

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Pondleton's *Chautauqua* week has been set for July 5 to 11.

Several new cases of influenza have made their appearance in Salem.

The state grange, in session at Hillsboro, voted to hold its 1920 annual session at Bend.

Ranchers of northern Curry county report that coyotes are on the increase in that section.

The Christian Endeavor societies of Linn and Benton counties held their fourth annual convention in Corvallis on Saturday and Sunday.

George T. Gerlinger of Dallas was appointed a member of the state board of forestry by Governor Olcott. He succeeds L. R. Hill of Cottage Grove.

In a fit of despondency resulting from prolonged illness, Robert Spickerman, 62 years old, shot himself through the head with a shotgun at The Dalles.

Of a total of 1985 preventable fires during 1918, 42 were suspected of incendiary origin, according to the annual report of Harvey Wells, state fire marshal.

Textbooks for use in the public schools of Oregon during the next six years will be selected by the Oregon state textbook commission at a meeting to be held in Salem June 2.

Unemployment is completely wiped out in Oregon, both in the industrial centers and throughout the farming and lumbering districts, according to a report of the department of labor.

Efforts to procure a material reduction in the cost of transporting fish which the state distributes to the various streams of Oregon will be made by the public service commission.

Fish propagation in the several state hatcheries is showing splendid results this spring, according to the report of R. E. Clanton, state fish warden, received by the fish and game commission.

Douglas county's ninth annual strawberry carnival and sportsmen's tournament was held in Roseburg under most favorable auspices. Thousands of people were present to enjoy the opening day's festivities.

Complete exoneration of the state industrial accident commission is given by Governor Olcott in connection with the charges of Lee Roy E. Keeley, a Portland attorney, over the A. G. Dibbern compensation case.

Most Oregon men who are in service overseas will have returned by August and practically all of them will be home by September, according to information that has reached the Oregon welcome committee in New York.

The proposal to maintain a representative in Washington to further the project for the establishment of a first-class naval base near the mouth of the Columbia river is being discussed by the Astoria chamber of commerce.

Three fatalities are included in the 588 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the past week. These were Martin Paul of Reliance, logger; Joseph Swartz, Knappa, logger; Louis Lambert, Neverstill, logger.

The semi-annual purchase of supplies for the various state institutions will be made June 12, when bids covering the needs of the institutions will be opened by the state board of control. These bids will cover supplies up to December 31.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of Portland, Mrs. Charles H. Castner of Hood River

and Mrs. W. H. Dancy of Salem were designated members of the advisory board for the state industrial school for girls, in appointments announced by Governor Olcott.

F. C. Knapp, F. H. Murphy and V. H. Haybarker, all of Portland, constitute the commission created by the recent legislature to regulate lighting in mills, factories and work shops, according to announcement of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

According to advices received from Senator Charles McNary at Washington, the United States government is considering sending out experts to Polk county and other places in the state to explore the oil fields which are supposed to be located there.

J. F. Buchanan, superintendent of the Homestead Iron Dyke mine, situated near Homestead, reports that the labor situation is very discouraging in his section. With a capacity of about 120 men not more than 60 are at present employed by the company because of the scarcity.

A resolution condemning Oregon as one of the worst states in the union with regard to the divorce evil and providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate conditions and instigate legislation to mitigate the growing tendency of divorce, was adopted at Portland by the 31st diocesan convention of the Episcopal church.

Another of a series of merchandise shoots, which have been attracting sportsmen from many sections of the Willamette valley, was held by the Albany Gun club Friday. Sportsmen from Astoria on the north to Eugene on the south were in attendance, and with a large crowd present competition was keen.

Crook County Superintendent J. E. Myers is issuing sugar beet seed for experimental purposes. Two-year tests show a quality of 19 per cent. If this year's test holds out the Ogden refinery will build a factory at Prineville. The Ochoco irrigation project is expected to produce great quantities of high grade beets.

Twenty-one cargoes or 31,500,000 feet of railroad ties are to be shipped out of Portland, Columbia river and Puget sound points to England. Of this total a third will be handled by Portland shippers. It is said the shipments will be completed by August 15. The worth of these ties to millmen will be approximately \$662,000.

