

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Edward Burke, for over 20 years one of the leading merchants of Baker, is dead.

A council of the Knights and Ladies of Security has organized at Lebanon. has organized at Lebanon.

The Klamath Packing company at Klamath Falls has been reorganized with a capital stock of \$60,000.

Cheese to the amount of \$16,000 was lost when the Coos Bay creamery near Marshfield was destroyed by fire.

The Moro hotel, owned by W. C. Rutledge, was completely destroyed by fire on the afternoon of July 4.

The Methodist congregation of Dallas is contemplating the erection of a new \$25,000 church in the near future.

The state lime board at a recent meeting at Gold Hill ordered the crew at the quarry reduced from 16 to six men.

Members of the Oregon State Dental association gathered in Portland this week for their twenty-sixth annual convention.

H. S. C. Phelps, well-known throughout Clackamas county, died at the family home in Portland. He was 91 years of age.

The McKenzie pass at the summit of the Cascade mountains is now open for automobile traffic, according to latest reports.

The first of the 1919 crop of wheat was brought to Pendleton last week from the Orval Wells ranch, north-east of Yakum.

The Winchester Bay Lumber company at Florence has purchased from the Day Logging company about 8,000,000 feet of logs.

H. C. Moore, for the past 50 years a resident of Wasco county, died at Gwendolen, east of The Dalles. He was 80 years of age.

Business failures decreased 48 per cent in Oregon during the first three months of 1919 compared with the same period last year.

The grange of Lane county will hold a joint meeting in Eugene on July 18, when John G. Kitchum, national grange lecturer, will speak.

Portland's postal receipts in the fiscal year just ended were \$1,704,080.15, or \$218,526.58 greater than the receipts for the previous fiscal year.

Nick ("Cap") Brown, a well known character of Lakeview, was instantly killed when the auto in which he was riding struck a sharp curve and turned over.

Grain handlers of local No. 4 of Portland struck for an increase in the scale from 75 to 80 cents an hour. Loading of three steamships was suspended.

William T. Booth, aged 84 and a civil war veteran, died in Salem at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles V. Calloway, wife of the state tax commissioner.

R. R. Bartlett, chief engineer of the port of Astoria, has been appointed a member of the new engineering examiners' board authorized by the last legislature.

Zane Grey, famous author and naturalist, is in Klamath county, making his headquarters at Rocky Point, near the famous Harriman lodge on Upper Klamath lake.

The first labor union in Dallas was organized when 20 employees of the Southern Pacific shops organized a local of the International Association of Machinists.

The wool clip of the J. E. Smith company of Pendleton, amounting to 65,000 pounds, has been sold to Boston parties for 58 cents a pound. Part of the Johnson & Pearson clip brought 62 cents.

Governor Olcott has appointed Miss Jane V. Doyle of Portland as a member of the state board of examination and registration of graduate nurses to succeed Miss Hazel Butler, also of Portland, who has resigned.

H. S. Bond, formerly of Monroe, a veteran employe of the Southern Pacific, assumed the duties of agent for that company at Dallas, succeeding the late I. N. Woods, who held the position for more than 30 years.

A daily wage of about \$35 is ordinary pay for sheep shearers, according to State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle. In Lake county the sheep owners are paying 22 cents a head, and any troy, it is said, can shear 100 sheep in a day.

The United States government can buy 40 acres of land adjoining its rifle range at Clackamas station from Mi-

chael Gaffney for \$4583.33 as a result of the valuation fixed in a verdict returned by a jury in federal court at Portland.

George A. Hall, Portland attorney, and John N. Sievers, ex-justice of the peace at Oregon City, were found to have conspired to defraud Mrs. Parmelia L. Tyler, aged 86, of \$21,942.47 by the unanimous verdict of a jury in the circuit court in Portland, which awarded that sum to the elderly plaintiff as damages.

A. E. Cronewald has been appointed county school superintendent of Wasco county for the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of Clyde T. Bonney.

The Pendleton county council has taken definite action toward obtaining a landing place for airplanes. The place selected will be at the Sam Bitter place, three miles east of the city.

Two hundred horses have been replaced by tractors in Lane county within the last year. Since the planting season of 1918 began 60 machines have been purchased in the county, and the larger number of them were bought this year.

Farmers of Lane county will soon have borrowed \$700,000 under the provisions of the federal farm loan act. Appraisements are partially completed for loans of \$100,000, and \$500,000 already has been borrowed through the federal bank at Spokane.

The Corvallis fire department succeeded in preventing further spread of the flames which threatened to destroy the town of Peoria. The saw-mill was a complete loss. It was valued at \$10,000. Half a dozen private dwellings were also destroyed.

Although it has been a continuously dry season so far around Baker, the ranges are in fine shape. About 35,000 sheep are grazing on privately owned land in Sumpter and Austin, and including those in the Whitman forest district, the total will run to 70,000.

Oregon ranks among the first of states of the country engaged in club work, reports L. J. Allen, in charge of pig club work at the Oregon Agricultural college, who has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended a conference of pig club agents and swine specialists.

