

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Due to the rapid growth of Wheeler the local postoffice has been made a third-class office.

All Portland hog price records were smashed Saturday when hogs were quoted at \$22 a hundred pounds.

The Lebanon cannery is taxed to its utmost to care for the loganberries offered for canning at this time.

The Oregon state highway commission has let contracts for approximately 100 miles of road paving, to cost \$1,713,113.

Records at the Portland city health bureau show that births from January to July have exceeded the number of deaths by 378.

W. A. Reid, secretary of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, has received an offer of the secretaryship of The Dalles chamber.

David C. Sanderson, publisher of the Freewater Times, died suddenly in his room at the Benson hotel in Portland, supposedly from heart disease.

Deputy Secretary of State Koser announces that the 1919-1920 volume of the Oregon Blue Book will be ready for distribution the latter part of this month.

Governor Olcott appointed Arthur Berridge, of Portland, as a member of the state board of accountancy to succeed W. R. McKenzie, who has resigned.

Owners of nearly 3000 acres of prunes in Lane county became members of the Oregon Fruit Growers Cooperative association at a meeting held in Eugene.

Bend, McMinnville, Klamath Falls and Astoria are the latest Oregon towns to make application for organization of local chapters of the American Legion.

Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker of Portland have extended an invitation to President Wilson to accompany the new Pacific fleet when it visits Portland.

Construction of the Port of Astoria's \$1,000,000 export pier No. 3 will be started immediately by the Foundation company, whose officials and staff of engineers are now in the city.

Sheriff Anderson of Baker has returned from San Francisco with Charles Connors, the alleged Haines bank robber, who is now locked up in the Baker county jail awaiting trial.

Senator I. L. Patterson of Polk county, mentioned as a possible selection for warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, denied emphatically that he is or ever had been a candidate for the position.

Excavation has started for the \$70,000 engineering laboratory building at the Oregon Agricultural college, authorized by the legislature, the contract having been let to Hoover & McNeil, of Albany.

A group of Scandinavian merchants, financial men and traders visited in Portland and placed contracts for big quantities of foodstuffs, manufactured goods and raw products and for the construction of ships.

Fire losses in Oregon, outside of Portland, for the month of June aggregated \$446,854, according to a statement by State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells. Albany, Hood River and Marshfield suffered the heaviest loss.

Clatsop county is in need of school teachers and unless application are received for existing vacancies soon, several country schools will be without instructors next fall, according to O. H. Byland, county superintendent.

Seth L. Roberts of Portland was appointed by Governor Olcott to succeed W. Ferguson as a member of the state board of accountancy. Mr. Ferguson resigned when he became a member of the industrial accident commission.

The grain yield of Clackamas county for 1919 is to be larger than for many years, and the farmers, who have planted much of their land this year to oats, wheat and other grain, are optimistic over the outlook for a large harvest.

The war mineral relief committee will arrive in Portland July 24 and will remain one day investigating the claims of chrome mining interests in Oregon for reimbursement of losses sustained while producing ore for the government.

According to reports from Washington the Pacific fleet and Secretary of

the Navy Daniels will visit the Columbia river harbors when the new fighting division of America's navy is sent to take up its position on the western coast.

One million dollars worth of state highway bonds were delivered by State Treasurer Hoff to a syndicate headed by Carstens & Earles of Seattle, who bid them in at the monthly meeting of the highway commission in Portland at \$94.25, the issue netting the state \$942,800 with accrued interest from June.

Hereafter convicts who violate their paroles by the commission of a crime will be returned to the state prison to serve the full maximum sentence without any hope of further consideration for parole by the governor or the state parole board.

Blame for the epidemic of small pox which has resulted in 650 cases in Portland since it began in December is fastened by Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, upon inefficiency and red tape in the Portland office of the United States shipping board.

Dr. F. W. Hollister of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Dental association at the close of the annual convention in Portland. He has been secretary of the association for the past year and is a member of the state board of dental examiners.

Pendleton's newest financial institution is the Inland Empire bank. It started with a capital of \$250,000, which is exceeded by only two banks in the state outside of Portland. J. W. Maloney, for 36 years a resident of Umatilla county, is president of the bank.

Fred M. Hesse, of the Hesse-Martin Iron works of Portland, has been appointed by Governor Olcott a member of the state board of engineering examiners. He will take the place of J. C. Strange of Portland, who was unable to accept the appointment for business reasons.

With the shipment through Bend of a large quantity of lumber and tank materials by Jason Moore, who holds options on the nitrate deposits at Summer and Abert lakes in Lake county, it is indicated that there will be considerable development of these deposits this summer.

Oregon has nearly \$30,000,000 in highway building funds in sight for the years of 1919-20-21, according to information received by the department of industries of the Portland chamber of commerce from Roy A. Klein, secretary of the Oregon state highway commission.

