

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Hardware dealers of Oregon will meet in convention in Portland this week.

Burglars cracked the safe in Tufts Bros.' general merchandise store at Kerby and obtained between \$4000 and \$5000.

The Southern Pacific company has a crew of men rebuilding the railroad trestles on the Lebanon-Woodburn branch.

The 16th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association will be held in Portland June 8, 9 and 10.

Austin Bond, a prominent Linn county farmer, was killed when a southbound Southern Pacific passenger train struck his automobile, which stalled on a crossing in Albany.

Walter Brackenbush and Peter Nelson, two alleged moonshiners, were arrested near Hillsdale, in Washington county. A small still for the manufacture of prune brandy was found in operation.

Oregon bankers subscribed approximately \$4,000,000 to the issue of United States certificates of indebtedness dated February 13. This issue is in anticipation of the fifth loan, and matures July 15.

The body of Omar Olinger, 42, unmarried and one of the best-known and universally liked citizens of eastern Umatilla county, was found buried near his home, 15 miles south of Milton, the victim of an unidentified murderer.

While the people of Bend are enjoying the greatest prosperity in years, with a building programme outlined for the coming season which will total several hundred thousand dollars, the city is virtually bankrupt, Mayor J. A. Eastes declares.

Petitions from Roseburg for the opening of the Oregon & California grant lands were presented to the interior department by Representative Hawley with a request for information as to why the government is doing nothing to dispose of these lands.

Dr. William Shackelford, whose career as pioneer surgeon and physician in the northwest for over half a century had been intimately linked with the early history of eastern Oregon and Washington, died at his home in The Dalles at the age of 80 years.

Agitation has been begun of a movement for the annexation of the Mosier fruit district, now part of Wasco county, to Hood River county. It is said Mosier fruit growers favor the plan when the Hood River-Mosier section of the Columbia river highway is completed.

A plan to hold joint meetings of the executive committees of the chambers of commerce of North Bend and Marshfield monthly, as a means of promoting closer co-operation in matters affecting the welfare of the two communities, was endorsed at a meeting of the two bodies.

A co-operative shipping association, formed in August, 1918, by members of the farm bureau of Linn county, has shipped 26 carloads of livestock from six towns. The saving has been 50 cents a hundred pounds, or \$2000 on the 26 carloads. The present membership is 177 farmers.

United States Jackson is dead at Copperfield. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1852 and when a small boy moved to the United States. He was a government guide and scout in Arizona during the Indian wars with Geronimo, the noted warrior chief. Mr. Jackson came to Oregon 20 years ago.

According to state engineers who arrived in The Dalles last week to work on the preliminary surveys and estimates of the Columbia river highway, the route from Seuferts to the Deschutes river has been chosen by the state highway commission. It will follow the original line, approximately along the railroad grade.

All the northwest national parks are well cared for in the appropriations for their support and maintenance, contained in the sundry civil appropriation bill just reported to the house. Crater Lake park receives almost the total sum asked for by the interior department, and the sum named will care for all requirements.

Grain growers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, organized as the Inland Empire Shippers' league, filed with the interstate commerce commission

an attack upon the 25 per cent increase in freight rates on grain and grain products made by the railroad administration last June. The complaint of the shippers asserts that the increased rates from points in the three states to Portland "were, when exacted, and still are inherently and relatively unjust and unreasonable," by comparison with other portions of the general freight rate structure. They ask for a return to former rates and repatriation.

What is believed a fight for possession of the C. A. Smith interests in Coos county, was an order issued by Receivers Denman and Boles, of the companies, shutting down every industry in the concern. The order includes both Marshfield sawmills and the seven logging camps at Powers, throwing 1200 men out of employment. No definite time was set for resumption of work in any of the plants, although some officials connected with the companies suggested the suspension might not be more than 30 days.

A large number of homes will be built by the Indians on the Klamath reservation this summer. These improvements will be a result of the half million dollar appropriation made by congress for this purpose, and will be made under the supervision of Roy H. Bradley, who has charge of construction for the Indian department, and who has been in Klamath county for some time assisting the Indians in their plans. All of the homes will be sanitary, up to date bungalows and houses, ranging in price from \$1500 to \$5000 each.

The railroad tie business, which has been a big industry in the eastern part of Linn county during the last year, received a jolt last week when the purchasers announced a reduction of \$3 a thousand feet on all new contracts and that they would not let any new contract for more than 30 days. Purchase in Portland of 340,000 barrels of flour for European export has been authorized by the food administration grain corporation. Nearly \$3,500,000 is involved in the purchase and approximately 1,530,000 bushels of wheat will be required to manufacture the flour, and five 8800-ton steel steamers will be needed to transport it.

James Fullerton, of Eugene, editor and publisher of the Hornet, a folio-size paper issued at irregular intervals and devoted to attacks on the University of Oregon and various persons connected with it, has been arrested, charged with criminal libel. Five indictments were returned by the Lane county grand jury against Fullerton.

