

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Cougers are reported killing deer on the north fork of Smith river, in Southern Curry county.

Smuggling liquor from Canada by airplane into Oregon is said to be the latest scheme to evade the law.

The Klamath county wool growers' association has elected officers, including E. M. Hammond, president.

A total of 293 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending February 5.

Fossil is having its share of influenza, but the cases are generally mild. It is practically impossible to get nurses.

Agreeing to accept a standard breed of dairy cattle, farmers of Alsea valley have gone on record for a community improvement program.

Shut in from motor travel, Cove, Union county, has only developed three cases of contagious diseases in six months. These cases were typhoid.

A Salvation Army advisory board has been created at Eugene to investigate and report on local conditions in which the organization can be of service.

An anti-vaccination league has been formed at Marshfield, with more than 100 members, for the purpose of preventing the vaccination of school children.

After acquiring a fortune of \$10,000 shining shoes at Eugene, Louis Polalis, a young Greek, has returned to his native land, after selling out to his brother.

Preference rights will be granted soldiers by the government in filing on the Oregon & California and other forfeited land grants to be opened to settlement.

Medford has been named the headquarters of the Episcopal Church in southern Oregon with Pastor William B. Hamilton of St. Marks church as dean of the district.

C. Ray Beckley of Portland has filed application with Percy Cupper, state engineer, for the use of water from the John Day river for power development and irrigation purposes.

Preliminary steps have been taken at Heppner for the organization of a Morrow county fair association, with a capital stock of \$25,000. A tract of 32 acres near Heppner will be purchased.

The Penayor Lumber company of Saginaw, Mich., has closed a contract for the Savage tract of timber, on the border of Jackson and Josephine counties. Removal of the timber will begin at once.

Net sales of hogs, sheep and cattle sent to the Portland stockyards by the Lane county cooperative shipping association during the year amounted to \$164,078. Sixty-four carloads of stock were shipped.

Postmasters are to be appointed in Oregon as follows: Wayne E. Elliott, Veneta, Lane county; Charles W. Sharpe, Camas Valley, Douglas county; Percy E. Allen, Elsie, Clatsop county, and Mrs. Marie W. Havill, Hoff, Clackamas county.

By agreement with the state, the Pacific Livestock company will put on the market 10,000 acres of Harney valley land, and first choice will be given soldiers and sailors. They will have 90 days in which to take up the option of settlement.

Grasshoppers cannot be classed as squirrels, noxious rodents or predatory animals under the Oregon laws, and consequently county courts are not authorized to appropriate money for their extermination, according to an opinion by Attorney-General Brown.

Poultry schools are to be established in Wasco county by the Wasco County Poultry association according to plans formulated by the executive committee. It is planned to have six schools in various parts of the county which will be instructed by prominent poultry experts.

A record price for standing timber was offered at the government sale of 10,000,000 feet of white pine on the Klamath Indian reservation, the high bidder, I. H. Larkey, bidding \$6.33 per 1000 feet, and \$2.82 per 1000 feet rental for the Kirk sawmill, where the timber will be manufactured.

Predatory animals numbering 3216 were killed by the 58 men and women employed by the United States biological survey in Idaho, Washington and Oregon during the six months ending December 31, Stanley Jewett, inspector in charge with headquarters at Pennington, announced.

In case all the millage tax measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on May 21 are approved, the state tax levy next December will exceed the levy made in December, 1919, by more than 100 per cent, according to state officials who have given the proposed laws careful study and consideration.

Officials of the Grants Pass Irrigation district have filed with the state engineer resolutions outlining a plan of reclamation, request for certification of approximately \$400,000 in bonds voted for development work, and application for state payment of interest on these bonds. This district comprises about 8000 acres and is located in Josephine county.

Hop buyers in the Salem district have made several contracts recently whereby they agree to take the growers' product for a term of three years at a stipulated price of 35 cents a pound. As a result of these contracts and the optimistic feeling over the future prospects of the hop industry in Marion county the acreage will be materially increased this season.

It is estimated there will be approximately \$883,460.22 of state money available for the construction of market roads in the various counties of Oregon during the year 1920, according to a report prepared by members of the state highway commission. To obtain this money for road construction it will first be necessary for the several counties to match the state appropriation.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill carries the following amounts for Oregon: Klamath agency, \$5570; Umatilla agency, \$3000; Chemawa Indian school, \$150,000, including \$25,000 for repairs and improvements and \$125,000 for installing high-pressure boilers and steam-heating apparatus; Siletz agency, \$2500; Modoc irrigation project within Klamath reservation, \$14,000.

