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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Halsey high school has organized a band of 23 pieces.

Twelve thousand turkeys were shipped from Douglas county last week.

R. R. Lloyd, Forest Grove, was listed as killed in action in a Canadian casualty list.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's league will be held in Portland December 9 and 10.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will be a candidate for re-election, he has announced.

The Northwest Hereford Breeders association was organized at a banquet of Hereford breeders at Portland.

Dangerous weed seeds not common in Oregon have been found in Minnesota No. 3 oats shipped into the state recently.

A three-day chautauqua will be held in Sherwood, beginning on Thursday, November 29, and ending Saturday, December 1.

A campaign has been started at Lakewood by members of the St. Patrick's church to raise funds to build a modern hospital.

The presidency of Kansas Agricultural college, paying a salary of \$9000 a year, has been offered to President William J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, by members of the Kansas board of regents.

It is announced that a 100,000 foot saw mill will be erected at Pringle falls, near Bend, this winter for the purpose of cutting the white pine that is to be found in that vicinity.

The mill will be built by the White Pine Lumber company.

The 12th annual Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, under the direction of the Interstate executive committee of the Young Men's Christian association of Oregon and Idaho, will be held in Eugene November 30 and December 1 and 2.

The first organized effort to drain the Long Tom swamps, northwest of Eugene, were put on foot with the filing of articles of incorporation of the Neighbors Drainage Co-operative association. The objects as stated are to construct, operate and maintain a system to drain all the wet, swamp and overflowed land west of the Long Tom creek.

Bruce Dennis, state director of the state council of defense, urges the appointment of a county agent in every county in Oregon.

Frank J. Miller, chairman of the public service commission, has announced his candidacy for re-election as a member of that commission.

The Oregon state swimming and diving championships will be held at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club in Portland Saturday night, January 12.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals for the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will be held from December 1 until Christmas.

The work on the Latham Divide road near Cottage Grove, which takes the place of several miles of the worst road on the Pacific highway, will be completed this week.

Succumbing to a stroke of apoplexy, J. L. Stockton, an old-time merchant of Salem and a former president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, died at the age of 70.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hemenway, who crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1853, died at her home in Eugene at the age of 67 years after an illness of several months.

Jabez Wilkes, pioneer of 1845, veteran of the Indian wars and a resident of Washington county practically continuously for 70 years, died at his home in Hillsboro, aged 85 years.

Plowing and sowing fall grain is still progressing throughout Linn county, with the result that the largest acreage of fall grain is now planted in recent years in the Willamette valley.

A meeting of the Pacific coast conference has been called for December 3 by Dr. A. D. Brown, of Oregon Agricultural college, secretary of the association. The meeting will be held in San Francisco.

Sherbets will soon go out of the market, for the Pacific Northwest Ice Cream Manufacturers' association has adopted a resolution to eliminate sherbet from the list of frozen delicacies, to conserve sugar.

J. E. Colgren, of Wallace, Idaho, representing the Bethlehem Steel company, has gone to Pistol river, Curry county, where he is to inspect deposits of ferro-manganese, said to exist in large quantities in that district.

Blackleg and rabies are still prevalent on the central Oregon cattle range, according to R. A. Ward, agriculturist of Deschutes county. In the past week alone 20 head of cattle have died from one or the other cause.

S. C. Morton, editor of the St. Helens Mist and mayor of St. Helens, has been appointed county judge of Columbia county to succeed Judge R. S. Hattan, of St. Helens. The vacancy was caused by the death of Judge Hattan.

Forty or 50 Indians of the Klamath Indian reservation are to become full-fledged citizens of the United States, according to Superintendent J. M. Johnston, following a meeting of the competency commission at Klamath Falls.

Four sororities at the Oregon Agricultural college, Delta Alpha, Alpha Chi Omega, Pi Beta Phi and Beta Tau Beta, have adopted French war orphans, in order to aid the French government in the care of the French children.

Clay Tallman, commissioner of the general land office, has written to Representative Hawley stating that none of the Oregon & California grant lands will be thrown open until next spring, when some of the classifications will be in shape that people may go on the lands early.

The average salary being paid men teachers throughout the state for 1917 is \$98.62 and for women it is \$95.75, according to figures contained in the official directory of school teachers, being issued by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction.

