

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Newport postoffice will be second class after July 1.

Mayor Albin of Salem has announced his intention of resigning to take up farming.

Sheridan was represented at the Portland Victory Rose Festival by a girls' band of 24 pieces.

A chapter of the American Legion has been formed by the returned soldiers of Klamath county.

The school board asks the people of Portland to vote next Saturday on a bond issue of \$2,500,000.

R. F. Jones, state representative from Lincoln and Polk counties, has resigned as mayor of Newport.

The mill of the Hardwood Lumber company at Albany was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

The 47th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association was opened in the Portland auditorium Thursday, June 19.

Ralph Tudor of Sutherland, Or., was appointed to West Point military academy by Senator Chamberlain and will enter immediately.

A new deposit of gold has been discovered on the beach at Newport near the old life saving station and is causing much excitement.

Influenza is reaching worrying proportions at Hood River. Scores of residents of the county have fallen victims to the epidemic.

Corvallis carpenters have recently formed a union and henceforth will ask for \$6 per day of eight hours. The wage was formerly \$5.

Fifty business men and dairymen met at Yamhill and took preliminary steps toward organizing a cooperative creamery and cheese factory.

Two fatalities are included in the list of 460 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending June 12.

The store of the Hill Hardware company at Harrisburg was broken into and goods to the value of \$200 and \$100 in cash were taken by the robber.

Two thousand out-of-town Victory Rose Festival guests were accommodated in Portland private homes, according to statistics compiled at the housing bureau.

The Roach Timber company, holder of 55,000 acres of timber in Douglas county, will soon begin the construction of 20 miles of railroad and two large sawmills in Sutherlin valley.

The Dailes entertained delegates to the G. A. R. convention which met there Tuesday. The soldiers of the civil war were welcomed warmly by the residents and an enjoyable program arranged.

Colonel John L. Leader, military commandant and instructor at the University of Oregon, has tendered his resignation to President Campbell and will leave at the end of the term for British Columbia.

The oil possibilities of Coos county are to be investigated thoroughly. Senator McNary has sent word to the North Bend chamber of commerce that he has arranged for a government man to come to this locality for the purpose.

Marion McClain of Eugene has been selected as successor to Dean H. Walker as graduate manager of student activities at the University of Oregon. Mr. McClain is a graduate with the class of 1906 and has been in business in Eugene since.

The need for \$125,000 worth of repairs, reconstruction and improvements on the Central Oregon irrigation project is given as the chief reason for an advance from 80 cents to \$2 per acre in maintenance fees charged settlers.

The famous old battleship Oregon has been taken out of commission at the Puget Sound navy yard and will remain there pending decision by Oregon as to whether that state desires to take over the vessel for the Oregon naval militia.

Four more alien slackers were forever barred from becoming American citizens by an order of Circuit Judge Eakin at Astoria. Approximately 29 foreign born residents of this section have been denied citizenship because they evaded the military draft.

Shortage of creosote oil and other essential material has caused the West Coast Lumbermen's association to abandon its project for underwriting a portion of the cost of putting down

five miles of wood block paving on the Pacific highway in Oregon.

Within 30 days, drilling for oil will be under way in Yamhill county. In the hope of developing a great supply of oil and natural gas, which would be of incalculable value to the state and to Portland, a number of Portland men of means have united in undertaking the preliminary work which will determine whether or not oil deposits underly large areas in the Willamette valley.

Foreign-language papers printed in the United States may be barred from the public libraries of Portland, if the book committee of the library association reports favorably on a suggestion which W. F. Woodward made at the monthly meeting of the directors.

After the most vigorous fight ever known in the history of the Mystic Shrine of North America, the imperial council in session at Indianapolis, by a vote of 259 to 142, decided on holding the 46th imperial council session in Portland, Or., June 8 to 11, 1920.

The Portland extension division of the University of Oregon will open its summer school June 23 and continue until August 1. Courses will be given in ethics, drawing, music, biology, physics, public speaking, education, literature, French, Spanish and psychology.

President Kerr of Oregon agricultural college was the orator at the flag day exercises at the McMinnville auditorium under the auspices of McMinnville lodge of Elks, following a parade, in which the Elks, Oddfellows and other organizations participated.

The application of the public service commission for a reduced rate on the transportation of the Oregon fish car, has been declined by the federal railroad administration on the ground that such preference is not justified and could not be acceptably explained under centralized control.

Miss Fern Hobbs, formerly secretary to Governor Oswald West, has been appointed chief of the home communication section of the American Red Cross in France, according to the Red Cross bulletin of Paris under date of May 17. Miss Hobbs entered the Red Cross service last summer.

