

## OREGON NEWS NOTES GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week  
Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Oregon leads the seven states included in the 13th reserve district in the case of thrift and war savings bonds, according to a report received from A. Churchill, thrift director for the state, from the regional director's quarters in San Francisco.

W. Church, chief grain inspector for the Oregon public service commission with headquarters in Portland, has been assigned by the commission to San Francisco, where he will attend the meeting of the foreign commerce association of the Pacific coast. The title for the proposed initiative measure pending to the United States government Malheur lake reservation in Harney county for use as a waterfowl refuge and designated the same as Roosevelt bird refuge, has been prepared by the attorney-general.

Four years old and registering 48 pounds on the scales is the record of the first marked salmon of the 4000 pound out in 1916 from the Columbia river that has returned to its home stream. The fish was caught at The Dalles in one of the wheels there on the river.

From the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office the month of April totaled \$104,193, according to a report prepared by Sam Foster, assistant secretary of state. Receipts of the automobile department for the first four months of the year 1920 were \$1,753,045.

At Salem of Gertie Poppy's Jersey, a Jersey bull offered by F. Overlier, owner of a large livestock ranch located 13 miles east of Salem, to Thomas H. Moran of Dunsmuir, Wash., for \$10,500, established a new record of price received for this class of animals on the Pacific coast. Oregon produces as fine Jersey cattle as are found anywhere in the world. The industry has suffered from the lack of publicity, according to statistics made by M. D. Dunn of Chicago, president of the American Jersey club, at a banquet at the Oregon Jersey jubilee. A favorable report on the so-called "Salem Falls" reservoir, which is being used for storage of water for the irrigation district, will be submitted before June 10, according to a telegram received at the office of state engineer from the United States reclamation service at Washington.

The text of his report, filed with the G. O. Bingham of the district, the Marion county grand jury has criticized bond transactions between G. P. Hoff, state treasurer, John L. Etheridge, of the Portland office of Morris brothers, and declares that the profits were exorbitant. The state by the Portland bond company.

Members of Douglas county are in favor of the recent bill that passed the legislature transferring a large part of Douglas forest reserve to the Cascade national park. It is declared that if the house should concur that the sheep and cattle belonging to the stockmen, which are annually killed in this forest, would be forced out of the country.

Incidents of sorghum in Marion county as a means of beating the high price of sugar is advocated by G. I. Bingham, manager of the Oregon Growers' association. Mr. Lewis Bingham has been manufacturing sorghum in Marion district and some other parts of the state for many years. It has proved profitable to the producers of the industry.

There were four deaths due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the ending May 6, according to a report prepared by the state industrial commission. The victims were: William, buckler, Eagle Creek; John Bingham, Sawyer, Bush; Frank, deck hand, Bandon; and Lee, deck hand, Bandon. A total of four accidents were reported.

John Gonnally, member of a Union county family, accused Mrs. Celia George, his housewife, of committing suicide by shooting through the heart at his farm about miles from La Grande. The suicide was committed while she was making preparations to pay \$12,500 damages won by her lawyer in a breach of promise suit. She will not get any captured guns or other confiscated property until Congress passes legislation providing for the distribution of material, according to

## HAMPSON GARY



Hampson Gary, former consul general to Cairo, Egypt, who has been named American Minister to Sweden.

## DANIELS REPLIES TO ADMIRAL SIMS

Washington.—Secretary Daniels, before the senate investigating committee Monday, made his long awaited reply to the criticisms of Rear Admiral Sims on the navy's part in the war.

The naval secretary let go a broadside, which included charges that Sims lacked vision, that he belittled the work of the American navy in contrast to the British, coveted British decorations and aspired to become an honorary member of the British admiralty. He declared that officers supporting the Sims charges were largely "people with a grievance."

The testimony of other officers, in possession of first hand knowledge, Secretary Daniels testified, "should be accepted by all open-minded men as an absolute refutation of virtually all of Admiral Sims' charges."

Sims, Secretary Daniels told the committee, did not measure up to expectations in various ways, of which he mentioned six, as follows:

"He lacked vision to see that a great and new project to bar the submarines from their hunting grounds should be promptly adopted and carried out, no matter what the cost or how radical the departure from what ultra-prudent men regarded as impracticable.

"He seemed to accept the views of the British admiralty as superior to anything that would come from America."