The summer session at Oregon Agricultural college is expected to have a large enrollment, according to the number of inquiries already received. The big demand for teachers of agriculture, home economics and vocational courses will probably increase the number who will take these subjects during the summer months.

Harvey Wells, state commander of the Spanish war veterans, has received word that a rate of a fare and a third has been granted by the railroad administration for the state encampment of Spanish war veterans which will be held in Salem on July 2 and 3. The special rate will be given to all members of the organization and allied auxiliaries.

Steps have been taken to form a gigantic organization of all the prune growers of Oregon and of Clarke county, Washington, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association. This is the first move toward organizing all fruit growers of Oregon along lines of the several fruit growers' associations of California which have been in existence for a number of years.

Notice was received by the state highway commission from the United States department of agriculture that 88 army trucks, used during the war, will be allotted to Oregon for use in road work, the only stipulation being that they be used in building state-aided roads, including forest and post-roads. The trucks have a total value

of about \$220,000. They are now in Chicago, awaiting delivery to Oregon.

Thirty-seven days from the time her keel was laid and 10 days from the time she was launched the steel steamer City of Eureka, built at Portland by the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, left on her builders' trial trip. The builders claim world's records both for the elapsed time between the laying of the keel and the launching and between the launching and the completion of the vessel's equipment.

Appointment of the members of the newly-created state vocational educational board has been announced by Governor Olcott. The members include F. R. Ingalls of Dufur, David M. Dunno of Portland, E. J. Stack of Portland and Mrs. George McMath of Portland. The board is designed to cooperate with the federal government in procuring vocational educational facilities for public school children of the state.

Dean G. A. Covell of the Oregon Agricultural college will represent the engineering interests of the northwest in a national conference at Washington, D. C., June 23 and 24, the main purpose of which is to discuss the question of turning out from such technical institutions as the college men trained in both commerce and engineering, who can take charge of big industries and thus make it possible to extend foreign trade.

Harvey Wells, state fire marshal, has completed his annual report to the governor for the year ending March 31, and shows that the total fire losses paid during the year amounted to \$1,829,317.70. This amount represented 1956 claims and insurance at risk of \$11,055,144.71. During the year 18 persons lost their lives as a result of fires outside the city of Portland. Five were men, two women and 11 children. In amount of losses paid Columbia county leads all others with \$412,314.22. Multnomah being next with paid losses of \$276,694.25.

By a vote of 12 to one, the largest ever given in a special election, the voters of Klamath Falls have affirmed their faith in the Strahorn railroad project by accepting the offer of the railroad builder to transfer the municipal railroad now being completed to Gairy, 20 miles east, for \$30,000 in bonds in the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway company, with which Mr. Strahorn proposes eventually to connect the terminals of five different roads entering the state and to develop the Oregon inland empire. The builder has submitted a proposition to the city whereby in return for this transfer and completion of the terminal fund, he would start immediately toward the Sprague river valley, 20 miles north of Gairy, and tap the rich timber belt there this year.

WAR RISK MEASURE PASSED

Bill Provides \$45,000,000 for Soldiers' and Sailors' Families.

Washington.—Passage by the house of a deficiency bill providing urgent appropriations of \$45,044,500 for war risk allowances to soldiers' and sailors' families and civil war pensioners made another speed record for the new house, which adopted the woman suffrage resolution. The first sharp partisan clashes of the session between republicans and democrats occurred during discussion of the deficiency bill.

The measure authorizes appropriations of \$29,615,000 for allowances due May 1 and June 1 to about 700,000 families of soldiers, sailors and marines, \$2,000,000 for delayed Civil War pensions, and \$2,249,500 for administration of the war risk insurance bureau. It was passed without a dissenting vote after considerable partisan discussion, republicans and democrats making counter-charges of responsibility for payment delays.

Much Work on Treaties Still Pending.

Paris.—The American delegation has prepared a memorandum showing the status of affairs before the peace conference on the conclusion of the Austrian treaty. This discloses that a formidable amount of business is still to be transacted besides the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties, covering the whole range of inter-allied subjects. The memorandum leaves no doubt that the conference will continue for a considerable time after the treaties have been signed and President Wilson has left.

Canada's Unrest Spreads.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada.—Union workers of Calgary called a general strike in sympathy with the Winnipeg walkout.

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