

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The total county indebtedness of Klamath county is now \$132,249.76.

A large attendance of growers and others is expected at the fourth annual meeting of the Western Walnut association to be held in Portland February 6 and 7.

After a long vacation, occasioned by the influenza epidemic, the Monmouth public schools opened again Monday, having been closed since a week before the Christmas holidays.

With practically no new "flu" cases for several days, the Albany health authorities have removed the ban on that city and allowed public meetings in churches and theatres, and schools to reopen.

Because several small school children have been run over and seriously hurt by automobiles of late, the La Grande Parent-Teacher association has launched a campaign against careless driving.

Representatives of a party of French Canadians, who desire to secure farming land and locate in the Willamette valley, have been in the Albany section the past few days looking for desirable tracts.

The Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations will hold a child welfare drive in Portland February 12 for the purpose of financing the work of the parents' educational bureau.

An offer of \$270,000 has been made by A. L. Hill and other business men of Medford for the purchase of the Pacific & Eastern railroad property. The offer is now under consideration by the bondholders.

One section of the McKenzie river wagon road, construction of which was halted by the declaration of war, will be built this summer, according to word received by Clyde R. Seitz, district forest supervisor.

Captain J. L. Wood, of Albany, is one of 30 officers selected from the Engineer corps of the American Expeditionary force to appraise the property damage caused by the German army in its operations in Belgium and France.

The senate and house conferees on the revenue bill have been asked by Senator McNary to place a per gallon tax of 10 cents on loganberry and other fruit juices instead of the 20 per cent gross sales tax as approved by the house.

The taxpayers of Umatilla county are getting behind the movement to induce the county court to call for a special election for submitting to the voters the plan of issuing serial bonds providing for permanent road construction in the county.

Construction on the depots for the Prineville railroad, one at the junction and the other at the terminus in the city of Prineville, has been started, and on the completion of these structures, regular passenger traffic over the road will begin.

Motor vehicle registrations for January, 1919, exceeded those of January, 1918, by nearly 12,000, according to tabulations for the month made public at the office of Secretary of State Olcott. There were 49,062 motor vehicle registrations for the past month.

Portland had the lowest monthly fire loss during January since May, 1910, with the single exception of one month, December, 1917. The exact fire loss has not yet been tabulated, but Fire Marshal Grenfell estimates the January loss at approximately \$5000.

The fruit crop in Douglas county returned over \$1,000,000 to growers in 1918, and as labor and weather conditions were unfavorable, fruit men are highly pleased.

Through deals closed last week at Hood River, J. R. Nunamaker and sons, Don, Floyd and Neal Nunamaker, already owners of 75 acres of full-bearing orchards, have increased their holdings by 75 acres. The aggregate of the sums paid will reach \$50,000, it is said.

A total of \$14,270.56 was collected for the Oregon soldiers' and sailors' fund, raised in Portland by various entertainments for the benefit of Oregon men overseas and of this amount a total of \$5425.09 has been disbursed, leaving a balance of \$8845.47 intact in the fund.

The attendance at the public school at Noti, 23 miles west of Eugene on

the Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific, is so great that one room cannot accommodate all the pupils and another will be added. The teacher and the larger boy pupils of the school will do all the work.

The big sawmill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Springfield resumed operations Monday after having been closed for a month. During this time repairs have been made to various units of the plant. The company's mill at Wendling has been operated throughout the winter.

To furnish employment to returning soldiers and stimulate activity along constructive plans extensive improvement of the docks and streets of the city of North Bend is being advocated, and indications are that there will probably be a large amount of work done there during the summer if material can be secured at satisfactory prices.

It will not be long before the prune crop of the northwest will be 100,000,000 pounds, according to estimates made by Robert C. Paulus, manager of the Salem Fruit union. The total acreage in prunes in this state is estimated at 30,182, of which 16,016 are bearing and 14,166 acres not yet in bearing but due to bear within the next five years.

Ranchers living on the branches of Coos river, the east side of Coos bay, on Catching Inlet and Daniels creek, and in small community villages, including Cooston, Sumner and Allegany, have started a movement for highways giving them access to the cities on Coos bay. The construction of these highways would necessitate about 25 miles of new road.

Lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river during the month of January were exceptionally light. Records compiled show that 18 vessels loaded at lower river mills in that month, their cargoes totaling 13,318,626 feet. During the same period seven vessels loaded 4,390,735 feet of lumber at upriver mills, making a grand total of 17,709,361 feet shipped.

A bonding election for the new Sparta irrigation project near Baker took place Monday and carried by a large majority. This election marks the transition of a one time famous mining camp from a region of desert hills to a promising agricultural community. The plan is to reclaim 12,000 acres by bringing water, from Eagle creek through the Sparta mining ditch.

