

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Dallas is to have a post of the American Legion.

Klamath Falls is assured of another large box factory.

A \$10 a month raise in salaries was granted Fossil teachers.

Work on the highway between Dallas and Salem has been begun.

Miss Irene Applegate, 80 years old and a pioneer of 1843, died at Yoncalla.

The Benson hotel of Portland has been sold to ex-Governor L. B. Hanna, of Fargo, N. D.

The city of Yamhill, through the state board of health, has filed plans for a new water system.

Governor Olcott is at Cannon Beach, where he will pass a few days with Mrs. Olcott and children.

Eugene real estate men declare that there is not a single desirable residence in the city for rent.

The Astoria board of education has now completed the course of 91 teachers for the next school year.

Notification has reached Marshfield national guard officers that the Marshfield company has been accepted.

The lumber shipment from the Columbia in July showed a considerable increase over the previous month.

Summer apples are moving from Hood River to Portland in heavier quantities than in any former season.

Salem and Roseburg are likely to be the bases of operation for airplanes on forest service patrol duty in Oregon.

The annual report of O. C. Brown, county superintendent, shows there are 5597 pupils of school age in Douglas county.

Success of the airplane forest fire patrol in Oregon is assured, according to a statement of F. A. Elliott, state forester.

County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong of Benton and Polk counties has been named blight inspector for Douglas county.

An increase of nearly 40 per cent was made in Eugene bank clearings for the month of July over the same period last year.

Judge John S. Coke in the circuit court at Marshfield has upheld the state law prohibiting the shipment of crabs from Coos Bay.

Portland firms secured the contract for 1100 cases of eggs advertised for by the Alaskan commission for shipment to the far north.

With the opening of the Stanwood sawmill for the sawing of railroad ties, there are now five sawmills active in the vicinity of Brownsville.

State Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has closed up the affairs of his office and turned it over to A. C. Barber, his former deputy.

Unless the demand for lime increases the state plant at Gold Hill will close indefinitely, according to C. W. Courtney, superintendent.

Members of the State Fair board, designated September 22, the first day of the 1919 fair, as Withycombe day, in honor of the late Governor Withycombe.

Since the organization of the Oregon Fruit Growers' Co-operative association three weeks ago a total of 8000 acres of prune orchards has been signed.

Eight workmen were fatally injured in Oregon during the week ending July 31, according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission.

The V. R. Dennis Construction company of McMinnville and C. W. Cook of Sheridan were awarded the contract for paving Sheridan streets at approximately \$2 per yard.

W. J. Edwards of Mayville was chosen president of the pioneers of Gilliam and Wheeler counties at a meeting at Julia Henderson pioneer grounds near Fossil.

"Spray or suffer the consequences of worms in your apples," is the warning sounded to Oregon fruitgrowers by Percy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station.

Since the enactment of the irrigation district law by the state legislature in 1917 bonds in the sum of \$2,505,000 have been certified by the irrigation securities commission.

The purchase of two tractors for use on the farms of the state school for feeble-minded and the boys' industrial training school is under consideration by the state board of control.

Percy Childs, state engineer, has been asked to approve plans for the Langell valley irrigation district in southern Klamath county. Approximately 30,000 acres are included in the project.

Miss Ella May Harmon, Umatilla county's new home demonstration agent, has begun her duties at Pendleton, succeeding Miss Lorene Parker, who recently resigned to be married shortly. Miss Harmon comes from Boise, Mont.

The Gaston fire department, composed entirely of volunteers, has had printed a big supply of good sized posters, warning the public to be especially careful of fire during the dry season.

Development of the coal deposits in the Coos Bay region is indicated in articles of incorporation which were filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman by the Coquille Coal & Coke company.

Telegrams suggesting a conference of Pacific coast mayors to formulate plans to fight the high prices of foodstuffs were sent to chief executives of all leading coast cities by Mayor Baker of Portland.

George S. Cooper, until recently located in Peru where he acted as American vice-consul, has been appointed district deputy for the Modern Woodmen of America and will make his headquarters in Salem.

Disposition of 6000 acres of swamp land in the southern part of Klamath county will depend upon an opinion as to the title of this land, which has been requested of Attorney General Brown by the state land board.

Two boys were arrested at Bandon and taken to the county seat at Coquille for an investigation of their possible connection with the murder of Lillian Leuthold, the 16-year-old Bandon girl, who was shot last Sunday.

Ira Williams, state geologist; C. B. Osburn of the federal bureau of mines, and F. G. Sinclair have been investigating about the mouth of the Columbia river for oil indications, but found no evidence of oil in commercial quantities.

Decisive defeat of the movement to place the "red" faction in control of the Portland Central Labor council was administered when the conservative ticket headed by Harry Anderson for president, won a sweeping victory in the semi-annual election of the council.

