

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

William Bowen, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, died at Salem Monday.

Pilot Rock has a number of cases of smallpox, some of them quite severe.

The Northwest Builders' association will hold its next convention in Portland, February 26, 27, 28.

Apple packing and shipping has come to a close at Hermiston, with a run of 41 carloads, valued at \$57,000.

William Raffety, 63 years old, a native son of Oregon, dropped dead in the postoffice at Forest Grove.

Clothing valued at about \$500 was taken from Alexander's department store in Pendleton by a robber.

Reginald Chambers of Prairie City was instantly killed at Austin when he was run over by a logging train.

The depth of snow in the Umatilla national forest is four times the depth reached at any time during 1918.

Elmo Walden, a rancher living near Freewater, was fined \$25 and costs for having a beaver in his possession.

Plans for a \$25,000 modern business block in Stanfield have been approved by the local lodge of Odd Fellows.

C. S. McNaught of Hermiston has just received machinery for the erection of a 30-ton molasses alfalfa meal mill.

Forty-seven Marion county schools during the month of November made attendance records of 95 per cent or more.

The population of the Eastern Oregon state hospital has decreased during the current year from 524 patients to 499.

Mrs. Eliza Jolliff of Minnesota has purchased Mrs. Carrie Ferguson's ranch near Adams, in Umatilla county, for \$32,000.

The Oregon state chamber of commerce convention was postponed to December 29, 30 and 31 on account of heavy storms.

There is not a drop of gasoline to be had at Roseburg, and the Standard Oil company holds out no hope for any in the near future.

The present below-zero weather will reduce the 1920 loganberry crop in Marion county about one-fourth, according to growers.

Arrangements are being made by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Springfield to install a co-operative store there.

Orders for more than 70,000,000 feet of lumber have been placed with lumber merchants of Oregon and Washington in the last six weeks.

In the opinion of Assistant State Engineer C. E. Strickland, the North Umpqua river is without doubt the best power stream in the state.

At a cost of \$9000 27 head of pure blood and 23 head of high grade Jersey cattle were distributed last week among Stanfield dairymen.

Because of the cold weather, the annual Marion County Corn show, which was to have been held from December 15 to 20, was postponed one week.

Baker's tax levy for 1920 will be 2.5 mills higher than this year, which calls for the raising of \$86,708.28 by general taxation, at the rate of 15.4.

Bursting water pipes caused an explosion in the home of Mark L. Fletcher near Redmond, and inflicted injuries upon Mrs. Fletcher from which she died.

The Astoria Masonic lodge has purchased a tract 150x150 feet for a consideration of \$15,000. The property is to be the site of a \$50,000 Masonic temple.

Miss Gladys Denham, 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. Denham, died at Aumsville from ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating meat at a Salem restaurant.

The second trial of Harold Howell, 14, for the murder of Lillian Leuthold, both of Bandon, opened Monday morning in the Coos county circuit court at Coquille.

Oregon leads in the twelfth federal reserve district in the sales of war savings and treasury certificates and also leads all states in the nation with exception of Ohio.

Despondent on account of ill health, Mrs. Mary Valkenburg, wife of Sergeant Peter Valkenburg of Fort Stevens, committed suicide at Astoria by shooting herself.

Ninety more men can be accommodated in the men's dormitory of Oregon Agricultural college next term as a result of finishing touches which have

been put on the building.

Complete information regarding the budget system in operation in Oregon is sought in a letter received by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state, from members of congress.

There were three fatal accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 11, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were James Binvinetti, laborer of Service creek; David Nelson and John Selsenberger, loggers of Dee.

According to a report received by S. C. Bartrum of the Umpqua forest reserve, Roseburg probably will be selected as an airplane base for forest patrol activities next season.

David M. Glass, locating engineer for the state highway commission, was severely injured about the head when a range in the house which the survey crew is using near Nollu, exploded.

A conference to investigate thoroughly the question of increasing rates to injured workmen under the workmen's compensation act, will be held in Portland Monday, December 22.

The bill restoring to the public domain 7000 acres of land in Jackson county was passed in the house through the efforts of Representative Sinnott. The land is situated on Lower Klamath lake.

The county court has let a contract to R. A. Allen and the Pacific Bridge company of Portland to place gravel on six miles of Harney county road, being the main arteries of the city of Burns.

The state, through R. B. Goodin, secretary of the board of control, sold to T. A. G. Gordon of Canada approximately 1000 bushels of flaxseed from the prison plant. The consideration was \$6 a bushel.

Thomas G. Hendricks, pioneer of Lane county and founder of the First National bank of Eugene and the heaviest individual taxpayer in Lane county, died at his home in Eugene at the age of 81 years.

M. F. McElhane, a prominent fruit grower near Yamhill, was injured, probably fatally, and his wife was slightly hurt when a water pipe which they were thawing out burst and sent bits of iron in all directions.

Ninety-four permits for the appropriation of water from the various streams of Oregon for the development of private and municipal projects were issued by the state engineer during the months of October and November.