Over 200 orchardists of Jackson county gathered at Medford for the purpose of determining how much damage was done the fruit trees by the recent cold. A large number of fruit growers brought samples of their trees, exhibits of bark and limbs and after examination by County Agriculturist C. C. Cate it was decided that the damage in the valley was much less than originally anticipated.

According to the monthly report of the weather bureau, January was the driest month in the history of southern Oregon, less than half an inch of rain falling. The average for the month was 4.29 inches. As the precipitation has been deficient since the beginning of the rainy season, farmers and fruit raisers are becoming worried and an added impetus has been applied to the campaign for irrigation.

Approximately a million feet of timber in the Sluslaw national forest, in the vicinity of Yachants and Cape creek, on the coast, was destroyed by insects during the past year, according to a special report just filed in the office of the Sluslaw forest. The investigation was made by one of the rangers who found that the ravages of the insects, the nature of which he was unable to determine, covered a strip about a quarter of a mile wide and 50 acres in extent, near the coast.

St. Benedict's Abbey, with headquarters at Mount Angel, has filed suit in the United States court in Portland to test the validity of the law passed at the recent special session of the state legislature making it unlawful to print, publish, circulate, display, or sell or offer for sale any newspaper or periodical in any language other than English unless the same contain a literal translation in the English language of the same type and as conspicuously displayed. The plaintiff corporation prints, publishes, circulates and sells a weekly newspaper called "St. Joseph's Blatt," which has a weekly circulation of approximately 24,700 copies and is printed in the German language.

The machinery for the first unit of the Astoria Flouring Mills company's new plant at the port terminals at Astoria has been operated for a few days as a test, and has been found to work satisfactorily. It is expected this unit, which will have a capacity of 2000 barrels of flour a day, will begin grinding immediately. The second unit of the plant will be ready for operation in about six weeks. The new plant will be one of the largest single mills of its kind in the country. It will turn out 4000 barrels of high-grade flour each 24 hours. With the company's present mill also in operation the daily output will be increased to 5200 barrels, sufficient to provide a full steamer cargo for export each month.

The state highway commission, in session in Portland last week, awarded a contract for a bridge across Youngs bay at the price of \$308,620.60; refused to make any promises for paving until result of May election is known; decided not to push Mount Hood loop at a sacrifice of highways in Lake, Klamath and other counties; agreed to extend The Dalles-California highway 35 miles from Modoc Point to Sand creek; suspended contract on Redmond-Prineville road and will aid county on the Crooked river road toward Paulina; will neither pave nor complete road from Woodburn to Newberg until state map roads are disposed of and new roads are taken up; accepted proposals of Union county, pending result of May election, and ordered contract called; ordered survey to finish Enterprise-Flora road in Wallowa county; decision to be taken on Center project until after May election.

### GOVERNOR EDWARDS



Edward I. Edwards, the new governor of New Jersey, who was elected on a "wet" ticket.

### FRANKLIN K. LANE



Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, whose resignation has been accepted by President Wilson.

## ORGANIZED LABOR ENTERS POLITICS

Washington—Organized labor, 3,000,000 strong, has thrown its hat into the political ring.

Vigorously denouncing congress, which it was said, "has failed to do its duty," the American Federation of Labor announced the appointment of a national non-partisan political campaign committee which will mobilize trade unionists and "all lovers of freedom" in an effort to defeat candidates indifferent or hostile to labor and to elect "true and tried" friends of the trade-union movement.

Not waiting for the general election in November, the campaign will be started immediately and pursued without relaxation through the primaries, in which, it is stated, all aspirants for office will have their records "analyzed, stated in unmistakable language and given the widest possible publicity."

This program applies to all candidates, from presidential nominees down.

## U. S. CASUALTIES 302,614

List Includes 221,059 Wounded, 77,118 Deaths, 4432 Captured.

Washington—Corrected figures on casualties in the American expeditionary forces published by the war department brought the total to 302,612, instead of 293,061, as shown in figures compiled from weekly reports furnished the press. The corrected total was compiled by the adjutant-general, after comparing his records with those from France.

The difference was due primarily to the inclusion in the revised statistics of the total number of cases of wounds reported, instead of the number of individual soldiers receiving wounds. It sometimes happened that a soldier was wounded several times.

The corrected figures were 221,059 wounded, 77,118 deaths, 4432 captured by the enemy and three missing in action. Casualties in Siberia were not included.

