

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Wasco county has before it the greatest program of road construction in its history.

All bids for Sherman county's \$300,000 issue of road bonds were rejected by the county court.

But 19 teachers in a necessary force of 35 have been secured for the Marshfield city schools.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will hold a community fair during the week of September 8.

William H. Kellendonk, an old time resident of Estacada, was found dead in bed. He was 78 years old.

D. W. Bailey, pioneer Pendleton attorney, died suddenly in his office. Mr. Bailey was about 64 years old.

Governor and Mrs. Olcott, beginning about August 1, will leave Salem on a trip to Yellowstone National park.

That farm property is in demand in Clackamas county is evident from the number of sales that have been made recently.

The sawmill belonging to George Kilian, a few miles from Silverton, was destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$5600.

Under the direction of the Dallas Woman's club a swimming pool for small children is being built in the bed of La Creole river.

Bids will be received by the state highway commission, August 5, for every mile of highway between The Dalles and Pendleton.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, has just issued the 1919 edition of the Oregon school laws and copies are now being sent out.

Four steel steamships of 6,000 tons will be built by the Albina Engine and Machine works, a Portland shipyard, for a group of Scandinavian business men.

The public service commission will hold a hearing in Amity, July 28, on the application of the Amity Mutual Telephone company for an increase in rates.

Salem firemen and policemen have petitioned the city council to grant an increase in their wages to \$100 a month. They are now receiving only \$90 to \$95.

The Pendleton city council has ordered the purchase of a new automobile street flusher and sprinkler, to replace the present horse-driven equipment in use.

By the first of August at the latest Pendleton will be entirely independent from the river for its water supply, as a new pipe line is being laid to Chapliss springs.

There are now more men than jobs in Umatilla county. The free employment bureau at Pendleton finds that there are about three hands available for every harvest job.

With the employment of a manager to attend to its business for the coming year, the Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' association will be more active this year in the potato market.

Patients in Portland hospitals also have met the high cost of living. Both St. Vincent's hospital and the Good Samaritan hospital have increased their rates since ante bellum days.

Virgil D. Earl, for the past 11 years head of the department of mathematics and athletic coach at the Washington high school in Portland, has been elected principal of the Astoria high school.

Lane county's spirit of cooperation was illustrated when more than 1000 farmers met with members of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce in an all day picnic on the University of Oregon campus.

The voting of \$5,000,000 bonds by the North Unit irrigation district of Jefferson county has been validated and in all respects confirmed in a decree by Circuit Judge Duffy in the county clerk's office.

A regular freight service from Portland to Australia and New Zealand, with monthly sailings, will be established soon, provided Portland can furnish from 2000 to 3000 tons of cargo each way for each sailing.

The June contribution of the Standard oil company to the good roads fund of Oregon under the fuel oil tax law amounted to \$26,789.12, a gain of more than five thousand dollars over the tax for the previous month.

The Silverton Food Products company has started a cannery in the Loughmiller mill building. The com-

pany will specialize on Evergreen berries, but will handle some loganberries and possibly some prunes.

Ranchers of Deschutes county were advised to perfect plans for going before the legislature at the 1921 session to ask for the establishment of an experiment station near Bend, when Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, spoke at a banquet given by the Deschutes county farm bureau in honor of the visiting regents of the college.

To stimulate agriculture, domestic science, horticulture and livestock production, the Deschutes county court appropriated \$125 for community fairs to be held in Bend, Redmond, Tualuma and in the Grange district.

Portland physicians by concerted action have increased their rates in proportion to other items in the high cost of living, and patients must now pay all the way from 50 cents to \$1000 more than they used to in pre-war days.

A gift of 160 acres of land on which there stands 3,000,000 feet of timber, has been given to Willamette university by a donor whose name is withheld. The same donor has given \$500 for the equipment of an infirmary in Lausanne hall.

During the week ending July 17 there were reported to the state industrial accident commission 337 accidents, of which three were fatal. The fatalities include Charles Adams of Brighton, Thomas Dew of St. Helena, and H. E. Breien of Coquille.

Under an agreement reached by both the Portland grainhandlers' union and the employers involved, the state board of conciliation is to hold hearings on the issues at stake and the suggestions of the board will be taken as a ruling by both parties.

Salem's first overseas war bride arrived in the person of Mrs. G. E. Tuleja, a native of France and formerly instructor of English in the French schools at Le Havre. Mr. Tuleja until recently was in the United States navy and it was while traveling from Paris to Brest that he met his young bride.

Practically every lumber and tie concern west of the Cascade mountains and between Portland and the California boundary has joined in an appeal to the railroad administration to secure for shippers and consumers the same rates on lumber between local points in Oregon as now exist between local points in Washington.

