

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Thirty-eight deaths, due to influenza, occurred in Pendleton up to January 1.

Pacific college at Newberg resumed work Monday, after being closed because of the influenza epidemic.

Hardy Holman, a pioneer of Oregon and one of the early sheriffs of Polk county, died at his home in Dallas.

The Marshfield schools, after being closed on account of influenza for nearly four months, reopened Monday.

John B. Griffin, a pioneer mining man of Baker county, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital in Baker, aged 80 years.

A large number of delegates from Lane, Douglas and Coos counties attended the annual Baptist convention in Eugene.

Fire at Pendleton did damage estimated at \$100,000 to the Peoples' warehouse and the offices of H. W. Collins and C. E. Nelson.

During the year 1918 a total of 25,288 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission. Of this total, 182 were fatal.

Of the 35 high schools of Oregon that entered the High School Debate league last fall, 11 have withdrawn, bringing the number to 24.

Influenza and its complications, principally pneumonia, caused Portland's death rate in 1918 to increase to 12.2 per 1000 in comparison with the 1917 record of 8.4 per 1000.

R. W. DeWitt, who pleaded guilty to robbing the Roswell gold mine of \$6000 in gold in May, 1918, was sentenced at Roseburg by Judge Calkins to 12 years in the penitentiary.

One thousand delegates and relatives are expected in Portland on February 20 and 21 to attend the annual northwest conference of Rotary clubs of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

The Oregon-West Colonization company will open up 10,000 acres in the Malheur valley, from Ontario to Vale, April 1, and is waging a campaign to secure settlers, including stock and dairymen.

The high stage of water in the Willamette river forced the Crown-Willamette Paper company to close its pulp and wood mill at Oregon City, thus throwing 300 men out of employment temporarily.

Freshets in the Hood river the past week have eaten away a bank near the steel bridge of the O-W. R. & N. Co. until the county road connecting the city with the Columbia river boat landing is menaced.

The Dallas public school was closed Thursday because the high water which followed the heavy rains filled the basement of the school building so that it was impossible to build fires to heat the structure.

The national convention of the Greeters of America, the largest association of hotel men in this country, will be held in Portland on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 24, 25, 26 and 27.

In the death of Max A. Vogt, which occurred in The Dalles, Wasco county lost one of its leading citizens. He was president of the First National bank of The Dalles and held control of large business and property interests there.

Coming unexpectedly and wholly without warning, the heaviest rain storm which Astoria ever experienced struck that city Wednesday. The records show that the precipitation for 24 hours was 6.5 inches, the greatest ever known.

Cove probably has the only aviator in eastern Oregon who got a German airplane. A letter from Will Motley to his brother, Lee Motley, dated from France, January 17, says he brought down a German airplane just before the armistice was signed.

Nearly 200 persons have joined the new Klamath Good Roads association, which was formed at Klamath Falls, and which has urged upon the legislature an amendment which would permit the bonding of the county up to 10 per cent of its valuation.

Extermination of digger squirrels and other recent pests in Douglas county is the object of a bill drafted by District Attorney George Neuner at the request of farmers. The bill will be sent to Salem and presented for legislative consideration.

A provision for the survey of the

channel of Yaquina bay from Toledo to Yaquina was inserted in the rivers and harbors bill at the instance of Senator McNary, who also urged an appropriation of \$100,000 in the same bill for the Umpqua river jetty.

The public service commission does not assent to an order of W. F. Turner, receiver of the Pacific & Eastern railway, operating between Medford and Butte Falls, to cease operations of that road January 30. Patrons of the road protested strongly against the proposed closing order.

Enrollment of new students in the University of Oregon at Eugene last term reached the highest mark in the history of the institution. Students enrolled for the first time numbered 586, as compared with 380 for the 1917-1918 term, a gain of 46 per cent.

Enthusiastic and unanimous indorsement for the proposed \$10,000,000 state road bonding measure and for the proposed \$1,000,000 bonding measure in Umatilla county was given by the Umatilla County Good Roads association, composed principally of farmers.

Orders from Washington reached Portland steel shipbuilders to suspend work on all steel ships that cannot be turned out during the first half of 1919. About 25 steamers are expected to be affected that represent a total contract valuation of approximately \$38,000,000.