## Railroads Guaranteed 5 1/2 Per Cent

Washington—A return of 5 1/2 per cent on the aggregate value of the railroads would be guaranteed by the government for a period of two years under an agreement reached by the senate and house conferees on the railroad bill.

## Meat Pack Five Billion

Chicago—Total output of the meat packing industry in the United States for 1919, was estimated at more than \$5,000,000,000 in a statement given out by the Institute of American Meat Packers.

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## EVIDENCE AGAINST I. W. W. OUTLINED

Montesano, Wash.—The evidence on which the prosecution will attempt to prove the guilt of the 11 defendants accused of murder in connection with the Armistice day shooting at Centralia was outlined by Herman Allen, prosecuting attorney of Lewis county, in his opening statement to the jury.

That the tragedy was the fruition of a conspiracy laid weeks in advance, and that the firing upon the ex-service men was not in self-defense, but was a premeditated, murderous assault, is what the state has declared it will produce many witnesses to substantiate.

The plea of the defendants, it has been announced, is self-defense. An effort will be made to show that members of the American Legion "rushed" the I. W. W. hall in Centralia before the radicals fired a shot. The state, in its opening outlines of the prosecution's case, denied this and declared that the veterans in the parade were in line and marking time when rifle bullets thudded into the bodies of Grimm and other comrades.

If all witnesses named by the state and by the defense actually are called to testify, the period of the trial will stretch away beyond prophecy. Present estimates are that the case will not go to the jury within six weeks, and possibly not for two months. The state has named 260 witnesses while the defense has stated that it will summon more than 100.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

E. P. Ripley, for many years president of the Santa Fe, died at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Two sets of delegates were elected to the Chicago national convention by the South Carolina republican state convention.

Money in circulation in the United States on February amounted to \$5,846,000,000, an increase of \$120,000,000 in one year, the treasury department announced.

Oklahoma delegates elected to the national democratic convention at San Francisco were pledged to support Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma for the democratic presidential nomination.

Earl Burgess, a motion picture actor, was instantly killed near Los Angeles when he fell 700 feet from an airplane on which he was performing in the making of a comedy.

James Perry and Frank Johnson, representatives of the Y. M. C. A., were the Americans killed in the recently reported attack by Turkist brigands on a convoy of American relief supplies near Aintav in Syria, the state department was advised.

Conditions in Mexico were described as "intolerable" by General Robert Lee Howe, commander of the El Paso district, when he testified before the senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation at El Paso, Tex.

## Hines Preparing to Retire

Washington—Reorganization of the railroad administration for its work as a government liquidating agent in preparing for a return of the roads to their owners on March 1 was begun today by Director General Hines. The first steps were creation of a division of liquidating claims, and the abolition of the division of capital expenditures, effective February

## \$1 Day Urged for "Vets."

Washington—Every man serving in the war would get a world war veteran bond, worth \$1 for every day in service and bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent, under a bill introduced by Representative Osborne, republican, California. The issue would be limited to \$1,500,000,000.

## Industry Census Work Under Way

San Francisco—The decennial industrial census of the Pacific coast district has been started by Frank L. Stanford, chief special agent of the census bureau, who opened an office here to receive mail statistics from manufacturers.

## Railroad Wage Confab to Go On

Washington—Conference between railroad administration officials and heads of railroad employees' unions over wage demands of the workers was resumed Monday with the hope that this week will see some definite conclusion.

## THE MARKETS.

### Portland.

Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$63 a ton.  
Corn—Whole, \$67; cracked, \$69.  
Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$20@28 per ton; alfalfa, \$31.50.  
Butter Fat—\$2@64.  
Eggs—Ranch, 42c per dozen.  
Poultry—Hens, 28@33c.  
Cattle—Best steers, \$11.50@12.50; good to choice, \$11@11.50; medium to good, \$9.50@10.50.  
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$15.50@16; medium mixed, \$15@15.50; pigs, \$13@15.  
Sheep—Eastern lambs, \$16.50@17.50, valley lambs, \$14.50@16.50; ewes, \$10@12.

### Seattle.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38@39 per ton; alfalfa, \$35.  
Butter Fat—\$3@65c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 42@45c.  
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 48c; light, 40c.  
Hogs—Prime, \$16@16.50; medium to choice, \$15@16; pigs, \$12@13.50.  
Cattle—Best steers, \$12.25@12.75; heifers, \$10.50; calves, 17@15.