All of the Oregon Congressional delegation was present at a hearing on the Hawley bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt highway held by the house committee on public roads, in Washington, an appeal for the highway was also made by Louis J. Simpson of North Bend, Or.

Stolen property worth about \$1000 was recovered by the Portland police after a workman had plowed up two sacks of silverware and other articles from a cache at Sixth and Main streets. The stolen goods had been buried under the porch of an old house, which has since been torn down.

Jerome S. Mann, formerly cashier of the First National bank of Linton, was found not guilty by a jury in the federal court at Portland of a charge of having misappropriated \$123,000 of the funds of the bank in connection with the financial manipulations of the J. A. Patton Lumber company.

The largest vessels in the American battle fleet, soon to start to the Pacific coast, can safely and easily be brought into Portland harbor. This was established at a meeting of a special committee appointed by Mayor Baker to investigate actual channel conditions from Portland to the sea.

Upon the recommendation of Conrad Stafrin, adjutant-general, Governor Olcott sent a letter to the war department at Washington, D. C., requesting that Major Percy A. Willis be appointed inspector-instructor for the Third Oregon infantry. Major Willis served for eight years in the national guard of Oregon, previous to his entrance in the United States army.

The law intended to prohibit the movement of cattle across the state line into Oregon before they have been inspected is inoperative in that it applies only to shipment of cattle by common carrier and not to driving them. This was the opinion of Attorney-General Brown in response to a complaint filed by S. O. Correll of Baker, secretary of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, who charged that many district attorneys throughout Oregon were neglecting to enforce the law.

The industrial welfare commission has accepted the recommendations of the special wage conference regard-

ing hours and wages of women workers in Oregon. The new regulations will go into effect early in October. They provide briefly for a 48 hour week, with a minimum wage of \$13.20, with proportionate increases for apprentices, forbidding the employment of sheet music demonstrators or elevator operators in lodging houses, with certain exceptions, after 6 p. m., a minimum wage of \$60 a month of experienced adult office workers.

Deputy State Sealer William A. Dalsell is in receipt of reports from various points in Central Oregon to the effect that some person, representing himself to be an employee of the department of weights and measures, is testing and repairing scales and collecting fees therefor. Mr. Dalsell calls attention to the fact that under the present state law the office does not employ any person in that capacity, but that a sealer is located in each district, whose duty it is to test and inspect all weights and measures, and that no fee whatever is collected for that service.

DEATH PENALTY FOR TURKISH LEADERS

Constantinople.—Enver Pasha, Talaat Bey and Djemal Pasha, the leaders of the Turkish government during the war, were condemned to death by a Turkish court martial investigating the conduct of the Turkish government during the war period.

Enver and his two leading associates in the Young Turk government fled from Turkey several months ago and their whereabouts is uncertain.

David Bey, former minister of finance, and Alusa Metssa Kiazim, former Sheikh-ul-Islam were sentenced to 15 years at hard labor.

The court martial acquitted Rifaat Bey, former president of the senate, and Pachim Bey, former minister of posts and telegraphs.

R-34 REACHES HOME

Return to England Made Without Mishap in 75 Hours.

Pulham, Norfolk, England.—Great Britain's mammoth trans-Atlantic air pioneer, the dirigible R-34, arrived at the air station here, completing her round trip from the British Isles to the United States and return. The voyage from Long Island was completed in approximately 75 hours. "The voyage home has been without incident," said Major Scott, commander of the dirigible. "We estimated we would make it in from 70 to 80 hours," he said. "We made it in 75. When we left we had a strong wind behind us and we covered the first 800 miles in about eight hours. When we circled over New York we could plainly see the crowds on Broadway waving to us as we passed, but we could not hear them because of the noise of the engines."

Loss in Brownsville Fire \$100,000. Albany, Or.—Loss caused by the Brownsville fire, which destroyed one-third of the business section of the city and wiped out 21 residences, is estimated at approximately \$100,000. Insurance figures are not available but much of the property destroyed was not insured and the total insurance will cover a relatively small proportion of the loss.

Life Sentence is Given Robber. Roseburg, Or.—Mike Zelock, leader of the quartet who entered a bunk house at the government rock crusher below Scottsburg a month ago and robbed Joe Tarvick, an Austrian, of approximately \$2000, was Saturday sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime.

Brand Whitlock Goes to Italy. Paris.—Brand Whitlock has been named as American ambassador to Italy.

Renewal of 320 insurance company licenses and 6000 agents' licenses during the month of March set a record in the office of Insurance Commissioner Wells, which is expected to stand for some time to come. Receipts of the department for the month were \$179,000, as against \$20,000 for the preceding month.

During the past week the state industrial accident commission received reports of 468 accidents, of which five were fatal, as follows: Joe Salovich, Clatsop county, logging; F. W. Gillman, Portland, steel worker; William Graves, Portland, steel worker; James Mapley, Portland, steel worker; R. R. Tracy, Turner, lineman.

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