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News Notes From All Over Oregon

Gleaned by the Western Newspaper Union for Busy People

Nine bond issues were voted on at a special city election in Eugene and four were defeated.

Harry Knox, 67, tired of life, shot himself at his bachelor home in Bay Park, near Marshfield.

The regular spring meeting of the Willamette presbytery was held in the Presbyterian church at Mill City.

The southern Oregon conference of the Presbyterian church held a two-day conference in Klamath Falls.

Work on a modern sewer system for Monmouth was begun by Ek & Lind of Portland, the contractors.

Thomas J. McMillan, veteran of the Civil war and prominent member of the G. A. R., died at Rainier, aged 78 years.

Approximately 16,145,000 feet of timber will be sold at auction at the United States land office in Portland, May 5.

Miss Marie Swearingin has been elected queen of the annual May day festivities at the Oregon State Normal school.

Three pure-bred Guernsey cows belonging to J. E. Fisher of Oregon City were killed by lightning as they stood under a tree.

Mrs. Claryssa Numbers, 85, a resident of Oregon since 1844, died at the home of her son, R. E. Lackey, in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Keziah R. Veatch, 82, pioneer of Lane county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adolph Benter, near Creswell.

A new automobile stage line has been established between Eugene and Mapleton over the new Willamette Valley-Florence state highway.

Governor Pierce issued a proclamation urging the people of the state of Oregon to observe "American Forest week," April 27 to May 3.

Six men and one woman were under arrest at Klamath Falls, suspected of complicity in a series of safe blowing operations during the last two weeks.

The Booth-Kelly mills at Wendling and Springfield have gone back to a five-day working week. The crews had been working but four days a week.

The Federated Clubs of Polk county came into being when representatives of 17 communities of the county met at Dallas and formed an organization.

George Sylvester Sardam, 72, for 11 years a resident of McMinnville, died, following an illness of 16 days, during which he suffered four strokes of paralysis.

Group 1 of the Oregon State Bankers' association, including about 150 bankers in the eight northwestern counties of Oregon, will meet in Astoria May 1-3.

Two large millstones that came around Cape Horn to Corvallis, via Portland, 60 years ago, are being erected on concrete pedestals in the Corvallis city park.

Miss Anna Miller, 63, of Ashland, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the residence of W. H. Weinschenck in Newcastle, Pa., where she was visiting.

The number of business concerns operating in Oregon has been increasing steadily since 1919, until on January 1, 1925, it totaled 19,361, a new high record for the state.

There are 2963 regularly enrolled students attending the University of Oregon at Eugene for the spring term, according to figures given out by Carleton E. Spencer, registrar.

The first of a series of schools conducted by the state traffic department for the purpose of explaining the provisions of the new state automobile lighting law was held in Roseburg.

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Two hundred Knights of Pythias from all parts of the seventh district of Oregon, comprised of Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties, met in annual convention in Hood River.

The battleship Oregon will arrive in Portland harbor June 15 and will be accepted formally by the state on July 3. This was announced following a meeting of the battleship Oregon commission.

Actual damage of approximately \$5000 was done in a high wind that visited Umatilla county and gave people there the nearest thing to a corn belt tornado that this part of the west had ever experienced.

Medford and Ashland have joined hands in another attempt to remove the Jackson county seat from Jacksonville to Medford. The latter city offers a free site and temporary quarters for a courthouse.

Prince L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon has returned to Eugene after an absence of several months spent at Coronado Beach for his health. His condition was reported to be slightly improved.

Word is received in Medford that Colonel Frank H. Ray, principal owner of the Rogue River Electric company and a pioneer in the development of electric power in Southern Oregon, died at Huntington, N. Y.

Rapid work is being done on the track way between the rail head and McCredie Springs on the Southern Pacific company's new line over the Cascade mountains. About 100 men are laying track and about 300 are employed in all camps.

The actual shortage of funds in the state treasury department due to the alleged manipulations of Clarence W. Thompson, ex-cashier, aggregates \$5000.08, according to Alexander Hamilton, bookkeeper, who has completed an audit of the books.

A mass meeting was held by the citizens of Cascade Locks to discuss plans for the building of a new high school for this locality. It was decided that the district school board be asked to call an election to vote \$200,000 bonds to run for 20 years.

There is to be no letup in construction work on the Roosevelt coast highway, Senator McNary was assured by Colonel W. B. Gresley, chief of the United States forest service. Several sections of that highway have been included in the Oregon forest road system.

