

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The sugar shortage in Pendleton is becoming more acute.

The average age of Oregon men killed France was 23 years.

Portland will celebrate armistice day, which falls on November 11.

There is a great shortage of dwellings and rooms in The Dalles this year.

Public night schools opened Monday in six of Portland's school buildings.

Registration in The Dalles schools surpasses that of last year by 211 pupils.

An army retail store has been opened in Portland at Fourth and Pine streets.

Prices at which cull apples are selling in Hood River are far above those of former years.

Women workers in the Sheridan cannery in some instances are earning as high as \$7 a day.

Twenty-three elementary schools and six high schools of Lane county still lack teachers.

A. E. Rowland, a well-known business man of Corvallis, died suddenly of heart disease, aged 58.

Construction work on the new unit of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association plant is almost complete.

The Clatsop County Dairymen's league announces an increase in the price of milk of 40 cents a hundred.

A charter for a new bank at Maline, Klamath county, to be known as the State Bank of Maline, has been issued.

The Chemawa Indian school near Salem has among its scholars 24 young Indians from the Umatilla reservation.

Two 14-year-old girls, arrested by the Portland police, have confessed to the robbery of 12 business houses of the city.

W. W. Johns, Oregon pioneer of 1852, and for many years a resident of Salem, died following a stroke of paralysis.

With the opening of the new packing plant Roseburg now has three big prune packing establishments in full operation.

Judge Harry H. Belt of Polk county donned overalls and went to work in the orchards to help harvest the big prune crop.

Julius H. Barnes, United States wheat director and president of the United States grain corporation, will visit Portland October 9.

With a large membership Illaha, division of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, was started in Roseburg.

Reports received at the offices of the Oregon public service commission indicate that the car shortage situation is becoming more acute.

Shipping of sheep owned by ranchers in the Antelope and Maupin country from summer to winter range will be started from Bend this week.

At a special school election in Oregon City, \$35,000 in bonds was voted for the immediate erection of a gymnasium and manual training school.

Strict enforcement of the curfew and "after-hour laws" to break down the juvenile delinquency has been ordered by Mayor Baker of Portland.

Because of the great shortage of labor in Douglas county prune and apple growers have suffered loss amounting to several thousands of dollars.

Governor Olcott has received a telegram inviting him to be present in Portland on the occasion of the visit there of the King and Queen of Belgium.

R. L. Schae, formerly secretary of the Prineville chamber of commerce, has been appointed to the position of executive secretary of The Dalles chamber.

Between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 early spring Chinook salmon eggs will be taken this fall at the state fish and game commission hatcheries on the upper Willamette river.

The Union Oil company of California was granted a franchise by the city of Pendleton to erect warehouses and storage tanks for a distributing plant for eastern Oregon.

Some China pheasant meat canned more than a quarter of a century ago was eaten recently by the family of M. S. Monteith of Albany. The meat was in splendid condition.

Plans are under way in Salem for the establishment of a permanent bureau for the testing of babies and

small children, similar to the eugenics bureau maintained in Portland.

Oregon has been asked to ship a carload of clothing to the Armenians, to be shipped to New York by October 6. Every county in the state will be asked to send its share in the carload.

Means for combating the destructive elm tree beetle which has been devastating the shade trees of The Dalles was found when the government announced that a lead arsenate solution would destroy the pests. The trees will be sprayed twice in spring hereafter.

The royal house of Belgium will visit Portland on October 16, when King Albert, Queen Elizabeth, and their son, the crown prince, are to be guests for the day, arriving at 9 o'clock that morning.

Complaints of car shortage received from Baker, Bend, Klamath Falls and other points in eastern and central Oregon indicate that immediate relief alone can save local industries from serious losses.

Upon recommendation of the state irrigation securities commission, the secretary of state certified to \$200,000 worth of bonds issued by the Warm Springs irrigation district in Malheur county.

Officers of the National Guard of Oregon are expecting to build it up this winter to a better form than ever before in peace times. Equipment for 2000 men will soon be issued by the federal government.

The congregation of the First Methodist church of McMinnville voted unanimously to send an invitation to the Oregon conference at its meeting in Salem this week, to hold its 1920 session in McMinnville.

Whatever sum Multnomah county pledges for the construction of the Mt. Hood loop road, in conjunction with Clackamas and Hood River counties, will be duplicated by the state highway commission.

"If the zoning system is adopted by the democratic national committee, Portland will be headquarters for the western division," according to Dr. J. W. Morrow, democratic national committeeman for Oregon.

The Roseburg Presbyterian church congregation tendered a welcome reception to Rev. Mr. Warrington and family, following the return of the pastor from the overseas "Y" service, where he had been for more than a year.