Neil Guiney, Canadian; George Mincoff, Bulgarian, and Samuel Levallant, alias Albert Bertrand, German-Swiss, who have been active in the Portland I. W. W. organization, are being detained in the Multnomah county jail by R. P. Bonham, immigration inspector, pending the receipt from Washington of warrants for deportation.

Indications that the federal reclamation service is making preparations for extensive irrigation work were seen in an announcement made at Bend by United States Land Commissioner H. C. Ellis, who stated that some 80,000 acres lying east and northeast of Bend have been withdrawn from homestead entry. The land includes the Benham falls storage reservoir site.

The question of boring for oil and gas in the country around Lacombe, ten miles east of Lebanon, is again being agitated and the prospects are that something probably will soon be undertaken to test out the prospects there. There has been a general belief for many years that there is oil in that section. Two wells have been started at different times, but neither got deeper than 600 feet.

That the dairy industry is the largest by far of all the agricultural industries of the state was brought out at the recent investigation by the senate committee of the dairy industry. M. S. Shrock, general manager of the Oregon Dairymen's league, stated that there are 23,000 dairy farms in Oregon, employing approximately 46,000 men. There are 91 creameries in the state, 78 cheese factories and a total of over 500 employees in these factories.

The fuel famine on Coos bay has provided employment for many of those forced into idleness through closing of the Smith mills. Before the shutdown the mills had furnished a large portion of the fuel consumed in Marshfield, but now there is nothing coming from either mill. Men have gone into the woods in nearby sections and opened wood camps. Many teams are occupied in delivery of the output and the fuel situation is better now than at any time during the winter.

PRESIDENT WILSON LANDS AT BOSTON

Chief Executive Appears in Excellent Health on His Return Home.

Boston.—President Wilson landed at Commonwealth pier at 11:42 a. m. Monday. Returning to American soil from his history-making mission abroad the president looked as though the journey had agreed with him physically. He appeared vigorous and alert, his step was brisk and his features showed rather more than a trace of sea tan.

Cheers from the throng assembled at Commonwealth pier greeted him as he stepped ashore. In the great shed of the pier there were assembled hundreds of state and city officials, legislators, representatives of the federal government and a committee of women appointed to receive Mrs. Wilson.

President Wilson's reception in Boston was characterized by those who traveled with him through Europe as being fully as demonstrative as any he received in England, France or Italy.

Boston was not alone in extending to the chief executive a welcome home from his labors at the peace conference in Paris, for thousands of persons from all parts of New England swelled the throng in the streets through which it was arranged he should pass.

The steamer George Washington, in which the president and his party made the voyage from Brest, dropped anchor off quarantine shortly after dark Sunday night. Sunday afternoon it was suddenly discovered that the steamer, running through a dense fog, was headed directly for Thatchers island off Cape Ann. The destroyer Harding, running ahead as a guard-ship, discovered the danger and gave a warning signal. Engines were reversed and the ship was stopped 1000 yards from shore in deep water.

PEACE MAKERS PLAN TO SPEED UP WORK

Paris.—Results of far-reaching character were obtained at the meeting of the council of the great powers when resolutions were adopted requiring such a speeding up of all work of the peace conference as to permit the formation of a preliminary peace treaty by the time President Wilson returns to Paris in the middle of March.

To accomplish this, all commissions dealing with the big questions of reparations, boundaries and economic and financial issues must report to the supreme council within the next two weeks, or by March 8 at the latest. These reports, in turn, will form a basis for the drafting of the treaty.

ALLIES WILL PAY DEBTS

Denial Made of Reports That Bonds Might Be Canceled.

Washington.—No proposal that the United States share the war expenses of the allies, or wipe out the debt of the allies to the United States, ever has been discussed among financial representatives of the nations, it was stated by treasury officials.

This statement was prompted by reports that French officials had agitated this course among peace conferences in Paris. The treasury has an official denial from the French government that any authorized French spokesmen made proposals to this effect to President Wilson or other American representatives.

Grain Import Bar Urged.

Washington.—Prohibition on importation of wheat, rye, barley, oats and rice from Austria, Japan, India, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland and Brazil is under consideration by the department of agriculture because of the prevalence in those countries of two destructive grain diseases, flag smut and white-head, or foot-rot, also known as the take-all disease.

Dr. Mary Walker Dead.

Watertown, N. Y.—Dr. Mary Walker, aged 87 years, died at her home on Bunker Hill, near Oswego, after a long illness. She was a surgeon in the Civil war and was awarded a congressional medal of honor. She gained considerable fame by being the only woman allowed to appear in man's attire by an act of congress.

Many applications for re-employment of spruce production soldiers who worked at Marshfield in mills and logging camps are being received from men who are being mustered out at Vancouver. The men who are applying come from all sections of the United States and say their experiences lead them to choose the Pacific coast as their homes.

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