

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Vacant rooms and dwelling houses are at a premium in Dallas.

Hood River post of the American Legion was formally launched with 55 members.

The Coos county teachers' institute was held in North Bend October 13, 14 and 15.

State money on deposit in the banks throughout Oregon on October 8 aggregated \$3,647,838.37.

The building fund for the new Lausanne hall at Willamette university has reached nearly \$40,000.

Sumpter will vote on a new charter, embodying the commission form of government, on December 9.

It is believed that the total prune production of Douglas county for 1919 will be about 8,000,000 pounds.

Thirty-four pupils of Middle Grove school in Marion county earned a total of \$1200 during the summer vacation.

Of 4000 schools in the state of Oregon, 150 have been unable to open this fall on account of lack of teachers.

Thomas A. Brasfield, 83 years old, one of Baker county's earliest settlers, died at the home of his son in Baker.

Captains of all ships coming to Portland hereafter will be entertained by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Plans of the Silver Lake irrigation district of 8000 acres have been submitted to the state engineer for approval.

Marriages in Marion county during the quarter ending October 1, outnumbered divorces practically three to one.

Rev. William Ridgely Powell, one of the oldest clergymen in Oregon, died at his home in Portland at the age of 81 years.

For the first time in seven years, Baker has a city isolation hospital, established to accommodate a case of smallpox.

Miss Rosalina Espinosa, graduate of the University of Colorado, is the new professor of Spanish at the University of Oregon.

The Dalles district Columbia river conference of Methodist Episcopal ministers was held in The Dalles Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Arnapiger, a resident of Oregon since 1853, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Rhodes in The Dalles.

Multnomah county road budget for 1920, as tentatively prepared by the road department, calls for a total appropriation of \$1,200,000.

Organization of a county farm bureau was effected at a meeting in Klamath Falls of farmers from all sections of Klamath county.

Eight Eugene dentists will care for the teeth of 72 children in the Eugene public schools during the present school year free of charge.

Demands were presented to the board of education by the teachers of the North Bend schools for an increase in salaries of \$20 a month.

Physical examination of Umatilla county school children is revealing that the majority are in need of medical, optical or dental attention.

Plans for the enlargement of the fish hatchery on the north fork of the Umpqua river has been made by the Oregon fish and game commission.

Heavy frosts last week killed plants in the big tomato and potato fields around Dallas and damaged the ripening fruits to the amount of several hundred dollars.

With the discharge from Good Samaritan hospital of Portland's first case of influenza for the winter season, the city is now without a single case of the dreaded disease.

W. D. DeVarney of Portland was appointed by Governor Olcott as a member of the child welfare commission to succeed Fred Lockley, also of Portland, who has resigned.

The thirty-third grand encampment of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templars of Oregon met in Eugene with 70 delegates from different parts of the state.

Five thousand boxes of tomatoes from five acres of land at Dillard is the record made by T. B. Evans & Son. The fruit brought a price of more than 40 cents a box.

Curfew ordinances which require all boys and girls under the age of 18 years to be off the streets by 9 P. M. after October 1 will be strictly en-

forced hereafter in Salem.

A committee of five of the Portland police department appeared before Mayor Baker, with a request that there be a horizontal increase in salaries of approximately \$20 a month.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding the Oregon City Congregational church will be made the occasion for the holding of the 71st state conference of the Congregational churches of Oregon, a three-day session being called for November 4, 5 and 6.

Eleven parcels of land, the property of various members of the Indian colony on the Umatilla reservation near Pendleton, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on November 28.

Issuance of \$900,000 in bonds to finance irrigation of 28,000 acres of the Langell valley 30 miles east of Klamath Falls was approved at a special election of taxpayers of the district.

To study methods of logging used in the central Oregon white pine belt, nearly 150 members of the Pacific Logging congress which held its tenth annual session in Portland, visited Bend.

Hundreds of census enumerators are wanted and the supervisors of Oregon are wondering if they will secure enough to make the canvass. Oregon will require about 950 enumerators.

Enough money was taken in at the state fair at Salem over and above expenses to pay off the entire debt contracted for the construction of the stadium there and to leave over \$10,000 surplus.

Mothers and fathers of Oregon boys with the American expeditionary forces in Siberia may expect their sons home in a short time, the war department has advised Ben S. Fisher of Marshfield.

Clatsop post, American legion, is making good progress in its campaign to induce Astoria business men to withdraw their patronage from the Toveri, the Finnish daily, accused of disloyal utterances.

A nurse whose duty it will be to visit the homes of children who are absent on account of illness and to supervise health in general in the schools of Eugene is to be employed by the board of education.

