

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The western Oregon corn show will be held in Eugene this year.

An agricultural department has been organized at the Newberg high school. Nine cars of beef cattle were shipped from Durkee to the Kansas City market.

William Spayd, a Civil war veteran and for many years a resident of Salem, died at Seattle.

The dairymen of Jackson county have organized the Jackson County Cow Testing association.

Noonday dancing as a cure for brain fog has been adopted by the students of Reed college at Portland.

The first livestock show undertaken in Deschutes county was put on in connection with the Tumalo fair.

Eight school districts in Douglas county are still without teachers, according to Superintendent Brown.

Herman Rosenberg, a well-known Umatilla county farmer, bought the Bert Smith farm of 3100 acres near Yakum.

Ed Plogg, a resident of Dallas, disappeared October 12, and officials and his brother in Portland are trying to locate him.

Bears and cougars are causing considerable losses of young cattle in the Dry creek section of the Sisters Metolius range.

A sawmill three times the size and capacity of the one destroyed by fire last July is being erected at Peoria by Liggett & Austin.

The freshman class of Willamette university has voted to donate a walk to the university, and has appropriated the necessary funds.

One thousand gallons of grape wine, confiscated from Italian residents, were poured into the Columbia river at St. Helens last week.

Preliminary plans are being made for the Oregon Christian Endeavor convention which will be held in Albany February 20, 21 and 22.

Seven rural schools in Lane county, three of them Union high schools, are closed because the boards of directors are unable to obtain teachers.

Fire, starting from the explosion of an oil stove, completely destroyed the women's living quarters at the plant of the Dufur Orchard company.

At a special election, Monmouth by a vote of 20 to 1 went on record in favor of a gravity water system, voting \$60,000 in bonds to pay for it.

The application of sulphur to alfalfa land has increased the yield so materially in central Oregon that Umatilla alfalfa growers are going to try it out.

Judson T. Bowman, 75, a veteran of the Civil war, was instantly killed when he was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train near Grants Pass.

Bids for approximately 157 miles of graveling, grading and surfacing will be opened at the Portland offices of the state highway commission on November 4.

The Shell company of California paid to the secretary of state a total of \$1176.93 for gasoline and distillate sold in Oregon during the month of September.

L. H. Linbarger, a cattleman, has just shipped 200 head of cattle from Creswell to Ukiah, Cal., where they will be fed and sold later to buyers in that state.

In response to a call recently issued by County Agent Hunt, representative farmers from all parts of Morrow county met at Heppner and organized a farm bureau.

The fishermen's strike on the Sluslaw and Umpqua rivers has been called off. The fishermen are selling their salmon for the same price as before, 8½ cents a pound.

Morrow county was covered with a blanket of snow last week. Most of the sheep are out of the mountains or low enough down to be out of danger of being snowed in.

Sawmills in all sections of Linn county are unusually busy and a large quantity of lumber and railroad ties are being shipped from many railroad points in the county.

The Bend city council has approved plans for a \$123,000 extension of the sewer system and ordered engineers' estimates on grading and surfacing of several miles of streets.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 eastern brook trout eggs will be taken

from Elk lake this winter for the Tumalo hatchery, according to the plans of Pearl Lynes, superintendent.

On account of ill health, Mayor E. W. Hinman of Dufur resigned his office at the last regular meeting of the city council. The office is still vacant, no one being willing to accept the place.

Inheritance taxes aggregating \$213,495.10 were received by the state treasurer during the period from October 1, 1917, to September 30, 1919, according to a report prepared by that department.

By a vote of 130 to 16 Heppner authorized an issue of \$100,000 water bonds for the construction of a gravity water system from the headwaters of Willow creek to the city, a distance of about 15 miles.

The army store at Portland sold \$97,876 worth of goods from the date of opening September 25, to October 13, according to announcement made by Frank P. Tingley, in charge of the Portland district.

"Recreation in the Southern Cascades" is the title of a folder just issued by the forest service, containing a wealth of data, including maps, regarding the Crater lake region and surrounding territory.

Four armed men held up employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company at an east side car barn and escaped with about \$200 which had been turned in by conductors from the day's collection.

Dr. R. Lee Steiner, warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, has returned after three weeks spent in the middle west and east inspecting prisons and investigating industries best suited to the Salem institution.

Half a carload of T. N. T. was exploded under Windy Point on the MacKenzie Pass highway Friday, lifting hundreds of tons of rock. The rock removed was 200 feet in length, 30 feet high, and with a minimum width of 12 feet.

N. G. Pavell, of Lakeview, has filed application with Percy Cupper, state engineer, to appropriate one and one-half second feet of water from Hot Spring, for the purpose of supplying hot water to the city of Lakeview for heating purposes.

