

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Eugene lodge of Elks is organizing a brass band.

After two years of service, Captain R. H. Knox has returned to Albany.

The recent electrical storm is said to have started seven fires in the Cascade national forest.

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of district No. 1 will meet at Eugene on August 15.

A list of D. S. C. awards announced by the war department included John H. Womack, Wallowa.

A fruit and berry cannery company, with a paid-up capital of \$25,000, has been organized at Marshfield.

Oscar Newton Bass, a pioneer of Lebanon, aged 84 years, died at the home of his son in that city.

There are 12,150 children of school age in Marion county, according to the annual census, just completed.

There are 6617 persons of school age in Clatsop county. The enrollment in the county schools is 4160.

Medford schools will open September 15, doing away with the necessity of extending the school year into next June.

Captain Walter L. Toose, after a two-years' service in the United States army, has returned to his home at Dallas.

The Davis & Webber sawmill, two miles south of Airlie, was burned down. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Building and other construction work is at its height in Marshfield and idleness is not found in any city in the county.

With only two dissenting votes, the citizens of Helix at a special election adopted the new charter submitted by the city council.

According to word received in Albany, most of the buildings in the old Quartzville mining district have been destroyed by fire.

Sparks carried from a threshing machine by the wind started the big fire that burned Vanderhae brothers' wheat ranch near Milton.

Over 30 returned soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war met in Corvallis and organized a branch of the American Legion.

Machinery and equipment for taking care of milk are being installed in the dairy department at the agricultural college at Corvallis.

Of 518 industrial casualties reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending July 24, there were four fatal cases.

Excavation work is now under way for the erection of the main building of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company's \$500,000 paper mill in Salem.

Governor Olcott has reappointed Robert E. Hunt of Roseburg as a member of the Oregon state veterinary medical examining board.

Jetty work at the mouth of the Umpqua river has been ordered suspended by the Port of Umpqua commissioners, owing to a shortage of funds.

While crossing the Walla Walla river near Milton on a footlog, Claude Wallace, aged 37 years, slipped, fell into the stream and was drowned.

The county court of Coos county has raised the wages of men and teams employed on county work to a minimum of \$4.50 for men and \$9 for teams.

Winter wheat in Linn county is largely in the shock, and the largest yield of winter wheat raised in the county for many years is practically safe.

The Medford Red Cross chapter and War Community service have taken up the work of the Medford federal employment service office, which has closed.

The taxpayers of school district No. 31, Bay City, with but one dissenting voice, voted to authorize the directors to erect a four-room concrete school building.

A board of directors for a permanent county fair to be held in Albany annually was elected at a meeting of stockmen, farmers and business men in Albany.

After wandering aimlessly about in the mountains of eastern Marion county, A. C. Barber, soon to become state insurance commissioner, was found by searchers.

Ralph J. Eveleth of Stanford, Mont., has closed a deal whereby he purchased the Chenoweth ranch of 1896 acres near Oakland for the sum of \$47,460 cash.

W. A. Wells, known in Corvallis and throughout Oregon as "Red" Wells, is dead. He was 81 years old and had been a familiar figure in Corvallis since pioneer days.

Umatilla county's wheat crop, from all appearances, will total at least 4,500,000 bushels. In average yield per acre and weight it is better than last year. The farmers have one complaint; smut this year is worse than for many years. Sections formerly exempt are now affected.

One of the largest sawmill burners in the United States will be erected by the Shevlin-Hixon company at Bend. The burner will be 125 feet high and 45 feet in diameter.

With loans totaling more than \$500,000 and with a membership of 210, the First National Farm Loan association of Eugene is said to be the largest unit of the Twelfth federal land bank district.

"Jay walking" on Astoria's business streets has been made a misdemeanor, and yellow lines have been painted to make pedestrians observe the law, which provides a fine of \$1 to \$10 for violations.

Negotiations have been opened by the city of Pendleton with Superintendent Swartzlander of the Umatilla Indian reservation for the purchase of a 40-acre airplane landing field east of Pendleton.

The committee named to investigate the affairs of the industrial accident commission organized at a meeting in Salem by electing A. C. Dixon of Eugene, chairman, and Robert S. Gill, of Portland, secretary.

Paving of the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks, according to information gathered from Hood River offices of the state highway department and contractors, will begin soon.

Taxpayers of the school district of Wilbur voted to sell \$29,000 worth of bonds to match \$20,000 promised by the Alumni association of the school for rebuilding of the old Wilbur academy, the oldest institution of its kind in southern Oregon.

Of 26 aspirants for admission to the practice of law in Oregon who took the examination conducted by the state board of examiners in Salem the last week in May, 17 were successful and nine failed. Four of the successful applicants are women.

Lieutenant Lloyd D. Browne of Silverton, whose airplane was damaged in a fall and who sold the machine, has gone to San Francisco with Lieutenant Franseen of Portland to purchase a new plane for commercial use, which he will fly home.

