

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Approximately 165 bridges and culverts, representing a cost estimated at \$1,696,777, were under contract or advertised for construction during the year 1919, according to the annual report of C. B. McCullough, engineer for the state highway department.

Because of the dissatisfaction expressed by consumers with regard to rates charged by the Douglas County Water & Light company a movement is on foot at Roseburg to vote bonds in the sum of approximately \$600,000 with which to install a municipal plant.

The Douglas county jail was depopulated Saturday night about 11 o'clock when the four inmates escaped after sawing their way out of the main cage and then dropping from a second-story window to the ground. All of the escaped prisoners but one were captured during the day.

The confession of Leon Grannan, who surrendered recently to the authorities at Douglas, Ariz., admitting that he robbed the Shasta Limited at Yoncalla on the night of June 16, 1911, has cleared up one of the greatest mysteries in Douglas county crime annals, according to Sheriff Quine.

Harold Howell, who has been held in the county jail at Marshfield for several months and passed through two trials for the alleged murder of Lillian Leuthold, a 16-year-old girl of Bandon, probably never will be convicted. Judge Coke discharged the jury of the second trial after it was reported that the jury could reach no agreement.

Indications that the state fish and game commission will refuse to accede to Governor Olcott's recommendations that William L. Finley be reinstated as state biologist and that the commission will stand pat on its action of December 11, ousting Finley, are contained in letters received by the governor from Frank M. Warren and L. N. Fleischer of Portland, members of the commission.

In compliance with a resolution adopted at a conference held in Portland, Attorney-General Brown will draft the bill providing for an increase in payments to injured workmen under the compensation act, according to an announcement made by members of the state industrial accident commission. The bill will be submitted for the consideration of the legislature at its special session in January.

Reports of excessive damage to the fruit and berry industry of the Willamette valley, due to the recent freezing weather, were emphatically denied at Salem by C. I. Lewis, secretary of the Oregon Growers association, and V. W. Brown, secretary of the Polk County Growers association. Especially does this denial apply to orchards, which the experts state are practically uninjured by the freeze.

Because of the present car shortage which is said to be hampering many Oregon industries and throwing thousands of men out of employment, Fred Buchtel, chairman of the Oregon public service commission sent telegrams to R. H. Ashton, regional director of United States railways at Chicago, and L. C. Gilman of Seattle, district director of the federal railroad administration, urging that they aid in relieving the situation.

W. P. Andrews, forest valuation engineer of the northwest district, bureau of internal revenue, who has been in Portland since last September 5 in connection with questionnaires by timber owners, has completed his work and will return to Washington, D. C. The questionnaires are now being sent to Washington and the valuations placed on timber lands and timber products will be made the basis of income and excess profits taxes.

During the period between February 26 and November 30, 1919, enough gasoline was sold in Oregon to operate each motor vehicle now licensed in the state for a distance of approximately 5400 miles, based on an average of 15 miles to each gallon of gasoline consumed, according to a statement issued by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state. Nearly 39,000,000 gallons of gasoline was sold to Oregon motor vehicle owners during the period covered in Mr. Koser's statement.

Professor C. I. Lewis, one of the staff of managers for the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, who has made a deep study into loganberry culture, advises loganberry growers hereafter to delay placing their vines on the trellis until spring to prevent freezing. Lewis advocated this several years ago. The subject has been

POISONOUS DRINKS CAUSE MANY DEATHS

Many Victims of Wood Alcohol
"Whisky" Reported From
Eastern Cities.

New York. — Seventy-six persons have died and scores of others are suffering from paralysis and blindness, due to drinking wood-alcohol "whisky," according to reports received from eight eastern cities and Chicago.

The toll of poisonous liquor was the highest in New England, where 68 deaths have been recorded.

Federal agents arrested five men who they claimed were the heads of an organized band which has been responsible for the recent widespread sale of wood alcohol concoctions through five states. One of the men arrested was described by the government agents as "the kingpin of the ring." Two of the men in custody were described as New York business men.

The arrests were made in widely separated parts of the city. Three of the prisoners arrested are Adolph Panarelli, a wine and liquor dealer; John Romanelli, an undertaker, and Samuel K. Saleeby, a druggist.

In Chicopee, Mass., 33 men and two women died; in Springfield, three men and one woman; Holyoke, six men, and in Greenfield, Mass., one man. In Hartford, Conn., 13 persons died. In Thompsonville, Conn., two deaths were reported. Chicago reported eight deaths. Two deaths were announced at Newark, N. J.

