

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Preliminary steps have been taken for the organization of a club of girls scouts in Albany.

United States Senator Chamberlain of Oregon was operated upon in Washington, D. C. for an abscess in the right ear.

The coast guard crew at the mouth of the Siuslaw river near Florence received a power boat for the station.

Saturday, May 8, has been fixed as the date of the annual field meet at Albany college for the high schools of Linn county.

Eight million trout and 7,000,000 salmon fry will be ready to liberate from the state fish hatchery on the McKenzie river this spring.

Forest Ranger Brown, stationed in the Crater Lake national park, reports there are seven feet of snow at the lake and that snow is falling.

Seventy-one recruits for the army were obtained in an intensive campaign in the Eugene recruiting district between January 19 and March 31.

Premiums on surety bonds taken out by contractors on state highway work will cost the state practically \$200,000 under the present road program.

Six tons of poisoned grain are being used in the extermination campaign against ground squirrels which was launched by Klamath county farmers Monday.

Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois has filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for the republican presidential nomination of Oregon.

Snow has piled up in the mountains near Baker as deep as eight feet, and power users, cattle men and farmers predict that the result will be a record breaking season.

A conference of representatives of the churches of Linn county will be held in Albany April 15 to make plans for the drive in the county in behalf of the interchurch world movement.

The adjutant-general of Oregon has been authorized to organize a field hospital company in lieu of the ambulance company at present included in the allotment of national guard to the state.

All records in the number of automobile accidents for a single month in Portland were broken in March. There were 349 collisions, 31 more than in the greatest previous accident month.

At the primary election to be held next month a measure will be presented to the people of Polk county asking that a special tax levy be made each year hereafter for the support of the county fair.

Assessed valuation of property in Marion county will be increased 10 per cent this year to offset the removal of automobiles and mortgage notes from the tax rolls under an act of the legislature for 1919.

Work on the \$50,000 drainage project of the Klamath drainage district, containing 20,000 acres, will be started this year, if the state engineer approves the plan and a bond issue is indorsed by land owners.

A meeting of the poultry breeders of Linn county has been planned for Lebanon on April 9 under the direction of the Linn County Farm bureau. A permanent poultry association for the county will be formed.

The town of New Astoria, generally known as Hammond, held a special election last week to authorize a \$50,000 bond issue for bulkhead and reclamation work along the Columbia river. The vote was 70 for and 15 against.

Contracts for the purchase of Marion county hops for fall delivery are being made at 65 cents a pound, and indications point to an advance to 70 cents within the next few weeks. For the crops of 1921 and 1922, buyers are offering 45 and 55 cents.

A pen of 14 hens at the state hospital for the insane at Salem, each hen with a production record of more than 100 eggs annually, is said by Dr. James Dryden, poultry expert at the Oregon Agricultural college, to be the peer of any similar gathering of layers in the world.

Salem is first among the cities of its size in the United States with relation to per capita production of manufacturing, according to a report pre-

pared by Richard L. Rowan, statistician, who has just completed a survey of the city's industries for the commercial club.

The largest piling contract made in Lane county for many years has just been let to S. E. Russell of Eugene, who will get out 9000 piles for the Southern Pacific company and the government. The contract calls for a total of over 265,000 lineal feet of piling. Mr. Russell will establish a camp near Noti, on the Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific.

Operating a line of passenger and freight boats between Portland and Eugene, Portland and Astoria, Portland and Lewiston, Idaho, and Portland and Priest Rapids, Wash., is the purpose of the Portland Navigation company, which filed articles of incorporation at Salem.

Special taxes levied by the Marion county court, aggregating approximately \$49,000 in excess of the amount allowed under the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the state constitution, are not legal according to a decree signed by Judge Percy R. Kelly of the Marion county circuit court.

The lumber shipments from the Columbia river during the month of March were the largest for some time. According to statistics compiled by Deputy Collector Karinen, 38 vessels loaded at the mills on the river taking 36,313,410 feet of lumber from the Columbia river in cargoes during the month.

Favorable report was made by the senate agricultural committee on the McNary bill enlarging the Oregon national forest to place the area of Larch mountain under the forest reserve. The purpose of the bill is the preservation of the summer flow of Multnomah falls on the Columbia River highway.

The Harney Valley irrigation district is now organized for the construction of the reservoir, and the building of the canals necessary to place water on the 125,000 acres comprised in the district. At the last meeting William Hanley filed his bond and took the oath of office, and was elected president.

There were four fatalities due to accidents in Oregon in the week ended April 1, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Frank Mulkey, logger, Cochran; W. G. Faulker, laborer, Portland; D. A. Davis, deckhand, Bandon, and Verney Borders, logger, of Riddle.

Will H. Bennett, state banking superintendent; Percy Cupper, state engineer, and George M. Brown, attorney-general, comprising the state irrigation securities commission left Monday for Malheur county, where they will inspect the Kingman colony drainage district and the Warm Springs irrigation district. The Kingman colony district has asked for the certification of bonds in the sum of \$50,000 and the Warm Springs district in the amount of \$200,000.