Fire destroyed the old stern-wheeler Winema, relic of the early pioneer days of Klamath county and took with it a dock and warehouse on the shores of the upper Klamath lake at Shipwreck. The old boat had ceased active service on Klamath lake and had been used as a dwelling.

Ben Dorris of Eugene was relieved of his commission as a member of the state game commission by Governor Pierce. Mr. Dorris had served on the commission since June 18, 1923. His term would have expired February 25, 1928. Mr. Dorris was succeeded by M. H. Bauer of Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hoppe and their three children, Vernon, 17; Ruth, 13 and Herman, 11, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Noble building in Marshfield, containing a grocery store and a cafe in addition to four occupied apartments on the second floor, with a loss of more than \$50,000.

Representatives of about 20 Oregon and Washington creameries met in Astoria for the first session of members of the newly organized North Pacific Co-operative Creamery association. Creamery problems were discussed and announcement made that a meeting would be held next month in Portland.

Sales by mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association in the week ending April 11 were materially higher than output and shipments. Bookings for the week were 109,874,470 feet, which was 8 per cent above the output of 101,978,762 feet. Shipments were 104,147,792 feet, or 5 per cent below new business.

About 94 members of the Brownsmead community, 20 miles east of Astoria, have signed a petition asking county authorities to co-operate with them in driving every vestige of moonshining and bootlegging operations from that district, following the death of Elmer Hill, Brownsmead rancher, from acute alcoholism.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Kenneth Clark, Falls City.

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Two boys were injured by glass, the roof of the Condon public school was blown off, heavy window panes in the high school building were blown in, a lumber warehouse was toppled, garages and homes damaged and a barn demolished by a heavy wind storm of cyclonic character which struck Condon. The total damage was estimated at \$5000.

Tillamook county suffered defeat in a court action brought by the Oregon American Lumber company to restrain the tax collector from collecting a special district tax in road district No. 1, for \$20,000 to construct a road around Neahkahnie mountain, which it was hoped would eventually connect with the road from the Can coast section and make a new coast highway.

Five Killed in Eastern Storm. Chicago, Ill.—A severe wind and rain storm, approaching the proportions of a tornado in some localities, swept a destructive course from the Mississippi to New England Sunday. Several persons were killed and in the neighborhood of two score injured, while property damage was estimated at \$1,500,000.

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Schwab and Uncle Sam's Lock Horns

New York.—Sutt for \$9,744,899.94 was filed here by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation against the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation, claiming the amount as balances due on account of construction of 86 vessels during and just after the war.

The filing of the complaint in this suit in the United States district court here was simultaneous with the government's filing of a suit for approximately \$11,000,000 against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation and subsidiaries in Philadelphia, in accordance with an agreement by opposing counsel.

Both Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, and Eugene G. Grace, president of the former concern, issued statements in denial of the government's suits in Philadelphia that Mr. Schwab, as director-general of the emergency fleet corporation from April 11 to December 12, 1918, misused his powers in favor of his own company.

Hot Fight Over the Sale of Ships

Price Paid For Vessels Too Low According to Affidavits Filed in Court.

Washington, D. C.—Separate affidavits opposing the majority shipping board's sale of the five big President type liners to the Dollar steamship interests were filed in district supreme court by Commissioners E. C. Plummer of Maine and Frederick Thompson of Alabama, minority members who opposed the deal.

The filing of these separate affidavits emphasizes the bitter differences that have split the board into two hostile camps on the ship sale.

Flatly contradicting the majority membership of the board who assert the ships were sold at their approximate worth, Plummer's affidavit said the ships were worth \$2,500,000 each and could be sold for a higher figure than the \$5,625,000 offered by Dollar for them all.

Plummer denied the majority assertion that the ships were losing money, citing a surplus of \$7,938,220 over operating expenses for the year ending in February of this year.

The petitioners say they will take the fight to the federal supreme court.

Portlander to Search for North Pole

Washington, D. C.—Lieutenant M. A. Schur of Portland, Or., and Chief Boatswain Earl Eber of San Diego, Cal., were selected by the navy department to accompany Lieutenant-Commander Richard E. Byrd of Winchester, Va., on the MacMillan arctic exploration expedition this summer.

The three officers and three enlisted men will comprise the flying personnel of the expedition. Andrew N. Noid of Nappanee, Ind., and Neis P. Sorenson of Menominee, Mich., chief machinist's mates, have been selected as two of the enlisted men.