## REFINERY CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

Salt Lake City, Utah.—A complaint charging the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake with profiteering in sugar was filed for the government here before United States Commissioner Van Pelt.

Filing of the complaint is the outcome of nearly a week's investigation into the rise in sugar prices from 13 to 23 3/4 cents per pound instituted by the company May 1.

Morrill Nibley, vice-president and assistant general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, has been arrested and released on \$5000 bond to answer the complaint. It is expected he will have a preliminary hearing in about ten days.

Three instances where the company sold sugar to local wholesale grocers at a price of approximately \$23 per hundred-pound sack are cited in the complaint. It is alleged it costs but \$9.50 to produce this amount.

A telegram received at the executive offices from P. C. Harris of the adjutant-general's office at Washington. One bill is now before congress, however, which, if passed, will allow Oregon a number of guns of 77 caliber and above.

Between April 1, 1917, when the state highway commission had its inception, and April 30, 1920, there was laid in Oregon approximately 426 miles of paving, 448 miles of macadam and grading, totalling 988 miles, according to a report prepared by the highway department. The total estimated cost of these improvements was \$25,312,759.46, of which the state paid \$18,011,058.55. Contributions of counties amounted to \$3,634,595.10, while the government's share of the total expense was \$3,667,105.81.

## TRAIN WRECK IS FATAL TO EIGHT

Thirty-eight Hurt When Electric Cars Hit Head-on Near Portland.

Portland, Ore.—Three women, two children and three men were killed and 38 persons badly injured Sunday morning when two Southern Pacific electric trains crashed together head-on just outside the city limits of Portland.

Several of the injured were so seriously hurt that it is believed they will not recover.

The wreck is alleged to have been caused by the failure of the engineer-motorman on the inbound train from Hillsboro to Portland to observe his orders. His train ran past Bertha station, where it was under orders to pass the outbound train from Portland to McMinnville. This engineer, Silas M. Willetts, was killed in his cab when the two trains crashed.

The inbound train did not stop at Bertha but proceeded at high speed down about half a mile of straight track toward Portland. At the end of this tangent of straight track the track starts to swing in a curve around a high bank. This was the point where the two trains met head-on.

Evidently each train had been hidden from the engineer of the other until they were within 200 or 300 feet of each other on the single track.

The forward coach of the fastgoing train from Hillsboro bore into and through the vestibule of the forward car of train 147, lifted it slightly and shoved it partly off the track. But the lifted end of this front car of the outbound train from Portland sheared through the forward car of train 124, crushed the vestibule and continued on for about a quarter car-length into the coach.

It was here that all the deaths occurred. There were many people, including women and children, seated near the front of the inbound Hillsboro car. The heavy steel bumper of the other car, lifted as it was, slid along the floor of their car, plowed into them and crushed them.

## REBELS CAPTURE MEXICAN TOWNS

Washington.—With Mexico City, Vera Cruz and Tampico in the hands of the revolutionists, American destroyers were sent to Mexican waters to await eventualities and to afford protection to the American lives in the Mexican gulf ports. This gives the revolutionists control of practically all of the important cities.

Official confirmation of the fall of the Mexican capital was received by the state department from the American embassy which reported there was no disorder in the capital.

The American embassy report made no mention of President Carranza, and reports from Vera Cruz said a search there had failed to find him. A report that he had been arrested in Esperanza, state of Vera Cruz, was without confirmation here.

Estimates of the state department place the number of Americans in Mexico at between 6000 and 7000, including radicals and draft evaders who crossed the border to escape the law.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts vetoed the bill permitting manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer and light wines.

Mrs. Samuel Gompers, wife of the president of the American Federation of Labor, died at her home in Washington, D. C.

President Wilson nominated ex-Governor McCall of Massachusetts to be a member of the United States tariff commission.

All railroads west of the Mississippi river have formally filed with the interstate commerce commission proposals for advances in freight rates of 24 per cent.

Flat denial was made by Henry Morgenthau of the report that he was considering asking President Wilson to withdraw his nomination as American ambassador to Mexico.

A minimum of \$2500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad brotherhoods, asserted before the railway labor board in Washington.

Date Trees Big Yielders. As many as 4,000 dates have been gathered from a single palm at one bearing.

## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS UPPERMOST IN STATE

One Hundred Schools Closed In Oregon Last Year Due to Teacher Shortage.