The values of railroad securities are falling with such rapidity as to be a source of great alarm to bankers in the east, is the statement of Frank J. Miller, chairman of the public service commission, who has just returned from a several weeks' trip in the eastern states.

Mount Angel was the host to hundreds of visitors who swarmed from Salem, Silverton, Sublimity, Woodburn, Oregon City and other Marion and Clackamas county points to join in celebrating the completion of a 2 1/2-mile stretch of concrete highway from Silverton to St. Benedict abbey.

The military department at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis has received an order from the war department at Washington to the effect that all men entering land grant colleges, except those enrolled in law, medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, are required to enroll in the reserve officers' training corps.

At a meeting of the Oregon emergency board \$5000 was appropriated for the maintenance of the grain inspection department of the public service commission up to the end of 1918 and \$2500 was appropriated for the special agent fund of the governor's office to be applied to the suppression of bootleggers and activity of the I. W. W. and kindred organizations.

A reduction of 20 cents a barrel in patent flour prices was announced at the close of a meeting of northwestern millers, held in the office of T. B. Wilcox, chairman of the Pacific coast district, United States food administration, milling division. The new wholesale price of \$10 a barrel for the best family patents is now effective in all north Pacific coast markets.

After requesting the North Bend city council to forego all taxes on improvements for five years, L. J. Simpson announced that he had induced a big corporation to install a new plant at North Bend. The plant will be the largest on Coos bay and will, it is stated, undertake the manufacture of boxcars, finished aeroplane stock and other materials to fill government contracts.

Five of the 564 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending November 15 were fatal. The fatal cases were as follows: Frank Ranes, Kerry; Mike Aine, Mobler, and Olell Holversen, Springfield, all killed in saw mill operations; and Louis Squier, Salem, and Ed. Billings, Springfield, both killed while traveling on railroad property.

Under the plan adopted by the war department for designating organizations of troops in the military service, the 3d Oregon, supplemented by a part of the 3d District of Columbia Infantry, is now the 162d Infantry. The Oregon field artillery batteries A and B are now part of the 147th field artillery, and the three separate squadrons of Oregon cavalry are part of the 148th field artillery.

Bonds given by officials of a state, township, county or village for the faithful performance of their duties, and any bonds given to the same political divisions covering contracts for governmental purposes or for the protection of the state, township, county or municipality are not subject to federal taxation under the war tax act, according to information received by Secretary of State Olcott.

The number of men working on state highways is now reduced to a minimum and will be kept at that point throughout the winter, according to a statement by State Highway Engineer Nunn when asked as to what action will be taken toward recent protests of lumbermen and the state taxpayers' league against using men on state work who might be used in government service elsewhere.

The Hult Lumber company, with mills at Malino, Liberal and Carlton, has just completed negotiations with the United States government by which it is to furnish the latter with a certain kind of fir lumber turned out by the Carlton mill, which is to be shipped direct to Chicago.

This mountain timber, commonly known under the name of "bull fir," is tough and outweighs oak two to one.

Bean growers in the upper Coquille valley, who had out extra acreage this season and garnered heavy crops, do not find a ready market for their product, since the buyers who in other years absorbed the offerings in that vicinity are not purchasing freely. The slowness of the market is attributed to the uncertainty of the food control propaganda and buyers are expecting a price-setting to be announced.

An appeal for skilled laborers to be used in the arsenals of the United States has been received by Labor Commissioner Hoff from Captain Van Dusen, of the ordnance service, and he has asked the commissioner to give him a list of all skilled laborers available for civilian occupations. He asks particularly after machinists, tool workers, turret lathe operators, drop forgers, pipe fitters, blacksmiths and electricians.

Nine conventions of the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held in Oregon and Washington in February and March, according to an announcement by Frank C. Jackson, of Seattle, secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The commissioners of the port of Bandon have adopted a resolution to extend the spur jetty inside the harbor to connect with the south bar jetty. Funds will be derived from the sale of bonds, which have already been voted by the port.

Increased business is making necessary the second enlargement of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company plant at Bend in two years. Extension of the dry shed and the installation of five new planing machines are the chief improvements.