William Rumley, colored, 89 years old, who is the oldest settler in Curry county, has proved up on a homestead far up the Rogue river. Rumley was born in slavery and came west with his eleventh master in the gold rush of '49 in California. He later came to Oregon and settled in Curry county in 1867.

Further difficulties encountered by the Phez company in procuring loganberries enough for its various fruit juice products are disclosed in a new suit filed at Salem against the Salem Fruit union, in which the plaintiff company seeks to restrain the fruit union from disposing of its loganberry pool to any others than the plaintiff.

Marshfield, North Bend, East Side, Coquille and Myrtle Point face a condition which may result in suspension of electric power and light, if the intention of the receivers of the C. A. Smith property to withdraw permission to the Oregon Power company to operate the electric plant at the main Marshfield mill is allowed to be carried out.

Courses of study for public schools and high schools of Oregon will not be ready for distribution until late in August, according to announcement by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. The change in textbooks for the coming six years necessitates a delay by the educational department in mapping out the courses of study for the fall term.

No material change in the cost of living is to be found in a comparison of the figures submitted on provisions for the state institutions in bids opened by the state board of control, as compared with the figures of six months ago. While some items show material reductions in price in the six months period, other items offset this gain by just as material increases.

Gene Simpson, who has been raising pheasants for years and whose pheasant farm recently was acquired by the state, has been placed in charge of pheasant production by the state game and fish commission. The commission decided to close the pheasant season on October 13 this year as a means of protecting the birds and to purchase as many pheasants as possible, releasing them after the season closes. The commission's farm at Corvallis will have 3300 birds this year.

At the close of the fourteenth business session in Portland, C. S. Hudson, president of the First National bank of Bend, was elected president of the Oregon State Bankers' association for the ensuing year. The association voted approval of a proposition under which the banks are to

assess themselves one-twenty-fifth of 1 per cent of capital and surplus to create a fund for organized effort directed by the association toward encouragement of the breeding of high-grade stock and increased output of crops.

Of the 4534 automobiles registered with the secretary of state's office during May, 3317 were new cars, according to a report just compiled. With a total of 69,693 cars registered up to June 1 it is expected that the total registrations for 1919 will reach and even exceed the estimate of 80,000 which has formed the basis for figures in connection with anticipated revenues from this source for use in improving and maintaining state highways in Oregon. Revenues from license fees—motor vehicle, motorcycle, dealer and chauffeur—received during May totaled \$37,290, bringing the total for this year thus far to \$516,235.50, an increase of more than 25 per cent over the showing of \$403,577.50 for the same period a year ago.

TO ALLOW GERMANY ARMY OF 200,000

Paris.—Germany is to be allowed an army of 200,000 men for three years. This is one of the changes in the peace terms which has been sedulously kept secret.

The reason given for this doubling of the previous number of effectives is the impossibility of adjusting the armies of Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other new states proportionately to the previously arranged 100,000 men for Germany.

A general reduction of armaments is to be negotiated immediately.

Germany's admission to the league of nations is fixed for "the near future."

Her admission will enable Germany to bring up for discussion her economic propositions. Germany will be given four months to submit to the allies proposals dealing with her total indebtedness through reparations, and methods for the payment thereof. She may propose merchandise and labor. The allies are to reply within two months.

A plebiscite for upper Silesia will be taken within six to 18 months.

A clause deals with the protection by the league of nations of German minorities inhabiting the districts taken from Germany. Another deals with the inter-allied civil commission, which will administer the left bank of the Rhine, occupied by the allied troops, in which the existing military commission will be subordinated.

LABOR OPPOSES DRY LAW

Samuel Gompers Heads Demonstration at Washington.

Washington.—Several thousand representatives of organized labor, headed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, participated in a flag-day labor demonstration held on the steps of the capitol Saturday in favor of the repeal of the war-time prohibition law and exemption of beer and light wines under the national prohibition amendment.

Charging invasion of the right of personal liberty, solemn warning was sounded that if absolute prohibition is allowed to become effective on July 1, widespread unrest throughout the country will be the result.

Will Continue Thrift Campaign.

Washington.—Sales of savings stamps and certificates will be relied upon by the treasury to supply a large part of the government's financial needs during the period of transition and the thrift campaign started during the war will be continued as a permanent part of the government's fiscal policy. Secretary Glass told officials of 12 federal reserve districts gathered to plan the thrift campaign in the next six months.

Portland to Sacramento Flight Fast.

Sacramento, Cal.—Lieutenants W. McR. Beck and W. A. Bevan, in a De Havilland airplane, equipped with a 400-horse power Liberty motor, arrived here from Portland, Ore., the actual running time between the two cities being 6 hours, 18 minutes.

Rail Business Increases.

Washington.—Increasing business, which it is hoped may offset the railroad deficit sufficiently to make an advance in rates unnecessary, was reported by the railroad administration a statistic for traffic last week.

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