Every community needs teachers in every locality as many persons who would make good teachers but who do not enter the profession.

Also in every community there are teachers who are planning to leave and go elsewhere to teach or to enter other professions. Why? Salary partly, but mostly because the teacher like the prophet, is without honor in his own country.

Making the home schools safe for home talent will help to solve the teacher shortage. There must be good salaries, of course. Teachers teach because they need money. There must also be some protection against the spoils system. It is an old story in many communities for a new superintendent and his assistant to find jobs for their friends at the expense of local teachers, or to belittle them so that they must resign in self-respect.

Does the community know about it or do anything about it? Do the patrons of each school know the material of the teaching force? If they have an up-to-date, accomplished, gifted teacher, will they encourage her with salary increases and back her against unfair discrimination?

How many good teachers have left the community, and why? That will tell the story. How many young people who would make fine teachers are doing something else instead?

Keep the home fires burning until all the embering dross and all the unfairness which is driving home teaching talent away from home is burned up, and then see how rapidly the teacher shortage becomes a thing of the past.

Oregon can remedy her condition by voting "Yes" for the 2-mill Elementary School bill, popularly known as the Children's Bill.

Gibson May be Colby's Aid.

Washington.—It is understood on good authority that the post of assistant secretary of state has been offered to Hugh S. Gibson, at present American minister to the new republic of Poland.

## TREATY THROWN INTO CAMPAIGN

Washington.—The treaty of Versailles as it came from Paris has been thrown squarely into the coming presidential campaign.

President Wilson formally has called upon the democratic party to "endorse and support" the treaty and "condemn the Lodge reservations."

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader in the fight to amend the document, has accepted the president's challenge, and political observers here regarded the issue as clearly drawn.

Mr. Wilson's views were stated in a telegram to G. B. Hamaker, of Portland, chairman of the Multnomah county democratic central committee. With W. J. Bryan insisting that the democrats accept the reservations adopted by a majority of the senate, some observers here expect a sharp fight on the treaty issue at San Francisco, with Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, probably leading the administration forces.

## CHINESE LOANS PLANNED

Consortium Arranged After Year's Negotiation By Powers.

Washington.—Japan has withdrawn all objections to Chinese consortium and has prepared a communication accepting the terms as agreed upon by the United States, Great Britain and France, the state department was informed by the American embassy at Tokio.

The consortium will become effective as soon as the signatures of officials have been affixed.

The acceptance of the consortium by Japan ends a two-years' effort by the state department to provide for the financing of China by representative groups of bankers in each of the four great countries. Japan has contended that Manchuria and Mongolia should be excluded from the operation of the consortium, claiming that it had predominant rights in that territory because of proximity. The United States, however, refused to agree to this exclusion.

Ukrainians Aid in Kiev Occupation.

Warsaw.—Ukrainian infantry joined the Poles in occupying Kiev in force late Saturday.

## PRESIDENT CARRANZA



President Carranza of Mexico, who has been obliged to flee from the City of Mexico, owing to its capture by the revolutionists.

## FORECAST GREATER WINTER WHEAT YIELD

Washington.—A slightly larger production of winter wheat than had been expected was forecast by the department of agriculture on the basis of the condition of the crop and acreage on May 1.

Total production was estimated at 484,647,000 bushels, or 1,030,000 more than was forecast as of last April 1. This total, however, is about 287,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop, a decrease of 33.8 per cent.

There was an improvement of 3.5 per cent in the condition of the crop during the month. During the winter 11.9 per cent of the acreage planted was abandoned, the total acreage remaining to be harvested being placed at 34,165,000.

Acreage of winter wheat May 1 and the forecast of production based on May 1 condition acreage by important states include:

Washington, 735,000 and 15,765,000. Oregon, 693,000 and 14,345,000.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN MARKETING SYSTEM

Portland, Or.—Initial steps toward closer co-operation between the farmer, labor and business interests of the state were taken at a meeting at the chamber of commerce under auspices of the State Taxpayers' league. At the conclusion of an all-day session a unanimous vote was recorded in favor of submitting a market commission bill to the voters of Oregon at the coming election.

Outlines of a measure were agreed upon which follow to a great extent the provision of a similar enactment in force in California.