Lieutenant Schur was born at Myrtle Point, Or. Since the war he has been flight instructor at San Diego and Pensacola. He was a member of the team of navy pilots in the international air races in St. Louis, Mo., in October, 1923.

SENATE PASSES BIBLE BILL

Measure Provides for Reading Ten Verses Daily Without Comment. Columbus, O.—Amid tumultuous scenes like those that marked its passage in the house, a bill providing for compulsory reading of the Bible in the public schools was passed by the senate, 21 to 16.

Because of a minor amendment changing the title, the measure has to go back to the house for concurrence in the change before it will be submitted to Governor Donahay.

It provides that at least ten verses of the Bible are to be read daily in the schools without sectarian comment.

160 Perish by Bulgaria Bomb. Sofia, Bulgaria.—Latest figures show that 160 persons were killed in the explosion of an infernal machine in the cathedral of Sveti Kral during the funeral of General Georgeheff. Six general and 30 other officers were among those killed. In addition to the large number of fatalities, it is estimated that about 250 persons were wounded.

Father, Son Die in Fire. Chehalis, Wash.—Ben Jackson, 48, and his 13-year-old son, Thomas, were burned to death in their home at Pe Ell. The origin of the fire was unknown. Jackson lost his life in a futile attempt to rescue his son, both of whom slept upstairs.

Woman Confesses to Killing Seven. St. Paul, Neb.—Mrs. Della Sorenson of Danneborg, near here, who confessed to County Attorney Dobry and newspaper man Sunday that she had poisoned eight persons, seven of whom died, will be taken to the state insane asylum at Hastings in accordance with a ruling by the Howard county insanity board.

France Has Another New Ministry

Briand Takes Post as Foreign Minister; Caillaux Runs Finances.

Paris.—After arduous negotiations Paul Painleve succeeded in constituting a ministry. M. Painleve himself takes the post of minister of war, as well as president of the council, while M. Briand assumes the portfolio of foreign affairs and Joseph Caillaux, whose political career was thought to have ended when in 1920 he was sentenced to imprisonment and ordered expatriated, will have the guiding hand over France's finances.

The only member of M. Herriot's cabinet who remains is the ex-finance minister, Anatole de Monzie, to whom is attributed in a measure the downfall of the Herriot administration. He becomes minister of public instruction.

Parliamentarians described the cabinet formed by M. Painleve as composed of the safer and saner elements of the left groups, as compared with the Herriot government, and with pronounced leanings toward the center and right parties. The new ministry will continue the policy of conciliation toward ex-enemy countries, relying entirely on the operation of the Dawes plan for the collection of reparations and, it was declared, will make an earnest attempt to reach some agreement with Great Britain and the United States on interallied debts.

So far as internal affairs are concerned, the idea of a levy on capital has been abandoned.

Appeals to People for Senate Reform

Boston.—Vice-President Dawes, in Boston for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Concord and Lexington, in a speech at a luncheon of 1000 Boston business men, renewed his attack on "senate rule" which he launched in his inaugural address March 4. Denouncing the present rules of the senate he said he would continue the battle for reform throughout his four years of office.

He was greeted with cheers when he called on those present, including Senator William M. Butler, to show their desire for a change by rising.

In the Old North church in the belfry of which lanterns were hung on the eve of the first battle of the revolution as a warning that the British troops were on the march, the vice-president inaugurated the formal program of the Concord-Lexington celebration by an address in which he termed the constitution a guiding light for the nation.

More Dangerous in Peace Than in War

San Francisco.—One of the most grueling tests ever imposed upon the navigation and watch officers of the United States navy is being undergone by the men who are directing American fleet on its present planned attack on the Hawaiian Islands, it becomes apparent every night as the vessels of the mighty concentration stream toward the setting sun and darkness falls.

Night is a time of thrills aboard every vessel. The darkness not only obscures the vision against possible enemy submarines and destroyers, but also involves a severe task in preventing collisions between the 127 units which are clothed in blackness as the order, "darken ship," is enforced.

The danger of collision is believed to be greater even than was that attached to directing a convoy across the Atlantic in the days of the world war. Then a convoy usually consisted of not more than ten vessels, steaming all in one direction. The assemblage now on its way to the islands comprises 127 craft, most of which are performing intricate, complicated and highly dangerous maneuvers during the night.

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