All restrictions, save those on profiteering, have been removed by the Oregon food administration and the suite of offices formerly occupied by the administration in Portland have been closed. W. K. Newell, federal food administrator for Oregon, will hold his office until the signing of peace, when the United States food administration automatically loses all power.

Charles L. Houston, of Astoria, well-known contracting builder of the lower Columbia river district, was almost instantly killed near Clatsop station. He was directing the construction of a new piledriver and had climbed into the donkey engine to examine it. As he grasped a pipe to balance himself, it gave way and he fell to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet, striking his head on a railroad tie and fracturing his skull.

A perceptible impetus was given to Marion county's ever-growing fruit industry when the machinery of the new \$100,000 plant of the Northwest Fruit Products company was set in motion for the manufacture of jellies, jams and preserves from the fruits and berries of the Willamette valley. The management of the new plant hopes to manufacture 115,000 cases of jellies, jams and preserves within the next 60 to 90 days.

That the proposed great loop highway around Mount Hood may become an accomplished fact as soon as possible, Rufus C. Holman, president of the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners, has called a meeting to be held in Portland Saturday, February 8. To this meeting have been invited the county courts of Hood River, Wasco, Jefferson, Clatskanie and Multnomah counties, United States forestry officials and interested citizens.

In a report made by the chief of engineers to the senate committee on commerce, the following available balances for Oregon river and harbor improvements, on December 31, 1918, are shown: Columbia river at the mouth, \$94,642; Columbia river and lower Willamette below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, \$218,071; Clatskanie river, \$580; Willamette river above Portland and the Yamhill river, \$7461; Willamette river at Willamette falls, \$11,821.

ALLIED ASPIRATIONS ARE TAKING FORM

Claims of Different Nations Must Be Adjusted Over Peace Table.

Paris.—The delegates of the five great powers are now in a position to compare clearly their own aspirations and those of all their allied friends, and to see the differences that must be reconciled.

France wants, first of all, Alsace-Lorraine unconditionally, and the right to discuss and ultimately to fix the French frontiers in their relation to the Rhine.

The French bill for reparation is not yet complete, but it has been announced in the chamber of deputies that it will be about \$6,000,000,000 francs.

Great Britain's delegation believes that a society of nations is desirable and obtainable, and that it must be established by the present peace conference. Britain will take mandatory power over the German islands south of the equator for Australia and over southwest Africa for the Union of South Africa. She will also have the mandate of German East Africa and some parts of Arabia and she has particular claims in this respect over Mesopotamia. Great Britain will enter a pool with the other allies in the matter of indemnities, especially reparation for air raid damages and shipping losses.

Italy asks for the Trentino as far as the Brenner Pass, including the whole of southern Tyrol; Trieste, Istria, Fiume, Zara, Sebenico, the larger part of the Dalmatian islands, Avion and its hinterland, and a protectorate over Albania.

Territorial connection in the Balkans are complicated and present difficult problems.

Belgium asks that her reparation for damages wrought by Germany shall be the first lien upon German assets to the extent of at least 15,000,000,000 francs or up to a much larger sum if Germany does not return the machinery and the materials taken from Belgium.

Approximately 40,000 out of 54,000 acres of the lower Klamath lake marsh lands, which are being reclaimed by the installation of gates at the Southern Pacific crossing of the Klamath strait, have been drained, with a total lowering of the water of two feet in the 15 months since the gates were installed, according to officers of the Klamath drainage district. Although the water is off the land, it is not yet sufficiently drained for cultivation, and it is not expected that the land will be ready for use for a year.

Paris.—The United States, supported by Great Britain, has submitted to France a proposal for immediate withdrawal of all troops from Russia, it was learned from authoritative source.

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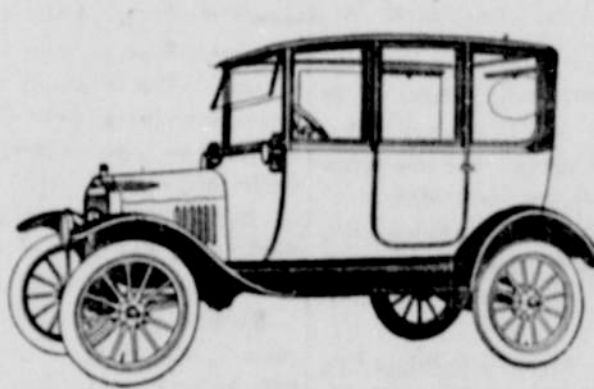
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LIBERAL ASSORTMENT						
MUSKRAT WINTER	3.00 to 2.50	2.25 to 1.75	1.60 to 1.30	1.10 to .90	1.00 to .75	.50 to .40
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