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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Astoria is now in the first-class postoffice column. The great increase in the sale of stamps and stamped envelopes the past year or two has made the new classification possible.

Hood River county authorities, declare that they look for early work of paving the six miles of Columbia River Highway in Hood River county that were graded in 1915 with the \$75,000 bond issue voted by the county.

A. Rood, of Heppner, whose automobile was wrecked when he was turning a right-angle corner just west of Hood River on the Columbia river highway, has presented the county with a large danger sign, which will be placed at the turn.

June was an exceptionally wet month in Astoria, according to the records of the weather bureau. The rainfall for the month was 4.98 inches, or 2.98 inches in excess of the average for the corresponding month for the past seven years.

Forty husky Roseburg business and professional men displayed patriotism Tuesday afternoon clearing weeds from three acres planted to beans by Boy Scouts of that city. The laborers with hoes and other implements went to work in automobiles.

To arise funds for the women's building at Eugene, 10,000 postcards are to be sold in lots of 10 for 25 cents. Each 25 cents will represent the cost of one brick. The building will cost \$100,000 and the contractors estimate 400,000 bricks will be required.

A reduction in Clatskanie county's indebtedness of \$91,890.80 since December 31, 1916, is shown by the semi-annual report of County Clerk Iva M. Harrington. The report gives the indebtedness at that date of \$102,300.19, with the present indebtedness of \$10,409.39.

Fires in Oregon during June caused a loss of \$54,620. The number of fires totaled 49, of which 5 were in Roseburg, 11 in Portland, 2 in Oregon City, 1 at Prineville, and 1 at Springfield. The rest were scattering. The figures were compiled by Fire Marshal Wells.

E. J. Adams, State Highway commissioner, appeared in Justice Daniel Webster's court at Salem Tuesday and paid a fine of \$7.50 for speeding. He was accompanied by S. Benson, chairman of the Highway commission, and Herbert Nunn, State Highway engineer.

Astoria faces a milk strike that is being organized by the housewives. The dealers increased the price per month per quart July 1 from \$2.50 to \$3. This raised a serious protest among the housewives and approximately 500 of them from various sections of the city held a meeting at Uniontown to consider the situation.

In response to the recent circular of State Labor Commissioner Hoff, relative to farm hands, M. M. Burtner, master of the grange at Dufur, replies that from 1000 to 1200 hands already have been secured through Portland employment agencies, but many more will be needed as the harvest progresses. He states that from \$2.50 to \$5 a day, with board, will be paid for such labor, according to its varying ability.

The Jensen shingle mill at Wheeler was destroyed by fire Monday morning; loss \$10,000, no insurance. The mill was of three-machine capacity and was shipping two to four cars of shingles each week. An adjoining lumber mill plant was saved.

On their return from an inspection of the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation project on the Snake river, Attorney General Brown and Superintendent of Banks Sargent were enthusiastic about the project. They went as members of the state bonding board to investigate the land relative to the certification of \$225,000 worth of bonds the district proposes to issue.

Determined that there shall be no repetition of disaster like that wrought by the breaking of the Killmaque Lake dam, in Eastern Oregon, when the town of Rock Creek was wiped out and thousands of acres of crops flooded, ranchers along the streams that flow down the sides of the Elkhorn mountains, where irrigation reservoirs have been built at the sources, have started a movement toward protecting themselves.

County Judge R. W. Warsters of Roseburg, says the first roads to be improved in Douglas county under the state road bonding act will be those in Pass Creek and Canyon creek canyons. Besides \$350,000 to be obtained from the state and federal government, about \$200,000 realized from the county bond issue will be expended in improving the Pacific Highway in Douglas county. Work will begin this summer.

FAIR WILL AID FOOD

Big Premiums for Poultry to Be Given at State Exhibit—Entertainment of Visitors Drawing Card.

Olympia—Premiums for poultry exhibits will be doubled at the State Fair, according to Harry H. Collier, of Tacoma, superintendent of the poultry department, who visited the state department of agriculture here Thursday. The reason for this is that it is desired to stimulate the interest of the people of the state in poultry raising.

