

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

Prune drying in the Willamette valley is under way.

The North Bend city schools have the largest attendance since 1917.

The Newberg cannery is making a heavy run on packing pears. About 300 persons are employed.

Accurate figures show that 100 new buildings have been erected in Corvallis since the first of the year.

Practically the entire unpicked cucumber crop of the Gresham section of Multnomah county was killed by frost.

The Dallas public and high schools opened with an enrollment of 456 pupils, about 250 less than on the opening day last year.

The public utility act is not broad enough to give the public service commission jurisdiction over questions of scenic preservation.

In excess of 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, valued at more than \$3,000,000, have been exported from Portland already this month.

Tentative plans for a winter fair similar to the one held in Ashland last year were made at a meeting of the chamber of commerce.

Six applications for appointments as postmaster at Scio and two for the Jefferson position took the civil service examination at Albany.

The immediate survey of the Scottsburg-Reedsport section of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway was ordered by the Douglas county court.

The postal department has set aside \$10,000 for the improvement of the Salem postoffice, according to advice received by Senator McNary.

The hotel at Veneta, a small lumbering town 15 miles west of Eugene on the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific was destroyed by fire.

Assessments amounting to \$206,597.52 for street improvement and sewer construction were declared due by the city auditor of Portland.

At the last meeting of the Lebanon Farmers' Cooperative exchange it was voted to retire from business in which it has been engaged for four years.

Unclaimed deposits in the banks of Oregon escheating to the state on July 1 last aggregated \$21,648.71. The money goes into the common school fund.

The supreme court named James W. Crawford as court reporter to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank A. Turner last month. Crawford is now deputy state treasurer.

The Klamath Farm Loan association reports that within the next two or three weeks about \$35,000 in loans will be made to 16 petitioners, ranging in sums from \$1000 to \$4000 each.

Examination of candidates for appointment as postmaster of the third class will be held October 8 at Albany, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford, Pendleton, Portland, Roseburg, Silverton and The Dalles.

American Legion officials of Port-

land are making an effort to persuade Marshal Foch, General Diaz and other celebrities of the foreign delegation to the convention in Kansas City, to visit Portland.

A new trout hatchery, to be situated near Oak Springs on the Deschutes river, will be constructed before the opening of next year's hatchling season, according to A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden.

Miss Helen Brooksmit, a graduate of Holyoke college, has arrived in Eugene to take up her duties as head resident of Susan Campbell hall at the opening of the university. She comes from New York city.

More men were arrested for violating the state game code during the first eight months of this year than during all of 1920, according to a report just completed by A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden.

The Astoria Box company's sawmill, which was destroyed by fire about two months ago, will be replaced with a strictly modern band mill having a cutting capacity of 150,000 feet of lumber per day.

The largest return of gasoline sales for a single month to be reported to the secretary of state since the motor fuel tax law became effective more than two years ago is that of the Standard Oil company for August.

A call to become permanent pastor of First Baptist church of Portland (White Temple) was extended to Dr. H. H. Hulten of Oklahoma City, Okla., by a vote of 169 to 24 at a meeting of the congregation at White Temple.

M. L. Evans, taxi driver of Bend, confessed that he killed James Doran of McMinnville and wounded William Ducharme, Doran's companion last Saturday night two miles south of The Dalles, according to District Attorney Francis Galloway. Evans is reported to have said robbery was the motive, and that he took \$120 from the dead man.

The Lebanon Stock company has organized for the purpose of building an armory for the use of the hospital company of the Oregon National guard.

Roseburg's fire loss for the period from September, 1920, to September, 1921, amounted to approximately \$1760, of which amount \$1500 was lost in one fire. This, it is believed, is a record unequalled by any city the size of Roseburg.

The Klamath County Wool Growers' association has adopted resolutions opposing the annexation of the Diamond Lake area to Crater Lake national park, on the ground that it would deprive stockmen of much valuable grazing land.

Permission for the construction of 19 crossings at grade across public highways in Washington and Columbia counties is granted to the Portland-Astoria & Pacific Railroad company in an order issued by the public service commission.

The Interstate Bridge over the Columbia River paid approximately \$300 a day in August over and above all operating costs, salaries and interest on bonded indebtedness, according to reports submitted at a meeting of the bridge commission.

Presbyterianism in Oregon in the last year has made a net gain of about 1400 new members, but in the Willamette Presbytery there has been a slight loss in membership. These facts were brought out at the Presbytery convention in Salem.

A petition for commutation of the death sentence of John L. Rathie and James Kirby, alias James Owens, implicated in the jail break and subsequent killing at Pendleton of Sheriff Till Taylor, was framed at a meeting of the Salem War Mothers.

Continuation of proceedings to cancel the citizenship papers of Joseph Woerdle, alleged agent of the Austrian government during the war, was ordered by Attorney-General Daugherty in a telegram to United States Attorney Humphreys of Portland.

Members of the Portland city council have agreed to call a special city election some time in November for the purpose of permitting the voters of this city to pass upon the proposed tax levy for Portland's share in the financing of the 1925 exposition.

The Dalles city water is unfit to drink, according to word received from the state board of health. Placards warning against drinking city water were placed over drinking fountains in public places in the city by the United States public health service.

William S. Walton, cashier of the Ladd & Tilton bank of Salem, has been notified by the War Finance corporation that he has been appointed on the committee which will pass on applications in his district for loans under the provisions of the war-finance

act.

Bankers of Jackson county met in Medford recently to arrange details for giving lectures in the schools of the county in explaining the intricacies and mysteries of banking in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the State Bankers' association.

The state law which says that the state forester shall provide sufficient fire patrol for timber land in the state, applies to such property owned by a county "and by it acquired through foreclosure of taxes on it," said an opinion handed down by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, for the benefit of the state forester.

About 7 per cent of all the property in Multnomah county worth \$25,374,920 is exempted by law from taxation. Of this property, 72.85 per cent is owned by schools, the city of Portland, outlying towns, Multnomah county, the United States government and the state of Oregon. The remaining 27.15 per cent of the exempt property is owned by churches, fraternal orders, private schools, hospitals, drainage districts, charitable and educational institutions, cemeteries, or comes under the head of soldiers' exemptions.

An amendment to the county salary law made by the legislature of 1921 does not provide for the payment of any additional fees and expenses, for county officers, according to an opinion written by Attorney-General Van Winkle for District Attorney Keator of Umatilla county. The opinion says the amendment was intended to provide only that whatever traveling expenses were otherwise provided by the law should be audited and paid by the county court in the same manner as provided for the salaries of the officers.

Dr. R. M. Brumfield is sleeping in solitary confinement behind doubly locked and chained doors as a result of the attempted break from the Douglas county jail. Brumfield's bed was moved from the main cell of the jail into one of the individual cells, and although he has the privilege and comfort of the main cage in the day time he is locked into one of the small cells at night and the door chained and padlocked in addition to the regular lock. J. R. Ballet, alleged forger, who said he was the sole perpetrator of the attempted jail break, also is kept in solitary confinement at night and every precaution is being taken to prevent a recurrence of the affair.

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