

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Astoria and Clatsop county are lining up solidly against the proposed creation of the Port of Columbia.

Hopgrowers of the Sheridan section are signing contracts for the hop crop for a three-year period at 25 cents.

W. W. Poland of Shedd was elected president of the Linn county farm bureau in the annual meeting held in Albany.

The cranberry growers of Clatsop county have decided to increase the amount of their acreage 20 per cent this year.

Students of Oregon Agricultural college who are entirely or partially self-supporting form 77 per cent of the student body.

The Victory Rose Festival will be held in Portland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 11, 12 and 13, it has been decided.

Oregon's quota in the \$6,000,000 Victory drive, being conducted by the national committee of northern Baptist laymen, has been fixed at \$33,963.

Work will start next week on a seven-mile extension of the Shevlin-Hixon company's logging railway near Bend, the improvement to cost \$100,000.

To succeed W. B. Ayer, who resigned from the soldiers' and sailors' relief commission, Governor Withycombe appointed Frederick W. Mulkey of Portland.

Astoria was selected as the next meeting place and Charles Brown of Astoria was elected president of the Oregon Retailers' association, which held a successful three days' convention in Salem.

The employment situation in Portland is steadily improving, according to the federal employment bureau. Before the middle of March, it is expected, jobs will be available to absorb the surplus in the labor market.

To set dates, arrange the lists of events and standardize rules for the annual central Oregon interscholastic track and field meet, delegates from Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties met in Prineville Saturday.

With a total of six points in its favor and but two against, the Corvallis high school has won the interscholastic debate championship of the west side Willamette district. Beaverton is second, with five points in its favor.

Sheriff John W. Orr, of Polk county, seized a shipment of about 100 bottles of whisky at Ballston, a little hamlet in the northern part of the county. The liquor was packed in a steel vault and was shipped from a point in California.

Final hearing on the proposed increase in telephone rates in Oregon, approved by the postmaster-general, which were to have become effective December 6, will be held before the Oregon public service commission on Monday, February 24.

Two hundred delegates, representatives of 140,000 employees of shipyards and allied industries, met in Portland Monday when the Pacific coast metal trade workers convened for their annual session. The convention will probably last about a week.

Federal money secured on farm loans through the Bandon-Curry County National Farm Loan association during the past year totals \$112,400, according to figures presented at the annual meeting held in Bandon. The entire amount is being used in developing the dairy industry.

Completing a contract for supplying the French government with 22 carloads of an evaporated material for soup, the Wittenberg-King company of The Dalles shipped its last carload Saturday. One-half of the big order was filled by the The Dalles plant and one-half by the plant at Salem.

To prevent the district meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, scheduled to be held at the Bend Athletic club gymnasium, members of the central labor council waited on directors of the club, protesting against the use of the gymnasium for that purpose. The labor representatives contend that the Loyal Legion is hostile to union interests.

Unless restrictive conditions imposed by the United States railroad administration are removed from the manufacture of ties practically all of the small mills of Oregon will be forced to suspend operation, according to the widespread opinion among oper-

ators. At least one has done so already, and others are apt to follow within a short time, it is predicted.

March 4 has been set by the Umatilla county court as the date for a special election to vote upon the proposed bond issue for \$1,050,000 with which to improve the principal highways of all parts of the county. If the county votes the bonds the state highway commission will appropriate more than half a million dollars to match the county expenditures on state highways.

During the war Mrs. C. F. Daniels, wife of a well known Pendleton farmer, carried on a correspondence with 98 different Umatilla county boys in the service. In doing this she has written more than 1700 letters to them. During the last 12 months she has written an even thousand letters and sent 898 packages. This is probably the record for correspondence with soldier and sailor boys.

The secretary of the interior has advised Representative Sinnott that there will be no more grazing permits issued for Indian lands in Gilliam county, Oregon, for a long time. By new regulations recently completed the secretary says allotments in Gilliam county will soon be made to the Klamath Indians which makes the chance of leasing any of these lands for grazing purposes quite indefinite.

