

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

The Roseburg fruit cannery is experiencing a serious shortage in help. A post of the American Legion, to be known as the Arthur E. Glover post, was formed at Fossil.

John R. Nevius of Portland has been appointed instructor in farm crops at Oregon Agricultural college.

Senator McNary has introduced a bill to donate a captured German cannon to the city of Pendleton.

A big black bear weighing 190 pounds was killed in the Polk station neighborhood, north of Dallas.

Bids are being advertised for a concrete bridge over Canyon creek at John Day, on the John Day Highway.

Central Oregon's potato crop will be the biggest and best that has ever been produced, according to reports.

On account of the prune and hop harvest, opening of the schools at Dallas has been postponed until Sept. 29.

Two resignations in the clerical force of the Roseburg postoffice leave one vacancy, for which there is no applicant.

Pendleton sheep shippers are expressing anxiety at present, owing to a shortage of cars for shipping their stock.

Forty-eight teachers have been employed for The Dalles schools during the next term which opens here September 8.

Governor Olcott has received an invitation from Secretary Daniels to review the Pacific fleet at San Francisco on Labor day.

Portland tailors and shoe repairmen have made demands for substantial advances in wages to go into effect the first of next month.

Boston attorneys have approved the validity of \$800,000 worth of Oregon state highway bonds recently sold to eastern bonding houses.

Contracts aggregating \$30,956, for the improvement of six streets in the business and residence districts of Bend, have been awarded.

John Vanderveld, Banks postmaster, has resigned. His resignation has been accepted and Henry Atlee has been appointed his successor.

Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, first woman to hold a seat in congress, is in Portland visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Bragg.

Stock to a total of \$52,000 has been subscribed for the new hotel which it is proposed to erect in North Bend. The total cost will be \$100,000.

In the opinion of several citizens of Silverton, the city council elected last November is not qualified and all business transacted by that body is illegal.

The Salem Fruit union shipped to points in Canada a carload of dried loganberries, for which the organization will receive approximately \$29,000.

More than a dozen carloads of surplus army canned food is now en route from Fort Mason, Cal., to Portland for distribution throughout Oregon.

Herbert Nunn, state engineer, has received samples of road signs which it is proposed to install at conspicuous points along the state highways of Oregon.

There were a total of 566 accidents in Oregon during the week ending August 21, according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission.

An effort is being made to have the county courts of Linn and Benton counties take over and operate the ferry across the Willamette river at Ingram Island.

An ordinance has passed the Pendleton city council providing fine and imprisonment for any person making any unnecessary disturbing noise within the corporate limits.

Numerous violators of the state fish and game laws were convicted in various parts of the state during the last few days, according to reports made to the game commission.

Just as the last load of hay had been baled in the fields of William Roberts and George Bowers, near Brownsville, the stacks took fire from the engine and were totally destroyed.

Eighty-five dollars a ton for pears delivered at the canneries at Sheridan, Woodburn and Lafayette is the price received for the Salem Fruit union pool, according to announcement.

The first unit of the big cannery of the Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Grow-

ers' association in Albany, which will be one of the largest plants of the kind in the state, began work Monday morning.

The selection of J. N. Burgess of Pendleton to succeed W. L. Thompson as a member of the state highway commission following the latter's removal from eastern Oregon to Portland on January 1, 1920, has met with approval in all sections of the state, according to letters, telegrams and personal messages reaching the executive offices.

Members of the Mystic Shrine residing in Linn county will form a Shriners' club for the purpose of assisting in the entertainment of visiting Shriners at the national convention in Portland next year.

Eugene J. Farrell, widely known through 28 years' connection with the commission firm of Everding & Farrell, of Portland, died at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, after a major operation.

Chief of Police Johnson of Portland has requested the governor's office to offer a substantial reward for the capture of Clarence Johnson, who is suspected of having murdered Mrs. Eunice Freeman in Portland.

Salmon caught outside the three-mile limit at the mouth of the Columbia river during the closed season may not be lawfully sold within the state of Oregon, according to George M. Brown, attorney-general.

Appointment of Alex Sweek as register of the United States land office in Portland has been confirmed by the senate and he will take his office upon notification from Washington that his bond has been approved.

Representatives of the state forester's office who visited Silverton to investigate the fire that has raged in the camps of the Silver Falls Lumber company reported that the total loss would not exceed \$100,000.

Proceedings to condemn the Central school building at Bend probably will be taken within the next few days as the result of a recent inspection of the structure by a representative of the state fire marshal's office.

A move is on foot in Salem to send a delegation of prominent men and women to Portland to receive officially the cruiser Salem, which is a part of the Pacific fleet, now on its way to the mouth of the Columbia river.

