

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fires in Oregon during June caused a loss of \$24,850.

The fifth annual Chautauque opened in Dallas Tuesday.

Molalla's two-day celebration and round-up was a huge success.

The eastern Oregon state convention of Christian churches was held in La Grande.

Strawberries are growing so large in Harrisburg that 18 of them fill an ordinary berry box.

Actual construction on the Klamath Falls municipal railway commenced at Klamath Falls Friday.

The tenth annual three-day convention of the Oregon Chiropractic association was held in Portland.

Work on the new \$14,000 addition to the chapel of the Oregon normal school at Monmouth has started.

The next national convention of the Mu Fim Epsilon, national music society, will be held in Eugene in 1919.

Seventeen branches of the Red Cross society with a total membership of 1671 have been formed in Linn county.

Deer in the mountains have suffered severely from the long winter, says Charles Hoskins, an Echo sheepman.

The main railroads in Oregon have abandoned their attempt to get a 15 per cent increase in intrastate freight rates at this time.

The little town of Flavel was visited by a blaze which destroyed two frame buildings with the loss of approximately \$2500.

The American Home Economics association convened in Portland Tuesday, July 10, as a section of the National Education association.

Hood River has shipped 80 carloads of strawberries and it is expected that fully 100 carloads will be handled before the season closes.

Bids will be opened at Roseburg July 28 for the Douglas county road bond issue of \$550,000 authorized at the recent state election.

Boys in the state training school and girls in the girls' industrial school will assist in harvesting the berry crop of the Willamette valley.

The 25th annual convention, Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, began at Seaside Tuesday and will continue until Saturday night.

Reports received from growers in Marion county indicate that great numbers of pickers will be needed to handle the berry crop this year.

Announcement was made by A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, that the board has decided to put on an automobile show in connection with the state fair.

Experiments for the control of the onion mildew are being conducted by the department of plant pathology at the Oregon Agricultural college with promising results.

Complete figures compiled by United States Attorney Reeves show that since war census day, June 5, 34 men of military age have been permitted to register at Portland.

A large cattle transaction took place when C. A. Corley and Arch Wassom, of Harrisburg, purchased 1100 head of Durham steers from George Brown, of Corvallis for \$10,000.

Five meetings will be held in Linn county this week under the direction of the United States department of agriculture to teach farmers how to exterminate digger squirrels.

John W. Bowman, carpenter, shot and killed his wife and then sent two bullets into his own temple, dying almost instantly, at Pendleton. Friends said Bowman was jealous of his wife.

Chin Bing, the first of six alleged gunmen implicated in the murder of Billie Eng, an Americanized Chinaman, in the recent tong war, was found guilty of second degree murder at La Grande.

Fire prevention will be taught in the schools of Salem, and representatives of the state fire marshal's department will make a complete survey of the city, according to plans which have been outlined.

Several deputy state fire marshals have been sent to the eastern Oregon grain fields to aid farmers and warehousemen to give the fullest protection against fire that might destroy needed food supplies.

While there is yet little injury to the grain crops of the great wheat belt immediately tributary to Pendleton, farmers are beginning to be apprehensive regarding the effect of the heat on their crop prospects.

Miss Bertha Althaus, salubridy at the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg; Mrs. Alice Allen, a Roseburg nurse; W. J. Weaver, proprietor of the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg; J. M. Burt, traveling salesman for the John Deere Flow company, of Portland; E. L. Parrott, capitalist, and Floyd Miller, son of a prominent Dillard rancher, are suffering from injuries which they sustained when Mr. Parrott's car left the road and turned over at a point near Canyonville.

That the Bullard law enacted at the recent session of the legislature to prohibit the sale of salmon caught in the ocean off the Columbia river during the closed fishing season is unconstitutional was the decision of Circuit Judge Eakin at Astoria.

While the number of automobiles in the state registered up to June 30 this year is greatly in excess of the number registered for the first six months of last year, the number of motorcycles has dropped off, according to a statement issued by Secretary Olcott.

Moving with expedition in its efforts to promote the state highway work, the state highway commission has advertised for proposals on a large amount of road work, the proposals to be opened July 20, at the office of S. Benson, chairman of the commission in Portland.

Net profit in total shipment of ore from the Blue Ledge mine near Medford during the last three months is between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in copper alone. The ore yields from \$5 to \$7.50 a ton in gold and silver, the net results in those metals being \$19,000 in the same period.

Since the workmen's compensation law went into effect on November 5, 1914, up to June 30, 1917, the receipts of the state industrial accident commission have been \$2,283,558.96, while the disbursements have been \$501,322.94, according to a financial statement issued by the commission.

Four fatal accidents and 232 non-fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Joseph Streimer, Portland, department store; James Adkins, Oregon City, trespasser; J. F. Cuddeback, Portland, construction; Paul Corchan, Clifton, logging.

Eighty tons of the 1916 crop of flax is now being put through the water retting process at the state penitentiary by Flax Manager R. Crawford. The 20 tons of flax which was retted last fall has been scutched and worked up into fiber of good quality. The 1917 crop, which is still growing, is reported to be in good condition.

