

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pacific college at Newberg has inaugurated a campaign for a war-time deficiency fund of \$10,000.

Alexander M. Holmes, a pioneer widely known throughout Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, died at Sublimity, aged 78.

The Southern Oregon Poultry association will hold its annual show in Medford on the 18th, 19th and 20th of December.

I. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney general of Oregon, is confined in a hospital at Colorado Springs, Colo., with an infected hand.

Despite adverse recommendations of the citizens' advisory budget committee, the rose festival probably will be resumed in Portland next June.

County officials from throughout Oregon are meeting in Portland this week for the annual convention of the Association of County Judges and Commissioners.

An emergency hospital has been opened at Adams with the co-operation of the Adams branch of the Umatilla county Red Cross to care for Spanish influenza cases.

W. B. Ayer, for 18 months federal food administrator for Oregon, has resigned his office and named W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator, to act in his stead.

Frank V. Pedro, wealthy sheepman of the Butter creek country, near Echo, killed himself at his home in Pendleton by swallowing a large quantity of strychnine.

Up to the beginning of the week the death toll in Portland from influenza totaled 602 since the epidemic started in October. The total number of cases reported was 8809.

A large barn on the Jess Traver farm, northwest of Forest Grove, was burned, the fire consuming 1000 tons of hay, all the farm machinery and other valuable property.

To bring attention to Pendleton as an ideal place to spend the winter and to make an all-year home is the purpose of a campaign just launched by the Pendleton Commercial association.

The general strike threatened for Monday, on behalf of Thomas Mooney, was abandoned so far as Portland was concerned, when the Central Labor council adopted a resolution to this effect.

Commercial power rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and the Northwestern Electric company, of Portland, are increased in orders issued by the public service commission.

After a search extending throughout the entire United States since last August, Mrs. Ethel M. Scott, wanted in Eugene for forgery of checks and postal money orders, was arrested in San Bernardino, Cal.

The emergency board met Monday at the request of Governor Withycombe, to consider an application for a deficiency appropriation of \$3000 for the public service commission to investigate telephone rates.

With only \$000 motor vehicle license applications received to date out of the 63,317 registered last year, Secretary Olcott warns car owners to get their applications in as soon as avoid trouble after the first of the year.

A convention of the State Federation of Labor will be held in Salem on January 6. The convention was scheduled to be held at Bend in October, but the prevalence of influenza there made it necessary to postpone the session.

Cyrus Hamlin Walker, of Albany, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, reached the 80th year of his life Saturday. Mr. Walker was born December 7, 1838, at the old Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, Wash.

Formal protest against class freight rates proposed under the Chambers-Prouty scale for railroads of the country, has been made to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Aitchison by Chairman Miller of the public service commission.

Warden Stevens, of the state penitentiary, has appointed John C. Talley deputy warden, supplementing Charles Burns, who will become turnkey to succeed L. C. Brotherton, temporarily relieved. Mr. Talley has been deputy warden at McNeill's island federal prison.

The University of Oregon at Eugene will conduct examinations on January 17 for young men who have the necessary qualifications for recommendation to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, following a request received from Congressman W. C. Hawley.

One of the biggest hauls of bootleg whiskey ever captured in Clackamas county was seized by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Joiner, when two Seattle men driving a large auto carrying a Washington license attempted to get through the county with about 300 quarts of liquor.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, of Oregon Agricultural college, will conduct a three days' grain-grading school at Dufur December 12, 13 and 14, under the auspices of Wasco county farm bureau, Oregon Agricultural college and the United States department of agriculture co-operating.

During the biennium of 1917 and 1918 the state highway department has constructed 45.2 miles of concrete pavement, 79.8 miles of broken stone macadam, 32.2 miles of gravel-macadam and 134.5 miles of grading, according to figures compiled for the biennial report of the department.

If it is found to be for the best interests of enforcing the factory inspection law the state labor commissioner may establish a branch office in Portland and pay the expenses for it out of the factory inspection fund. Attorney-General Brown has advised Labor Commissioner-elect Gram.

During the last two years the receipts of the state from all sources have amounted to \$20,133,970, which is more than \$8,000,000 above the receipts of any previous biennium in the history of the state, according to figures being compiled for the biennial report of State Treasurer Kay.

Irrigation and drainage of 23,340 acres of land east of Eugene is contemplated by the Benham Falls Irrigation company, of San Francisco, which has completed its filing for using waters of the McKenzie river. An estimated cost of \$1,235,000 is placed on the proposed development work.

The Oregon Horticultural society closed its meeting at Roseburg after electing officers and deciding to hold next year's session at Astoria. The officers elected were: Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, president; J. O. Holt, Eugene, vice president; C. D. Minton, Portland, secretary; Charles L. McNary, Salem, trustee.

Baker county is proud of its record on the war stamp drive, it having already exceeded its quota of \$400,000 by \$60,000. All indications point to the fact that the county will exceed its quota by \$100,000 before January 1. Baker county has the honor of being the first county in the state to have its quota paid a month ahead of time with a large over-subscription.