Preliminary work has been undertaken by engineers of the O.W.R. & N.C. to test the character of the soil underlying the surface near the right of way just west of Cascade Locks preliminary to constructing a \$100,000 drainage system for the protection of the main line tracks.

Longshoremen of Portland and the Columbia river district have been granted an increase in wages of 5 cents an hour straight time and 10 cents an hour overtime, making the pay 65 cents an hour straight time and \$1 an hour overtime on all but general coastwise cargo, which remains 60 and 90 cents.

Secretary of State Olcott has issued a warning to automobile owners of the state that the business of the automobile department is liable to become so congested by January 1 that unless applications are sent in at once it may become a physical impossibility to forward the licenses on the day of the receipt of the application.

The first case brought in Oregon under the new federal child labor law was brought at Portland, when an information was filed against V. P. Sheasgreen, proprietor of a box factory, charging him with having shipped goods from his factory outside the state while causing a boy under the age of 16 years to work more than eight hours a day.

Four of the 504 cases reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending November 22 were fatal. They were J. McCormack, Portland, killed in construction work; Bert Baxter, Tillamook, killed in logging operations; Nels Englund, Knappa, killed in logging operations; and Roy E. Fitch, Mabel, killed in sawmill operations.

Thirty thousand pounds of wheat belonging to "wealthy men living in Portland, Seattle and other places" has been seized by agents of the federal food administration's office, upon instructions issued by W. K. Newell, acting administrator for Oregon. This supply was located and sealed in various duck preserves along the Columbia river, particularly Sauvie island during last week.

Sheriff Parker, of Eugene, suppressed an effort by Allen H. Eaton formerly of the University of Oregon faculty and member of the legislature from Lane county, to hold a meeting in the Presbyterian church of Fairmont, a suburb of Eugene. He contended that a speech by Eaton in defense of his participation in the People's Council for Democracy and Peace would incite a riot.

That Klamath county is adapted to the culture of sugar beets on an extensive scale has been proven again this year by the experiments conducted in different parts of the county according to E. J. Flannigan, field superintendent of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, of Grants Pass, who has been looking after the growing of about 100 acres of beets at Klamath Falls this year for his company.

During the three years and little more that the workmen's compensation law has been in operation 12 women who were left widows through industrial accidents have remarried, and as a consequence \$67,165.84, which had been placed in a segregated fund to meet the monthly payments that would be due to them, has been returned to the general fund of the state industrial accident commission.

Uncle Sam will no longer be trifled with by merchants coming under the proclamation of President Wilson, issued October 8, classifying those who must take out licenses to conduct their business. Federal Food Controller Hoover telegraphed State Administrator W. K. Newell, acting for Oregon, or to notify all who have not as yet taken out licenses. This is the final word, it was emphasized, and failure on the part of any merchant coming under the order will mean that he goes out of business.

To prevent hoarding of sugar, W. K. Newell, acting food administrator of Oregon, has announced that regulations similar to those adopted in other states governing the sale of sugar would become effective throughout the state immediately. Sales to family consumers are limited to \$1 purchases; hotels, restaurants and boarding houses are limited to a 10 days supply; farmers living at a distance from purchasing points may buy in 25-pound lots; sugar may not be used as a leader for special sales or to encourage the sale of other merchandise.

THE FIRST SKYSCRAPER.

It Was Designed by a Savvy Architect Three Centuries Ago.

Credit for the first skyscraper built in this country is generally conceded to Chicago. It was built in the "loop district" of that city in 1888, from plans by Holabird & Roche. The first example of lofty building in New York city was the structure at 50 Broadway, designed by Bradford Lee Gilbert in 1888. A few years later both these wonders became insignificant and practically forgotten because they were so greatly outdone by succeeding skyscrapers. But these were not the initial efforts, for a skyscraper was designed nearly three centuries ago, many generations before the discovery of the steel cage system of this day.

Jacques Perret, an architect of Chambery, Savoy, is the accredited author of plans for an eleven story building, 361 feet in height, which must have had twice the space between floors, for today eleven stories are crowded within a height of 150 feet.

Perret's building was planned to be 106 feet long and 140 feet wide, with supporting walls twelve feet thick at the base.

While never executed, the project of Perret in many ways was a remarkable prophetic vision. Evidently it was intended for dwelling purposes, for in describing the project he wrote, "This great and excellent edifice can accommodate comfortably 500 people."—New York Post.