A three-days' irrigation school was held in Grants Pass under direction of County Agent C. D. Thompson, with 50 farmers in attendance. Farmers from the newly organized Gold Hill irrigation district and from other sections of the county were given instruction in the management of their soils under irrigation in a series of lectures and demonstrations by W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

By the terms of the postoffices and postroads appropriation bill, as passed by the senate, Oregon receives federal aid for highways more than trebling the amounts already authorized by a previous congress for the fiscal years 1919, 1920 and 1921. The total allotted to Oregon road building by the federal government for these three years was \$1,181,108, but the new bill just passed by the senate increases that amount to \$4,336,944.

One million dollars worth of good roads for Marion county seem not only possible, but probable from the intense enthusiasm shown at a mass meeting of representative road boosters from every part of the county and every road district in the county, held at Salem. The meeting unanimously went on record favoring a \$1,000,000 bond issue for market-town roads and of getting it before the people at a special election as soon as possible.

Two fatalities, as the result of accidents within the week and another death as the result of a previous accident are included in the report of the state industrial accident commission for the week. A. G. Dibern was killed in a Portland shipyard accident, John Leleona, logger at Strassel, met accidental death, and Norman Ramsdell died as the result of injuries sustained in a shipyard accident in Portland February 23. A total of 505 accidents were reported.

Checks aggregating \$170,000 will be forwarded this week by the Hood River Apple Growers' association in a distribution of the returns on apples. The co-operative sales organization to date has distributed a net total of \$991,000 to growers for the 1918 apple and pear crop. When the final accounting is rendered the total will exceed \$1,225,000 for the apple and pear crop and the returns on cherries and strawberries will bring the 1918 net business to more than \$1,500,000.

A railroad completed to Dalry, with a spur seven miles southeast to Bonanza, in time to take care of the coming crop movement, is the aim of Robert E. Strahorn, who is building the municipal line to Dalry for the city of Klamath Falls as the first link of his projected railroad into central Oregon. Bonanza residents have agreed to furnish the grade and the ties if the builder would lay the steel and operate train service, and Mr. Strahorn hopes to get the project completed this summer.

Senator Chamberlain has secured the passage through the senate of Representative Sinnott's bill revesting title in the government to 93,000 acres in Douglas and Coos counties, Oregon, known as the Coos Bay wagon road land grant. The bill has passed the house and will become a law on signature from the president. The counties of Douglas and Coos will profit more than \$1,200,000 in back taxes and from the sale of the lands by the passage of this bill.

PRESIDENT READS LEAGUE COVENANT

Proposed Constitution Provides For Union of Nations to Settle Future Troubles.

Paris.—President Wilson was the central figure of the plenary peace conference when he read the covenant establishing a league of nations. There was added interest in the session, as it was the last gathering of the delegates prior to the president's departure, as well as being the occasion of presenting the document with which his name is identified.

As he closed the president laid aside the document and spoke of what had been accomplished. The deliberations of the commission had been most instructive, and throughout the proceedings there was an undertone of enthusiasm in the great work being accomplished, he said.

President Wilson was followed by Lord Robert Cecil, head of the British commission, league of nations; Leon Bourgeois of the French commission, and other leading figures of the conference.

The proposed league of nations, as outlined in the covenant read by President Wilson, will consist of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other states.

The council will meet as often as is necessary, but at least once a year, at whatever place may be designated. Any matter within the scope of action of the league or affecting the peace of the world would be dealt with.

SUMMARY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT

Executive council to consist of representatives of the United States, British empire, France, Italy and Japan, and representatives of four other states.

Council to meet at least once a year. Permanent international secretariat to be established.

Majority of states represented at meetings shall decide all problems.

President of United States to call first meeting.

Expenses borne by members of the league.

Envoys shall enjoy immunity during sessions.

New member admitted by two-thirds vote.

Munitions making to be curtailed.

High contracting parties to preserve against external aggression, territorial integrity and existing political independence of all states members of the league.

Arbitration made compulsory.

Permanent court of international justice provided.

All treaties shall be registered with secretary-general.

Small liberated nations shall be protected.

All obligations inter se inconsistent with terms of covenant shall be abrogated.