At the instance of lumbermen in eastern Oregon, Representative Sinnott has asked the railroad administration to restore the privilege of shipping pine lumber in closed freight cars. Owing to the scarcity of boxcars for shipping perishable commodities, the regulations have required use of open cars for lumber, but it is alleged that pine lumber is injured by shipment in the open.

Twenty-nine cities and towns in Oregon each have a bank deposit of \$1,000,000 or more, and the aggregate is \$192,218,562.51, a statement issued by the state banking department shows. The deposits in the city of Portland total \$125,884,709.85, and after Portland comes Salem with \$6,920,543.68. Pendleton is third with \$6,559,812.42, and Astoria fourth with \$6,354,852.39. The banking institutions in the 29 cities and towns total 102.

There has been eliminated from the Deschutes national forest in west central Oregon, 4780 acres of land, all surveyed and a small portion reported to be agricultural, subject to entry only under the homestead laws requiring residence, at and after 9 o'clock a. m. January 15, and to settlement and other disposition on and after January 22, 1919, at the United States land offices at Lakeview and The Dalles. The land is in scattered small tracts.

Four fatal accidents are included in the 641 accident reports received last week by the state industrial accident commission. In addition the commission received the report that Nelson Kendall, who was injured May 18 at Dee, while employed at lumbering, died November 24. The fatal accidents reported were: Earl Randall, Bandon, stevedoring; G. W. Mackey, Astoria, shipbuilding; C. Ellis, Knappa, logging; Fred Boatner, Mist, logging.

Anglers' hunters' and combination licenses for 1919 are being mailed from the Portland office of the state fish and game commission to the 36 county clerks of the state and to approximately 130 others points of distribution. Paper conservation has resulted in the commission reducing the usual number of licenses by almost 20,000. The following numbers have been issued this year and are being distributed: Sixty thousand anglers' licenses, 45,000 hunters' licenses, 20,000 combination licenses, 100,000 nonresident licenses and 2500 free licenses for veterans of the Civil war and pioneers who came to Oregon prior to 1850.

Results of the official count at the last general election show that Governor Withycombe has five new political scalps hanging to his belt in the shape of records for Oregon. He is the first man to be nominated three times for the office of governor. He was elected four years ago by the largest majority ever given a candidate for governor. He was nominated last May by the largest plurality ever accorded a nominee for that office. He was elected by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for governor elected for his second term. He was the first republican governor in the history of the state to succeed himself.

LIEUTENANT GRANT



U. S. Grant 4th, grandson of the famous civil war general, who was promoted from a private to a lieutenant in the army.

30,000 SOLDIERS NOW LEAVING ARMY DAILY

Washington.—Demobilization of the home military forces at the rate of 30,000 a day, the goal set less than a month ago by the war department, has been reached if not exceeded.

The chief of staff said more than 900,000 men have been assigned for early demobilization, including 21,000 divisional troops, 43,000 engineers and 16,000 men of the military aeronautics division.

General March made public a report from General Pershing under date of December 15, saying at that time a total of 3210 American officers and men, taken prisoner by the enemy, had been released and that only a few Americans in isolated camps remained prisoner. Red Cross workers, allied and neutral agents, the report said, are now searching for the few Americans still held prisoner.

General March disclosed the fact that the communication facilities with the American forces in Russia, particularly in the Archangel area, have been very unsatisfactory. The war department itself has had difficulty in communicating important military instructions to the commander and only meager dispatches have come through to this end.

General March said coast artillery units which were being used for army and corps artillery are all being returned to this country, but those which were serving as divisional artillery probably will stay abroad for some time.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

When the total German casualties are published the number of dead will be about two million, according to the Cologne Gazette.

With the occupation of Eger and Reichenberg, the Czech-Slovaks seem to have all of German Bohemia completely cut off from German Austria.

The independence of Armenia has been proclaimed by the Armenian national delegation in Paris, according to a dispatch from the French capital.

Travelers from Germany report that there are more than 100,000 unemployed men in Berlin. The streets are full of beggars. Many of the largest factories have closed.

Appointment of Major-General C. T. Mencher, who commanded the Forty-second (Rainbow) Division in France, as director of air service, succeeding John D. Ryan, was announced by General March.

American airmen in France brought down a total of 854 German airplanes and 32 German balloons, against an American loss of 271 planes and 45 balloons, according to a report cabled by Major-General Harbord and made public by the war department.

German propaganda and the tendency to criticize conditions in the district occupied by the American forces have been abruptly checked by the establishment of a censorship by Major-General Dickman upon the newspapers and theaters. His act was the first indication that the Americans purposed tightening their grip on local affairs.

Germans Return Belgian Gold.
Brussels.—German representatives have brought here from Cologne 330,000,000 marks in gold, which is being restored by Germany to Belgium. The armistice with Germany provided for the return of the cash deposit of the National Bank of Belgium, which was removed by the Germans.

French Losses 1,400,000
Paris.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the socialist deputy, Lucien Volkin, in the Chamber of Deputies.

BEST IN THE LONG RUN

The World's First Torpedo Failed

ITS inventor, David Bushnell, an American, in 1776 attempted to sink the British warship, Eagle.

Bushnell towing his torpedo, charged with powder, by means of a hand-power semi-submersible, planned to fasten it to the hull of the attacked ship with a steel plunger; then explode it by clock work.

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