

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

One negro was killed and another wounded in a gunfight in Portland.

Samuel C. Harrison was accidentally killed Monday while felling a tree south of Sodaville.

The total precipitation at Portland for the month of February was 8.36 inches, or 2.63 inches above normal for the month.

During the past week 418 industrial accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission, but none were fatal.

More than four miles of street improvements to cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000 will be made by the city of Bend during the coming spring and summer.

Emith French, a pioneer merchant of The Dalles, who during a half century had figured prominently in the business life of the county, died at the age of 81.

Charles H. Jones, for 23 years editor of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly and known to every educator in the state, died at his home in Salem after an illness of 20 months.

February was an exceptionally wet month in Astoria. The official records in the weather observer's office show that the precipitation during the month was 11.29 inches.

The citizens of Molalla have donated a site of 32 acres adjoining the northwestern part of town to the Molalla Fire Clay company, on which will be erected a one-kiln pottery factory.

Plans are already being made for the 1919 combined Multnomah county fair and manufacturers' and land products show of Oregon, which will be held at Gresham September 15 to 20.

Approximately 12,000 men are out of work in Oregon, and nearly all of them are in Portland, according to District Director Smith of the United States employment service in Portland.

Plans were made for the state syndicate to cooperate in raising a fund of \$10,000 per year, which would give the college \$15,000 a year in addition to its present income from an endowment of over \$200,000.

Taxes to be raised in Multnomah county this year total \$9,790,005.40, based on a millage of \$0.8 on a total valuation of \$328,560,710. This shows an increase over last year of \$1,314,231.42, or 15.5 per cent.

The Sinnott bill revesting title in the federal government to 93,000 acres of land in Douglas and Coos counties, known as the Coos bay wagon road land grant, has become a law through the signature of President Wilson.

An offer of the national board of education of the Presbyterian churches to donate one dollar for every two raised by Albany college from other sources was made to and accepted by the board of trustees of the college.

Charles A. Sears, who was reared in Albany and began his career as an electrician there, has been appointed manager of the plant of the Mississippi River Power company at Keokuk, Ia., the largest hydro-electric plant in the world.

Any plan for the annexation of the Mosier fruit district to Hood River county, according to C. N. Ravlin, secretary of the Hood River commercial club, would probably have more opposition in Hood River county than in the Mosier fruit district.

An immense pier jutting into the Pacific ocean for 2000 feet is to be built at Seaside. The pier is to be 100 feet wide. At the outer end there will be a dance pavilion, and along the pier will be amusement devices and places for deep-sea fishing.

Thirty inches of snow at Kirk, 40 miles north of Klamath Falls, with five feet at the Algoma Lumber company's logging camp some distance to the west, is reported by J. M. Bedford, who has charge of the timber on the Klamath Indian reservation.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Umatilla county will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Pendleton, April 26. The membership of the order in Umatilla county alone exceeds 3000 members.

A meeting of the state highway commission will be held in Portland March 6, to open bids on four road projects, and at the same time it is expected the commission will discuss plans for the expenditure of the \$10,000,000 provided in the bond issue authorized by the legislature.

Wheatgrowers of Wasco county report that the crop is in a condition which has rarely, if ever, been better at this season of the year. The rainfall during the past three months has totaled more than 11 inches and the ground is thoroughly soaked. Fall wheat made an exceptionally good start before cold weather set in and prospects now are for one of the biggest crops that the section has ever produced.

James A. Wilson, assistant secretary of the Pheasant Fruit Products company, of Salem, was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a street car. Four other persons were injured.

Portland business conditions, as indicated by statements for the month of February, are in a decidedly healthy state. Bank clearings for the month totaled \$99,352,404, compared with \$72,567,265 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of approximately 33 per cent.

The railroad administration has informed Senator McNary that it cannot grant the request of the Oregon Odd Fellows for reduced rates to the Grand lodge at Salem in May. Reduced convention rates will be granted only to the Grand Army and Confederate Veterans' reunions.

By plans completed at a meeting of the Portland city council the Home Telephone company properties passed Saturday to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a consideration of approximately \$2,000,000. Physical consolidation of the properties is expected to be completed within a year.

The public service commission has set March 17 as the date for the final hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase in the exchange telephone rates in Oregon. It is estimated if these increases are allowed, approximately \$600,000 a year will be added to the revenues of the company.

Early construction of a woman's building on the campus of the university of Oregon is virtually assured, in the minds of university people, by the passage of the appropriation bill including \$100,000 toward this purpose. Another part of the same bill was an appropriation of \$135,000 for maintenance and current expenses of the institution.