Medicinal Money.

There is a common belief in Mexico that wild honey possesses medicinal properties, particularly that hived by a certain small stingless bee. This insect, the size of a housefly, is domesticated and given a pound for a hive. The wax is almost black. When allowed to remain wild these bees build combs in cracks in the ground or fissures of rocks or trunks of trees.

PERILOUS ATHLETICS.

Sport That Wrecks the Heart an Evil to Be Avoided.

"No one will gain any value and pleasure of outdoor exercise graduated to suit the needs of every individual throughout life," says the Journal of the American Medical Association, "but the species of overdoing called for in the intense competition of the great contests of our schools and colleges can no longer be defended by platitudes regarding the alleged psychological value of its competitive features. The time has come when statistics regarding latent athletic injuries must be reckoned with and the lives of our youths safeguarded by making a distinction between sane sport and insane participation in the intolerable strain of competitive games of the extreme type."

The same paper says the authorities of colleges need to be reminded in an emphatic way, in the words of Dr. R. N. Wilson of Philadelphia, that "no form of athletic event is sane that demands of the participants the semiconscious state of heart exhaustion at its conclusion."

And it denounces the daredevil forms of "sport" that depend for their thrill on nearest possible approach to death by the actors in them, such, for example, as "looping the loop" in an airplane or driving a motorcar a hundred miles an hour. Such, it says, are not sport, but degeneracy.

Modern Efficiency.

"I don't see how Adele could possibly stop to get married. She has such a passion for traveling."

"But she did it to save time."

"How's that?"

"She married a shipping clerk and now he packs all her trunks for her."

Judge.

Shark Steaks.

"The fact that many species of sharks are not valued as food seems to be entirely a matter of prejudice," said a food specialist. "I have eaten steaks from four species taken in the Florida Keys—the dusky shark, carcharias obscurus; edged shark, carcharias limbatus; green shark, carcharias acronotus; and the yellow shark, hyperodon brevirostris. The flesh of each was similar and not at all tough. The green shark has a slight oily flavor, but any hungry man who did not know it was shark would have enjoyed it. The dusky shark, a young male, was equal to many high class food fishes."—New York Times.

Notice of Estimated and Proposed Tax Levy for Sherman County, Oregon, for the Year 1917

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of December, 1917, the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, will be in regular session at the County Court House in Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and any taxpayer of Sherman County, Oregon, will be heard in favor of or against the proposed tax levy as hereinafter itemized.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT

Prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 234 of the 1913 Oregon Session Laws, showing an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised by taxation by Sherman County, Oregon, for the year 1918, to maintain each department of the county government, county office, or county officer, and for each county improvement, the maintenance of each county building, structure or institution, and for the salary of each county officer or employee, and for the improvement and maintenance of public highways, roads and bridges, and for other contemplated expenditures.

Also showing the probable receipts of Sherman County, Oregon, from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property for the year 1917, and also the approximate amount of the balance of various funds of Sherman County, Oregon, upon January 1st, 1918.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES

County Judge—Salary..... \$ 450
Incidental expenses..... 250

County Clerk—Salary..... 1500
Incidental expenses..... 900

County Sheriff—Salary..... 1800
Deputy salary..... 900
Traveling expenses..... 300
Office supplies and incidental expenses..... 400

County Treasurer—Salary..... 400
Record books and incidental expenses..... 50

County Assessor—Salary..... 1500
Field deputies..... 340
Rolls, detail sheets, stamps and miscellaneous..... 220

District Attorney—Incidental expenses..... 25

County School Superintendent—Salary..... 1500
Traveling expenses..... 300
Incidental expenses..... 150
Eighth grade examination..... 50

Coroner's Fees—Fees and expenses..... 100
Jurors fees and witnesses..... 50

County Commissioners—Fees, per diem and mileage..... 250

County Surveyor—Fees and incidental expenses..... 200

Sealer Weights and Measures—Per diem and expenses..... 125

State Accountant—Per diem and expenses..... 100

Court House Expenses—Janitor, fuel, light, water, telephone rental, furniture, repairs, and miscellaneous..... 1000

Jail Account—Board of prisoners..... 150

Care of Poor—Expenses..... 1000
County physician..... 400
Burial expense..... 100

