

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The tenth annual strawberry fair and rose festival will be held in Lebanon this week.

Carl Whillock, 12 years of age, of Medford, was drowned in the Rogue river near Gold Ray.

Preparations for the erection of a new \$100,000 Presbyterian church building at Pendleton have been completed.

The extension division of the University of Oregon will hold its summer school in Portland from June 23 to August 1.

Lane county goat owners will realize about \$30,000 on mohair this season, according to N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent.

The resignation of Colonel John L. May as adjutant general for the state of Oregon was received by Governor Olcott, effective June 1.

The boys' and girls' clubs of Coos bay held a big meeting Wednesday in Marshfield. Exhibitions of sewing by the girls and cooking demonstrations were given.

Following an attempt at reconciliation with his divorced wife, Lee Patterson, aged 36 years, a resident of Baker, shot himself through the head with a revolver.

Roseburg will celebrate the national holiday with a three-day program July 24. The B. P. O. E. will sponsor the biggest celebration of its kind in the history of Douglas county.

Oregon's lumber production has increased 60 per cent since 1915, according to figures compiled by T. J. Stark, forest examiner, office of products, United States forest service.

Through a system of savings accounts the Umatilla public school children have earned and invested in war savings stamps and liberty bonds the sum of \$720 during the school term.

Because of the belief that western buyers are too cautious and that there is greater competition in the eastern market, a considerable amount of Umatilla county wool is going to Boston.

Governor Olcott has announced the appointment of V. H. Vawter of Medford as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon. He succeeds W. H. Gore, whose term has expired.

The wool pool of Yamhill county was sold to Nissen Brothers of Bellevue. Competition in the sales was strong. The entire clip is estimated at about 50,000 pounds, and the accepted bid was 50 cents.

Stockmen of Lane county are planning a trip by automobile this week from Eugene to the lower Willamette valley points to inspect herds of pure bred cattle, and study methods of handling herds.

Umatilla county now has \$757,000, received from the sale of road bonds, for road work being done in the county. As fast as contracts can be let the road construction planned is being put under way.

J. M. Thomas, deputy game warden of Coos county, has been informed that wild pigeons are so numerous on several inlets of Coos bay that ranchers are destined to suffer heavy losses from their depredations.

With the election of delegates to the supreme chapter which convenes at Denver, Colo., from September 31 to October 3, the fifth annual convention of the P. E. O. Sisterhood of Oregon came to a close at Eugene.

Prosperity seems to have struck a number of school districts of Lane county. New school houses are being

planned by some and improvements will be made generally this summer, according to E. J. Moore, county superintendent.

Willis Caldwell, a farmer living about two miles from Brownsville, stalked and killed a huge bald eagle, which he says he has been trying to get for several years. The bird was a male and measured 6 feet 4 inches from tip to tip.

School superintendents and other educators of the state will meet in a series of four educational conferences at the University of Oregon, June 25, 26 and 27, according to announcement by Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education.

A heavy frost wiped out the entire crop of tomatoes, potatoes, beans and corn in Lane county last week. Replanting will be necessary in every section of the county except a few protected patches along the Willamette and Mackenzie rivers.

After holding up three employees and robbing the Bank of Haines of \$3115 in currency, a lone robber gave his victims their choice of being locked in the vault, which might have meant death by smothering, or of taking an oath on a Bible that they would not leave the bank or give an alarm for 30 minutes. The three took the oath and kept it. The holdup occurred after banking hours. The bandit escaped in a taxicab.

A two weeks' short course for boys and girls in practical agriculture and home economics correlated with club work is expected to bring many young people to the Oregon Agricultural college for the summer session.

Articles of incorporation of "The American Legion" have been filed with the secretary of state and transmitted to Corporation Commissioner Schulderman for approval. The American legion is the new nation-wide organization of world-war veterans.

With the prospects for the largest fruit crop in the history of the Umpqua valley, the Umpqua Valley Fruit union has just closed a deal for a lot 50x180 feet at Roseburg, upon which a modern structure of reinforced concrete four stories high will be erected.

M. G. Noase of Portland, president of the Central Oregon Oil & Gas company; M. E. Baumtaster, G. E. and G. M. Lawrence were in Burns last week getting leases from land owners in the region of Dog mountain. It is their purpose to start active development at once.