Paid-up members of the American Legion in the state of Oregon number 9002, according to the report which Prescott W. Cookingham, state treasurer, was authorized to forward to national headquarters of the Legion.

After they had been made by 10 ex-service men to kiss the American flag, the eight I. W. W. members who were held in the Baker county jail pending action by the authorities, left Baker quietly upon being requested to do so by the police.

Following a reorganization of the board of directors of the Central Oregon irrigation district, George Moore becomes president of the district, and an order has been issued for a bond election on November 25 to vote on bonds amounting to \$240,000.

That the present basic price for wheat is fully justified by the condition of the world market and the dearth of world production was the declaration in Portland of Julius H. Barnes, federal grain director, in an address before the chamber of commerce.

A kissless winter! This is the edict of the Portland municipal bureau of health. "Ding bust it," commented Health Officer Parrish, with professional dignity. "I know this is going to make me one of the most unpopular parties in the little old state, but it can't be helped. Influenza is responsible."

The resignation of W. L. Thompson as a member of the state highway commission became effective October 15, Mr. Thompson having made this request in a letter to Governor Olcott. J. N. Burgess, of Pendleton, began his duties as Mr. Thompson's successor on that date.

Since the organization of a state highway department in 1914 there has been expended and contracted for up to date the sum of \$21,971,666.97 of state and federal funds. To this is to be added approximately \$2,000,000 of county funds expended under the superintendence of the state highway department.

New rules of the Industrial Welfare commission governing the employment of women in industry became effective Tuesday. Most important of these is the 48-hour week, which will supersede the present week of 54 hours. The wage minimum for experienced adult women has been placed at 27½ cents an hour, or \$13.26 a week.

Bank deposits of Oregon on September 12, 1919, showed an increase of \$52,186,616.26 since the call of June

30, 1919, and of \$91,514,905.83 since the report of August 31, 1918, according to a statement issued by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks. The total deposits are \$288,441,523.93. The increase is general over the state.

Ten years in the state penitentiary for stealing an automobile was the sentence handed out to Walter Willis by Judge Gatens of Portland, and the same judge sentenced Joe Gonla to five years in the same institution for the same offense. Judge Gatens has publicly announced that no mercy may be expected by automobile thieves in his court.

After a heated contest in which the relative merits of La Grande and Pendleton were at issue, delegates from La Grande at the state federation of labor convention in Bend won the selection as the 1920 convention city. The convention delegates voiced their disapproval by a vote of 61 to 27 of a resolution to petition President Wilson for the immediate release of all individuals imprisoned under the espionage act.

Epidemic influenza which raged throughout the state during the winter months caused an unprecedented boom in the sale of life insurance, according to Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, who reports that the life insurance business done in the state during the first three months of this year is double that of the same three months of 1918.

After conducting an extensive investigation of teachers' unions elsewhere the committee from the Portland Grade Teachers' association has failed to make any recommendation as to the advisability of forming such an organization in Portland.

SPEEDY ACTION ON TREATY IS PLANNED

Washington.—Imminence of another test of strength in the senate controversy over the German peace treaty overtopped in interest and importance all matters likely to come before congress this week. Leaders in the treaty fight regard a vote on the Shantung amendments to the pact late this week as assured and hope that within ten days all other amendments can be disposed of.

Following disposal of the Shantung amendments, senate leaders plan to take up the "six to one" amendment of Senator Johnson of California.

By the time amendments to the treaty are disposed of and reservations come up for action, democratic leaders hope President Wilson will have recovered sufficiently to allow the holding of conferences.

The bulk of the democrats still are declared by party leaders to be solidly against the republican reservation program, while continued progress toward complete agreement of the republicans on the reservations is reported.

The house will consider comparatively minor measures this week, including disposition of the bill for vocational education of persons injured in industry and that to establish a federal budget system.

PROFITEERING BILL PASSED

Congress Hits at Hoarding and Extends Food Control Act.

Washington.—Senate and house adopted the conference report on amendments extending the food control act to include clothing and food containers and providing punishment for profiteering and hoarding.

The bill now goes to the president, who asked for this legislation as a weapon against the high cost of living.

Hoarding and profiteering under the act are punishable by two years' imprisonment and \$5000 fine.

Army Censorship at Gary Denied.

Washington.—Denial that a military censorship had been established at Gary, Ind., where federal troops are on duty because of the steel strike, was made in a telegram received at the war department from Major General Wood, commanding the central department, with headquarters at Chicago.

Government Experts to Value Timber.

Spokane.—The government will place twenty-five valuation experts in the field to aid timber owners of the inland empire in finding the exact valuation of their holdings for the purpose of computing taxes, inheritance taxes and corporation stock taxes to be paid by companies.

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