Amendments take effect on three-quarters vote.

MR. TAFT FAVORS LEAGUE

Senators Poindexter and Borah Scored for Petty Faultfinding.

Portland, Or.—William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States and president of the League to Enforce Peace, expressed the opinion while here attending the Northwestern Congress for a League of Nations, that the covenant for a league of nations presented to the peace conference in Paris by President Wilson was a "real covenant with a bite in it."

He scored Senators Poindexter and Borah for what he termed petty fault finding with the plans for arbitration and peace, and expressed the hope that the peace covenant would be adopted. Mr. Taft said: "It is the duty of our senate to ratify the treaty when it arrives there. I feel sure it will, in spite of the opposition of such men as Poindexter, receive the necessary two-thirds vote."

London Papers Praise Nations League
London.—The London newspapers generally praise the draft of the league of nations. Many hail it as the most important and most memorable document in history, and congratulate the framers, especially President Wilson.

QUOTAS OF LOAN WILL DEPEND ON WAR STAMPS SALES

Oversubscriptions of January and February Savings Cam- paign Allotments to Re- duce Loan Task

Victory Liberty Loan quotas of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District are to be determined in some measure by the amounts loaned the government by each district in War Savings Stamps during January and February. If a district oversubscribes its War Savings Stamp quotas for the first two months of the year, its Victory Liberty Loan quota will be decreased to the extent of the oversubscription. Conversely, if a district fails to reach its January and February Stamp quotas, its Liberty Loan quota will be increased.

When Lewis B. Franklin, director of the War Loan Organization, was in San Francisco recently, he revealed that on the day the armistice was signed there was in progress in Washington a meeting to formulate plans for the continuous sale of Liberty Bonds—such a plan as governs the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps. Moreover, the Liberty Bond and War Stamps work was to be closely coordinated.

These plans were immediately discarded when the Germans signed the armistice and when Secretary of the Treasury Glass took office he announced that the Victory Liberty Loan would be the last. In the face of suggestions that the Victory Loan be put on a cold commercial basis, he added that the men making these suggestions were discounting the patriotism

of the American people and he would depend upon the patriotism of the American people rather than place securities of the United States government upon a plane with the paper of private corporations.

The banks used to buy United States bonds bearing 2 per cent interest before the war. That's how good the credit of the United States is.

The \$100 you put into a Victory Liberty Bond will be worth \$125 plus interest when prices settle down. A dollar is worth what you can buy with it.

Better have the bonds of the United States in the hands of 20,000,000 ordinary citizens than concentrated in the hands of a few rich men. Think of that when Uncle Sam offers you a Victory Liberty Bond.

Don't think you have sacrificed because you may be paying for your interest-bearing Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds. These fellows back from France legless, armless or sightless don't think they have sacrificed. They simply think they did their duty.

The Victory Loan coming in April is the last Liberty Loan. Then the war is over for you. It will be still going on for 1,000,000 Americans in France.

A HUNDRED-DOLLAR STAMP

A new feature of 1919 War Savings Stamp activities is the stamp of \$100 denomination, which will probably be placed on the market this month.

The \$100 stamps will be about the size of a Liberty bond and will sell for \$82.50 if put on sale in February. The price will increase 20 cents each succeeding month until the end of the year.

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City	Bank	Resources	Quota	Subscriptions
Albany	Albany State Bank	\$281,500	\$23,500	\$10,000
	J. W. Cusick & Co., Bankers	765,000	47,000	45,000
	First National Bank	1,000,000	60,000	22,000
	First Savings Bank	736,000	45,500	1,600
Brownsville	Bank of Brownsville	284,000	17,500	22,500
Halsey	Halsey State Bank	193,500	12,000	5,000
Harrisburg	Farmers & Merchants Bank	62,000	4,000	2,000
	First National Bank	303,000	18,500	14,000
Lebanon	First National Bank	490,000	30,000	16,000
	Lebanon National Bank	225,000	14,000	11,500
Scio	Scio State Bank	175,000	10,500	10,000
Shedd	Bank of Shedd	141,000	8,500	7,000

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