

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fire destroyed nearly an entire block of the business district of Richland. Approximately \$75,000 in public improvement work is being planned by the city of North Bend.

The Western Forestry and Conservation association held a three-day convention in Portland.

J. Q. Johnson, of Hillsboro, committed suicide by shattering his head with a bullet fired from a revolver.

The various tie cutting sawmills around Brownsville are working full blast these days as a result of the increased demand for ties.

A. V. West and his wife were drowned in Mill Creek, a quarter of a mile above Wendling, a sawmill town 20 miles northeast of Eugene.

The Marshfield volunteer fire department has started work on its \$8000 pavilion, which will have quarters for the company, and a dance hall.

With the buildings completed and all machinery in place, the new Allen & Hendrickson Packing company cannery at Rainier is ready for the opening of the fishing season.

Preparation of a ballot title for a constitutional amendment providing for the single tax is sought in a petition filed with the secretary of state by the Oregon Single Tax league.

As usual the Linn county pioneers and veterans will gather this year in June at Brownsville. At a recent meeting of the directors of the association the dates were set at June 18, 19 and 20.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Tena A. Hessedahl, McKee, Marion county; Wilson L. Grove, Shedd, Linn county; Elias F. Truax, Winant, Lincoln county.

By the end of the paving season there will be 69 miles of hard-surface road between Portland and Astoria, leaving about 43 miles yet to be paved. The remaining mileage may be paved in 1920.

The prospect of hundreds of motor tourists and the general prosperous

condition of the Hood River valley has resulted in a wave of improvement on the part of Hood River men and restaurateurs.

Tubercular rats found in the slaughter house district of Portland by City Meat Inspector Anderson recently, have led to the institution of an active campaign against the rodents by the city health bureau.

The 216th sanitary train, which recently landed in New York from overseas, will be permitted to stop over in Portland on the way to demobilization camp. Senator McNary was promised by the war department.

Oregon's first annual newspaper conference opened at Eugene in the school of journalism at the University of Oregon with an attendance of 40 editors and publishers from the Willamette valley and other parts of Oregon.

Marked improvement in labor conditions on the Pacific coast were reported by the department of labor in its weekly bulletin. Portland's unemployed are shown to have decreased from 4000 to 2400 since last week.

Portland already in 1919 has exported 832,074 barrels of flour, which is more than half of the total for 1918, and shippers forecast that if the tonnage situation is reasonably free for the rest of the year 1919 will go down as the record flour period for Portland.

By unanimous vote, the members of the Eddyville Mohair and Wool Growers' association in convention at Eddyville, decided to pool their product again this year. Last year the mohair pool sold for 50 1/2 cents, at least 5 cents better per pound than had previously been offered.

Delegates gathered in Bend from Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Sherman counties elected W. S. Ayres as president of the Deschutes Baptist association. H. C. Doty of Redmond was chosen vice-president, with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nordeen of Bend secretary and assistant secretary, respectively.

Fire that destroyed a Chinese laundry at Salem, precipitated an outbreak in Chinatown which may develop into a tong feud. Several families are involved. The trouble started when the owner of the building in which the laundry was located accused sons of a Chinese woman named Hing of setting the fire. Mrs. Hing then made murderous threats, according to the officers.

Judge Eakin has handed down a decision awarding the office of county judge of Columbia county to Martin

White, who contested the election of W. J. Fullerton, his opponent at the November election. The official canvass gave Fullerton a majority of three votes. White secured a recount on which Fullerton gained an additional three votes, but 40 ballots were laid aside on account of irregular markings. Judge Eakin awarded 24 to White and 14 to Fullerton, giving White a majority of six votes.

Two fatal and 499 non-fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Jacob Nyback, Bend, lumbering; Morris Rancov, Goodin, an intending passenger killed by electric train.

W. J. Patterson, a Portland broker, was arrested at Eugene by Sheriff Stickle on a warrant charging him with arson. It is alleged that he set fire to 50 tons of hay which he owned and which was stored in a large warehouse at Alvadore. The hay was destroyed by fire on the night of April 8.

The five Oregon cow-testing associations tested 877 cows, bought two pure bred bulls and six cows, installed three milking machines and purchased cooperatively several loads of alfalfa in February, says the monthly summary issued by E. L. Westover, federal and agricultural college dairy specialist in charge.

The steady and solid industrial and commercial development which Astoria is experiencing is indicated by the remarkable growth of her financial institutions. The bank deposits on March 4, 1918, totaled \$6,204,000, while on the corresponding date of the present year, they were \$7,610,000, an increase of \$1,206,000.

Civil-service examination for fourth-class postmasters are announced for May 24 at the following places in Oregon: Ashwood, Durkee, Tygh Valley, Ecila, Hebo, Irving and Laurel. Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed for Oregon as follows: John T. Moore, Cloverdale; Arthur B. Lacey, Parker, Polk county.

Thirty-eight miles west of Independence, at the Valley and Siletz Lumber & Logging company's camp in the Siletz basin, an immense dam is under construction, to be finished May 15. At the lower end of the basin, creating a 400-acre pond, the dam will be 41 feet high, with a base 120 feet wide. The top will be 30 feet wide and 200 feet long.

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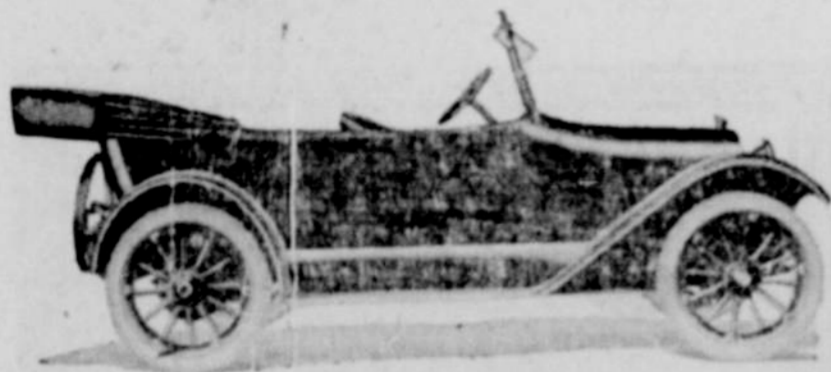
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