The recent rains and heavy snows in eastern Oregon have solved the irrigation problem in that section for the coming summer, in the opinion of Rhea Luper, field engineer for the state water board, who has returned from Freewater. While in eastern Oregon Mr. Luper made arrangements for the distribution of water during the summer of 1920 under the direction of water masters. These officials will be appointed by the water board and work under the direction of that body.

Measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on May 21 are to be printed on a ballot of their own and not on the regular primary nominating ballot, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown. This is necessary, according to the attorney-general, for the reason that only the republican and democratic parties are represented at the primaries and persons of other political affiliation would be deprived of their right to vote on the measures.

Major Charles Vanway, Clement A. Parker and Henry E. Walker, comprising the board of trustees of the United States Spruce Production corporation accompanied by Major G. B. Harrington and A. W. Stegman of Portland, and W. K. Patterson and Bert Geer of Toledo, made an inspection of the big mill at Toledo, the Aisea Southern railroad and Blodgett timber tract and the Yquina Northern railroad. The object of the inspection was to get acquainted with present conditions of the property with a view of offering it for sale.

Two cents a quart was knocked off of the price of milk to the consumer in Portland by a decision of the milk-price commission, appointed by Mayor Baker. The milk producers will bear

1 1/2 cents of the reduction while the distributor will bear the other half cent. The price to the producers under the new scale will be \$3.20 a hundred pounds, instead of \$3.99 they have been getting. Both producers and distributors will abide by the decision. The new price to the householder will be 13 cents a quart where mid-month payments is made. Otherwise it is 14 cents.

The state livestock sanitary board has placed a sheep quarantine upon all Klamath county, exclusive of the Klamath Indian reservation, effective April 1. The moving of sheep outside the quarantine zone is forbidden except upon certificate of a properly qualified inspector that they are in good health and free from scabies. The order was made on recommendation of the Klamath County Wool Growers' association after conference with Dr. H. E. Armstrong, federal inspector for the district. It will operate to cause dipping of all Klamath county sheep before the usual spring transfer to the California ranges.

A member of the legislature of 1919 cannot legally be named master fish warden, according to an opinion by Attorney General Brown, given at the request of State Game Warden Shoemaker. The 1919 legislature, Brown points out, permits increasing the salary of the master fish warden, thus raising a bar to the naming of a member to that post. The same conditions, he says, obtain in the positions of deputy fish and game wardens.

Members of the state irrigation securities commission certified to \$40,000 worth of bonds issued by the Enterprise Irrigation District in Klamath county and \$100,000 worth of bonds authorized by the Grants Pass Irrigation district in Josephine county. The Enterprise district comprises approximately 2400 acres, while in the Grants Pass district there are included 8000 acres. Development work on both projects is in progress.

A determination to get better dairy cows through the organization of a Jersey bull association, the elimination of rodents and vermin, the production of better crops through soil improvement, constituted the program of work adopted by the Nashville community farm bureau which organized at Toledo. The women's meeting, presided over by Miss Lane and Miss Biles of the Oregon Agricultural college, was well attended. Home demonstration work was new to the Toledo ladies.

The State Taxpayers' league which held a meeting in Portland denounced the united land and labor league as socialistic, undemocratic and a menace to the state of Oregon. Attending the meeting were representative men from all sections of Oregon, and there was a considerable sprinkling of members of the legislature. The resolutions adopted: Indorsed 1.25 mills tax bill for support and maintenance of Oregon Agricultural college, University of Oregon and State Normal school. Indorsed soldiers', sailors and marines' millage tax educational bill. Indorsed 4 per cent road bonding amendment to the constitution. Indorsed 2 mill tax bill for support of elementary schools of the state. Indorsed plan for divided session of the state legislature. Adopted resolutions denouncing Land and Labor party and Non-Partisan league, and outlined plans to oppose them throughout the state. Adopted resolutions opposing attempt to repeal the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the constitution.

From an assessed valuation of \$29,554,209 in 1900 to \$312,671,785 in 1919 is the record of Portland, as disclosed in the tax rate sheet for Multnomah county for 1920, based upon the 1915 assessment and tax roll, and issued by Henry E. Reed, assessor.

EXTENSIVE SLIDE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONFERENCE

Interchurch World officers having in charge the conference which will be held in this county early in April declare the local church workers exceptionally fortunate, as the stereopticon slides and other apparatus used in the State Pastors' Conference in Oregon have been left for use in the county conference. The slides in particular are said to be exceptionally interesting, covering very completely the results of the world wide survey made by the Interchurch World Movement, as well as illustrating conditions throughout the United States.

Slides to illustrate hymns which were used in the State Pastors' Conference by the New York "team" also have been left for use of the county conference. All in all, it is said that the equipment afforded for this county will equal that used at any of the state conferences. An experienced operator with highgrade lantern equipment will accompany the team.

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