Russell Brooks, son of Mrs. Mildred Robinson Brooks, county recorder of Marion county, whose appointment as American vice consul to Rotterdam, Holland, has been announced, is perhaps one of the youngest members of the American diplomatic service, being but 28 years old.

Government action in an effort to recover to the state the remaining 12,000 or 13,000 acres of land still in litigation in the notorious Hyde-Benson land fraud cases were initiated upon the arrival in Salem of C. R. Arundell, representative of the federal land department and an expert in land fraud litigation.

Because of the numerous complaints of property, overgrown with brush, grass and weeds, of banks that have caved down on sidewalks and covered the paths, Mayor Baker of Portland has instructed Chief of Police Johnson that the police must begin a determined campaign to force property owners to clean up their premises.

The high price now being paid for loganberries is the basis of numerous lawsuits now pending in the Salem courts. Berries have risen in price from 3 cents two years ago to 9 cents this year and growers, who were under long-term contracts, are seeking to rescind them in order to take advantage of the present high prices.

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon totaled 72,848, according to figures made public by Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state. The total registration for all of 1918 was 63,325. Motor vehicle fees for the first six months of the present year amount to \$542,340. This is nearly \$100,000 in excess of the total fees received all last year.

The oil produced by the mint growers of the Willamette valley will be pooled this year, according to decision of the Willamette Valley Mint Growers' association at a meeting held in Eugene. By pooling it is expected a price of from \$8 to \$10 a pound will be obtained for the oil this year. It sold for \$4 a pound last year and \$3 a pound during 1917.

Nine hundred and thirty thousand dollars in bonds of the Teel irrigation district are being issued by the secretary of state's office, following final approval at a meeting of the irrigation securities commission Thursday. It is expected that definite development work on the project, which covers 16,000 acres of land in Umatilla county, will now be undertaken at once.

At a meeting of the desert land board in Salem the transfer of the

Morson Land company's project to the Walker Basin irrigation company was approved, thus clearing the way for immediate development work on the 27,000 acres in Deschutes and Klamath counties included in this project. The Walker Basin company is headed by Frank M. Tones, a banker of La Pine, and includes some of the most influential men of La Pine and the Walker Basin among its stockholders.

Clyde (Red) Rupert, escaped convict from the Oregon state penitentiary, a former well known athlete and ex-police officer of Portland, was arrested at Brawley, Cal. Rupert was recognized on the streets of Brawley by Robert Lee Ringer of Portland, it is said. Rupert was sent to prison for the theft of \$19,500 in Liberty bonds from a Portland bank. He was watchman at the bank at the time of the theft. He made his escape four months ago while working in the state convict camp in the lime quarry at Gold Hill, Ore.

Failure of congress to appropriate sufficient funds to carry on the work of the federal employment bureau, coupled with the impending shutdown in all Oregon shipyards this fall, may necessitate the calling of a special session of the legislature within the next few months to provide money for a state-managed employment system which will meet a critical situation.

## EX-KAISER'S TRIAL IS ABSORBING TOPIC

London.—Nothing has fired British imagination as much in years as the announcement by Premier Lloyd George that the ex-kaiser will soon be tried in London. It is the sole topic of discussion everywhere and the wish seems wholehearted and unanimous throughout Britain that the ex-monarch be brought to justice without delay. The subject has wiped everything except news of the R-34 from the front pages of London newspapers, which print columns of conjecture and comment.

Opinion is divided as to whether Holland will release the ex-kaiser, but J. C. Vanderveer, a prominent Dutch editor, thinks there will be no trouble in bringing about the defendant's extradition. Dispatches from Holland tend to strengthen the view that while there may be a show of resistance on legal and international grounds, the Netherlands government will eventually deliver its unwelcome guest into his judges' hands.

## GOLD OF WORLD CORNERED

The United States Has the Greatest Stock Known to History.

Washington.—Already possessed of the greatest single stock of gold in history, the United States could lay claim to most of the remaining free gold of the world in payment of its favorable merchandise balance, the federal reserve bulletin states in its July issue.

The balance approximated \$9,000,000,000 in the last three years and bids fair to continue at the same rate this year, affording a problem to arrange payments without bankrupting debtor nations and still further enhancing the cost of living here through the importation of more metal.

Under the gold embargo, which recently was lifted, making the United States practically the only free gold market in the world, the federal reserve board issued 1142 licenses for the export of \$152,325,976 of gold and 1500 licenses for the shipment of \$502,756,002 in silver. About 755 applications of all classes were declined.

Gunman Shoots McMinnville Cop. McMinnville, Or.—Night Policeman J. E. Clark, with his left hand shot off and three bullets passing through his hat, saved his life by fleetness of foot at 3:15 o'clock Sunday morning. While making his regular rounds of the city Officer Clark saw a light-colored automobile standing near the city hall. Upon approaching the vehicle he was hailed by one of the occupants who asked the direction to Tillamook. Before he could reply the officer was told to throw up his hands. An instant later the man opened fire with the result that the officer's hand was shattered.

Major General Allen Commands Rhine. Paris.—Major General Henry T. Allen, it was announced at American military headquarters, will succeed Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett in command of the "forces on the Rhine," the new title of the army of occupation.

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