

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Frank J. Lovell has been appointed state tax commissioner.

Only seven forest fires have been reported to the state forester so far this season.

A second shift meaning the employment of 100 more men, will be started at the Brooks-Scanlon mill at Bend.

Fire completely destroyed the large barn and contents on the McDonald ranch, two miles southwest of Weston.

Home building has progressed at the average rate of \$861,693 a month in Portland for the first six months of the year 1921.

Haying in eastern Linn county is well under way and the farmers are trying to care for one of the largest hay crops ever raised in the county.

The sixth annual tournament for the tennis championship of the Willamette valley will open at Salem July 7, and continue for three days.

The society of Oregon composers, through its president, Dr. Emil Enna of Portland, has presented to the state library a volume of Oregon compositions.

Grasshoppers are becoming so plentiful on Crane prairie, near Bend, that destruction of the range, which ordinarily carries 1700 head of cattle, is threatened.

Presidents and secretaries of commercial clubs of ten Umatilla county towns were guests of the Pendleton Commercial association at a banquet in Pendleton.

H. M. Gardner of Stayton, has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate 1200 second feet of water from the North Santiam river for power purposes.

The marine strike has had its effect upon the cargo lumber shipments from the Columbia, which for June were the smallest of any single month in several years.

There were a total of 125 permits to appropriate water and six permits to store water issued by Percy Cupper, state engineer, during the months of April, May and June.

The president of the Oregon State Bankers' association has appointed a committee to investigate the salmon industry with the idea of devising the best method of financing it.

Several hundred representatives of Oregon's 14,000 ex-service men who are banded together in the American Legion met Saturday in Eugene for the Oregon department's third annual convention.

William A. Botz, who lives on a ranch near Bend, received through the Red Cross, his croix de guerre awarded him by the French government. To the cross was added a star for particular bravery.

Fire destroyed four grain warehouses, an elevator and many thousand bushels of grain at Myrick station, six miles northeast of Pendleton, causing damage estimated at from \$165,000 to \$200,000.

The second woman fire lookout to be employed on the Deschutes national forest has taken up her official duties. Mrs. Robert Merrill of Portland has been stationed at Black butte, 35 miles from Bend.

Cheese producers in Curry county, instead of shipping to Coos Bay for re-shipment have undertaken a delivery at San Francisco, where the first cargo was recently taken by the gasoline schooner Osprey.

Seven hundred thousand bushels of the new crop of wheat have been contracted for at \$1 a bushel, or prices near that figure, by H. W. Collins, prominent Pendleton grainman, according to announcement.

Damage estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000 was caused at Astoria by two fires which destroyed the main saw-mill and power plant at the Astoria Box company's plant, the big double dry kiln and 30 cars of lumber.

Members of the Douglas county forest patrol and of the United States forest service met in Roseburg Saturday with supervising wardens from adjoining counties for a school of methods and foresters' convention.

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon during the period January 1 to June 30, 1921, aggregated 102,274 as against 89,173 for the same months last year, according to a report issued by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Approximately \$1,094,205.25 has

been received by the state from taxes levied on gasoline and distillate sales in Oregon during the period February 1, 1919, to May 31, 1921, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Through the opening of a second pool by the Willamette Valley Prune association, loganberry growers of the Salem vicinity are hopeful of receiving 5 cents a pound for their product. The pool will be open to all growers, who have not yet obtained a market for their berries.

The auto camp grounds in McMinnville are being remodeled.

Harry C. Brumbaugh of Portland has been appointed executive secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission, created under an act of the last legislature.

More than 100 deaf persons, many of them graduates of the Oregon school for the deaf, assembled at Salem Saturday and organized the Oregon State Association for the Deaf.

Approximately half of the 7000 corporations operating in Oregon have filed with the state corporation department their annual reports as required under the state laws. The statutes require that these statements shall be filed by July 1.

Complaints charging burglary were filed in the justice court at Albany by District Attorney Lewelling against William A. Schultz, Irvin L. Wright and R. W. Cooley, as a result of their attempt to break into the Halsey State bank last week.

Increased rates, sought by the American Railway Express company affecting the transportation of buttermilk, cream, milk and ice cream have been denied by the Oregon public service commission. The increase requested in the application ranged from 20 to 25 per cent.

The most important wool sale of the season was held at Shaniko, in which the clip of that section was offered for sealed bids. The sale attracted buyers from many foreign and eastern mills. About 250,000 pounds, the clips of 31 growers, were disposed of at prices ranging from 13 to 20 cents.

Linn county and Oregon will have the distinction of supplying the youngest member of the famous Sousa's band on its next tour. Loren J. Luper of Tugent, who is only 22 years old, will leave early in July for New York, where he will become a member of this famous musical organization.

Fred Williams, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, will go to San Francisco July 13, where he will attend a conference of the interstate commerce commission, with relation to an adjustment of freight rates on the Weed-Klamath Falls branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The extent of the powers vested in the state board eugenics under the so-called sterilization act, will be determined in a test case filed in the circuit court at Salem by Tom Garland, Portland attorney. The proceedings were brought on behalf of Jacob Cline, an inmate of the Oregon state penitentiary.