N. Campbell, registrar of the Portland United States land office, has received a bulletin from Washington announcing tentative plans for the sale of five sections of Siletz Indian reservation land in Lincoln county. The sale will be held some time in August and will be public. The timber is mostly Douglas fir, and government cruisers gave an estimate of 170,620,000 feet.

Scores of men, women and children will be needed to harvest the crops of Polk county this summer, and unless this demand is supplied, fully 50 per cent of the fruit and grain yield will be lost. Women, girls and boys to pick the heavy berry crop now fast ripening are especially wanted at this time, but steady work for an unlimited number of men from now until the middle of October or November is also offered.

Attorney General Brown advises J. O. Erickson, district attorney for Clatsop county, that the theory upon which a justice of the peace in that county recently dismissed liquor cases against O. Sund and A. White is unsound. The attorney general holds that all the state needs to prove is that the liquor came into the defendants' hands and that the burden is then shifted to them to prove that they secured such liquor in a lawful manner.

Dissatisfaction of the Klamath Indians culminated in a tribal meeting at which Clayton Kirk, Charles Hood, Abraham Charley, Drummer David, Harrison Brown, Samuel Clinton and Superintendent Asbery were speakers. The Indians declared themselves capable of self-government and asked that some of their vast resources be made available for immediate use. Criticism of the present practice of the Government in dealing with the Indians was made and resolutions were adopted asking the government to give the Indians a chance.

Work of opening the central Oregon highway, which will extend from the Idaho state line to the sea, was begun last week, when a crew of engineers working under the direction of the state engineering department, pitched camp and started work on survey of the portion of the proposed road from Eugene to Deadwood in the coast mountains. The three links of this highway will be the proposed road from Florence to Eugene, the road from Eugene through the McKenzie pass to Mitchell and the John Day highway from Mitchell to Ontario on the Idaho boundary.

District Forester Coell, announced that approval has been given by the secretary of agriculture to co-operative road work. One job involving \$111,154, which is distributed to 10 projects. This amount is matched by the state, secured in some instances by counties. The project on which co-operation is authorized by the secretary are as follows: McKenzie Pass road, Eugene-Florence road, Pendleton-La Grande road, Medford-Klamath Falls road, Ochoco creek road, Canyonville-Galveston road, Reedsport-Coos Bay road, Little Nestucca road, John Day road, Flora-Estergrove road, La Pine-Lakeview road, Pilot Rock-Prairie City road, Crescent-Klamath Falls road, and Zigzag road.

ROBERT J. ALEY



Dr. Robert J. Aley, president of the National Educational Association, which is in session at Portland this week.

## WOMEN WILL HELP TO STOP FOOD WASTE

Washington—A million American women, it was announced here, have signed pledges to follow the food conservation directions of the food administration. All will be enrolled as actual members of the food administration and from time to time will be sent instructions on household economics. Within the next three weeks the administration hopes to enroll virtually every woman in the United States.

The first list of directions sent out to be posted in the kitchens urge housewives to: Buy less and serve smaller portions; preach the gospel of the clean plate; don't eat a fourth meal; don't limit the plain food of growing children; watch out for the wastes in the community; full garbage pails in America mean empty dinner pails in America and Europe; if the more fortunate of our people will avoid waste and eat no more than they need, the high cost of living problem of the less fortunate will be solved.

## DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

All Men of Draft Age Are Instructed to Follow Newspapers Closely.

Washington—America's men of draft age will be responsible for ascertaining whether or not they are drawn in the big human lottery. Hence the war department asked that in the next few weeks they be on the alert, follow the newspaper announcements of the draft requirements and when in doubt ask their local exemption boards.

In brief this is what each registrant is required to do:

Go to your exemption board and find out what your red ink serial number is as soon as your board has finished numbering the cards for the big lottery.

Watch for the drawing in Washington. Then find out whether you were drawn and the order in which you must appear.

After that learn when you must appear for physical examination.

In case of doubt as to any point, ask your local board about it.

## Wheat Prices Are Lower in Europe.

Washington—Wheat prices abroad, where the governments have control of food supplies, are shown to be much lower than in the United States by a report made to the food administration by the allied wheat commission. While wheat is selling well above \$2 in this country, the government prices in other countries, according to the allied commission, are as follows: United Kingdom and France, \$1.20; Germany, \$1.20; Belgium, \$1.50; Australia, \$1.14; India, \$1.35; Italy, \$1.09 to \$1.54.

## Guarding of Grain Asked.

Chicago—A request that stockades be built around all elevators in grain-growing districts as protection against enemy plots was contained in a letter from Herbert C. Hoover, federal food administrator, received by John J. Griffin, president of the Chicago board of trade.

## THE MARKETS

Portland.  
Wheat—Club \$2.10; bluestem \$2.15; red Russian, \$2.00; forty-fold, \$2.10.  
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$40 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$25 per ton; alfalfa \$18.  
Butter—Creamery, 35c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 31c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 61c; valley, 72c.  
Mohair—55c per lb.

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