

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

The last carload of apples of the Hood River crop of 1918 has been shipped.

The citizens of Woodburn have donated \$1000 with which to celebrate the Fourth of July in that city.

The twentieth biennial convention of the grand court of Oregon, Foresters of America, met in Portland Tuesday.

Twenty-three law students, including five women, will take the state bar examination in Salem on May 27.

The Santiam Fish and Game Protective association has made plans to seek a state game farm for the Lebanon district.

The apple crop of Lane county this year will be ten times as great as last year, predicts C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector.

Fire at the plant of the University Park shingle mill in Portland destroyed four kilns and 5,000,000 shingles, causing a loss of \$30,000.

Cold weather extending into the late spring has made the grazing season on the ranges near Bend three weeks later than the average this year.

The Marshfield lodge of Elks has decided the erect a building on a lot recently purchased and will expend about \$40,000 on the structure.

The Lebanon Canning company has concluded contracts with Santiam farmers for the growing of 1200 tons of squashes for next fall delivery.

The Madras Rod and Gun club has set Sunday, May 25, as the date for its annual "fish fry," which will be held at Vanora on the Deschutes river.

Superintendent Peters of the Klaskanine river hatchery reports the plant has approximately 7,000,000 young salmon that will soon be turned into the

river. Delegates from all over Oregon and from many parts of the United States met in Corvallis to attend a three-day session of the Oregon State Sunday School association.

The Lebanon mohair pool of 9000 pounds sold at auction to M. Senders & Co. of Albany at 64 cents. This is the highest price paid for any pool of mohair sold this season.

Damages estimated at several thousand dollars was caused at Echo, when a section of the Furnish Irrigation ditch broke at a point where the flume crosses the railroad track.

Native oysters of Yaquina bay, usually sold as Olympia oysters elsewhere, have increased greatly in the past two years, according to George Lewis, leader of the Newport oyster-men.

A new tree blight which has recently made its appearance in prune orchards of the Milton district is causing growers apprehension. So far no method has been discovered to combat its ravages.

Mrs. Leola Loring, former postmistress at Shaniko, was sentenced in the federal court to pay a fine of \$400 on her previous plea of guilty to a charge of having embezzled funds of her office.

The U. S. government dredge Oregon has completed its work in Yaquina Bay and will leave for Coos Bay. There is now a 10-foot channel to Toledo at low tide and about 18 feet at high tide.

Machinery for the crushing and asphaltum plant is being assembled near McMinnville, preparatory to beginning the work of hard surfacing eight miles of road between McMinnville and Bellevue.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the construction of the Elgin-Minam post road, with indications that the project will be finished this season. The road covers a distance of nine and one-quarter miles.

A larger acreage of rye has been planted in Lane county this year than ever before and people who are raising the cereal are enthusiastic over its value, according to N. S. Robb,

county agricultural agent.

The Benson Lumber company is to ship three rafts of logs to San Diego this summer. Two of the rafts have been completed at the company's plant at Wallace slough and the first one will leave for the south about June 20.

Orders have been given by Colonel Milton Davis of the military air service for the airplanes which are to exhibit at the Rose festival in Portland to divide into squadrons at the close of the festival and visit several towns in Oregon.

Prospects for further reductions in freight rates on sand, gravel and crushed rock to be used in road building in Oregon, involving a saving of large sums of money to the state and the several counties engaged in highway construction, are held out in a message received by Chairman Buchtel of the state public service commission from Max Phelan, director of traffic with the United States railroad administration.

Springfield will have a three days' celebration, June 12, 13 and 14, to be known as an "irrigation jubilee," observing the inauguration of the first irrigation project in the upper Willamette valley, that of the Benham Irrigation company.

Following meetings at Portland of lumber manufacturers of the north-west within the last few days, an advance of \$2 a thousand feet was announced in the prices of fir and hemlock lumber. This makes a total advance of \$6 a thousand within the last month.

The Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers' association of which W. H. Paulhamus of Puyallup, leading fruit canner and shipper of the northwest, is manager, has secured an option on a half block in Albany's business district for the purpose of installing a cannery.

Forest road-grading projects, in the construction of which the government co-operates with the state, have been approved by the United States department of agriculture, according to information received at the office of the state highway commission. The total cost is estimated at \$706,050.

The government has decided to hold a public auction sale of approximately 2,000,000 pounds of fine and fine medium and 750,000 pounds one-half blood and lower, Oregon, Washington and Idaho wools, also approximately 600,000 pounds of California wools of all classes, sales to take place at Portland Tuesday, June 10.

Six hundred and twenty-two accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the past week. Of this number four resulted in fatalities, as follows: Carluk Martik, construction work, Riverside; Tom Whittington, logging, Corvallis; George Prichard, logging, Corvallis; Mark Mercep, logging, Deer Island.

The first of a proposed series of farmers' conventions was held at Astoria, when scores of farmers from the various sections of the lower river district met as the guests of merchants of the city. The special object of the gathering was to promote interest in berry growing with a view of supplying a large berry cannery that is projected.

A total annual license tax of \$300,000 may reasonably be expected from the sale of gasoline and distillate in Oregon, according to estimates which have been made by Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state, as based on the tax paid by oil concerns since the gasoline license tax bill became effective February 26. The money received in taxes so far amounts to \$52,228.

The Sag section of the Baker-Cornucopia highway has been approved by the Portland office of the United States bureau of public roads, according to notice received by the state highway commission. Bids for work on the project will be opened at a meeting of the commission June 10, at which time the commission will also open bids on the Hubbard Creek-Brush Creek highway in Curry county.

With the purchase of a 12-acre tract on Rogue river, the Medford lodge of Elks asserts it will have the only outing club in the state owned by the order. The new site is within a 25-minute motor trip of Medford, reached by the Pacific highway and the lodge plans to erect an attractive clubhouse with accommodations for members, wives and children. While trout fishing will be the main diversion, there will be provisions for all sorts of outdoor sports and games including boating, swimming, baseball and tennis. This is the third large outing club established by Medford people on the banks of the Rogue.

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