The Oregon hop crop this year will be only a third as large as it was before the war and prohibition began to affect it, yet the services of 10,000 or 12,000 men, women and children will be required to get it under cover.

Investigation of spruce production in Oregon during the war period will open in Portland this week, when the three members of the congressional committee who have been holding hearings in Seattle will hear testimony.

How to cope with the practice of Portland junk dealers who purchase second-hand automobiles and sell the license tags to buyers of new machines for 75 cents each is the problem that is confronting the secretary of state.

Captain Frank B. Hamlin of Roseburg has been elected by the school board of Springfield as superintendent of the schools of that city to succeed N. A. Baker, who has accepted the principalship of one of the schools in Portland.

Growers of the Hood River valley have been warned by LeRoy Childs, superintendent of the experiment station, to be alert for evidences of fire-blight, reported in orchards on the boundary between Hood River and Wasco counties.

Information furnished Mayor Baker of Portland caused him to issue instructions to Assistant City Attorney Hindman to make an immediate investigation of an alleged price-fixing agreement among six or eight of the larger bakeries of Portland.

One hundred and forty head of elk that have been maintained in the national forest in Wallowa county for seven years, are to find new homes soon. Shortage of natural forage on the range has caused the state game commission to dispose of them.

That there will be plenty of text books on hand to supply the schools of Portland and elsewhere in Oregon when the public schools open in September, was the declaration of Portland dealers when asked about the report that a shortage was threatened.

Those counties in the Willamette valley that have organized farm bureaus are actively taking advantage of the recently enacted legislation affecting the control of the Canadian thistle, and for the first time a concerted drive is being made upon this dreaded pest.

The necessity of loading cars to full capacity and prompt releasing of cars in order to avoid a shortage of equip-

ment during the busy transportation season is called to the attention of shippers, consumers and the railroad administration in a letter issued by the Oregon public service commission.

At a meeting of the state board for vocational education in Portland, Newton Van Dalsen, of Fort Collins, Colorado, was selected state director of vocational training at an annual salary of \$3000. Mr. Van Dalsen also will serve as state supervisor of industrial education. The appointee has been asked to report for duty September 1. He will make his headquarters in the offices of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Directors of the Oregon Dairy council, at their regular monthly meeting in Portland, decided to meet in conference with the executive committee of the Oregon Bankers' association to arrange for extension of credits by banks to enable dairymen to improve their herds by the addition of pure-bred stock. It is also proposed to obtain credit to add new herds and swell the production of milk.

BAKER UPHOLDS MILITARY COURTS

Washington.—In approving the report submitted to him by Major-General Francis J. Kernan, head of the special war department board on court-martial and their procedure, Secretary Baker took the official stand that the present system should not be changed except in minor details.

Inferentially, the secretary upheld General Kernan's view that "court-martial have always been agencies for creating and maintaining the discipline of armies" rather than agencies for the "nice interpretation of technical rules of law."

The war board's report reflected the opinion of 225 officers who were circulated. More than half of these gave hearty approval to the present system, 43 condemned it as basically wrong and the remainder, a total of 67, pointed out specific weaknesses, which they thought should be remedied.

The most serious defect in the existing system, the report asserts, arises from "the lack of competent trial judge, advocates and counsel," and as a remedy it is recommended that defense counsel be appointed for each general and special court-martial and that special inducements be offered young officers to study law in order that they may be fitted.

HOOVER ENDS PARIS WORK

Feeding of 4,000,000 European Children to Be Handled From New York.

Paris.—The American relief administration has closed its Paris office ending its work in Europe. Herbert Hoover, who has supervised the distribution of supplies valued at hundreds of millions, will sail for the United States within 10 days.

The feeding of 4,000,000 underfed children in various parts of Europe, undertaken by the administration, will be continued by a charitable organization Mr. Hoover has formed with its main office in New York.

The American relief association during the six months ending May 31, 1919, distributed supplies valued at \$636,175,000 to 17 countries, according to Mr. Hoover's reports to the supreme economic council.

Sale of Certificates Satisfactory. Washington.—Response to the treasury's semi-monthly offerings of certificates of indebtedness has been so gratifying that the government has been placed in a "very satisfactory cash position." In making this announcement Assistant Secretary Lefingwell said that the first two issues of certificates brought in a total of \$1,065,953,500.

There will be no special session of the Oregon legislature to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment unless the situation becomes such that the late of the movement depends upon the vote of Oregon and a majority of the legislators pledge themselves to refrain from considering legislation other than the amendment at issue, according to an announcement by Governor Olcott.

CITY PARKS OF THE STATE THAT ARE able to pay traveling expenses for elk will each be entitled to a pair if the cities desire them. This was the decision reached at the regular monthly meeting of the state fish and game commission, when the disposal of 140 head now in pasture near Joseph, Or., was discussed.

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