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OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of
Past Week Briefly Com-
piled for Our Readers.

Farmers around Condon are rejoicing over the rains which practically will insure more than an average crop.

The Methodist old people's home at Salem, recently completed at a cost of approximately \$70,000, was dedicated Friday.

Two more weeks of warm weather are needed before the McKenzie pass will be open to travel, Deschutes national forest officials declare.

Wolves are killing deer in great numbers in the north Umpqua river district, is a report made to the Portland office of the state game commission.

More than 150 members of the Myers clan, who reside in western Oregon, will hold their annual reunion Sunday at Canemah park at Oregon City.

Lotis Langley of Portland was appointed a member of the state soldiers' and sailors' commission by Governor Pierce to succeed Eric Hauser, also of Portland.

Harry B. Mayes, a druggist of Oswego, committed suicide in his apartment over his drug store at Oswego by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

Fred A. Snell, 50, a rancher living near Mapleton, was killed when an automobile carrying him and three other men ran off the road down an embankment.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed for Oregon as follows: Leland, Josephine county, Kirby K. Troxel; Waterloo, Linn county, John H. Turpin, Jr.

Losses suffered in a fire at Bend which destroyed the M. Murray clothing stock and a frame building in which it was housed, will total approximately \$10,000.

Captain Frank L. Culin, 31st infantry, stationed in the Philippines, has been ordered to Oregon as assistant professor of military science at the University of Oregon.

Members of the Oregon public service commission have set July 20 as the date for resuming the hearing of the rate case involving the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

Six or seven inches of new snowfall on the mountain peaks west of Haines has caused a chill to come over the Powder river valley which has checked the progress of growing crops.

A campaign for the colonization of 8000 acres of land reclaimed through the completion of an addition to the water supply of the Tumalo project has been decided on by the district directors.

In a special election the taxpayers of Medford voted against issuance of \$160,000 in bonds for a new high school. The proposition was lost by 27 votes, there being 372 for it and 399 against.

With more than 400 delegates in attendance from all sections of the state the 73d annual communication of the grand lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons held a three-day session in Portland.

As the result of a mass meeting held at Richland approximately \$23,500 was raised by residents of that section to be used in a reorganization of the Eagle Valley state bank, which recently closed its doors.

The first sheep deal of any consequence near Bend for the present season was reported in the purchase by Pat Reilly of Shaniko of 3200 head of lambs at a price understood to have been close to \$45,000.

The University of Oregon at Eugene has established a course in radio-physics, designed to train graduate students for positions as radio-physicists, research specialists and executives in the radio field.

Death and fire followed in the wake of the festival regatta on the Willamette river at Portland, when a boy was drowned, a speedy racer burned to the water's edge and another sunk within sight of 10,000 persons.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company has filed with the public service commission a protest against the proposed establishment of a grade crossing over its tracks near Grass Valley, Sherman county.

Several changes in the opening and closing of the hunting seasons for the coming year have been made by the state game commission. The deer hunting season, instead of opening August 20 as heretofore, next fall will not start until September 10 and will close October 31. A slight change also was made in the bobwhite quail and Chinese pheasant season. It will open October 14 and close October 23. These are the only important game changes.

The appealed case of A. J. Weston, who is serving a life term in the state penitentiary for the murder of Robert Krug at Sisters, Deschutes county, a number of years ago, will be argued before the supreme court June 23.

A statement of the arrests and convictions for game violations issued by the state game commission shows a total of 351 arrests and convictions since December 1, which exceeds last year's number by 44 for the same period.

Deschutes county's road budget, unofficially determined by the Bend and Redmond commercial club roads committees, will be boosted \$5,000 to allow for grading the central Oregon highway to its junction with the Bend-Burns road.

Nick Gavins, a Portuguese laborer of Salt Lake city, shot and seriously wounded two men on the Oregon-Washington section gang near Pleasant Valley in Baker county. Gavins then made his escape to the hills. He is thought by authorities to be insane.

The Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company has filed application with the public service commission for permission to install meters for irrigation service. Increase in irrigation rates from 75 cents to \$1.50 a month is also sought by the water company.

At the request of George F. Anderson of the Portland Livestock Exchange, a conference ordered by the public service commission for June 26 to consider the operation of an additional livestock train between Huntington and Portland, has been postponed.

The North Pacific Library association held its 14th annual convention at Corvallis. The conference was considered highly successful and was well attended, 105 delegates being present from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana, British Columbia and California.