Oscar Hansen, a transient, was arrested near Eugene, charged with setting numerous fires on the right-of-way of the main line of the Southern Pacific railway. With a blow torch in one hand and a suitcase in the other, Hansen had been walking along the track from the north for two days, setting fire to the dry grass and weeds.

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, at the conclusion of a conference with Salem bankers, announced that he had completed arrangements whereby warrants drawn on the general fund of the state would be honored and would not be indorsed "not paid for want of funds," as predicted when the general fund of the state became exhausted several days ago.

I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, in an opinion held that under the existing laws water used for irrigation purposes is appurtenant to the land upon which it is used and that water rights should be assessed as real estate in connection with the land to which they are appurtenant and not separately. The opinion was sought by the state tax commission.

Under a new law which became effective July 1, employing firms that maintain manufacturing plants within the state of Oregon have the privilege of a 5 per cent reduction in their contributions to the state industrial accident fund, on condition that they maintain a regular local council for the consideration of plans for averting accidents and vocational diseases or hazards.

Two new wheat diseases, deadly in their power of destruction, have made

their appearance in Oregon, according to Professor Barnes, instructor in plant pathology at Oregon Agricultural college. The two new diseases, flag-smut and take-all, originated in Australia. An effort was made to keep them out of the United States by barring the importation of Australian wheat. Both of these diseases have been found in the Willamette valley, according to Professor Barnes.

Announcement was made at Astoria by W. F. McGregor of the closing of the largest timber deal consummated in western Oregon for several months. By it the Crown Willamette Paper company acquired the holdings of the Lake Timber company, and of the Tahkenitich Timber company in Douglas county. The tracts, which are in the southern part of Douglas county, near Lake Tahkenitich, comprise between 6000 and 7000 acres of timber, averaging about 100,000 feet to the acre, about 80 per cent of which is spruce. The sale was based on a valuation of \$3 per 1000 feet and the total consideration was more than \$1,500,000.

Governor Olcott has announced the appointment of Archie F. Roth and L. B. Hickman of Portland, Walter E. Lees of La Grande, Leo G. Devaney of Roseburg and Floyd Hart of Medford as members of the state board of aeronautics created by an act of the last legislature.

The Oswego Lake Water & Power company, which supplies water to the consumers of Oswego, was instructed by the Oregon public service commission to improve its water supply immediately, under penalty of having the complaint referred to the attorney-general for legal action.

With many expressions of appreciation for the treatment they had received, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the women of their three allied organizations, bid Pendleton goodbye Friday and departed for their homes, after concluding their 40th annual encampment there.

Construction has begun on the first unit of the Condon-Arlington section of the John Day highway, the first five miles north of Condon. This piece of road, which is to cost \$76,000, is being built by the state. When completed, Gilliam county will reimburse the state with half the cost of building.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending June 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Harry E. Eckenstein, warehouseman of Portland, and Frank Joerg, logger of Cochrane. A total of 340 accidents were reported.

Karl Gunster, hoseman of engine 22, was killed, seven other persons were injured or overcome with smoke fumes

and property damage estimated at \$75,000 resulted from a fire which broke out in the May apartments, Fourteenth and Taylor streets, in Portland, and swept through the structure from basement to roof with alarming rapidity.

Suspected of being the two box-car bandits who shot and killed J. H. Phillips, O. W. R. & N. agent, in a gun fight in the railroad yards in Portland, Tuesday night, John Burns, 26, and Dan Casey, alias Patrick J. Casey, were arrested by a squad of city detectives, railroad operatives and deputy sheriffs at a hotel operated by Burns.

Tremendously decreased costs, coupled with the unusually abundant grass on the range, will mean as large a profit to central Oregon sheepmen from 18 or 20-cent wool as was gained from the abnormally high prices prevailing during and for the first two years after the war, in the belief held by representative Deschutes and Lake county wool growers.

Organization of what will be known as the Oregon Co-operative council, was effected at the close of the co-operative marketing conference in connection with farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college. This is considered by prominent men in attendance as being the most important step in the history of co-operative organizations in Oregon.

Up until June 15, 1921, a total of \$916,633.65 had been paid by the state to ex-service men on account of educational financial aid authorized under a measure approved by the voters at a special election held in the year 1919, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. This money was disbursed to 5545 persons attending 147 different institutions in the state.

Complete investigation and partial revision of the system of taxation now in operation in Oregon, opening up of additional sources of state revenue and other proposals whereby real estate may be relieved of at least a small part of the financial burdens of government and at the same time raise money with which to meet the demands upon the public coffers, were discussed at the meeting of the so-called tax investigation committee held at Salem last week.

The berry situation in Marion county took an optimistic turn when the Salem and Woodburn banks agreed to advance approximately \$75,000 with which to finance harvesting the loganberry and cherry crops which have come on simultaneously. The bankers, after offering the \$75,000, urged the business men of the city to put up \$25,000. This the business men agreed to do.

Railroad Time Table

Arrival and Departure of Passenger Trains

Woodburn-Springfield Branch		
WEST SCIO		
North		7:55 a.m.
South		5:13 p.m.
Corvallis & Eastern		
MUNKERS		
To Albany		8:11 a.m.
To Detroit		1:44 p.m.

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