Cooperating with the Deschutes national forest service, the Sisters-Metolius Livestock association is working to eradicate a rank growth of poison hemlock found along the banks of Lake creek, between Suttle's lake and the Metolius river.

W. W. Gardner, mayor of Baker, has filed with Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, application to appropriate water from the Same spring for a municipal natatorium to be located in that city. The development will cost approximately \$75,000.

The government, through Lieutenant Terry, recently disposed of the entire cut of the Warren Spruce company's operations in the Yaquina bay district. It is reported that the sale involved a total of 30,000,000 feet of spruce logs at a delivered price of \$16.

Because of the scarcity of huckleberries this year, bears, which inhabit the Cascade mountains in eastern Linn county, have been seeking food in orchards in the foothills. Five bears have been killed within the past month in the Jordan district east of Scio.

The McKenzie pass road over the summit of the Cascades is closed to traffic and will probably remain closed until next summer when the snow melts. There is some snow at the summit now, but the principal reason for blocking the road is the construction work on the east side of the summit.

Work which has been under way the past summer and early fall in the enlargement of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company's plant in Oregon City, providing for the accommodation of six more grinders and water wheels at an expenditure of nearly \$120,000, is expected to be completed within another week.

Homestead is no longer able to care for the people who have been attracted to the Snake river mining district, according to word received in Baker. The Iron Dyke mine alone is now employing 100 men, it is reported, and development work in nearby copper, silver and gold mines has undergone a marked revival.

Clarence Johnson, charged with the murder of Mrs. Eunice W. Freeman, elderly W. C. T. U. worker and his benefactress, pleaded guilty at Portland, waiving all rights to delay and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon state prison at Salem. Johnson killed Mrs. Freeman August 15, with a piece of gas pipe.

There will be no special session of the Oregon legislature to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment to the

federal constitution unless the legislators voluntarily request such a session, agree to waive mileage and per diem and pledge themselves to consider no legislation other than the amendment at issue, according to Governor Olcott.

During the week ending October 23 there were 480 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission, of which six were fatalities. The fatalities were Charles Foltin, Portland, logger; Lars Hansen, Portland, construction worker; Gilbert Armistage, Dallas, electrical engineer; Geo. R. Sanders, Leona, logger; Isaac M. Ginrich, Rainier, logger.

Papers were served on Attorney-General Brown in the suit brought by the Hebe Company of San Francisco to enjoin District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county and the attorney-general from prosecuting the corporation for sales of its syrup in Oregon. The contents of one can of syrup manufactured by the corporation, when treated according to directions, is intended to make a quality of beer containing 2½ per cent alcohol.

MINERS ARE WARNED STRIKE IS UNLAWFUL

Washington.—Organized labor intends to preserve the right to strike, officials of the American Federation of Labor said in warning that passage in the congress of the anti-strike legislation proposed in the pending railroad bill would result in an immediate general walkout over the country.

William E. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, second largest union affiliated with the federation, said "direct action" might be resorted to if all other means of advancing the interest of the unions failed.

He referred particularly to what he termed the efforts of employers to shut out unions by binding their workers with individual contracts. He announced that with the passage of the anti-strike legislation he would order immediately a vote on a strike of the 350,000 members of his association and predicted that the heads of the other 112 international unions in the American Federation of Labor would take similar action.

LABOR CONFERENCE IS ON

Official Representation by United States Awaits Senate.

Washington.—All allied and neutral countries listed in the covenant of the league of nations will be allowed to vote at the initial labor conference here this week, if the views of Arthur Fontaine of France, chairman, and other members of the organizing committee now here, are followed.

The United States cannot be officially represented at the conference unless the senate approves the treaty, regardless of the election of the conference itself. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, however, was present at a meeting of the organizing committee. The question of seating German, Austrian and Finnish delegates must go before the conference itself. The supreme council has approved their coming to this country, and it is reported that an American army transport may bring them.

Roosevelt's Estate \$810,607.

Minneapolis, N. Y.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt left an estate valued at \$810,607, according to affidavits filed with Transfer Tax Appraiser Gehring by executors of the will.

Scores Hurt in New York Riots.

New York.—Scores of persons were injured in a riot following a clash between 2000 strike sympathizers and several hundred longshoremen who were returning to work.

Austrian President Signs Peace Treaty

Vienna.—President Karl Seitz, of the Austrian republic, Saturday signed the treaty of peace with the allied and associated governments.

French Brides Go Home.

Paris.—Sixty-two French women who had married Americans, army officers or soldiers, and subsequently had been divorced in the United States returned to France on one steamer last week, according to the newspaper Avenir. Most of them, the newspaper added, returned, not because of personal differences with their husbands, but because of the inability of the brides to adapt themselves to the American mode of living.

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