### Lloyd George Less Harsh on Germans

London—Premier Lloyd George is reported to favor a substantial modification of the list of Germans whose surrender the allies demand, the Westminster Gazette says.

## TROOPS REPULSE KENTUCKY MOB

Lexington, Ky.—Four persons were killed and fifteen were wounded here when a mob intent upon lynching William Lockett, a negro, who confessed to the murder of 10-year-old Geneva Hardman, charged the court house during Lockett's trial and was fired upon by police and state troops.

Two women were reported to be among those shot by the state troops. The clash with the soldiers held off the mob while the authorities managed to slip the negro away to a place of safety.

Great trouble was caused by the shooting and there were mutterings of further trouble.

While the mob, the ring-leaders of which carried a rope, was attempting to get into the court house to get Lockett, a jury found him guilty of first degree murder and a minute or two later the negro was sentenced to die in the electric chair March 11.

## LANE TO RETIRE MARCH 1

Both President and Secretary Express Regret at Serving Relations.

Washington—President Wilson accepted, effective March 1, the resignation of Franklin K. Lane, for nearly seven years secretary of the interior.

Letters exchanged between the president and Secretary Lane, which were made public, indicate that good feeling marked the retirement. Both the president and Lane expressed regret. Lane resigned, it is understood because it was necessary for him to earn more money than a cabinet officer's salary.

Among those being mentioned are Alexander T. Vogelsang, first assistant to Lane; James Hawley of Boise, former governor of Idaho, and ex-Senator John F. Shafroth of Colorado. Many Western senators, it is understood, favor Vogelsang.

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## GRAND JURY CHARGES WHEAT MANIPULATION

M. H. Houser Accused of Helping to Corner Wheat Supply and Raise Price.

Spokane—Wholesale speculation in grain by milling companies of the Pacific northwest, among them three, Portland concerns in which Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States Grain corporation for the northwest, is declared by the report to be interested, is charged in a return made by a United States grand jury here.

Purchase of grain at the government fixed price, estimated by the report to total \$5 per cent of the Washington state crop of 42,000,000 bushels in 1919, by about half a dozen large grain concerns is charged by the report, which declares that by purported sales of grain to each other and through "manipulation of the grain market centered at Minneapolis," and by other methods, they have advanced the price to about \$1 a bushel above the government price.

The grand jury recommends that President Wilson issue a proclamation under the wheat guarantee act, fixing a selling price for all wheat now held in the United States at the price paid to the farmer, plus a reasonable carrying charge and that a similar price be fixed on flour and mill feed.

It further recommends that no appropriation be made by congress to finance wheat sales to foreign countries until such time as the American people are relieved from paying the exorbitant prices now required of them by reason of grain manipulation.

## HOUSER SAYS CHARGE FALSE

Grand Jury Accusations Are Declared Ridiculous.

Portland, Ore.—M. H. Houser declared there was no basis whatever for the allegations made by the Spokane grand jury. He said:

"The allegations made by the federal grand jury at Spokane are untrue. The whole thing is a misstatement and distortion of facts. The charges are ridiculous and absurd and they cannot get figures to substantiate them. They simply don't know what they are talking about.

"The average price paid to the farmer for hard wheat was far above what the grand jury claimed, and wheat was not sold to the mills at the prices alleged. Had the mills paid such prices as charged they would have had to sell their flour at over \$16 a barrel, whereas the flour price has averaged under \$12 a barrel.

"I have had absolutely nothing to do with the management of any of these concerns notwithstanding what the grand jury may say to the contrary. If I were loose from the grain corporation and anxious to collect a few filthy dollars, I would not put in my time day after day with the thankless job of trying to handle the grain corporation here in the northwest."

## HOOVER SAYS HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE

New York—Herbert Hoover issued a statement here defining his attitude toward the presidency. He announced that he is not a candidate for the nomination and that no one is authorized to speak for him politically. If the league of nations is made an issue in the election he says he will vote for the party that stands for the league. In response to requests that he declare allegiance to either one or the other of the great political parties, Mr. Hoover said:

"I am being urged by people in both parties to declare my allegiance to either one or the other. Those who know me, know that I am able to make up my mind when a subject is clearly defined. Consequently, until it more definitely appears what the party managers stand for, I must exercise a prerogative of American citizenship and decline to pledge my vote blindfold.

"I am not unappreciative of the many kind things that my friends have advanced in my behalf. Yet, I hope they will realize my sincerity in not trying myself to undefined partisanship."

## At Owyhee

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Clive Williams, Pastor.