

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Influenza conditions continue to im-
prove in Albany.

Members of the Oregon State Motor
association held their annual meeting
in Portland Saturday.

Of the 429 accidents reported to the
industrial accident commission for the
week ending January 16, none were
fatal.

Umatilla county was the first county
in the state to contribute its quota
of the Armenian-Syrian relief cam-
paign.

The flu situation in Grants Pass is
now being handled with firmness.
Every house in which there is a case
of the flu is strictly quarantined.

The farmers and dairymen of south-
ern Clackamas county studied prob-
lems relating to their business at a
school of dairying which was held at
Canby.

In a collision between a speeder
and a gasoline-driven passenger car,
near Biggs, John Diacumis, track
watchman on the O-W. R. & N., was
fatally injured.

Melvin C. Spores, formerly of Port-
land, a farmer five miles south of
Monmouth, killed Miss Lena Brown,
a young girl neighbor, and in turn
committed suicide.

Plans are under consideration for
the construction of a new Elks' temple
in Portland, with sufficient facilities
to care for the needs of the order for
the next quarter century.

The Coos county court has adopted
a new method of handling the high-
way appropriations for 1919 and has
placed the work entirely under direc-
tion of Roadmaster J. S. Sawyer.

All fuel administration regulations
as to prices and zones on coal and
coke will be suspended February 1,
according to a telegram from Wash-
ington received by Fuel Administrator
Fred J. Holmes.

Captain James O. Conville of the
United States employment service in
Portland, declares there are approxi-
mately 10,000 unemployed men now
in Oregon, most of whom have been
released from war work.

Hopes of securing oil in paying
quantities from the well on the White-
aker ranch, southeast of Dallas, has
been abandoned by the Oregon Oil &
Pipeline company. The well was driven
to a depth of 1200 feet.

The Oregon state highway commis-
sion was denied a reduced freight rate
on materials for highway construction
in a letter received by Senator Mc-
Nary from Edward Chambers, traffic
director of the railroad administra-
tion.

John Cyril Liard, convicted of sec-
ond degree murder for the shooting
and killing of Deputy Sheriff Frank
Twombly, was sentenced to life im-
prisonment in the state penitentiary
in Circuit Judge Gantenbein's court
in Portland.

Through an agreement reached be-
tween the Coos Bay Shipbuilding com-
pany officers and the carpenters' and
joiners' union, the strike in progress
at Marshfield since January 7 was
settled and the 652 workmen returned
to work Friday morning.

Final computation of figures for
Oregon's war savings stamp campaign
for 1918 shows that the state has ex-
ceeded its quota. Purchases through-
out the state amounted to \$16,489,
972.83. This is one-half of 1 per cent
in excess of the state quota.

At a meeting in Pendleton of repre-
sentative citizens from every com-
munity in Umatilla county and from
farmers and commercial organiza-
tions, a programme of road-building
for the next two years calling for the
expenditure of over \$1,500,000 was in-
dorsed.

Constituents of Senator Colon R.
Eberhard, of Morrow, Umatilla and
Union, have protested to him against
the continuance of the office of state
biologist, which they declare "is not
necessary, and the money expended
for such office could be better applied
to better purposes."

Merits of irrigation projects along
the Deschutes river are being placed
before federal officials of the reclama-
tion department by State Engineer
Copper and Congressman N. J. Sin-
nott in the hope of enlisting federal
effort to develop the irrigable lands
as part of the soldier settlement or
reconstruction program.

Approximately 9,000,000 acres of
land await reclamation in Oregon, ac-

ording to the official report of Dr.
A. B. Cordley, director of the Oregon
agricultural college experiment sta-
tion, for the biennium of 1916-1918,
which has just been made to Presi-
dent W. J. Kerr, of the college. Al-
most 3,000,000 acres can be profitably
reclaimed by irrigation, more than 3,
000,000 acres of swamp, tide and other
wet land needs drainage and 2,750,000
acres of burned-over and logged-off
lands can be converted into profitable
farm lands.

Gerhard Kliever and Peter F. Frie-
sen, two Polk county residents, who
before coming to America were resi-
dents of Russia, were refused natural-
ization papers in the circuit court at
Dallas by Judge Harry H. Belt be-
cause they were classed as "conscien-
tious objectors to war." Both stated
that they did not believe in war and
would not fight for this country.

The towns of Jacksonville, Grants
Pass, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany, Sa-
lem, Oregon City, Astoria, St. Helens,
Hillsboro, McMinnville, Dallas, Cor-
vallis, Tillamook, Toledo, Coquille,
Gold Beach, Medford, Ashland and
Marshfield are to receive German can-
non taken as trophies in the late war
by the terms of a bill introduced in
the house by Representative Hawley.

While records at the office of the
insurance commissioner do not yet
disclose the effect of the influenza
epidemic upon the insurance societies,
it is known that they have been hard
hit. Between 30 and 40 fraternal in-
surance societies are licensed to op-
erate in Oregon and at the office of
the commissioner it is said that the
fraternals have been suffering severe-
ly.

To discuss the financial end of start-
ing force account jobs to give employ-
ment to discharged soldiers and sail-
ors, the state highway commission
met with the roads and highways
committees of the legislature Monday.
Meanwhile, Highway Engineer Her-
bert Nunn has been instructed to en-
gage about 60 soldiers and sailors to
work on the Three Rivers road project
at once.