James S. Van Winkle, formerly postmaster and city recorder of Albany, has been appointed county assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Earl L. Fisher, who has accepted a position with the state tax commission.

The Employers association of Pendleton, comprising most of the merchants of the city, decided at a meeting to operate as "open shops," and to regulate hours of opening and closing, ignoring the demands of the local clerks' union.

One of the biggest recent deals in Klamath county real estate was the sale of the E. E. Ralston stock ranch to Ivan E. Kilgore for \$118,000. This ranch is in Upper Langell valley, about 40 miles east of Klamath Falls and consists of 2700 acres.

W. S. Hamilton, mayor, and R. L. Whipple, recorder, of the city of Roseburg, have filed with the state engineer's office an application for permission to appropriate 880 second-feet of water from the North Umpqua river for a municipal power plant.

The ballot title on the proposed constitutional amendment making the terms of all county officers four years, has been prepared by Attorney General Brown and is now ready to receive signatures in order to be placed before the voters of the state at the regular November, 1920, election.

Samuel Taylor of Eugene, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for four terms county treasurer of Lane county, was selected by the board of control to succeed James P. Shaw, who resigned, as commandant of the soldiers' home at Roseburg.

Indicative of the rapid growth of Eugene is the statement the superintendent of the city water and light departments made, that nearly 300 more persons were billed on September 1, 1919, for electric service than on September 1 on any previous year since the municipal plant was built.

The dusty rain storm of Saturday morning mystified Portland folks. The combination of dust and water descended gently for a couple of hours before noon and came back with a trace in the afternoon. It was noticed generally all over Portland, and more especially in the business district. It was also noticeable at points along the Columbia river highway.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY IMMENSE MOB

Man Accused of Attack on White Girl Is Taken After Nine-Hour Battle.

Omaha.—William Brown, negro, was dragged from the county jail at 11 o'clock Sunday night and hanged to an electric light pole, following a struggle of nine hours to secure possession of his body by an immense mob.

Sheriff Michael L. Clark and his deputies held the fort in the top story of the courthouse, where is located the jail, with a hundred prisoners, until the building became a seething mass of flames and he was forced to submit.

At 11 o'clock, after Brown had been hung to an electric light pole, the firemen were able to get a stream on the flames.

The arrival of regular army troops from Fort Omaha and Fort Crook had the effect of cooling off the mob spirit to a certain extent, but small bands were marching through the downtown streets until an early hour Monday morning.

The assault with which William Brown was charged was committed on Agnes Lobeck early in the week. With an escort, crippled beyond the point of resistance, Miss Lobeck met her assailant a few blocks from home in the southeast part of the city. He held the couple up at the point of a revolver. After rubbing the young man he assaulted the young woman in his presence, holding a revolver at the head of her escort in the meantime.

Brown was arrested by police officers and both Miss Lobeck and her escort identified him as the man who committed the deed.

Besides the negro's death, the known casualties numbered 24, one of whom was killed and the remainder received wounds, most of which were the result of revolver shots. It was believed that there were no casualties in the county jail. Although the fire had made the jail quarters smothering hot, the occupants were able to remain there until the firemen subdued the flames following the lynching.

OMAHA MOB TRIES TO LYNCH MAYOR

Omaha.—An attempt to lynch Mayor E. P. Smith was made Sunday afternoon by the mob which later hanged William Brown, negro.

The mayor had gone to the courthouse to consult with Sheriff Clark. Emerging from the courthouse, he met the mob and began to make an appeal for law and order. Somebody shouted "lynch him" and a member of the mob threw a rope around his neck.

Half a dozen men dragged the mayor half a block and threw the loose end of the rope over a trolley pole.

Twice they drew the mayor's body from the ground. Each time two police officers cut the rope.

Following the second attempt the officers succeeded in getting the mayor into a police motor car and rushed him to a surgeon's office nearby. The mayor was bleeding from his mouth and nose and, after a brief examination by physicians, was taken to a hospital.

RAILWAY UNIONS SQUABBLE

Representation at Conference Called
By Wilson Causes Row.

Washington.—Dispute has arisen between the four railroad brotherhoods and the 14 other unions of railroad employes as to representation in the industrial conference called by President Wilson for October 6.

The president instructed Director-General Hines to have the railroad unions represented by four men, and Mr. Hines transmitted the instructions to all the unions. The four brotherhoods appointed the four men without regard to the other employes. Protest soon was forthcoming from the shop, maintenance, way, clerks and other unions that they should be allowed to participate in the selection of the representatives.

Out of approximately 24,000 men from Oregon who enlisted for war service, the records of 12,538 have been filed with Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian and historian.

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