Officers of Umatilla county are searching for a man who was alleged to have set fire to two warehouses belonging to H. W. Collins, Pendleton grainman, one of which was destroyed with the grain in it at a loss of \$4000. The burned warehouse was located at Sparks station.

Caterpillars by the millions, the same variety that greased the rails of the Yaquina branch of the Southern Pacific railway and caused delay in train service, have appeared in the northern part of Lane county, northeast of Coburg, according to farmers of that section.

A friendly suit will be brought to test the validity of the act passed by the state legislature to remit Astoria's portion of the state tax, the money to be used in the reconstruction of public utilities in the burned area. The suit will be taken to the supreme court at the earliest possible date.

No bounties will be paid in the future on predatory animals killed in Crook county, but instead the county court has appropriated a fund of more than \$600 to meet a like appropriation from the state which will be administered by the federal government in eradication of predatory animals in the district.

Friends of the Teel irrigation project near Echo, in the west end of

Umatilla county, have requested Governor Pierce to use his influence with other members of the state commission to appoint a disinterested engineer to inspect the half-finished project and check over plans with a view to starting the work for completion.

Only 45 homestead applications have been received at the Roseburg land office for lands in the Coos bay wagon road and Oregon-California grant lands, which were opened to entry June 11. Of this number about 20 of the applications are made by squatters or by lessees who are given a preference right under the act declaring the land open.

A financial report submitted at a meeting of the general relief committee at Astoria showed that the total cash contributions to the relief fund amounted to \$121,498.49, while receipts from the sale of supplies were \$5305.16, making a grand total of \$126,803.65 received by the committee. Expenditures have amounted to \$42,014.29, leaving \$84,789.36 still on hand.

The second annual experiment in cherry pollenization has been completed in Wasco county by the Oregon Agricultural college. In all 72,000 blossoms were emasculated, artificially impregnated with pollen from practically every known fertile variety and covered with paper sacks until partly matured, by Professor C. E. Schuster, under whose direction the experiments were conducted.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending June 14, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included George C. Fowler, hook tender, Tillamook; Chris J. Lauth, drag sawyer, Portland; Robert G. England, millwright, Cottage Grove, and Clyde Kelley, laborer, Turner. A total of 736 accidents were reported for the week.

FRENCH MAY CLOSE FACTORIES IN RUHR

Plans to Take Control of Coal,
Coke and Raw Materials
Are Announced.

Dusseldorf.—Plans to take control of the coal and coke and raw material supplies of all the factories in the Ruhr were announced at French headquarters here. The occupation authorities decided to adopt this method to enforce payment of the coal tax which all except a few of the smallest plants have heretofore refused to pay.

General Degoutte, the allied commander-in-chief, issued a decree announcing the military's intention to take charge of all overhead conveyors and all rail lines leading from the coal mines to the factories. The French and Belgians will post guards along all such lines, and whenever a plant director refuses to pay the coal tax to the occupational authorities his supplies of coal, coke and raw materials will be immediately cut off, thus causing the shutdown of the plant as soon as its stocks are exhausted.

The Krupp works at Essen, employing 52,000 men, and the Stinnes works at Muelheim, with 40,000 men, will be among the establishments affected.

ENORMOUS FINES IMPOSED

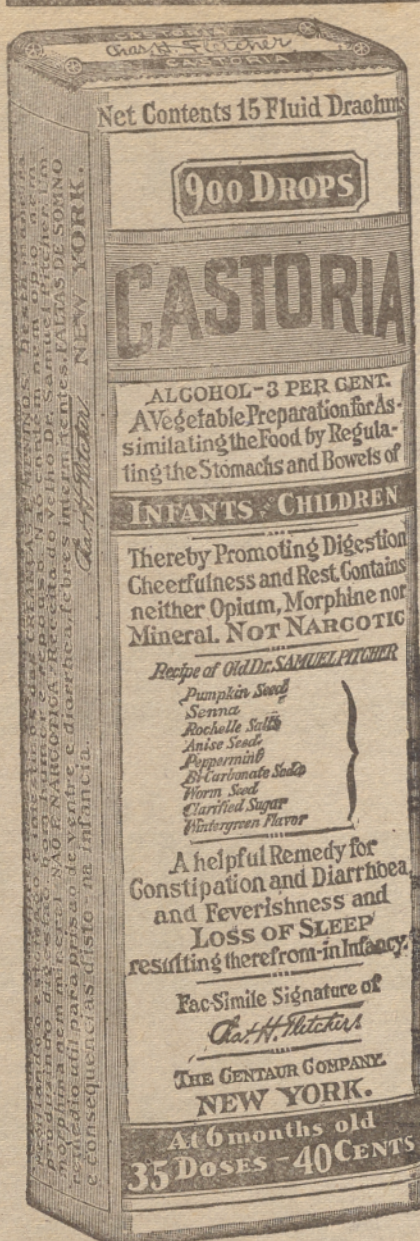
Offending Germans Punished by
French Courts.