Representative McArthur has an-
nounced that he has been authorized
by the war department to appoint two
cadets to the United States military
academy for the term commencing
June 13, 1919, and that a preliminary
examination will be held in Portland
on February 8 for the purpose of se-
lecting candidates for the final ex-
amination conducted by the academy
authorities on March 17.

William F. Turner, president of the
Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway,
was appointed receiver for the Pacific
& Eastern railway, a subsidiary cor-
poration of the Hill railroads, owning
53 miles of road extending from Med-
ford to Butte Falls. The short line
railway was thrown into receivership
on the petition of the Columbia Trust
company, of New York, trustee for the
eastern bondholders of the company.

It is barely possible that a final de-
cision on the question of an increase
in rates for the Pacific Telephone &
Telegraph company may not come
from the public service commission
until late in February, or possibly un-
til after the adjournment of the legis-
lature. The telephone company asked
for a hearing on Monday, to present
further data, and the commission con-
templates handing down its order a
few weeks afterward.

Following the arrival in The Dalles
of J. E. Peck, resident engineer repre-
senting the state highway department,
preliminary work was started on
Wasco county's \$700,000 road program
for 1919. Besides the road from
Mosier to Hood River, the Dufur road
will be paved from The Dalles to
Three Mile creek; the road from The
Dalles to Chenoweth will be hard-sur-
faced, and the 11 mile link of the
Columbia river highway from The
Dalles to Seuferts will be paved.

The first train on the Sumpter Val-
ley railroad to carry passengers since
the strike was called on January 1,
left Baker Friday morning to make
the run through to Prairie City. The
train was manned partly by officials
of the road and partly by employees,
and was taken out after a two days'
session between D. C. Eccles, presi-
dent of the road, and the strikers, in
which the latter were offered their
positions at the old wages. The at-
tempt to open up the road for traffic
is being made by President Eccles,
who is of the opinion that the govern-
ment does not intend to take any ac-
tion affording the road relief, and also
because appeals are being made by
communities that the line serves,
stating that the closing of the road is
causing suffering and distress.

The Scio Tribune \$1.50 the year.

PEACE CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED

French President Urges the Formation of a League of Nations.

Paris.—The peace conference was
formally opened with a speech by
President Poincare, of France.

President Wilson nominated Prem-
ier Clemenceau for chairman of the
conference. The nomination was se-
conded by Premier Lloyd George in an
earnest tribute to the French premier.
President Wilson, in nominating
Premier Clemenceau for chairman of
the conference, delivered a speech in
response to that of President Poincare
and paid tribute to Premier Clemenceau.

President Poincare, in his speech,
urged the establishment of a league of
nations to safeguard humanity from
further suffering.

Poincare declared the nations which
made sacrifices in defense of right
would lay down the rules for the
league. Its aims, he said, would be to
prevent wars and gain respect for the
righteous peace the conference is to
establish. Calling attention to the
fact that the German empire was born
48 years ago, President Poincare said
it had ended its career in disgrace and
had sunk into oblivion, perishing by
the sword it unsheathed.

Premier Clemenceau, who recently
declared for the old balance of power,
came out in favor of the league of na-
tions in his address.

Preliminary conversations over the
structure of the league of nations are,
strictly speaking, still in the stage of
being discussed in meetings of the
supreme council, and are not techni-
cally before the peace congress as a
whole, but the fact that the congress
has advanced this question to the
foremost place in its program is taken
to indicate that such progress is being
made in the supreme council as to
warrant expectation that a definite
and somewhat detailed program will
be soon evolved.

This program, it is believed, will
present the common thought of the
leaders of the United States, Great
Britain and France and therefore may
furnish a starting point from which
all the peace delegates may partici-
pate. President Wilson is personally
pressing forward this one feature to
the virtual exclusion of all others.

With discussion now past the point
where it seems to be agreed there
shall be no super-sovereignty, nor a
common police force and that the
question of whether a nation shall con-
tribute force in carrying out the de-
cisions of the league will be left to
each nation individually in each in-
stance, the general plan being most
talked about embodies an enlargement
of the principles contained in the

creatures negotiated by William Jen-
nings Bryan. These provide for a de-
lay of a year before declaring war and
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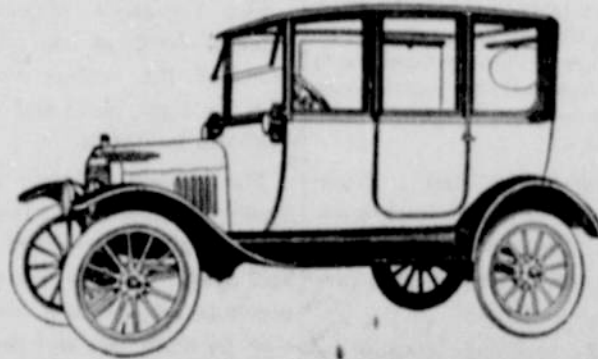
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NARROW	6.50 to 5.50	5.00 to 4.25	4.00 to 3.50	3.00 to 2.50	2.50 to 1.25	1.00 to .50
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MUSKRAT WINTER	3.00 to 2.50	2.25 to 1.75	1.60 to 1.30	1.10 to .90	1.00 to .75	.50 to .40
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