Building operations throughout the Willamette valley are improving and works that have been delayed for the last two years because of the war are under way or being planned in the valley cities, according to John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific.

Protests have been made to Hood River county officials against drivers of motor trucks who, it is alleged, overload their vehicles, and with boxes, lumber and other articles projecting over the sides of racks, make it impossible for passenger cars to pass on most highways.

The improvement of 164.12 miles of state highway is involved in the call for bids issued by the state highway commission. These bids, which cover paving, grading and excavating, will be opened by the commission at their meeting in Portland, June 10, when the contracts will be awarded.

Steelheads planted a few years ago in East lake, 40 miles from Bend, have grown to a size making it virtually impossible to land them. N. G. Jacobson, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest, reported on his return from a trip to the lake. Some of the fish, he estimates, will weigh over 40 pounds.

Assistance for a large number of lumber concerns in Portland and that section of Oregon was sought from the war finance corporation by Representative Hawley and Whitney L. Boise

of Portland. The aid asked involves approximately \$1,000,000 needed to finance a contract for lumber and lumber products for export to Australia.

Professor M. L. Granning of Corvallis, head of the auto mechanics department at the Oregon Agricultural college; H. R. Fancher of The Dalles and E. E. Boggess of Portland will be the three members constituting the board of automobile mechanics examiners provided for by an act of the last legislature according to announcement made by Governor Olcott.

Captain Jacob Kanzler of Portland was selected by Governor Ben W. Olcott for appointment to be judge of the court of domestic relations of Multnomah county, a petition created by act of the last legislature, which also created the court. The appointment will be held in abeyance, pending determination of the legality of the act under which the office exists.

Pendleton is to have a 1500-barrel flour mill, in addition to its present three mills. Announcement was made by H. W. Collins that he and his associates had determined on the enterprise, let a contract for the building and purchased the necessary machinery. The company will be capitalized at a quarter of a million dollars. Its plant is expected to be in operation shortly after the first of the year.

Adolph Lewis, arrested at The Dalles with Edward Primrose, who afterward pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in having slain Chief of Police Ralph Gibbons in an attempt to escape arrest on a charge of having robbed the Bank of Washougal, Wash., was convicted by a jury in the circuit court of manslaughter, as an accessory to the Gibbons murder. He had previously confessed complicity in the robbery.

Contracts for 88.15 miles of road work, aggregating \$1,557,848, were awarded by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland. Fifty-four miles are to be hard-surfaced. At the June 10 and the July meetings the commission will open bids on further work. The desire is to clean up the Columbia river and Pacific highway next year, so that attention can be turned next to the development of the secondary roads of Oregon.

Robert L. Stevens, warden, and Joseph F. Keller, parole officer of the state penitentiary, Friday submitted their resignations to Governor Olcott. Warden Stevens' resignation became effective at once, while Mr. Keller, at the request of the governor, will remain in the state service until June 1. Immediately following the resignations the governor announced the appointment of Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, as temporary warden of the penitentiary until such time as the governor shall determine upon a permanent successor to Mr. Stevens.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN RUSSIA RELIEVED

Archangel.—The American cruiser Des Moines arrived here simultaneously with transports bringing new British volunteer army units to relieve the American and other troops who have been fighting since last August.

The ships on which the new forces arrived will transport the first unit of American infantry, which it is expected will be homeward bound in one week.

The last American infantry on the Volodga railway front has just been relieved after nearly eight months' service. The Americans received a rousing farewell from the British and Russian command at Obozerskaya.

PROCLAIM RHINE REPUBLIC

New Government is Installed Provisionally at Weisbaden.

Mayence.—The Rhine republic was proclaimed Sunday in various Rhine cities. The population welcomed the event with satisfaction and expressed the hope that it would put an end to the painful uncertainty prevailing in the Rhine provinces regarding the allied nations and Germany.

The new government is headed by Dr. Dorden. It has been installed provisionally at Weisbaden. Dr. Dorden addressed a message to the different governments and to the peace conference.

320,000 Americans Returned in Month.

Washington.—During May 320,000 American soldiers returned from France, Secretary of War Baker informed Secretary Daniels in a letter, praising the work of the navy department. This movement created a record for the transportation of troops in either direction, the secretary said.

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