Unless Governor Olcott takes the initiative it is not likely that any action will be started to determine his tenure of office until the time arrives for filing nominating petitions prior to the next primary election, in the opinion of J. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney-general.

R. W. Allen, who for more than ten years in the employment of the state and government has worked on the agricultural problems confronted by settlers on the Umatilla government project, has resigned to engage in farming at Stanfield, where he has purchased an 80-acre ranch.

Two Oregon war mothers are to receive French decorations with gilt stars for boys who were killed in action, according to army recruiting officers in Portland. Mrs. H. Schaffer, 281 Twenty-fifth street north, Portland, is one of these, and Mrs. Evelyn Walling of Walport, Or., is the other.

Through the efforts of Representative Sinnott, Paullette Coulin, a French orphan from Bordeaux, was admitted to the United States to be taken to La Grande by Captain Jerry Husk, former speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, where she will make her home with him.

At a meeting of Adjutant General Staffin and general staff of the National Guard of Oregon in Portland, Colonel John L. May's resignation as colonel of the Third Oregon was received and filed. There is no colonel of the regiment at present. An election for colonel by the regimental officers will be held shortly.

The body of Charles L. Taylor, road supervisor of the McKenzie bridge district, who had been missing since July 23, was found by Harry G. Hayes, about 2 1/2 miles from the spot where Taylor's hunting companion, Clark, says they separated that day. A bullet hole in the body indicated that Taylor had died from an accidental shot from his own rifle or had been shot by someone else.

With a total of 75,044 automobiles bearing the Oregon license tag up to the close of business July 31, the 75,000 mark set early in the year as the probable maximum registrations for 1919 has already been passed and five months yet to come. It is now confidently expected that 80,000 automobiles will have been registered by the automobile department in the sec-

tary of state's office by the end of the year.

Choice of a republican nominee for president in Oregon rests with William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes and General Leonard Wood. Those senators who are interposing objections to the league of nations peace treaty have little or no support. Sentiment for the league is strong in the state. Such is a summary resulting from a questionnaire sent out by The Portland Oregonian to the independent republican press of the state.

Interest on irreducible school funds amounting to \$408,745.35 has been apportioned among the several counties of Oregon by the state land board. The report was prepared by State Treasurer Hoff and shows a total of 209,615 children of school age in the state. This is an increase of 2929 pupils when compared with the report issued a year ago. The amount apportioned also shows an increase of \$32,342.63, while the per capita is boosted from \$1.83 to \$1.95.

There are at the present time 205 paroled convicts from the state penitentiary who are working steadily and reporting each month to the prison officials, according to the report of Joe Keller, state parole officer.

A well-defined movement for commission government for Salem is now under way and may result in a special city election in conjunction with the special state election on June 2 to decide whether the capital city will forsake the aldermanic form for the commission plan.

ARMY OF 1,250,000 MEN IS PROPOSED

Washington.—Maintenance of one field army with a war strength of 1,250,000 men is proposed in a bill establishing a permanent military policy which was sent to congress by Secretary Baker.

The active force of this army would be 510,000 regulars, while the remainder would be young men who had taken a three months' military training course, which would be compulsory for all 18-year-old youths. This reserve strength would be used to fill out the 20 infantry divisions and one cavalry division into which it is proposed to divide the regular army.

Under the measure all special services built up during the war would be maintained as separate branches except the chemical warfare service, which would be merged with the engineers' corps.

HUNGARY IS SUPPLIANT

Overtures to Allies for Peace Made by Socialist Premier.

Vienna.—Overtures for peace with the allies have been made by the new socialist government of Hungary, which has been set up in succession of the Bela Kun regime.

The peace overtures were made by Jacob Weltner, president of the soldiers' and workers' soviet of Hungary. Arriving in Vienna from Budapest, Herr Weltner asked Col. Cunningham, leading representative of the allies at Vienna, and the other allied officials here, to recognize the new government and to treat for peace.

The new Hungarian cabinet is presided over by Jules Poldi, who was formerly minister of the people's welfare in the Count Karolyi cabinet.

Republican Wins in Kentucky

Louisville, Ky.—In the 8th congressional district King Swope, a returned soldier running on the republican ticket was elected over Judge Charles A. Hardin, democrat, in the state-wide primaries. It was the first time a republican candidate ever was victorious in that district.

Russians Massacre Jews

London.—Semi-official Polish sources have received reports that General Gregoroff's troops, which are occupying Odessa, surrounded the Jewish quarter and began a massacre which lasted three days and nights.

Yanks Out of Germany Soon

Coblenz.—All American soldiers excepting about 8,000 who will remain on the Rhine indefinitely, will be out of Germany by August 20, according to the latest instructions from general headquarters.

Bela Kun Reaches Vienna as Prisoner

Copenhagen.—Bela Kun, deposed Hungarian soviet leader, has arrived in Vienna, where he will be put in an internment camp, according to a dispatch from Vienna.

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