Werden.—Further heavy fines and prison terms were imposed in court-martial proceedings against German coal mine proprietors and directors charged with refusing to make reparation coal deliveries and failure to pay the 20 per cent coal tax. A court-martial sentenced Herr Falke, director of the Rommacker Huttenwerke, to five years in prison and fined him 4,300,000 marks. It also fined Herr Friedmann, head of the Adler company, 5,800,000,000 marks, but imposed no prison term.

These sentences followed the imposition of a sentence of five years' imprisonment and a fine of 168,300,000,000 marks, the equivalent of 23,000,000 French francs, upon Paul Kellermann, director-general of the Good Hope mines at Oberhausen, on a similar charge.

It seems that no European conference of premiers is a failure if they adjourn to try it again somewhere else.

The trouble with the alarm clock is that while it will arouse you in the morning, it will not put you to bed at night.



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Earl E. Hamilton of Butte, Mont., recently appointed by Director Hines as chief of the newly created inspection division of the United States Veterans' bureau.

FOUR OUSTED FROM OREGON GAME BODY

Salem, Or.—Alleged lack of harmony among the members of the state game commission caused Governor Pierce to remove four of the five members of the body.

The members of the commission removed by the governor included M. A. Lynch of Redmond, Blaine Hallock of Baker, George H. Kelley of Portland and F. Roy Davis of Medford.

They will be succeeded by James Maloney, president of the Inland Empire bank of Pendleton; Harold Clifford, Prairie City rancher; Ben Dorris, Springfield farmer, and R. W. Price, manager of the Multnomah hotel in Portland.

I. N. Fleischner of Portland is the only member of the old commission to be retained by the governor.

MAN MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT

The Dalles Authorities Suspect Murder
of Ortleby Resident.

The Dalles, Or.—That Peter J. Agidius, 53, a wealthy farmer of Ortleby, who was shot and killed late Saturday afternoon, was murdered at his home by an unidentified assailant after a running gun fight in the road half a mile from his ranch home, seven miles west of The Dalles, is the theory upon which District Attorney F. Gallo-way and Coroner C. N. Burget are con-

ducting an investigation.

His son, Adolph, and E. L. Rutt, a hired farm hand, saw him fall near the house. They thought he had committed suicide, but the nature of the wounds led officers to believe this impossible.

One bullet penetrated the muscles between his neck and shoulder and the other entered just above his heart, leaving a gaping wound in the back where it left the body.

Former Balkan Leader Slain.

Sofia. — Alexander Stamboulisky, premier of Bulgaria from the time the peasant government was formed under his leadership in 1918 until he was overthrown last week by the Bulgarian army, was killed in the village of Vetren, near his native town of Slavovitz. He was shot in the course of an attempt of a party of peasants to rescue him from guards.

Bergdoll's Brother Leaves Prison. Leavenworth, Kan.—Erwin R. Bergdoll, wealthy Philadelphia draft evader, was released from the disciplinary barracks here Wednesday.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.09; hard winter, northern spring and red western, \$1.04.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$16 per ton; valley timothy, \$26; eastern Oregon timothy, \$27.

Butter Fat—43¢@44c.

Eggs—Ranch, 24¢@26c.

Cheese—Tillamook cream 29¢@30c; Young Americas 30¢@31c; block Swiss, 33¢@35c; cream brick, 28¢@30c.

Cattle — Choice steers, \$7.50@8.00; medium to good, \$7.00@7.50.

Sheep—Choice valley lambs, \$10@10.50; medium valley lambs, \$9@10.

Hogs — Prime light, \$7.50@7.75; smooth heavy, \$6@7.25.

Seattle.

Wheat—Hard and soft white, \$1.12; western white, \$1.11; hard and soft red winter, northern spring, \$1.10; western red, \$1.09.

Butter Fat—42¢@44c.

Eggs—Ranch, 24¢@28c.

Cattle — Prime steers, \$7.50@8; medium to choice, \$7@7.50.

Hogs — Prime light, \$7.30@7.80; smooth heavy, \$6.05@7.05.

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