

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The annual corn show at Coquille was a big success.

Ashland is suffering from a rather serious fuel shortage.

The berry-growing propaganda has taken hold in Coos county.

The Bend lodge of Elks will soon begin the erection of a beautiful new \$55,000 temple.

Counterfeiters are flooding the Coos Bay district with spurious half-dollar and dollar coins.

Coos county taxable property, according to the board of equalization, has a value of \$22,492,241.

The Beaver Portland cement plant at Gold Hill is rushing preparations for operation as soon as possible.

More than 13,720 acres of wheat has been certified for seed purposes in Sherman, Union and Wasco counties.

The annual teachers' institute of Lane county is to be held at the Eugene high school November 24, 25 and 26.

Portland led the Pacific coast in the value of sales at its army quartermaster store for the week ending November 1.

Members of the Marion and Polk county medical association have boosted their fees to meet the steadily advancing cost of living.

A big delegation of commercial club secretaries of Oregon met at Salem Monday for the semi-annual convocation of association secretaries.

Cannery companies cannot hold growers to strict performance of their contracts, according to a decision rendered by the circuit court in Salem.

Aneroid lake, in Wallowa county, was thrown open to hook and line fishing during the winter months by the Oregon fish and game commission.

Highest honors in the national accident prevention drive in the northwest officially have been awarded to the Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland.

Attorney General Brown gives notice that he will proceed to prosecute any one known to be guilty of violating the law against profiteering in foods and other necessities.

Oregon has been selected as the meeting place of the next annual convention of the Oregon State Hotelmen's association, which will be held on December 5 and 6.

H. R. Hoefler announced at Astoria that within 30 days he will begin work on the construction of a new candy factory. The cost of the plant will be approximately \$50,000.

Governor Olcott announced he would appoint George S. Sizemore as district attorney of Harney county to succeed M. A. Biggs, who has resigned, to take effect December 31, 1919.

Antonio Hanigaman, son of A. Hanigaman, Hood River orchardist, has attracted Indiana automobile accessory manufacturers by the invention of a map holder for motor tourists.

The Klamath Falls box-makers' union has decided to ask the state conciliation board to conduct an investigation of wage conditions and cost of living with a view to raising their wage scale.

Presbyterians of Albany, Lebanon, Brownsville, Mill City, Shelburn, Crawfordville, Gates, Mehama and Mount Pleasant will attend a new era conference in the First Presbyterian church of Albany.

In case of an I. W. W. uprising in Oregon similar to that which occurred at Centralia, Adjutant-General Staffin of the O. N. G. says he would be able to recruit between 1500 and 1600 men for immediate duty.

H. Lee Noe, of Vale, won the much-sought automobile license plate bearing figure one at the public drawing held in the office of the secretary of state. License number 13 fell to A. S. Harrison of St. Helens.

J. S. Howard, age 87, founder and first mayor of Medford, died in that city after a lingering illness. Known for a generation as the "Father of Medford," Mr. Howard first came to Jacksonville by oxteam in 1859.

J. C. Smith, proprietor of a confectionery store at Meedy, a short distance from Oregon City, was fatally burned when a gasoline lamp exploded while he was filling it with air. He died later. The store was completely destroyed.

A deal entailing a consideration of \$1,200,000 was closed at Astoria when

the Blodgett company of Grand Rapids, Mich., sold 9530 acres of timber lands in the Knappa and Bluff slough districts to the Crossett Timber company of Davenport, Ia.

Dr. W. J. Phillips, a well-known dentist of North Bend, member of the board of education and president of the chamber of commerce, sustained a fractured skull and is now lying in an unconscious and precarious condition at the Mercy hospital as a consequence of an altercation and fistie encounter with Mayor Henry Kern.

Governor Olcott's recent action in removing Thomas Nelson of Astoria as a member of the state board of pilot commissioners was regular and authorized by the Oregon statutes, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General George M. Brown.

The Vale Commercial club has sent copies of resolutions adopted by that body recently to the Oregon public service commission urging that an increase in rates be granted the Malheur Home Telephone company, which operates in that section of the state.