DRY MEASURE IS DEFIED

New Jersey Provides Bill for Own
Enforcement.

New Brunswick, N. J.—The preamble of the bill authorizing the sale of beer and light wines in New Jersey was made public by State Senator Thomas Brown, who will introduce the measure at the next session of the legislature.

The preamble sets forth that the state of New Jersey has not ratified the eighteenth amendment, doubts that it was passed in a constitutional manner and intends to disregard the Volstead act and pass an enforcement bill which will be supreme within the limits of the state.

Senator Brown said the theory upon which Governor-elect Edwards and his supporters are working is that the eighteenth amendment gives equal power to congress and the states in the enforcement of prohibition and that the congressional enactment applies only where there is no state law in effect.

Lord French's Guard Killed.

Dublin.—An officer of the guard and one member of a band of intruders were killed in a shooting affray in Phoenix park, a Dublin suburban station, and only a short distance from the vice-regal lodge. The vice-regal lodge is the official residence of Viscount French, lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland.

Warning Issued Against Wood Alcohol

Chicago.—Employers were asked by Coroner Hoffman to address their workers and warn them against wood alcohol and other questionable substitutes for whisky. Another man was reported dead as the result of drinking wood alcohol. Chicago's total of Christmas poisonings to date number nine, or 35 since July 1.

36,000 Pounds of Sugar Seized.

Menomonee, Wis.—United States Marshal Frank O'Connor seized 36,000 pounds of sugar at the plant of the Nestle's Food company. This factory had discontinued the canning of sweetened condensed milk and was packing only the evaporated or unsweetened products.

brought sharply to the attention of growers by the recent unusually cold weather which froze many acres of vines in the Willamette valley that were on the trellises.

As a phase of the purchase of more than 13,000 acres of potato land between Powell Butte and Pineville by George L. Burt, one of the biggest potato buyers on the coast, and associates in central Oregon and elsewhere the Deschutes Valley Seed company filed articles of incorporation. Capital stock is listed at \$50,000. The incorporators are Guy E. Dobson, Redmond banker, Mr. Burt and George L. Reid. A wide range of agricultural activities is made possible by the articles, but it is understood that the company's work will be chiefly the production of Netted Gem seed for the California market.

Nyssa and Vicinity

A Brief Resume of the Daily Events in a Live Town—
What Your Neighbors Are Doing.

W. S. Snyder of Weiser was in Nyssa Tuesday.

Virgil Vogle made a business trip to Emmett on Saturday.

Miss Sage of Ontario is visiting at the D. W. Gibson home.

Doe Ray is now night operator at the central office.

Mrs. Caldwell and son left Saturday for an extended visit to Los Angeles California.

J. H. Russell and wife and the Misses Russell of Vale were visitors in Nyssa Tuesday.

I. Lax one of our worthy druggists was in Salt Lake City yesterday on business.

T. R. McCarthy and family were in Meridian for Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. Schaffer and little son from Boise are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Schnitter and brothers and sisters in Nyssa.

D. Frank Libby, contractor from Boise is here and will build the new house for the Deseret sheep company.

The coal dealers have charge of the coal sales again and Mr. J. Boydell has been relieved of a heavy burden which he no doubt is glad of.

F. A. Gallagher, local manager of the Boise Payette lumber yards spent Christmas with his children at Camas Idaho.

Neil Lewis will return to his home in York State after having spent the past several months in Nyssa with Brady Fowler.

Bruce Duncan, county agriculturist of Bannock county, Idaho, and family spent Christmas with his parents here.

Misses Elizabeth and Margaret Carver will return to Boise Sunday after a pleasant visit with their parents on Bridge Island.

The Community Service Club will meet in the Library rooms Wednesday January 7th, 1920, at 3 p. m. All the members are urged to be present.

Chas Newman and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wash Hillman's New Year's day.

Miss Noyer, third truck operator at the depot has been transferred to Weiser, and C. V. Alwood second truck operator has been transferred to La Grande.

W. A. Stowell from LaGrande arrived here last night and is seeking a new location as a farmer in this vicinity—he says he would like to find a suitable place to rent.

The Deseret Sheep company has just purchased the lumber of the B-I lumber company's local yard to put up a new dwelling at a cost of about \$1500.

WE HEREBY REQUEST, That the owner of a BIG, heavy, FUR Glove call at the Jouni I office and leave same, for we have one here and cannot use it without its mate.

