian Endeavor at the Pendleton convention.

Inspection of the several companies of the Oregon National guard has commenced with an inspection at Ashland.

Salem's annual automobile show was held at the armory with more than 40 pleasure cars and trucks on exhibition.

The western Oregon convention of the State Christian Endeavor society was in session for three days at Albany.

The Spaulding mill at Salem is planning to enlarge its box factory and make other improvements at a cost of \$300,000.

A new bank has been organized at The Dalles with a capitalization of \$200,000, subscribed exclusively by local capitalists.

A modern hospital to cost \$150,000 and with accommodations for 100 patients, is to be erected by the Salem Hospital association.

Mrs. Frances Chapman of Hood River was fatally burned following an

explosion of coal gas in the cook stove. She was 69 years old.

The Oregon Petroleum company, which is boring a well near Lacombe, claims to have struck oil bearing sand at a depth of 150 feet.

Estates aggregating more than \$15,000,000, mostly in Multnomah county, are being investigated by the state inheritance tax department.

Newspaper men from all parts of the state met at Eugene Friday and Saturday to attend the second annual Oregon newspaper conference.

Applications for certification of irrigation and drainage bonds to the amount of \$650,000 are before the state irrigation securities commission.

The city council of Marshfield has called a special election to vote on the question of donating a five acre tract to the Sisters of Mercy hospital site.

The Lumbermen Trust company of Portland has purchased \$20,000 in bonds of Mount Angel. Proceeds are to be used on a water works system.

The summer session of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth will open June 21 for purposes of entrance and enrollment and will organize June 22.

The Teel irrigation district in Umatilla county, comprising about 16,500 acres has asked a state guarantee of interest on bonds aggregating \$250,000.

William Ritchie of Corvallis, head of the Western Oregon Land Development company, was found dead in his office. Death was due to a stroke of apoplexy.

Mount Angel creamery assisted by Mount Angel business men, will be hosts March 2 to the farmers of the vicinity at a dairymen's meeting and luncheon.

Between 40 and 50 patients at the state hospital at Salem have contracted influenza and a strict quarantine has been established by the officials of the institution.

Theodore Roth, a Salem merchant, has been elected president of an organization composed of Salem, Sublimity, Mehama and Stayton, for cooperative buying.

After 41 years' continuous service with the Southern Pacific railroad, Ambrose Bowers of Albany has retired on a pension. He was foreman of a bridge construction crew.

Harry Turner, who lives at 4604 Sixty-second street, Portland, was killed when an automobile which he was driving along the Coburg road two miles north of Eugene, turned over.

The Silver Lake irrigation district, including more than 8000 acres, has asked for the certification of bonds in the sum of \$300,000 and state payment of interest for a period of five years.

For several years coyotes have menaced the sheep business in Curry county. Petitions are being circulated to induce the county court to offer \$100 bounty for coyotes and \$10 for wild cats.

At a meeting of the Dallas city council tentative plans were made for a number of important improvements during the summer, chief among which is the construction of at least 25 blocks of pavement.

Charges against proprietors of soft drink establishments at Astoria accused of selling elder and other beverages containing more alcohol than the law permits, will be referred to the federal authorities.

Indian missionaries and district superintendents of the Methodist church from many sections of Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Montana and Nevada gathered at Salem in annual conference.

Influenza is raging in Klamath Falls, according to a telegram received by State Health Officer Roberg from City Health Officer Soule. More than 600 cases have been reported in Klamath Falls, with 10 deaths in one day.

Thousands of visitors are expected to view the beauties of the prune orchards surrounding Salem during blossom time, if plans made recently materialize. Under these plans it is proposed to run special tourist trains from Portland and other points to Salem during the prune blossom period.

Mrs. Toby Riddle, descendant of a long line of Modoc chieftains, is dead at the Klamath reservation. She was official interpreter for the government during the Modoc rebellion and was at the conference on April 11, 1873, when General E. R. S. Canby and Dr. Thomas were treacherously slain by Captain Jack, the Modoc leader.