The Oregon Hardware Dealers' association's annual convention adjourned at Portland after electing the following officers: President, A. L. Jameson, McMinnville; vice-president, Charles R. Orchard, Salem; members of the executive committee, W. E. Wadsworth, Harrisburg; U. G. McKinzie, Goldendale, Wash.; F. E. Chambers, Eugene; P. A. Korum, Prairie City.

Coos county farmers attended practical schools in dairying last week at Marshfield, Myrtle Point and Coquille. Lectures and demonstrations were given by E. B. Pitts and E. L. Westover of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service and J. L. Smith, county agent. The breeding and feeding of dairy cattle, calf raising and herd record keeping were some of the subjects discussed.

Though the compulsory military training bill providing for military instruction in the high schools of the state was defeated in the legislature, the programme for military instruction under Lieutenant-Colonel John Leader of the University of Oregon, will be carried on in the 20 high schools over the state which have accepted Colonel Leader's plan, according to the colonel.

Lumber cargoes from the Columbia river during the month of February were unusually light. During the month 20 vessels loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia river district and their combined cargoes totaled 13,586,102 feet of lumber. In the same period six vessels loaded 4,166,539 feet of lumber at the up-river mills, making a grand total of 17,752,641 feet of lumber that left the Columbia river in cargoes in the month of February.

Tentative plans for improvements in the Klamath irrigation project were discussed at a conference at Denver a few days ago, from which Project Manager J. B. Bond has just returned. Extensions on a large scale will be made in the local project, provided the congressional appropriation is sufficient for this purpose. The reclamation officials hope that the appropriation will be fixed before March 4, so that they may go ahead with definite plans for the year.

Adelina Patti Very Ill.

London.—Adelina Patti, the famous opera singer, is dangerously ill at her home in Wales.

MILITARY TERMS OF TREATY SUBMITTED

Prohibition of Use of Sub- marine by All Nations Is Proposed.

Paris.—Marshal Foch presented to the council of the great powers the military terms to be incorporated in the peace treaty.

The military terms provide for the disarmament of Germany down to 20 divisions of 10,000 men each, including 15 divisions of infantry and five of cavalry. Severe restrictions are placed on the manufacture of all classes of war materials, and the commercial use of the airplane is limited to the minimum.

The naval terms now before the council provide not only for the complete suppression of Germany's submarine equipment, but also for the termination of all submarine warfare by all nations throughout the world, thus ending the use of the submarine in naval warfare.

The provision for dismantling the fortifications of Heligoland and Kiel canal has been made the subject of reservation by Admiral Benson, representing the United States, whereby this shall not be a precedent applicable to American canal and harbor defenses, such as Hellgate, Cape Cod canal and others.

The proposal for the destruction of the large German warships is approved in the report by the British and American naval authorities, but the French still make reservations against the destruction of these ships.

The council of the great powers began consideration of financial and economic problems, both as affecting the treaty of peace and permanent conditions after the war. This subject is taken up after weeks given to hearings on territorial questions.

WILSON TO RETURN DIRECT TO PARIS

Paris.—As a result of an exchange of cable messages between President Wilson and the American delegation plans were completed for the president's return to Paris and for the early assembling thereafter of the peace congress, with German delegates present.

President Wilson at first planned to have the George Washington land him at Antwerp, then to visit Brussels and the devastated regions of Belgium and France, and from there proceed to Paris. He desired to accomplish this in the understanding that Premier Lloyd George would be in Paris.

E. M. House, in a talk by telephone with Mr. Lloyd George at London, elicited the fact that the premier would be obliged to return to London by March 22. Accordingly, the president's plan was given up.

He will land at Brest on March 12 or 14 and come direct to Paris, and the council of the great powers will take up the preliminary peace treaty, which will then be ready. It is expected that these sessions will last until March 22, when Mr. Lloyd George will return to England and President Wilson will go to Brussels and the devastated regions.

The peace treaty probably will reach such a definite stage during the sessions in which President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George will take part that a decision may be reached for assembling of the peace congress, with Germans present, between April 1 and 10.

GERMANS ATTACK POLES

Resumption of Hostilities in Posen Violates Armistice Conditions.

Posen.—The Germans after three days of comparative quiet, resumed attacks all along the line upon the Poles Sunday, according to reports from the Polish-German frontier.

Germany has violated the terms of the armistice granted by the entente allies in the new attack on the Poles in the east.

One of the specific conditions laid down by General Foch and accepted by the German armistice delegates was cessation of activities in Posen pending the outcome of the peace conference. German government officials at the assembly at Weimar, however, denounced this stipulation and defied the allies, as also did the German troops in Posen.

Soldiers Ordered to Write Home.
Washington.—Failure of relatives and friends at home to hear from many members of the expeditionary forces has led General Pershing to order that every man in the American army in France mail to his nearest relative a postcard giving the present location, state of health and military unit of the writer.

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