Mrs. L. E. Miller and two daughters, Misses Gladys and Dorothy, from Nampa, spent the week-end in Nyssa, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

P. M. Binkley left Monday for Kalama, Wash., where he will make his future home having bought a ranch at that place. Mrs. Binkley will leave in a few days to join him there.

An entertainment given on Monday evening at the Nyssa show house by Chief White Elk and the Gibson boys which was enjoyed by a good sized audience. On Wednesday evening the boys appeared before a good sized and well pleased audience at Parma.

Wednesday night the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church enjoyed a very nice time. Several young people were present and all were occupied in playing games and joking. Late in the evening refreshments were served and following the feast a splendid talk was given and the Old Year passed into a Happy New Year.

A R. McCarty returned from Boise Monday.

Harley Wilson was a visitor in Ontario Thursday.

A. J. McNea and wife of Wilder spent New Year's in Nyssa.

Arthur Moore of Parma was visitor in Nyssa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. White of Spokane, were visiting their many friends here during Christmas time.

Mrs. J. Schnitter leaves today for Vale to enter the Sanitarium at that place for her health.

Mrs. Newby and daughter, Jennie, are visiting at Mrs. Green's on the Owyhee, this week.

Harold Earls the Nyssa Blacksmith is enjoying the pleasures of a sore leg caused by a kick from a horse he was shoeing a few days ago.

Mr. L. R. Breichaupt, new agricultural agent for Malheur county, was in Nyssa today enroute to Adrian to confer with Mr. V. V. Hiskox, chairman of the temporary county executive committee on matters connected with the organization of a farm bureau in Malheur county.

NYSSA YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED AT SHOSHONE.

The Nyssa friends of Edmond Warren and Harrie Margaret Kirk were surprised last Friday, December 26th with the news of their marriage which occurred at Shoshone, Idaho, in the Episcopal church. Only a few close friends witnessed the ceremony which bound these two popular young Nyssa people for life, for better or worse. We have not learned as yet whether this was an elopement or not, but the young couple have returned and are at present making their home in Nyssa. The Journal extends its best wishes for a long and pleasant married life.

TWO BIG DANCES

Two big dances were enjoyed in Nyssa this week; one on Tuesday night, given by the Masons for the returned soldiers and sailors, which was attended and enjoyed by a well filled hall; and on Wednesday night a leap year dance was given by the ladies of the dancing club which was considered the big event of the season. Hot Tamales were served at midnight which added happiness to the closing of the life of the Old year.

WATCH NIGHT.

At the Presbyterian church on Wednesday night there was held a delightful service. After the first part of the program a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served. From 11 p. m. to 12 m. there was a service of song and an address by Harold E. Hamberg on the demands for loyalties for 1920. The young people and all who attended considered it a joyful and profitable evening.

HAMMOCK.

The funeral services for Mrs. Maude Hammock of this city, who died on Christmas day, were held at home of her parents in Weiser last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Hammock was a young woman, being only twenty-six years of age at her death. Besides her husband, Mr. George Hammock she is survived by one little child.

LITTLE GIRL CALLED TO GOD.

The little one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boyd was called to God on Tuesday Morning from an attack of pneumonia. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Payette Wednesday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

RUDSELL.

J. D. Russell, aged 78 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gearheart, Wednesday and was taken to Boise yesterday where he was laid to rest in the Boise cemetery today. Mr. Russell leaves a son, and a daughter to mourn his loss; Mrs. Gearheart of Nyssa and Mr. J. D. Russell of Boise.

TO PROBE AWARDS OF NAVAL DECORATIONS

Board is Called to Review
Findings and House and
Senate Will Also Act.

Washington.—Full investigation of the controversy over awards of decorations for war service to naval officers brought to a head by Rear Admiral William R. Sims' recent protest against the tentative list issued by the navy department, will be made both by congress and by the department.

On the heels of Secretary Daniels' announcement that the naval board headed by Rear Admiral Knight had been ordered reconvened to review its findings on recommendations for medals or other decorations, Representative Lufkins, republican, Massachusetts, of the house naval committee, conferred with members of the senate committee and stated that a joint committee would take up the entire question when congress reconvened.

Secretary Daniels said that in revising the list of decorations and in passing on new recommendations for awards, the Knight board would be instructed to follow in general the policy he adopted in revising the original lists, giving due consideration to the objections voiced by officers who have criticized some of the awards.

The names of Admiral Henry B. Wilson, who commanded American naval forces in French waters during the war, and of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who was in command of the Atlantic fleet during the same period, were added to the list of officers who have written the secretary regarding the awards.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

President Wilson was 63 years old Sunday.

