

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pendleton and other towns in Umatilla county are to have fire surveys made during the week.

Andrew J. Foster was nominated by President Wilson to be receiver of public moneys at Lakeview.

For the first time in 12 years the Baker county jail was empty five consecutive days last week.

L. C. Cavanagh, 65 years old, retired hop grower and stock raiser, dropped dead in the Central cigar store at Salem.

Creswell, Lane county, has a post of the American Legion, the veterans of that part of the county having organized Friday night.

A farmers' extension school, dealing with poultry, dairying and crop management, was held at Canyonville Friday and Saturday.

A strong sentiment is developing in Hood River county for a bond issue to pave a loop valley road connecting Odell and Hood River.

Roscoe Dorsey died in the Wallowa hospital as the result of wounds from pocket knives in the hands of two of his playmates a few weeks ago. He was 15 years of age.

Eight thousand acres of public land at Tule lake will be farmed this year by lessees of the government. The highest price per acre will be \$13.26 as against \$6 last year.

Practically all workers in the state are employed at present and there will be a serious shortage of labor by June 1, according to W. H. Fitzgerald, federal director of employment.

Kenneth U. Day, salesmanager of a big New York firm, who is making a survey of The Dalles fruit district, predicts that fruit will be higher than ever on account of the small California crop.

A large quantity of tri-nitro-toluol allotted to the Oregon state highway commission by the war department for use in road construction has been ordered shipped from Camp Lewis, Wash.

A movement has been started in Grant county to create a new county out of the northern portion to include the towns of Hamilton, Range, Fox, Granite, Austin, Long Creek and Susanville.

State Prohibition Agent Frank Davis of Baker was arrested on a westbound train at The Dalles on information telegraphed ahead by the conductor and was placed in the city jail charged with drunkenness.

Work of completing the grading of the Hood River-Mosier stretch of the Columbia river highway is being delayed by broken steam shovels. Two of the big excavating implements are laid up for repairs.

The Florence Electric company has filed an application with the Oregon public service commission for an increase in rates. The minimum charge is now \$1, and the corporation asks that it be increased to \$1.50.

A vocational training school for all those who have not as yet completed their eighth grade work and have dropped out of school to go to work will be opened in the La Grande high school building in the near future.

The chief of the United States weather bureau has declined to establish a weather station at Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, asserting that it was impracticable, also impossible by reason of lack of funds.

Klamath county sheepraisers will meet at Merrill, March 17, in conference with Dr. H. E. Armstrong, federal livestock inspector, to consider methods of combating the spread of scabies among southern Oregon flocks.

Every available certified Burbank and White Rose seed potato in Oregon, aggregating more than 1000 sacks, has been purchased by Marion county ranchers, according to a report filed with the county community federation.

W. D. Barnes, county judge of Deschutes county, has resigned his office, according to announcement made by Governor Olcott. Robert W. Sawyer, a Bend newspaperman, was named by the executive as Mr. Barnes' successor.

Members of the Oregon public service commission will go to Bend on March 23, where they will conduct a hearing with reference to an application of the Central Oregon Irrigation company for an increase in maintenance rates.

Extravagance in dress will be eliminated from the Roseburg high school, according to a vote taken by the girls of the student body, when 180 cast their ballots in favor of uniform dress regulations, while only 16 favored the old order of things.

Two deaths, numerous injuries, several wrecked machines and a number of arrests on charges of reckless driving were among results of nearly 40 automobile accidents reported to the Portland police for the 24-hour period closing Sunday night.

There was one fatality due to accident in Oregon during the week ending March 11, according to a report by the industrial accident commission. The victim was James Polihronis, railroad employe of Portland. A total of 416 accidents were reported.

Lee Tabor, a resident of Island City, is dead as the result of a hold up in his home. Two masked men entered the room, where Tabor was playing solitaire, and ordered him to throw up his hands. As he made a motion to reach for his gun he was shot by the robbers.

Wage increases aggregating \$228,000 annually and affecting approximately 2000 men, were announced by the two paper mills of Oregon City. The firms are the Crown-Willamette Paper company and the Hawley Pulp & Paper company. The average increase is 35 cents daily.

The state highway commission has received notice that Oregon will get 50 more trucks from the federal government. These trucks will be distributed among the various counties and will be used in road construction work. The state has received 170 of these trucks up to the present time.

All records with relation to the number of patients receiving treatment at the state hospital for the insane at Salem were shattered last week when the population of the institution totaled 1796. Including the attendants, physicians and other employes, more than 2000 persons are housed at the hospital.

If an application made by the Hood River Game Protective association is acted on favorably by the state fish and game commission, Hood River county may soon have a hatchery for the propagation of trout fry. It is proposed to locate the new hatchery just south of Hood River along the stream of that name.

A recent ruling of the state land board requiring persons removing sand and gravel from navigable streams in Oregon to pay a minimum of 10 cents a cubic yard confronts the state highway commission with a situation which will add approximately 10 per cent to the cost of these materials purchased for road construction.

N. F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, says that because of the exceedingly dry weather the past winter and because of the almost utter absence of snow, there is grave danger of fires in the mountains this summer. Unless the summer is rainy, he says, the timber will be easily inflammable and careless campers will be a deadly menace.