Formal protest to the interstate commerce commission and director-general of railroads against rates on grain and grain products not based on water grade and low-cost haul to tide-water, was authorized at a meeting in Pendleton for permanent organization of the Inland Empire Shippers' League.

Relief from the prospect of a complete shutdown of the Eugene and Springfield flour mills in the near future because of an accumulated stock of their finished products in the warehouses at Eugene, has been relieved by the return of the government into the flour market, which took the greater part of the surplus stock.

Contending that restrictions on the free sale of fruit juices will kill the fruit juice industry, now becoming fairly well established in the northwest states, the Eugene chamber of commerce has protested to the congressional committee framing the 1918 tax bill against the proposed 10 per cent tax on the sale price of all fruit juices.

Work for several hundred returned soldiers will be available at Bend if construction of an additional two-band mill is started by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company. J. P. Keyes, manager of the company at Bend, announced that the second plant is now under consideration, and that plans and specifications have been ordered drawn.

Rains, approaching the torrential, accompanied by strong winds, over western Oregon last week caused streams to rise and lowlands in many sections were flooded. Railway communication to points on Puget sound was completely suspended, owing to slides near Centralia, Wash. Telegraphic and telephone communication in all directions was badly interrupted.

Prospects that the stunted juniper tree, growing in immense numbers on the unwatered lands of central Oregon, may assume real importance as a substitute for cedar in the manufacture of pencils, were extended in a letter received by the Bend commercial club from the Dolkena Lumber company. Practically unlimited quantities of the wood can be used for this purpose, it was stated.

The strike of the employes of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company was settled when the management and the employes signed a contract whereby the employes are to continue to draw the old wage scale of 41 cents per hour for brakemen, 49 cents for conductors, 52 cents for engineers and 60 cents for shopmen, and in addition thereto an increase of 10 cents per hour for a day of 10 hours.

Permit from the war department for the construction of the necessary dams for the reclamation of Multnomah Drainage District No. 1 has been received. The project, it is expected, will be completed during the present year. It will afford employment to a large number of men, involving an estimated expenditure of \$200,000. The project will add to the intensive producing area of Multnomah county \$100 acres. The district extends from Union avenue to Fairview, a distance of about 14 miles, and adjoins the city limits of Portland on the north.

E. J. Adams, former state highway commissioner, launched at a meeting of the Eugene chamber of commerce a

campaign the ultimate end of which is the creation of a bureau in the national capital, having as its purpose the "procuring, preparing, compiling and presenting to congress and the individual members thereof data and information concerning the forest reserves in Oregon and the necessity for road construction through them as a matter of development in the state, and to secure a material increase in the appropriations by congress for the forest roads."

## CONFERENCE ADOPTS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

### Representatives of Nations at Peace Meeting Unanimously For Plan.

Paris.—The peace conference unanimously adopted the league of nations project. President Wilson and Colonel House are the American members of the commission thereon.

The preliminary draft for a league of nations says that the league should have a permanent organization to carry on the business between meetings of international conferences of all the members.

The draft calls for the appointment of a commission composed of two representatives of the five great powers and five representatives of the other powers to inquire and report on the responsibility of the authors of the war.

This commission shall also inquire into breaches of laws and customs of war committed by Germany and allies on the land and sea and in the air during the war, as well as the degree of responsibility for these offenses attaching to particular members of the enemy forces "including members of the general staffs and others, however highly placed."

President Wilson rose as the reading of the resolution by Premier Clemenceau closed, and in calm, rather low, earnest tones, spoke in support of the league, with which his name has been identified.

Premier Lloyd George followed President Wilson in a brief speech supporting the general principle of the league. The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando, also briefly supported the resolution for the league, speaking of the high ideals it represented.

The former French premier, Leon Bourgeois, made the most extended speech of the day in support of the resolution.

"Is there any objection to the resolution?" asked M. Clemenceau. There was no response, and he declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

M. Clemenceau then announced the composite committee and the order of the names as announced makes President Wilson chairman.

Chicago.—A remarkable hen that laid 308 eggs in a year is a feature of the National Poultry Show. The hen is the property of John W. Welch, of Omaha.

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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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