M. Collier stated that during the campaign that is being waged to increase the supply of food in the country, the raising of poultry can play an important part. It takes only three months to bring chickens to the stage where they may be useful as food. Any other meat producing animal requires from 18 months, as is the case with pork, to three years, the time necessary for cattle to reach their greatest productive point, to become food products.

If chickens can be used for the purpose of meat supply and will meet the demand in so much shorter time, the raising of them should be encouraged, said Mr. Collier. And for that reason, he added, the premiums will be raised on exhibits of them at the State Fair.

The State Fair is an annual event and will be held in North Yakima from September 17 to 22 this fall. Mr. Benson, state agricultural commissioner, is of the opinion that the fair will receive a better attendance from the Sound territory this year than ever before. The reason he gives for this is that the Yakima valley is coming more and more into prominence as a producing center and is making particular endeavors to entertain the visitors at the fair in a cordial way this year.

GRAIN OUTLOOK ENCOURAGES

Bumper Crops in Walla Walla, Eureka Flat and Yakima Sections.

The grain crop outlook in the Inland Empire, is reported by W. G. Paine, of Spokane, to W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, as follows:

"Weather clear, calm and cool. No rain, excepting scattered showers. Big Bend will need rain soon. Palouse country will not suffer for two weeks. Conditions reported fair as a whole, optimistic generally.

"Big Bend crops full of promise. No immediate danger from lack of rain. No signs of burning, except slight damage near Schrag. Bumper crops at Yakima, Walla Walla and Eureka Flat. Will be some threshing by August 1. No general rain since last report. Conditions in Palouse, Big Potlatch and Nez Perce not so full of promise. Heads are forming low."

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Wheat—Bluestem.....	\$2.20
Fortyfold	2.15
Club	2.15
Red Russian	2.10
Oats—No. 1 white	\$4.00
Barley—No. 1 feed.....	42.00
Cattle—Steers, prime...	\$9.50@10.50
Steers, good	8.75@ 9.25
Steers, medium	8.00@ 8.75
Cows, choice	8.25@ 8.50
Cows, medium	7.50@ 8.00
Cows, fair.....	6.75@ 7.25
Heifers	5.00@ 9.25
Bulls	5.00@ 7.25
Calves	7.50@ 9.50
Hogs—Packing	\$15.25@15.90
Rough heavies	13.90@14.25
Pigs and skips	12.00@12.50
Stock hogs	11.00@12.50
Sheep—Wethers.....	8.75@9.50
Ewes	7.50@8.05
Lambs	10.00@12.75

Flour—Patents, \$11.40.
Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$32 per ton; shorts, \$35; rolled barley, \$48; rolled oats, \$50.
Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$18; valley grain hay, \$18@20.
Butter—Cubes, extras, 37c per pound; prime firsts, 36c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 38c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 38c; No. 2, 36c.

Eggs—Ranch, current receipts, 30c per dozen; selects, 32c.
Poultry—Hens, 14@16c per pound; broilers, 19@22c; turkeys, 20c; ducks, 18@22c; geese, 10@12c.

Veal—Fancy, 14@15c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 19@ per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 70 @ 75c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.85@2.00 per crate; cabbage, 2@3c per pound; eggplant, 25c; lettuce, 35@50; cucumbers, 50c@\$.125 per dozen; peppers, 30@40c per pound; rhubarb, 2@3c; peas, 4@5c; asparagus, 5@6c; spinach, 6@7c per pound.

Potatoes—Buying prices, \$3.25@3.50 per hundred.

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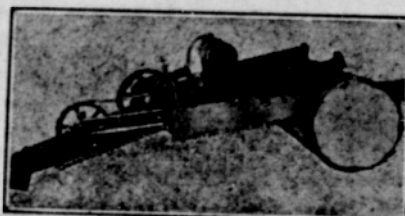
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