Dufur citizens are becoming aroused by incursions of bloodthirsty coyotes into herds of sheep and pigs and flocks of chickens. County Agent Finharty has received an appeal to help ranchers in that vicinity. The coyotes are reported unusually ravenous this year.

Acting on the petition submitted by 73 ranchers in the Tumalo section, the Deschutes county court set December 20 as the date for an irrigation district organization election. The contemplated district includes the lands now within the boundaries of the Tumalo irrigation project.

The building of a highway to the Josephine county caves is to proceed without further delay. The forestry department has approved the project and issued instructions covering the location survey preliminary to letting the contract as soon as grading is possible in the spring.

A. C. Barbur, state insurance commissioner, has started a search for W. H. Jackson, alias J. F. Clark, who is wanted by officers in various parts of the state for collecting insurance premiums under the pretense that he was authorized agent of an eastern insurance corporation.

A total of \$4152.35 derived from 5 per cent of the sales of public lands in Oregon was apportioned among the several counties of the state. Harney county, which has 6,357,129 acres of these lands, received \$431.40, while Multnomah county, with 283,640 acres, received only \$19.59.

The work of preparing the statements certifying to the various county clerks of Oregon the state and district officers to be nominated at the primary election to be held next May is progressing rapidly under the direc-

tion of Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state, and should be completed this week.

All officers and every agency at the command of the state will be used in preventing in Oregon an outbreak of radicals, according to a statement issued by Governor Olcott. All sheriffs, district attorneys, mayors, chiefs of police and other officers will be instructed to use every effort to stamp out radical elements.

To insure the permanence of the Herman creek salmon feed grounds, one of the largest fish feeding points maintained by the state, the state fish and game commission at its last session requested the state attorney-general to ask the state to begin condemnation proceedings for the purchase of the property, which hitherto has been under lease.

By unanimous decision of a special board of arbitration considering a scale of wages for the Portland street car men and other classified street railway employees, platform men were raised from a maximum of 56 cents an hour to a maximum of 62 cents an hour and those of other classified employees to a scale corresponding approximately with that figure.

A shipment of narcissus bulbs from Amoy, China, consigned to an Eugene store, was found to contain a number of Argentine ants, an insect much dreaded by all agriculturists. The ants have never appeared in this state before, according to C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. The inspector caused 12 crates of these bulbs to be incinerated to prevent the spread of ants.

To assure a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia, a site of 2500 acres at Tongue Point, valued by its owners at \$100,000, must be donated to the government, according to a telegram received from Representative C. N. McArthur by B. P. Stone, president of the Astoria port commission. A campaign to raise the \$100,000 for the purchase of the site so that it can be given to the government is to be instituted at once.

The old carpet in the hall of the house of representatives at Salem, which has been worn almost to shreds by the legislative shoe soles of the last 30 years, is at last to be removed and a new carpet laid. Under a resolution of the last legislature Secretary of State Olcott, as custodian of the building, has placed the order.

Two hundred and fifteen miles of road work soon will be under way in eastern Oregon. Some of this work is grading, some graveling and some hard-surfacing. In a general way, this mileage will be applied on the Columbia river highway and the John Day highway, although parts of the 215 miles are not on either of those routes.

Notice of School Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 95 of Linn County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at Scio Public School on the 22d day of November, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax, and the election of one Director vice J. L. Calavan, resigned.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 16, 1919, and ending on June 30, 1920, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET—ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries	\$5805.00
Furniture	100.00
Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc	100.00
Repairs of school house, outbuildings, or fences	500.00
Improving grounds	100.00
Janitor's wages	450.00
Janitor's supplies	40.00
Fuel	225.00
Light	10.00
Water	10.00
Clerk's salary	40.00
Postage and stationery	50.00

Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year \$7430.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From county school fund during coming school year	\$1540.00
From state school fund during coming school year	280.00
Cash now in the hands of the district clerk	133.08
Cash now in hands of the county treasurer, belonging to the district	673.00
Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year	1500.00
Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote	\$4126.08

RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenses for the year	\$7430.00
Total estimated receipts not including tax to be voted	4126.08
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax	\$3304.92

Dated this 8th day of November, 1919.

Attest: J. L. CALAVAN,
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