

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eugene will soon have a commercial airplane of its own.

E. F. Stude, examiner in the state banking department has resigned.

The peach crop of Clackamas county is the largest known for many years.

A campaign will be made to enroll 500 new members in the Salem Commercial club.

Fifteen hundred students are counted on to enroll at the University of Oregon this fall.

A total of \$2,082,000 was paid to residents of Oregon last year by life insurance companies.

Duerst brothers of Sheridan received a check of \$22,000 for their crop of wheat and oats from a local miller.

A large vein of coal three feet in thickness has been discovered in the Warm Springs reservation country.

Frank Campbell, a prominent insurance man of Eugene, died in San Francisco, following a minor operation.

Returned service men of Redmond, have effected an organization and applied for a charter in the American Legion.

A rich ledge of gold assaying \$10,000 a ton has been uncovered on Rose creek in the southern part of Coos county.

Because of a change in the schedule of the presidential train, President Wilson will not be able to make a stop at Salem.

The United States government has awarded a contract for 20,000 barrels of Pacific coast soft wheat flour to Pendleton roller mills.

Mrs. Mary Jane Heater, who came to Oregon with the overland immigration of 1850, died at her home near Springbrook, aged 90 years.

Ross Hickernell, the new instructor on the cornet in the school of music at the University of Oregon, arrived in Eugene from Warren, O.

Hepner lodge of Elks awarded their contract to L. N. Traver of Portland for the construction of the new lodge building to cost \$39,900.

Army goods at army prices will be offered to the people of Portland at a retail store to be opened by the United States army September 25.

The second annual convention of the International Association of Fire Fighters convened in Portland Monday and continued until Saturday.

The monthly financial statement just issued by the state industrial accident commission shows a balance in the accident fund of \$1,114,914.59.

There was a total of 523 accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 4, according to a report issued by the industrial accident commission.

The electric light plant at Florence at the mouth of the Siuslaw river was destroyed by fire and the town will be in darkness for some time to come.

General celebration and observance of "constitution day" on Wednesday, September 17, throughout the state is urged in a letter issued by Governor O'Leary.

Workers in the steel shipbuilding plants of Portland will receive an increase of 8 cents an hour in all the crafts and a 44-hour week will be granted them.

Miss Belle Grover, dean of women at McMinnville college, died in Seattle last week. She had gone to Seattle to take a special course at the Washington university.

Permanent organization of an association to hold annual fairs in Albany was effected at the meeting of Linn representatives from various parts of the county.

Amos Nichols, resident of Linn county for 45 years died at the home of his son, James Nichols, near Plainview, aged 93 years. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

The flagship Birmingham, a veteran cruiser of 21 months' service in foreign waters, and a squadron of six torpedo boat destroyers, paid a five-day visit to Portland.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels arrived in Portland Tuesday after spending Monday afternoon visiting the proposed naval base site at Tongue Point, near Astoria.

Hood River Knights of Pythias lodge has employed C. H. Schultz, formerly a member of a San Francisco orchestra, to instruct a band just or-

ganized by the fraternal body.

Dr. R. R. Wallace of Albany has been appointed examiner for Linn county for the bureau of war risk insurance and is examining Linn county discharged soldiers with disability records.

As the result of a vote taken at a session of the Portland fair price committee, letters will be sent the Oregon delegation in Washington, D. C., urging that steps be taken to reinstate wartime food regulations requiring licensing of dealers and limiting profits.

An average of 703 names are called for daily at the general delivery window of the Bend postoffice, according to the count kept last week. In addition, there are 745 rented mail boxes.

Jerome S. Workman, formerly secretary of the Eugene chamber of Commerce and leader in patriotic work during the war, has gone to Woodburn, where he has purchased a farm.

At a meeting held at Coquille, attended by a large number of representative citizens from various parts of the county, the Coos County Library association was permanently organized.

The use of the Portland municipal auditorium for a debate on the Irish republic, to have been held under the auspices of the Central Labor council, was denied by the unanimous vote of the city council.

The dreadnought Vermont, carrying Vice-Admiral Clarence S. Williams, second in command of the Pacific fleet, and the armored cruiser North Carolina entered the Columbia river and visited Astoria.

Systematic placarding of the detour roads, made necessary because of the improvement of the main trunk lines now in progress throughout Oregon, has been undertaken by the state highway department.

Plans for a no-accident week campaign to be conducted in the state of Oregon are being formulated by the newly organized Oregon safety council, and it is expected the drive will take place next month.

With sugar stocks practically cleaned out and Portland jobbers expecting no shipments for another month or more, if consumers' supplies are not used sparingly there will be a real sugar famine in Portland soon.

Hearings will be held at Tumalo September 12 and 13 by George Cochran, state water superintendent, for the adjudication of the water rights on Snow creek. Approximately 3000 acres of irrigable land are affected.

