

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pendleton Elks have announced their intention to build a new temple. Ranchers near Bend are preparing for an extensive vaccination of young cattle as a protection against black leg.

Martin Berg, resident of Pleasant Home, about 30 miles from Oregon City, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Captain Conrad Staffin, who recently returned from France, was appointed a member of the state board of pharmacy by Governor Olcott.

E. B. Pitts and E. L. Westover of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service conducted schools in dairying in Lane county last week.

St. Helens is to have another saw-mill which will have a daily cutting capacity of 60,000 feet, will employ 50 men and will cost approximately \$50,000.

Six wooden hulls now on the ways at Portland are to be converted into sailing vessels, Commissioner John A. Donald of the shipping board told Senator McNary.

A rich strike of gold-bearing ore was made in the Highland mine, near Baker, which promises to make that property one of the greatest gold producers in that region.

J. R. Nunamaker, of Hood River, predicts that the fruit yield this season will eclipse that of any former years. He estimates the yield at better than 1,500,000 boxes.

The pouring of concrete for the foundations of the \$500,000 flouring mill which the Port of Astoria is building for the Astoria Flouring Mills company will start this week.

The state board of control has re-appointed H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, Walla Walla county, and Charles A. Park, of Salem, as members of the state board of horticulture.

The Bend council authorized an election at which the floating of an \$18,000 bond issue will be placed on

the ballot as a means of discharging the city warrant indebtedness.

The North Pacific Congress of Optometry will held its first annual convention under the auspices of the Oregon State Association of Optometry in Portland on June 9 to 11 inclusive.

Three hundred representatives of insurance companies doing business in this state will meet at the third annual convention of the Insurance Federation of Oregon in Portland on April 12.

County Agricultural Agent S. V. Smith has sent out 1100 quarts of poisoned grain during the week to be used by farmers in all parts of Linn county in the campaign against gray diggers.

Ira Bowers was instantly killed and Del Saunders probably fatally injured when a high wind blew a plank from the upper deck of a ship under construction at the Coos Bay shipyards at Marshfield.

Cattlemen in the Brothers section near Bend are intolerant of any encroachment by sheep owners on what is regarded as cattle range and have driven out several bands of sheep found grazing in that district.

George T. Cochran of La Grande, superintendent of division No. 2 of the state water board, has set May 12 as the date when he will begin an adjudication of adverse claims made to the waters of Hood river and tributaries.

Because Mrs. R. E. Brown of Hood River had been receiving allotment money from the government for two husbands in the service, she was arrested at Silverton by Deputy United States Marshal Tichenor and taken to Portland.

At an enthusiastic mass meeting of 300 of the leading citizens and taxpayers of Baker county, held at Baker it was voted unanimously to endorse the bonding of the county for \$500,000 for the construction of trunk and market roads.

With the opening of spring work and the advent of the lambing season, a shortage of help is being experienced at The Dalles and that branch of the federal employment service is unable to supply the demand of ranchers for farm hands.

With 30 trained flyers already returned to their homes in Portland and with a number of business men interested in possible development of commercial aeronautics, plans are being

formulated for the formation of a real aero club in Portland.

Statistics compiled by Deputy Secretary of State Sam Koser show an increase for the three months ending March 31 of \$98,491.50 in receipts from motor vehicle and chauffeur registrations over the corresponding three months of 1918. License fees derived from registration of motor vehicles for the three months ending March 31 reached the substantial total of \$435,722.50.

Surveyors are engaged in locating the new highway between Pendleton and Echo. The road will be changed to follow the Umatilla river and will be a part of the Columbia river highway through the county.

Eugene and Lane county will bear one-half of the expense of maintaining the federal labor bureau in Eugene until such a time as congress provides for the maintenance of the service throughout the country.

Charles Feller's attempt to abrogate the law preventing the shipment of crabs to places other than in Coos county, has precipitated one of the liveliest fights Coos bay has known recently. Fearing the attempt might have a good start, a number of citizens contributed to a fund to engage an attorney, E. L. McClure, to assist District Attorney John F. Hall in defending the law which many believe to be weak. Mr. Feller forwarded two crabs to a Portland friend, with the understanding that a test should be made immediately. The case will probably go to the supreme court.

A rigid quarantine against the importation of sheep into the state of Oregon was put into effect by Governor Olcott after consultation with State Veterinarian Lytle, who is seeking to guard the sheep on the ranges of this state against the ravages of scabies—a contagious sheep disease which is raging in other states. The governor issued a proclamation prohibiting the bringing of sheep into Oregon unless they are rigidly inspected and passed under the direction of the state veterinarian. A special permit is required for the importation of all sheep unless they are brought into the state for immediate slaughter. It is understood that scabies has not yet made its appearance among the sheep of this state and by close quarantine methods the state livestock officials hope to keep the state free from this contagion.

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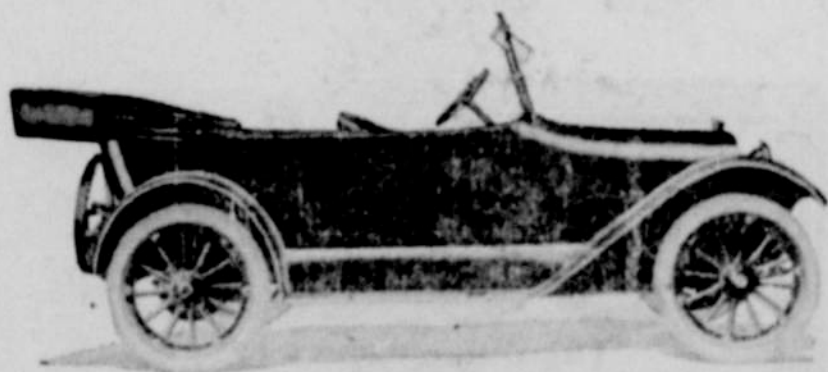
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