

Oregon General News Notes

A. E. Bradley, near Aumsville, has 110 acres in flax.
The 1921 wheat crop in Marion county will be the largest for many years. The state game farm near Eugene expects to produce 5000 Chinese pheasants this year.

A late census report shows that Lane county has 3279 farms, an increase of 453 in the last 10 years.

Delegates from Modern Woodmen camps all over Oregon held their state convention in Bend last week.

The Brownsville city council has let a \$67,438 contract to a Portland concern for street paving this summer.

E. H. Castle has been appointed superintendent of schools for Polk county to succeed R. E. Cannon, resigned.

The biggest class in the history of Salem high school will be graduated June 17, when 167 will receive diplomas.

A \$10,000 concrete block will be erected at Harrisburg this spring to house the postoffice and two merchandise stores.

Jackson county has appropriated \$10,000 from the sale of bonds to be used in improving the Dead Indian road near Ashland.

The free employment bureau of the Hood River labor union has placed 71 men and 11 women in positions in the last six weeks.

Coal in what supposed to be in paying quantities has been discovered on the Joseph Hartley farm in Eagle valley, Baker county.

Wheat fields in the Athena section are showing a considerable amount of tarweed and it is feared the yield will be seriously affected.

Old wooden buildings are being moved in Bend in preparation for excavation for the new \$40,000 office building to be erected there.

Up to date, farm loans aggregating \$415,000 have been made by Baker county farmers and there are applications on file for \$200,000 more.

Proposals will be invited within two weeks for construction of a new bridge across the Willamette river connecting Oregon City and West Linn.

Paving work on the Pacific highway between Goshen and Walker, nearly 10 miles, will begin June 1. Between 50 and 75 men will be employed.

Blasting in front of the old Bend Methodist church last Sunday partially wrecked the building just after the first services were held there.

W. C. McAllister, 29, died in a Baker hospital, after being injured in a blast near Telocaset, which blew rocks into his body and cut off one of his arms.

Linn county public schools have been apportioned \$38,870 school funds. This is on a basis of \$5 per capita for the children in the various districts.

The Umpqua Baptist association convention was held at Roseburg with delegates from all sections of the southern part of the state in attendance.

A monster parade on the streets of Eugene will be the big feature of the first day's session of the Oregon State grange, which meets there May 31 to June 2.

Eighty men and 14 planes will arrive May 20 and will be stationed at Eugene, which will be termed headquarters for the Ninety-first aero squadron.

To take up outstanding warrants and provide an operating fund, a bond issue of \$75,000 will be voted on by the land holders under the Ochoco project at an early date.

From the Sumpter section comes the report that placer miners are enjoying the best water season in a number of years. Prospects are good for an excellent clean-up.

Mrs. Helen Volgamore of Comstock is in a Eugene hospital with her right breast torn open by the accidental discharge of a gun that she was taking down from the wall.

Petitions are being circulated in Lincoln county requesting the calling of a special election for the purpose of voting on a bond issue for \$343,240 to construct permanent roads.

The women's auxiliaries to the American Legion of this state will hold their first annual convention in Eugene July 1 and 2 during the state convention of the legion.

Indications of the presence of oil and gas in the Echo region have caused J. E. Leonard of Spokane to lease 30,000 acres of land on the south side of the Umatilla river, west of that town.

Edward M. Cousin, acting for Linn, Lane, Lincoln and Benton counties, has filed with the state public service commission a new petition for rehearing in the telephone rate case.

Extension of the tourist service department of the Oregon State Motor association throughout Oregon is being rapidly accomplished, according to A. L. Tetu, president of the organization.

The assessor of Lane county estimates that if all the old soldiers or their widows in that county take the exemption a reduction of \$100,000 in the assessed valuation will be the result.

The 78th anniversary and 21st celebration of Founders' day at Champoege was held Saturday under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer association and the Oregon Historical society.

The Branch Line club of Enterprise recently purchased a 120 acre tract of land at the head of Wallowa lake to be used as a camping ground for local and visiting members of the Elks lodge.

A suit to test the constitutionality of the law which prohibits the catching of salmon and other food fish by trolling off the coast of Oregon in May and June was filed in the circuit court at Astoria.

A deal has been closed whereby the Great Northern Steamship company sold to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company the steamship terminals at Plavet for a consideration of \$162,000.

Governor Glavin has announced that he would appoint Frank S. Word of Portland as a member of the state board of pharmacy to succeed Clyde G. Huntley of Oregon City, when the latter's term expires May 20.