That airplane patrols for the protection of Oregon forests from fire is virtually assured is indicated by an exchange of telegrams between Governor Olcott and Colonel H. H. Arnold, of San Francisco, commander of the air service for the western division.

Governor Olcott, Warden R. E. Lee Steiner and former State Treasurer Kay were among the many passengers carried by Lieutenant E. C. Kiel and Sergeant McKee in the two army airplanes during their stop in Portland en route from Mather field to Seattle.

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr. will address the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association at the barbecue at Bonneville during their convention from September 15 to 18. Word to the effect that Colonel Roosevelt would speak was received by the American Legion in Portland.

Seymour Jones, speaker of the house of representatives at the last session of the state legislature, issued a public statement in which he said he was strongly in favor of a special session of the legislature to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment to the constitution, and would use his best efforts to that end.

Children made orphans by the accidental death of their fathers who elected to take advantage of the workmen's compensation act are entitled to compensation until they reach the age of 18 years, according to a legal opinion rendered by Attorney-General Brown at the request of the state industrial accident commission.

Colonel John L. May of Portland, Lieutenant Paul B. Wallace of Salem and Captain Ben S. Fisher of Marshfield will be appointed members of an armory board to have full charge under the general staff of the national guard of the maintenance of all armories throughout the state, according to an announcement made by Governor Olcott.

Adjutant General Conrad Staffin states that authorization had been received from the war department for the organization of the following units of national guard: One regiment of infantry, one battalion (four companies) coast artillery, one battery heavy field artillery, one squadron cavalry,

one company of engineers and one ambulance company.

The official record of every Oregon soldier serving in the world war is being compiled in the state library at Salem under the direction of State Librarian Cornelia Marvin, who was authorized to make the compilation by the recent legislature. From these records will be made the distribution of service medals, scheduled for November 11 next.

Since the straw balloting started at the general army recruiting offices in Portland, 1200 ex-service men have voted. The total vote to date stands as follows: National prohibition, for 532, against 810; universal military service, for 760, against 252; league of nations, for 775, against 244; woman suffrage, for 669, against 347; disposition of the Kaiser and his aides, death penalty 458, exile 266, freedom 55; the American-French girl, the American girl best 528, the French girl best 91, no choice 101, not voting 324.

An increase in prices for raw salmon in the Columbia river district during the season which opens on May 1 is asked by the fishermen. The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union has set the price for chinooks at 12½ cents per pound, an advance of 1¼ cents over last season. The rate for bluebacks, white sturgeon and steelheads was set at 10 cents a pound, while the price for graylings and green sturgeon was fixed at 7 cents a pound.

The railroad administration was called on by Representative Sinnott's office to consider a request of the Newport Oregon Commercial club for the extension of the Yaquina branch of the Southern Pacific railroad from Yaquina to Newport.

PACIFIC FLEET PASSES CANAL

Aboard the Flagship U. S. S. New Mexico.—The Pacific fleet, under the command of Admiral Rodman, is floating in Pacific waters.

Six dreadnoughts, led by the flagship New Mexico, Sunday successfully negotiated the Panama canal, the largest ships that ever have passed through this waterway. The average time for each warship from Colon to Balboa was ten hours.

"This is the biggest event in the history of the canal," said Governor Chester Harding of the Canal zone.

"It was no more trouble than putting through the canal a fleet of Great Lakes tugboats," said Admiral Rodman.

OFFER IS MADE SOLDIERS

Lapsed Government Policies to Be Renewed if Desired.

Washington.—Discharged service men who let their government insurance lapse were given the privilege of reinstating their policies within 18 months without payment of back premiums, under an order signed by Secretary Glass.

The only requirement is that the man requesting reinstatement be in as good health as at the time of discharge and must pay the premium for one month of grace in which his insurance was continued after he stopped payment and the premium for the month in which he requests reinstatement.

Special Military Committee Authorized

Washington.—Appointment of a special sub-committee to recommend legislation embodying a permanent military policy for the nation was authorized by the senate military committee. The senators named were: Chairman Wadsworth, Sutherland of West Virginia, New of Indiana, and Freylinghuyzen of New Jersey, republicans; Chamberlain of Oregon, Thomas of Colorado, and Fletcher of Florida, democrats.

Would Bring Soldiers' Bodies Home.

Washington.—To bring home the bodies of American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war with Germany, and to bury them in national cemeteries located in the states from which the men were enlisted, \$55,000,000 would be appropriated in bills introduced in the house by Representative Caraway of Arkansas.

Montana Legislature to Combat Drouth

Helena, Mont.—To meet the emergency caused by drouth conditions in the state and to provide amendments to the road and highway laws governing the state highway commission and the county commissioners in the building and improvement of roads, the 16th Montana assembly will meet in special session.

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