With a total of \$66,166.99 collected in the six month period ending June 30, receipts from taxes on gifts, legacies and inheritance had almost doubled over the same period in 1918, when the state's revenues from this source totalled but \$36,353.47, according to the semi-annual report of State Treasurer Hoff, submitted to Governor Olcott.

Because of the apparent tardiness of many electrical contractors in Oregon in filing bonds in the sum of \$500 and paying their annual license fee of \$15 State Labor Commissioner Gram announced that he would begin checking up the delinquents on August 1. Penalty for failing to comply with the terms of the law carries a maximum fine of \$100.

Small cities and towns throughout Oregon are advised in a warning issued by the state fire marshal to look at their fire fighting equipment, lest they suffer disaster similar to that which has come to several Oregon towns in the recent past. From investigations made by the deputies it has been found that many of the smaller cities are without adequate fire fighting apparatus.

Because of inability of the attorney-general to lay down a hard and fast rule defining an institution of learning under the soldiers', sailors' and marines' financial educational aid bill and because it will be necessary for some of the institutions to show that they have the facilities for furnishing a course of study that will be beneficial to applicants, Deputy Secretary of State Koser today called a conference at the state capitol.

The service medals for Oregon's fighting sons, authorized by an act of the last legislature, will be distributed November 11, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice, with appropriate ceremonies in every county in the state, according to plans formulated at a meeting of the medal commission in Salem. This commission is composed of Governor Olcott, State Treasurer Hoff, Adjutant General Straffin and State Librarian Cornelia Marvin.

Some 1 1/2 a of the enormous amount of gasol consumed in the operation of motor vehicles and other activities in Oregon may be obtained from the report of Sam Koser, deputy secretary of state, which shows that if all this

product, together with the distillate, used between February 26 and June 30, 1919, amounting to 13,315,188 gallons, was placed in one container it would require a tank 200 feet in diameter and 57 1/2 feet high. The tank would cover an ordinary city block in Portland. If placed in regular 10,000-gallon capacity railroad tank cars, it would make a train of these cars 11 miles long.

Warning to housewives of Oregon to refrain from using canning compounds harmful to health has been received by the state sealer of weights and measures from the department of agriculture at Washington. In the circular received by the state sealer it is charged that many of the canning compounds contain salicylic or boric acid and are unnecessary for the reason that fruits and vegetables will keep for a long period without the use of chemicals. The warning was issued, it is said, because the laws of the government and state do not apply to foods prepared in the homes for local consumption.

The improvement of the old military wagon road over the summit of the Cascade mountains by way of the upper Willamette river into Klamath county, thereby providing a good automobile highway between Eugene and Klamath Falls and incidentally to Crater lake, was practically assured when the Lane county court promised a committee from the Eugene chamber of commerce that it would furnish the money to improve that portion of the road between the Rignion ranch and the summit of the mountains, leaving only a few miles in Klamath county to be improved.

If Governor Olcott should resign as secretary of state, he would relinquish his right to serve as governor and would hold neither office, according to the legal contention of Frank S. Grant, former city attorney of Portland, who filed an amicus curiae brief in the supreme court relative to the mandamus proceedings recently instituted by Governor Olcott to determine his rights and duties as governor.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS REPORTED ILL

Washington.—President Wilson returned to Washington early Monday from a week-end cruise to Hampton Roads and was immediately ordered to bed by his personal physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, who announced that the president was suffering from dysentery.

Admiral Grayson said the president's condition was not serious, but that he probably would be unable to receive callers before the end of the week. Engagements which Wilson had with a number of republican senators to discuss the peace treaty and the league of nations were canceled.

The president had been complaining of feeling badly for several days and it was supposed he was suffering with a slight attack of indigestion.

MONTANA DROUTH UNUSUAL

Missouri at Great Falls Never So Low, Cities Fear Water Scarcity.

Helena, Mont.—The year of drouth which has precipitated a grazing crisis under which tens of thousands of cattle, horses and sheep are to be sent to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska to graze is said to be the most remarkable in the annals of the state. The dry weather has caused serious forest fires and worse are feared, as August is a more critical month than July, while September and October are often the worst of all.

The rivers are low. The Missouri at Great Falls never has been known to be so low. The drouth is wider spread than at has been heretofore. Not only the so-called dry-farming counties, which ranked as semi-arid in the past and were used chiefly for grazing, but the fertile valleys of the south and west have felt the heat. Even irrigation has not always assured good crops, for water for that purpose has begun to run low.

Philippines to Be Made Dry.

Manila.—The Philippine legislature purposes the enactment of a prohibition measure for the islands in the event it is held that the national prohibition amendment recently ratified in the United States does not apply to the Philippines.

Agricultural Bill Passed by House.

Washington.—The agricultural appropriation bill, without the daylight repeal rider, passed the house by a vote of 263 to 177.

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