The state highway commission has prepared advertisements for the sale of \$2,000,000 worth of road bonds to be issued under authority of the \$10,000,000 highway bond measure passed at the last session of the state legislature.

The fire prevention parade to be held during the convention of Pacific coast fire chiefs in Portland on September 15, 16, 17 and 18, will be the biggest parade of its kind in the world, according to Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell.

Out of respect to an early citizen, all stores and places of business in Hood River were closed at the hour of the funeral of D. McDonald. Mr. McDonald was connected with the First National bank and was prominent in all civic affairs.

The entire telephone system of Polk county was placed under one head by a deal by which the exchanges at Dallas, Falls City, Monmouth and Independence were consolidated under the new title of the Willamette Telephone company.

Plans for the Enterprise irrigation district in Klamath county have been submitted to Percy Cupper, state engineer, and will be approved with slight modifications. The proposed district includes approximately 2400 acres of irrigable land.

Reorganization of companies A and B, Oregon engineers, was accomplished at a banquet of the members in Portland, the two companies being merged into a single company of engineers which will be a unit of the national guard of Oregon.

Everett R. Cummings, an Albany young man, is now taking parts in motion picture productions of the Thomas H. Ince corporation at Los Angeles. In the past month he has worked in casts headed by Douglas Fairbanks and Charles Ray.

The Eugene chamber of commerce, at a special meeting, endorsed the plan of the Oregon state chamber of commerce to raise a fund of \$200,000 by taxation for the purpose of advertising the resources of the state throughout the United States.

The Sheridan schools have been hit by the high cost of living and as a

result the school board is having a hard time filling vacancies caused by resignation of teachers who feel they cannot afford to stay here when better salaries are offered elsewhere.

Two armed and unmasked highway-men made an unsuccessful effort to rob the Montavilla savings bank of Portland. They were frightened away when George Pickering, bank clerk and bookkeeper, fired three shots from a revolver to attract attention.

Up to August 31 a total of 78,298 motor vehicles were registered in Oregon during the current year. During the same period in 1918, 61,108 motor vehicles were registered, showing an increase in the number of cars in use in Oregon in 1919 over 1918 of 17,190.

The 17th annual convention of the Oregon Rural Mail Carriers' association, which was held at Independence, elected A. O. Sturm, Lebanon, president; M. B. Grant, Dallas, first vice-president; Ed Wunder, Independence, second vice-president; E. B. Cornett, Albany, member executive committee; W. H. Boyd, Beaverton, secretary-treasurer and national delegate to the Minneapolis convention September 21.

PERSHING WELCOME TO COST \$100,000

New York.—Funds were provided by the board of aldermen to insure a reception worthy of the city for General Pershing and the famous First division.

Not only did the aldermen appropriate \$100,000 to pay the welcoming expenses, but they declared Wednesday, when the division paraded with Pershing at its head, a holiday in all city departments.

General Pershing led the parade on his charger, "Kidron," which he rode in the Paris and London reviews. Immediately behind him rode his personal color-bearer carrying the general's four-starred flag on a red field. Next in line the general's staff followed by the composite regiment which has formed his guard of honor in the European victory parades.

FIRE ON BATTLESHIP

One Thousand Visitors on New Mexico When Blaze Starts Escape.

San Francisco.—Reports of the death of three members of the crew of the superdreadnaught New Mexico and the injury of 40 others in a fire aboard the vessel here were confirmed by officers who directed the fire fighting.

Unofficial estimates placed the damage at \$100,000.

Admiral Rodman was said to have announced that a board of inquiry would be assembled on the vessel at once, but he did not believe her scheduled sailing for Seattle would be delayed.

Approximately 1000 visitors on board when the fire broke out were cleared from the vessel's side in half an hour and there was no confusion.

Charles W. Fairbanks' Will Fought.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Mrs. Adelaide F. Timmons, daughter of the late Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States, filed suit in probate court here asking that the will of her father be set aside on the ground that her father was of unsound mind at the time the document was executed and that it was procured through undue influence. She includes among the defendants her brothers, Richard, Warren and Frederick Fairbanks.

Roumania Not to Sign Peace Treaty.

Vienna.—J. J. C. Bratiano, Roumanian premier, declares that in spite of his desire to retire before the coming elections, he has decided to retain office in order to take personal responsibility for not signing the treaty of peace for Roumania.

2 Killed in Dash From Illinois Prison.

Pontiac, Ill.—One officer and one inmate were killed and two officers and an inmate were wounded in a revolver battle in the state reformatory here after two prisoners had attempted to escape by sawing the bars of their cell.

Columbus Entertains the Grand Army.

Columbus, Ohio.—The gates of the capital city were wide open in welcome to thousands of veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps, who opened their national encampment here Sunday.

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