The badly decomposed body of John Bookman was discovered in his cabin at a lonely spot a few miles from Reston, near the main Coos Bay highway. Bookman, who was aged about 70, had lived alone for some time in a rough cabin without floor and little light. It is believed that he died from exposure and had been dead for probably five or six weeks.

In a pitched battle lasting for 20 minutes in The Dalles city jail, Frank Heater, police chief, was knocked unconscious and was locked in the cell corridor with James McClaskey, patrolman, by two recalcitrant youths whose escape from the city bastille was frustrated by the timely arrival of Sheriff Henderson of Klickitat county and John Crawford of Grand Dalles.

The most extensive realty deal put

through in recent years was the purchase at Bandon by a company composed of officials of the Nestle's Food company, of the A. H. Thrift estate dairy ranch at Langlois. The purchasers are E. G. McCoy of Portland, H. J. Conlin, D. D. Warner and George P. Laird of Bandon. The ranch consists of 840 acres lying along the coast. The sale price was \$72,000, which included 100 dairy cows.

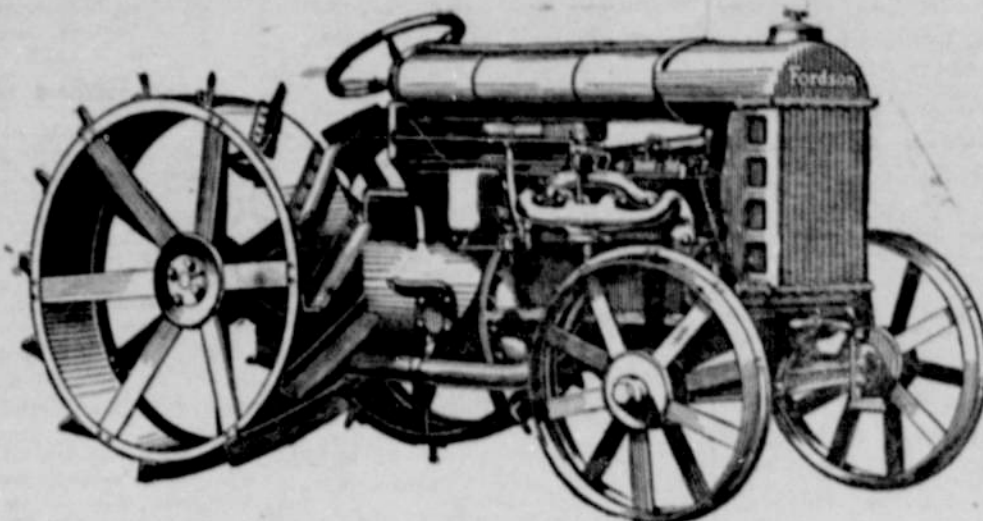
Lands in the Klamath Indian reservation will not be opened for settlement until the timber thereon is removed and sold for the benefit of the tribe, according to a letter received from the department of the Interior following receipt in Washington of a joint memorial adopted at the recent special session of the Oregon legislature asking congress to take action to the end of populating these lands with white settlers.

George Johnson, known as "Shorty," a bachelor about 40 living at Port Orford, has been taken to the state asylum at Salem, a raving maniac. Johnson, apparently normal, was strolling along the beach at Port Orford when he discovered a beautiful agate. The stone contained almost a perfect figure of a monument with a cross on top. He declared it was a sign of the second coming of Christ and from that moment on his mind became unbalanced.

At the close of business in the state department on March 8 there were 268,584 persons registered for the primary election May 21, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state and in charge of the registration work. April 20 will be the last day to register for the primary election and unless there is a spurt between now and that time fewer names will be on the poll books than for several years. At the time the registration books closed prior to the primary election in the year 1918, 302,697 persons had qualified.

The best Jersey bull that \$1000 will buy is to be purchased by a group of dairymen in the Alsea valley in western Benton county. This action was taken at the close of a three-day extension school held in Alsea.

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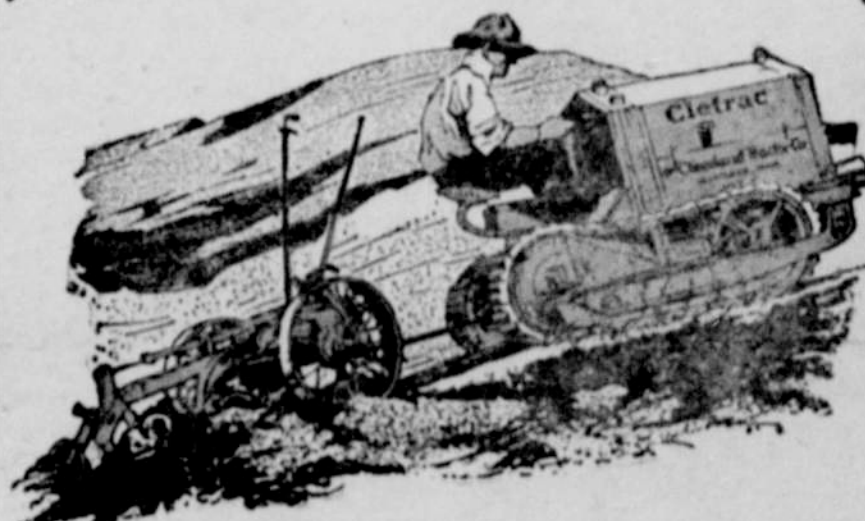


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