The Oregon State Retail Merchants' association is the name selected as the name of the consolidated body to succeed the Oregon State Retailers' association and the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, which held their consolidated convention at Astoria. Marshfield was selected by unanimous vote as the next convention city.

Bids for the construction of 20 bridges, two of which are designated as overhead railroad structures on the route of the Columbia river highway in eastern Oregon, and for the improvement of approximately 38 miles of road, will be opened at the next meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland on March 23.

A letter received by the tax department of Douglas county from the acting auditor of the United States treasury stated that Douglas county's claim for back taxes on the Coos Bay wagon road grant lands in the sum of \$55,079.27 had been allowed and that a treasury warrant for the amount had been forwarded to the county treasurer.

In order to encourage contractors to store materials for state work during the year 1920 and thereby guard against delays of operation due to the car shortage, the highway commission at its last meeting authorized the state engineer to estimate material up to 75 per cent of its actual cost and include the same in the contractor's monthly estimate.

Prosecutions for violating the livestock quarantine regulations are forecast by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, in case reports received at his office from Klamath county are found to be true. It is reported, according to Dr. Lytle, that a number of stockmen have imported sheep into Oregon from California without first complying with the federal quarantine regulations.

Action will be brought at once by some of the settlers on the Central Oregon irrigation project to oust the project, according to H. H. DeArmond, a Bend attorney representing the dissatisfied portion of the settlers. The settlers will attempt, through legal procedure, to cut off the company's revenues from the sale of water to the settlers and to determine whether the settlers own the water rights they hold under contracts.

Snow reserves in the watersheds of the Deschutes and other central Oregon streams are lower than at any time in the memory of the oldest settlers and unless heavy precipitation comes by early spring, ranchers are threatened with an insufficient supply of water for irrigation. Men returning from trips into the mountains report that in places in the Cascades where snow is ordinarily 12 feet deep or better, there is now none at all, and in other spots where a still greater amount is regarded as usual, there is now only a moderate blanket.

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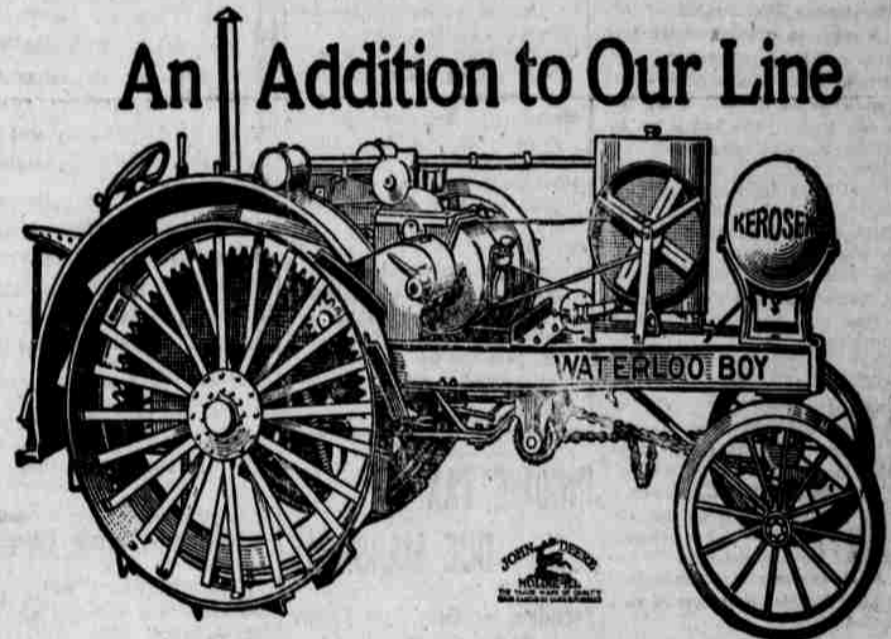
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