Some of the provisions of the bill as adopted give the market commission power to investigate and tabulate market facilities for the producers of the state, authority to encourage and aid in the establishing of co-operative associations between the producers. In the main, the market commission furnishes leadership for the farmers and producers in finding a market for their products.

## POLES WIM WAY TO KIEV

Red Troops Evacuate City as Cavalry Enters.

Warsaw.—Polish cavalry entered the city of Kiev Saturday morning on the heels of the retreating bolsheviks. The infantry kept up its advance towards Kiev, cavalry detachments keeping contact with the infantry.

There was little fighting, according to reports reaching Polish headquarters in Warsaw, the cavalry going into the city all day as the infantry advanced in a great semi-circle.

A few machine gun shots were fired in the early morning as the cavalry appeared, but this was quickly silenced, and reports say that the evacuation of Kiev began soon afterward.

## House Abandons Retail Sales Tax

Washington.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee definitely decided to abandon the proposed 1 per cent retail sales tax for raising part of the money for the proposed soldier relief legislation.

## OREGON IS BACKWARD IN STATE SCHOOLS

Washington Pays \$30 a Year For Education of Each Child; Oregon \$11.85.

"It is the question of the undermost as against the uppermost, property values over human values," said M. H. Marvin, a member of the Washington State Industrial Welfare Commission, who made a plea at the Portland Ministerial association for the state two-mill elementary school measure, which is to be voted upon May 21 at the primary. He continued:

"The church has made mistakes, but this is one place where the church must not err. You must get behind this measure so that the child of the poor man can have his or her deserved opportunity in life. Oregon is face to face with a crisis in its educational system, that, if not met, will put it back toward the dark ages instead of in the light of the twentieth century which it should hold. It is one of seven states which still hold to the antiquated idea of district school taxation plan. It must get out of the rut in which it finds itself today and place itself alongside the other 39 or forty states and make the tax for its schools equal throughout the state.

"Washington today pays per year \$30 for the education of each child within its boundaries. I am told you in Oregon pay toward this great work for the voter of the future only \$11.85. It is time for a change and I, from your sister state, urge you to announce from your pulpits, from the households if you please, the benefits of this measure, and I hope it will be voted in by a big majority."

Rev. W. T. McEwen of the First Congregational church of Portland, also made a strong plea for the measure and declared that it was not only a problem for Oregon to solve, but "a national one, to handle this situation which Oregon now faces, namely—the education of the illiterate, of which there are today in the United States, 6 1/2 millions," said Dr. McEwen.

"Labor counts on the church in this crisis," said the speaker, "Oregon is behind the times in her educational system and every 'tightwad' citizen in Oregon is to blame for this situation which we now must face at the polls on May 21.

"Do you know how Boston Teah handles her students? They have one teacher to every six students. Oregon has one teacher to every 64. Now's that for a contrast? Isn't it about time you and I went to the polls and voted for something new in this state? I think so."

Mrs. Alexander Thompson and Mrs. S. M. Blumauer also made striking addresses to the ministers on this measure, being followed by President Campbell of the University of Oregon, who pointed out the necessity of aiding the elementary schools, that the higher educational institutions would have a basis on which to work, a groundwork on which to build the citizen of the future.

The ministers endorsed the measure unanimously.

## BORROWERS MUST WAIT

Federal Farm Loans Await Action of Supreme Court.

Washington.—Federal farm loan officials, in conference here, have found no way to avoid a summer of inactivity in loaning operations. The sessions brought convincing evidence, members said, that no further new business could be handled until the supreme court had passed on the validity of the farm loan act.

Despite the fact that the 12 land banks have borrowed approximately \$16,000,000 from private banks to loan, more than \$70,000,000 in applications for loans have accumulated.

## Emma Goldman is Homesick

Chicago.—Emma Goldman whom the government transported to Russia on the soviet ark "Buford," was homesick for the United States, according to a letter from her made public by Dr. Ben L. Reitman.

## G. O. P. Leaders Meet in Chicago

Chicago.—Preliminaries to the Republican national convention will be staged here, beginning Monday, when G. O. P. national committeemen and national leaders meet to clear the way.

## Uncle Joe Cannon 84

Washington.—Former Speaker Cannon was 84 years old Saturday. Members of the house gave the Illinois representative an ovation.

## Roads Get Federal Aid

Washington.—The urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$300,000,000 for railroad operation deficiencies, was signed by President Wilson.