

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

## Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Reader.

Portland's second annual music week is to be observed November 5 to 12.

The county court of Union county has begun a campaign of retrenchment.

City Health Officer Pickel has issued a warning to the Medford public to boil all drinking water until further notice.

The prune harvest in Douglas county is at its height and the packing houses are receiving hundreds of thousands of dried prunes daily.

Owing to the lack of houses in Stayton several families are living in tents, while some are occupying store buildings that have long been vacant.

The reports of the four banks in Astoria, just issued, shows that since the former report on June 30, the deposits have increased in excess of \$1,000,000.

Wesley Gilman, 35, driving a motor truck, was run down by the Southern Pacific Powers passenger train at Coquille and died an hour after the accident.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dezier of Stayton was drowned when he fell into the Salem mill stream, which passes through the Dezier ranch.

The claim of the state of Oregon to 32,127 acres of swamp land in the Warner valley has been rejected by the general land office, Senator McNary was advised.

Fourth class postmasters have been named in Oregon, as follows: Mabelle A. Grant, Harlan; Lelah I. Blodgett, Hult; George F. Allen, Point Terrace, and Henry O. Umar, Quincy.

Right Rev. William P. Remington, suffragan bishop of South Dakota, was elected bishop of the missionary district of eastern Oregon, to succeed Bishop Robert L. Paddock, resigned.

Charles Hall, defeated in the recent republican primary for nomination for governor, and who later filed as an independent candidate, Friday announced his withdrawal from the race.

Band society holders are demanding hard-surfacing if any new street improvements are started by the city council. An extensive program of paving is expected to be initiated next spring.

The Southern Wasco county fair was held at Tygh Valley. Agricultural and horticultural exhibits, displays of the work of school children and a good livestock show were the predominating features.

An appeal was made by the city of Portland to the Oregon congressional delegation in Washington for intervention with the interstate commerce commission for a decision on freight rates on cement.

Harry Bailey of Lakeview was appointed by Governor Olcott as a member of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college to succeed H. von der Hellen of Jackson county, who died recently.

The suits involving the validity of the so-called interest rate amendment, graduated income tax measure and the salmon fishing amendment probably will be carried to the supreme court for final determination, it is said.

The lumber industry of the Pacific northwest, particularly of the lower Columbia river district, is enjoying one of the most prosperous periods in many years. All the mills and logging camps are running to their capacity.

Contracts for the erection of two buildings on the University of Oregon campus at Eugene to replace those destroyed by fire a few weeks ago one as a home for the school of journalism and the other to house the school of architecture, have been awarded.

Portland was host last week to a party of mining and metallurgical engineers from eastern states, who passed through the city en route to the 126th meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, held at San Francisco September 25 to 29.

The execution of Russel Hecker for the alleged killing of Frank Bowker, a musician of Portland last April 17, which was to have taken place at the state prison at Salem Friday, was automatically put off, owing to an appeal having been taken to the supreme court in Hecker's behalf.

The constitutional amendment which proposes to allow the city of Portland to tax itself for \$2,000,000 to defray the cost of the world's exposition in 1925 was attacked in the Marion county circuit court at Salem through a complaint filed by S. S. Johnson and Roger MacVeagh, Portland attorneys. The complaint asks that the secretary of state be restrained from placing the amendment on the ballot at the November election.

Fire which started on the roof of the girls' dormitory at the State Industrial School for Girls at Salem, resulted in damage estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The building was practically consumed with the exception of the walls.

The state board of equalization will meet in Salem Monday, October 16, to hear any complaints that may be filed with relation to assessments for the year 1923. The board is composed of Governor Olcott, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, and Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner.

Deschutes county farmers are warned to take special precautions against the spread of potato diseases, by W. T. McDonald, recently appointed county agriculturist. He declared that out of 27 fields entered for seed registration, 11 had been rejected because of the prevalence of wilt and leaf mosaic.

Donald Hunt of Roseburg, freshman in the commerce department of the Oregon Agricultural college was found dead, shot through the heart, in his room in Corvallis. Death was the result in a pistol wound, and apparently was through accidental discharge of the pistol, which Hunt had been cleaning.

There were two fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 21, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Lant S. Woodyard, messenger, Portland, and Louis Mackey, fire fighter, Medford. A total of 587 accidents were reported.

Governor Olcott, in a proclamation issued, has set aside the period, October 7 to 14, as fire prevention week. It was set out in the proclamation that Oregon, during the five years ending in 1920, suffered fire losses to the amount of \$10,395,286, a sum of money that would build 2679 homes, costing \$3600 each or many miles of good roads.