Plans are now under way for another big hotel to be constructed on the Columbia river highway near Dodson, about 25 miles east of Portland. Efforts are also to be made to open a tract of about 600 acres as a homestead.

The Postal Telegraph company has a force of men at Astoria making arrangements for the erection of its proposed new line between there and Portland. Work on the construction will be commenced within a few days.

A larger and better plant will replace the creamery of the Albany Creamery association, which burned last Sunday morning. While no final plans have been made the directors of the association have decided to rebuild.

The Marion county court has paid to W. J. Herwig, secretary of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, \$996, covering compensation and expenses of operatives of that organization in conducting liquor raids in the vicinity of Salem.

Elimination of the high trestle on the Oswego-Southern Pacific electric line near Portland has been decided upon by the driving of a tunnel through Elk Rock for a distance of 1400 feet. Bids will be asked within 30 days and it is hoped to complete the project next fall.

Mining men of Homestead are taking great interest in the development at the Red Ledge mine, 20 miles down the Snake river. A company has been running diamond drills on the property for months and it is estimated that they have more than \$30,000,000 worth of ore blocked out.

The Deschutes county court will favor a bond issue of \$60,000 for completion of the Bend-Sisters highway and The Dalles-California highway in cooperation with the state highway commission. It is expected that the bonding measure will be on the ballot at the special election June 7.

Lincoln county has decided to join with Linn, Lane, Benton and Marion counties in a movement to raise a fund of approximately \$4000 with which to hire an expert to collect data on the telephone rate situation for presentation to the public service commission at the rehearing of the rate case.

Bids for grading the Mount Hood loop in Clackamas county between the Clackamas-Multnomah county line and the forest boundary at Zig Zag will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland May 27. The total distance involved in the proposed improvement is 24.3 miles.

The question of closing the Willamette river to commercial fishermen will be discussed at a meeting of the fish commission in Portland this week. The commission has exclusive jurisdiction over commercial fishing in the Willamette and is authorized to take whatever action seems advisable in the case.

Inspection by S. P. Vantrump, county fruit inspector, of many orchards in Marion county indicates that prunes are dripping from the trees and that this year's crop may be below normal. Dropping is due to the recent heavy rains, according to the fruit inspector.

Prospects for a heavy cherry crop were never better than at the present time. New tariffs ordered by the interstate commerce commission as the result of the refusal of the quest of Puget sound interests for a rehearing of the Columbia basin rate case, will be effective June 20, it is announced. The rates give a 10 per cent preference to Portland as against Puget sound. They will apply to grain, hay, potatoes and general merchandise.

Further reductions in the price of gas furnished by the Portland Gas & Coke company will be ordered by the Oregon public service commission in a schedule to be prepared by the state department within the next few days. It was estimated by engineers of the public service commission that under the proposed new charges the consumers of gas will save approximately \$225,000 annually.

PORTLAND BANK BULLETIN
OPTIMISTIC OVER CONDITIONS

The United States National bank of Portland has just issued its spring business digest, and under the caption "Business Conditions as They Appear to Us," said:

"Gradually we are returning to something like normalcy. The general outlook is considerably better than it has been, but caution still controls business movements. Much has been accomplished towards deflation,

though there is still work to be done before stability has been reached. The country has been passing through a period of deflation, in fact is yet in it. Some sections of the country have been hard hit, and the deflation has been quite pronounced, although 'we' on the Pacific coast, and particularly in Portland, have been comparatively free from serious trouble so far.

From the standpoint of the producer, seemingly the bottom has dropped out of prices affecting everything grown or produced in the Pacific northwest, but as Roger Babson, the noted statistician, says, there may be some consolation in knowing "that the worst has happened." The drop in prices in the past eight months was the most precipitate known to history, and the fact that we are going on sawing lumber, raising wheat, fruit, hay, livestock and other stuffs, despite the losses sus-

tained, shows the stability of the people of the country.

"Our producers apparently have taken their full deflation. Lumber is 50 per cent less than a year ago. Wheat, hay, wool, sheep, hogs, cattle, fruits, of all kinds, potatoes dairy products, eggs and salmon have shared in the decrease in prices and are from 40 to 60 percent less than a year ago, and in most cases below the cost of production. Somewhere near steady prices should hold for the time being so far as producers are concerned, and they must needs curtail production expenses to meet income with something left for profit. This is certainly a time for reconomy and attention to business."

The University of Maine faculty suspended fifty-six sophomores for having which consisted of a paddle gauntlet for freshmen.

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