Governor Olcott's action in announcing a special session of the Oregon legislature may precipitate a special election in Clackamas county for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of State Senator Walter A. Dimick.

The flax and machine shop departments of the Oregon state penitentiary were damaged to the extent of more than \$2000, when the skylights and a part of the roof of the combination structure fell under a heavy weight of snow.

Linn county, which now claims to have more breeders of purebred stock than any county in the state, is planning to form a breeders' association. A meeting will be held in Albany for that purpose some time this month, probably on Saturday, December 27.

A new industry is to be started in Douglas county by James A. Williams, who purchased Glen Echo farm, the country home of Forest Supervisor Bartram. It is the intention of Mr. Williams to stock the place with purebred Swiss milch goats and make a speciality of breeding this class of animals.

On orders from Chief of Police Jenkins a campaign for the suppression of the sale of the Seattle Union Record on the streets of Portland was started when officers were ordered to pick up all newsboys found selling the sheet and take them to the police station and to confiscate copies of the paper secured.

The commissioners of the Port of Coos bay have decided upon inviting a number of experienced port officials and engineers from Portland, Astoria and perhaps other northwest ports to inspect this district with a view of having them determine the best site for the proposed dock and wharf improvements in contemplation.

Huge maps, showing scenic drives in Douglas county, giving directions to favorite camping spots and showing the location of good fishing streams, hunting districts, agricultural areas and fruit territories, will be painted and erected by the Roseburg merchants at the auto tourists' camp ground in Roseburg next spring.

If Attorney-General Brown holds that the legislature, which convenes next month, has a best right to call a special election on May 21, the date of the regular 1920 primary nomination

election, Governor Olcott will recommend to the lawmakers that they refer the question of restoring capital punishment in Oregon to the voters at that time.

Recurrence of the rabies epidemic among coyotes, prevalent in Klamath and adjoining counties of Oregon and California two or three years ago, is feared by stockmen. The latest evidence of disease among coyotes comes from the Merrill district, near the California line, where a coyote ran amuck in the sheep corral of D. E. Young, wounding a dozen sheep and the two ranch dogs with his fangs.

This year's state tax, as computed by Frank Lovell, tax commissioner, will be approximately \$4,391,208, as against \$3,021,402 last year. The increase in this tax, according to a letter sent to county assessors of the state by Mr. Lovell, is due to the addition of \$181,283.44 allowed by the 5 per cent limitation act, \$996,435.47 for market roads, and \$198,057.00 for operation of the soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational aid law.

Federalization of the Third infantry, Oregon national guard, has been completed, according to a telegram received by Adjutant-General Staffin from the militia bureau of the war department at Washington. Croed Hammond of Portland has been officially recognized by the war department as colonel of the infantry to succeed John M. May.

With the total number of credentials filed from 1984 prospective new students as compared with 557 for this date in 1916, the last normal year, final preparations are being made to handle what is expected to be a record-breaking attendance at the Oregon Agricultural college. A registration of between 2700 and 3000 students is expected. Of the 1984 persons 749 are men and 235 women.

A blanket increase of \$20 a month in the salary of every teacher employed in the Astoria grade and high schools is asked in petitions signed by approximately 100 instructors and presented to the school board.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, who returned to Salem after a road-inspection trip which took him as far east as The Dalles and as far south as Klamath Falls, states rapid progress is being made on the roads.

Five Portland physicians of varied degrees of prominence in their profession were indicted for dispensing narcotics in violation of the Harrison narcotic law in the report returned by the United States district grand jury.

An issue of \$47,000 in paving and road construction bonds was sold by the city of The Dalles and contracts were awarded by the city council for the building of the connecting link between The Dalles and the east link of the Columbia river highway and the building of a stone retaining wall along the new road.

Increases in the salaries of the teachers in the Bend schools are to be made at once, according to a vote of the school board.

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

First Lieutenant Edward J. Himes, former city engineer of Dallas, has arrived home from overseas service. He will reopen his office in Dallas.

Joseph Castellon, tenant on the ranch of former United States Senator Levi Ankeny, near Rickreall, will leave shortly for his old home in Belgium.

Statistics recently compiled covering 15 of the principal lumber mills of Portland and vicinity show an aggregate employment of more than 5000 men.

The mammoth sawmill of the Pelican Bay Lumber company two miles north of Klamath Falls, the largest in this district, was completely destroyed by fire.

Fifty-nine inquiries from prospective settlers in Oregon have been received recently by Secretary George Quayle of the Oregon state chamber of commerce.

Three thousand kegs of powder were used in one blast to remove the rock along the right of way of the new road in Curry county just south of Port Orford.

Rochette Bonnie, a Jersey cow, valued at \$10,000, died at the farm of J. B. Stump & Son, south of Dallas, a few days ago, as a result of an accident.

Since it is possible for men to earn from \$8 to \$10 per day picking evergreen berries, Linn county highway employes are leaving their work to pick berries.

He is not a candidate for the United States senate, but will seek to return to the lower house, declares C. N. McArthur, representative from the third congressional district.

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