Because of the heavy financial loss due to the operation of automobile stages, it may be necessary within the next three months to reduce the train service on the Oregon Electric railroad between Portland and Eugene to one train each way daily, it was announced by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager and vice-president of the Oregon Electric lines in Oregon.

A perpetual scholarship, the first of its kind to be accepted by the board of trustees of Albany college, has been donated through the session of the Grace Presbyterian church of Albany in honor of Rev. C. A. Wooley, veteran minister of Oregon and founder of the Grace church. It will be known as the Rev. C. A. Wooley scholarship, and amounts to \$1000.

Baker county in its entirety is under a shipping quarantine and no hay nor straw is being shipped, according to the orders of the Oregon state board of horticulture. The order is the result of a recent investigation which revealed the fact that the alfalfa weevil now exists along the Snake river and also in the locality in and around Durkee and on Burnt river, all in the eastern part of the county.

A conference of officials of the western states, counties and cities is to be held in Portland, October 9 and 10, to consider the increasing dangers of the road. Traffic conditions in the territory represented in the conference will be discussed and an effort made to obtain unity of action for the enforcement of existing laws and regulations and the enactment of more stringent measures in the interest of public safety.

The session of congress which adjourned Friday was to the state of Oregon the most profitable of any in history in point of federal appropriations. Besides receiving millions in appropriations for highways, river and harbor improvements and reclamation projects Oregon benefited more than \$6,000,000 by reason of the aid extended to farmers and to banks financing agriculture through the revival of the war finance corporation.

Governor Olcott has announced that he has revoked the notarial commissions issued to Otto Newman, B. L. Carter, Charles Lorati, Caroline Herman, Paul Turner, W. H. Carter and George Bylander, all of Portland. "This action was taken," the governor said in a letter addressed to the state department, "because of advices received by the executive office to the effect that the notaries improperly used their commissions in connection with certifying to signatures on certain initiative petitions."

The Oregon state game warden, Captain A. E. Burghdoff and the forest service bureau of this district, through George H. Cecil, district forester, have signed a written agreement formulating a pact whereby the co-operation of the law-enforcing and protecting agencies of the two services be insured. The agreement is one for mutual assistance in propagation, protection and control of game and fish in this state as well as for guarding against needless damage to the Oregon forests from fire and other sources.

### DERIVATION OF GRASS WIDOW

Term Probably is Corruption of Grace and Comes From Middle Age Usage.

How did the term "grass widow" arise? The most popular derivation according to Pearson's Weekly, is that "grass" is a corruption of grace, the pronunciation of which, in the Latin, is grahse.

In the Middle Ages widows were said to be "under God's grace" for a year after their husband's death, at the end of which period they might properly, if they wished, remarry, and so a widow in grace meant a new widow.

About the same time the wives of the marriages that were, in exceptional cases, annulled by the church, began also to be spoken of as widows of grace, in the rather different sense that they owed their virtual widowhood to the "grace" or favor of the church. So, then, a grass-widow pronounced grass-widow came to mean a wife, called a widow by courtesy.

Another explanation is that, exactly as we now refer to a sham party in a business transaction as a "man of straw," so an unmarried woman with a child who explained her condition by mention of a supposedly dead husband, was contemptuously spoken of as a "widow of grass."

It is in this sense that the phrase is commonly used on the continent, whereas in this country the term generally means a real wife temporarily living away from her husband.

### KNOW HOW TO RUN HIS CAR

Motorman Resented the Help of the Truck Driver, and Then Repented.

A street car approached a busy downtown corner, the motorman changing his gear. A truck driver stepped free. In front of his machine parked near the truck. He waved reassuringly at the motorman and measured with his hands to signal sufficient clearance.

The motorman resented the truck driver's role of traffic director. He groined his resentment to a platform passenger.

"I don't need nobody to show me how to run a car. I been runnin' one long enough to know when I can get by."

He clanged angrily toward the next corner where other trucks were parked.

"I suppose some fool will step out here to tell me how to run my car," he snarled. He glanced contemptuously at a truck as his car glided toward it. But there was no "fool to give directions this time and, to the very great astonishment and chagrin of the motorman who knew "how to run 'em," his car sideswiped the truck—Kansas City Star.

### A Kind Wish.

When Jenn went to her little neighbor's to visit she often talked to the grandmother of the house. "I have a grandmother, too," she would say, "but she's in heaven."

And she and the grandmother of the house were good friends until one day the grandmother was cross. She scolded the two little girls for leaving the screen door open, for walking in a flower bed and dropping crumbs on the floor.