County Health Officer—Salary..... 100
Expenses..... 50

Indigent Soldiers—Relief of old soldiers..... 50

Boys and Girls Aid Society—Relief..... 120

Insane Account—Examination and expense..... 50

Election Account—Judges and clerks..... 1000
Ballot boxes and fees of registration..... 400
Deputy sheriffs, hall rent, and repairing booths..... 350

Scalp Bounty—Bounty on wild animals..... 500

Fruit Inspector—Per diem and expenses..... 80

Stock Inspector—Salary..... 300
Stationary and advertising..... 25

School Library—Books and state library..... 125

School Childrens Industrial Fair—Expense..... 450

County Institute—Expense..... 100

Widows' Pension—Future allowance..... 400

Fair Account—County fair, premiums, etc..... 2500
Painting buildings..... 500

Circuit Court—Witnesses and jurors..... 1000
Reporters fees..... 100
Stationary..... 25
Meals for jurors..... 50
Baillifs..... 80

Justice Court—Fees justice and constable..... 100

County Schools—Apportionment of \$8.00 per capita..... 9000
County high school tuition fund..... 2400
School board convention..... 60

State of Oregon—1918 state tax for Sherman County..... 30,000

Auditor—Auditing county books..... 250

War Expense—Telephone, telegraph, etc..... 100

Grand Total Expense..... \$ 65,125

INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION

Approximate balance in general fund..... 2400

Fees from county clerks office..... 1900

One-half of bounty from state..... 250

Total income from other sources than taxation..... 4550

Total amount to be raised by taxation..... \$ 60,575

Roads and Highways—Salary of road master, laborers, repairs, improvements, and all bridges under 10 feet wide to be paid from road fund..... 25,000

Bridges—Bridges over 10 feet to be built from bridge fund..... 23,440

Grand Total Amount, to be raised by taxation for State, County, Schools, Roads and Bridges..... \$109,015

It is estimated that the amount necessary to be raised by taxation is \$109,015.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 7th day of November, 1917.

Fred Krurow, County Judge
E. D. McKee, Commissioner
J. M. Wilson, Commissioner
K. A. McPherson, Clerk

Attest:

Notice of School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 17 of Sherman county, state of Oregon, that a school meeting of said district will be held at the school house on the 30th day of November, 1917, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 30th, 1918, and ending on June 30th, 1919, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries..... \$ 6336

Furniture..... 1250

Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc..... 125

Library books..... 30

Flag..... 00

Repairs of schoolhouses, outbuildings or fences..... 1000

Improving grounds..... 1500

Playground equipment..... 100

Transportation of pupils..... 00

Tuition of pupils..... 00

Janitor's wages..... 500

Janitor's supplies..... 50

Fuel..... 400

Light..... 50

Water..... 75

Clerk's salary..... 25

Postage and stationery..... 25

For the payment of bonded debt and interest thereon, issued under Sections 117, 144 to 148, and 422 of the School Laws of Oregon, 1917..... 1000

For the payment of outstanding indebtedness..... 3534

Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year..... \$16000

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

From county school fund during the coming school year..... \$ 1200

From state school fund during the coming school year..... 200

Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year..... 1200

Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote..... \$ 2600

RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenses for the year..... \$16000

Total estimated receipts, not including the tax to be voted..... 2600

Balance, amount to be raised by district tax..... 13400

Dated this 5th day of November, 1917.

D. E. Stephens,
Chairman Board of Directors
F. E. Fortner, District Clerk

Notice of Special City Election

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the City of Moro, of Sherman county, State of Oregon, that a Special City Election will be held in the Garage Building (old Dorcas hall) on the 30th day of November, 1917, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 m., and from 1:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., to vote on the proposition of levying a Special City Tax.

The total amount of money needed by the City of Moro, during the year beginning on the 1st day of January, 1918, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1918, is estimated in the following itemized budget:

BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Salaries of City Engineer, Marshal, City Treasurer and City Recorder..... \$2,000

Oil and Distillate for Pumping Station..... 2,200

Miscellaneous labor..... 400

Materials and supplies..... 1,000

Payment of bonds maturing June, 1918..... 2,000

Interest on bonds..... 450

For cross walks and for sidewalks along city property..... 1,000