King George has issued a proclamation giving the people of India a larger degree of self-government.

The Sweet bill, increasing compensation of disabled former service men and enlarging the classes of beneficiaries under the war insurance act, was signed by the president.

Heavy immigration is so taxing the facilities of Ellis Island that officials expressed doubt whether there would be another concentration of anarchists there in the near future for deportation.

The insistence of the public upon cloth made from fine wools is a large factor in the present high prices of clothing, according to William M. Wood, president of the American Wool company.

Armed resistance "to the last morsel of bread and last drop of blood" is Gabriele d'Annunzio's latest decision in demanding further guarantees from the Italian government to insure the annexation of Fiume to Italy.

A court martial at Amiens has sentenced Robert Roeking, the German "steel king," to 10 years confinement, 15 years of exile and a fine of 10,000,000 francs upon his conviction of a charge of organizing the pillage of factories in eastern France.

MACHINISTS VOTE STRIKE

More Than 100,000 Union Men
Affected by Decision.

Washington. — Organized railway machinists, through their president, served notice on congress that they would not submit to enactment of the Cummins railroad bill with its drastic anti-strike provision.

Voting more than a month ago, 95 per cent of the 125,000 members of the union favored an immediate walk out in event of the bill's passage by both houses of congress, but the result was not made known through fear that the brotherhoods might appear in the light of attempting to coerce the lawmaking branch of the government.

The machinists, according to William H. Johnston, president of the international association, are the only railway employees who have taken a strike vote.

Rail Brotherhoods to Fight High Costs. — Disappointed at what they term the failure of the government to reduce the cost of living, the railroad brotherhoods, working in conjunction with the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, are considering a plan to undertake the fight themselves. The project, although still nebulous, contemplates a national chain of co-operative banks, fashioned somewhat on the order of the non-partisan league's idea in North Dakota, and a chain of co-operative stores.

WORK OF TAKING 14TH CENSUS BEGUN

Local Enumerators Are Busy
Gathering Statistics Con-
cerning Our Population.

Taking of the fourteenth census of the United States officially began today. Thousands of persons are now at work in every section of the United States and in our insular possessions, counting the population of every hamlet, village and city. The great task this year will be under the direction of Samuel L. Rogers, from whose offices in Washington will be operated the vast machinery necessary to a proper enumeration of the country's population.

Our local enumerators have already begun their work and for the next two or three weeks will be about the busiest people in this section. W. B. Vandyke has charge of the local field and we believe he will make a thorough job of it and will learn not only the number of people in this district but all about them and their ancestors, even back unto the third and fourth generations.

Probably no previous census has attracted so much attention. The greatest effort ever exerted by commercial organizations in all parts of the country is being made to see that no one escapes the census takers. The rivalry between states, cities and communities for supremacy is keener than ever before, with the result that nearly every community has organized committees of business men and women to see that every woman and child, of whatever color or nationality, in each community, is registered.

Previous history has shown that all census takers are not careful; that sometimes inclement weather interferes with the work of the enumerators, and that for any one reason or another the total population of a city is improperly compiled. It is to make sure that Oregon is credited with every resident, that many of the communities of the state have formed committees to assist the enumerators in their work.

This most important work, which is undertaken every ten years by the Government, means much to the various communities. It is necessary that every person be recorded by the enumerators. It is also essential that every industry and business establishment be properly listed.

The enumerators always are confronted with many difficulties. Many persons, especially those of foreign birth, are apprehensive that the information required by the Government will in some manner involve them in difficulties, or will increase taxes, or otherwise bring about unpleasant circumstances. The committees in Oregon have been asked to explain to such people that the information given census takers in the various districts is absolutely confidential and cannot be used for any other than census purposes.

Census enumerators will carry identification cards, and their Government commission. These will be shown by the holder upon request. Persons in charge of hotels, lodging and boarding houses, tenements and other buildings where large numbers of persons reside, must assist enumerators in the compilation of the residents in their buildings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Weston F. Shields, Pastor.
Preaching and Communion at 7:00 p. m. Sunday, January 4th. The first Sunday of each quarter is Communion Sunday, when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, and all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and are in good standing in their respective churches are required to join with us in this sacred rite.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

KINGMAN KOLONY.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
The Christmas exercises at the Kolony school house on Christmas eve were most successful. The Sunday School and day school combined in rendering a program that upheld the idea of the occasion, and as successfully entertained the people. Santa was there and the children were pleased. A very happy evening for all.