The two youngsters sought refuge on the porch. Grandmother started to follow them there a little later, to try to make up. She realized the necessity of doing so, for when she reached the door she heard Jenn say, "Ruth, I wish your grandmother was visitin' my grandmother today."—Indianapolis News.

### A Field for Profitable Operation.

In the northern part of Texas one can ride overland for six days without ever being out of sight of the candle-illa plant—a weed from which a very high grade wax is made. Huge fortunes await the men who will develop the industry of wax making. As yet only six factories are working. The candle-illa plant grows from one to three feet high, and as many as 5,000 stems come from the same root. It flourishes in the poorest soil, and reproduces itself annually. The cost of labor is low, and the supply of material is incredibly vast. The wax is made by boiling and steaming the weed. The crude wax is refined and used in making candles, phonograph records, polishes, varnishes and even linoleum. And from the fibrous waste a good quality of paper is turned out.

### Novel Burglar Alarm.

As a protection against burglary or theft, an alarm signal, described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, has been devised which is adaptable to many uses. In size, it is only a little larger than a big watch, which it resembles. It is loaded with ten blank cartridges which are fired by a fuse on the inside of the device. In case of danger it is only necessary to release a safety catch on the face of the device and drop or throw the signal, keeping hold of the finger ring, from which the alarm is released when fang.

### Daily Short Story.

Tiberius Sinsworth, the book-keeper, was trying to stine up to the new stenog.  
She wrote a letter for him.  
"For that," he burbled, "I will give you your choice of a package of cigarettes or a nice kiss."  
"I don't smoke cigarettes," said she laughingly.  
Then he didn't know what to do.—Louisville Courier-Journal.



## Assured Favorites in Fall Styles in Coats Are Here

Perhaps your preference is for quiet tones and conservative lines, or your fancy may run to imported textures of striking weave with garments cut and hung to give the most novel effects, all are here in the most authentic of the season's true types. When you see the new coats, you will notice the fabrics, the individualistic touches, the harmony between fabric and trimming, and you will find no other style like them because they are exclusive, all from one factory, and each coat bears the "Palmer Garment" trade mark, which indicates a quality that is unsurpassed. We invite you to inspect these new "Palmer" coats at various prices within your reach, in style to suit your personality and in quality that assures satisfaction.

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### Neighborhood News

#### DELIGHT VALLEY.

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
Sept. 28.—L. Kent, who has been on the sick list during the past week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hodges and baby were in Eugene Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Horn and son Francis were in Eugene Saturday.

The Lee Nixon family motored to Eugene Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lane, of Seattle, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, of Grants Pass, were Sunday guests at the M. A. Horn home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore and little daughter motored to the fish hatchery on the McKenzie Sunday.

Oscar Jackson and son Lyle, Howard and Conrad Keene and Joseph Tucker were among a hunting party which was out from Friday to Monday.

T. D. Hodges traded his car for another in Eugene Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Joll and son Frank were in Eugene Monday.

The W. L. Leonard family is moving this week from Segunaw into the C. A. Moore house this week.

Mrs. M. A. Horn was hostess to the G. T. X. club Wednesday. The club was reorganized, Mrs. J. A. Joll being elected president, Mrs. Lee Nixon secretary-treasurer and a code of rules adopted. The club's new name is the Social Neighbor. Meetings will be held every second Wednesday, as before, with one evening each month set aside for entertaining families of members. The hostess served a delicious chicken stew with crackers and coffee. Fourteen were present.

#### PASSENGER FARES BETWEEN EUGENE AND PORTLAND DOWN

Within two weeks passenger fares between Eugene and Portland on both the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific lines will be reduced 20 per cent, according to an announcement received from the Portland offices of the companies. The electric line inaugurated the cut in fares on account of the great inroads made upon its passenger business by the stage lines, and the Southern Pacific announced that it would meet the cut for its own protection.

Under the new rate, the fare from Eugene to Portland will be \$3.85 one way, compared with \$4.41 at present, and the round trip fare will be \$6.65. Similar reductions will be made from all points along the line, it is announced.

"These fares will equal the rates charged by the bus lines and will give us an even break on the business," said M. D. Skinner, traffic

manager of the Oregon Electric. "If the bus lines cut below this rate we undoubtedly will meet them."

"We will keep the rate on a fair basis with the bus lines until a demonstration is given whether the lines can be made to pay. Then if efforts to make the Oregon Electric pay this way fail we will reduce service and ultimately abandon the line."

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon as administrator of the estate of Love Allen, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, duly verified, within six months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication the 29th day of September, 1922.

JAMES ALLEN,  
Administrator of the estate of Love Allen, deceased.

J. E. Young, attorney for estate. s29c27

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