

OREGON STATE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

THE MARKETS

PORTLAND

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard wheat, 67c; soft white and western white, 58c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 57c.
Hay — Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland; Alfalfa, Yakima, \$16.00.
Butterfat—22 @ 23c.
Eggs—Ranch, 17 @ 18c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$5.00 @ 6.00.
Hogs — Good to choice, \$4.85 @ 5.15.
Lambs — Good to choice, \$5.00 @ 5.50.

Seattle

Wheat — Soft white and western white, 58c; hard winter, western red and northern spring, 56c; bluestem, 56c.
Butterfat, 20c.
Eggs—Ranch, 18 @ 19c.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.80 @ 5.00.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.00 @ 6.00.
Sheep—Spring lambs, \$5.00 @ 5.75.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.00 @ 6.35.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.75 @ 4.85.
Lambs—Medium to good, \$5.00 @ 5.50.

John C. Brickley of Sherwood died at his home on June 8, leaving 10 living brothers and sisters whose ages total \$89 years. The oldest is 92 and the youngest 67, papers filed in probate court revealed.

The Hubbard Fruit Growers association has opened its berry house to receive strawberries. The berries have been sold to the Starr Packing company of Portland and Salem. The strawberry crop is short.

Wayne Guiley of Creswell was killed at the Frank Bybee ranch, near Jacksonville, when a team of horses he was driving in the hay field ran away, pinning him under the wagon and crushing his chest.

Plans for a drive to save the radio compass stations at Klipsan Beach and Fort Stevens are being made by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. The stations have been ordered discontinued June 24.

The directors have approved the dates of September 14, 15, and 16, for the annual Pendleton Round-up and are now making plans for the event. Some financial matters must be ironed out yet.

The Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce has asked all local firms and industries to employ only authentic residents of the city and also that former employees be given preference.

After being in the water since March 28, the body of George E. Wood, secretary of the Eugene lodge of Elks, has been found in the Willamette river a few miles below Eugene.

A united effort will be made by Southern Oregon communities on the Pacific highway to secure the improvement of the Siskiyou section out of federal funds that are to be made available for Oregon highways.

Plans to oil the Roseburg-Dixonville section of the North Umpqua highway are being considered by the Douglas county court. It is also planned to straighten and widen this section of the highway.

Only two candidates have filed for school director at Roseburg to fill two vacancies on the board. The two are Horace Berg and W. F. Harris, who are up for re-election.

Flood waters of the Willamette inflicted \$5000 damage upon farmers and truck gardeners on Grand island, according to estimates. Several acres of hay was destroyed.

The board of the First Christian Church of Salem has recommended to the congregation that no patronage be given to business houses that sell 3.2 beer.

The smallest strawberry crop in 40 years, due to the heavy rains and harsh winter, is reported at Hood River. No carload shipments will be made.

The big Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. mill at Eugene will reopen shortly after July 1 after a shut-down of two years. The mill will employ about 125 men.

Redmond and Prineville will join with Bend in a two days' Fourth of July celebration at Bend. They will also take part in the queen contest.

With the co-operation of County Agent R. G. Larson, a number of Malheur county farmers are growing flax on an experimental scale. Trials on the A. V. Fee and R. C. McCallum farms show fine stands with promise of a good crop when inspected recently. Two new trials have been started on the farms of John Reece of Nyssa and B. G. Roberts of Big Bend.

John Marple, Cutler City, caught a 15-inch blueback salmon on the fly recently. While fishing in Siletz bay he noted two gulls fighting over the fish, one of them finally breaking away with the fish in its beak. The gull flew directly over Marple's boat and the fish was too heavy for it to make clearance. Marple reached up and caught the fish by the tail, giving the bird the air.

The recent low tides brought out the clam diggers, as many as 4000 people having been on the North Yachats beach at one time. Clams are plentiful and large. Ocean fishing is good and limit catches of trout in the streams are daily reported. A number of whales have been seen lying close in to feed off the smelt run.

Buddie, the groundhog which was raised to five weeks old by Tiger, the cat belonging to Mrs. William Newton at Powell Butte, was accidentally killed by a wagon box falling on him. Buddie had grown to the age where he would play with the kittens in a very awkward way. The baby groundhog was adopted by the cat when it was two days old.

Canning equipment has been installed at the county farm by The Dalles chapter of the Red Cross, and it is planned to can all surplus fruits and vegetables for use by the unemployed next winter. A large quantity of food was preserved in this manner last year and materially reduced unemployment budgets during the winter.

Another 1000 tomato plants, part of the hundreds of thousands being experimented with to determine the best variety by the new cannery recently established at Brookings, just south of Gold Beach, have been set out on the Gilmore ranch, in the Bear creek district of the Chetco river valley.

Wasco county pea growers have been receiving \$2.50 per hundred pounds in the Portland market. Out of this they pay 75 cents for picking and 35 cents for transportation to Portland. This leaves the grower a net return of \$1.40, which, they say, fails to cover cost of production.

The state highway commission cannot expect Lane county to pay \$10,000 as its share on the Cheshire highway until after a new budget is made, according to an opinion given the county court by the county attorney. No provision was made for the payment in this year's budget.

The date for the annual shrine picnic for southwestern Oregon has been changed from August 13 to August 20 to accommodate members of Al Kader temple of Portland and Hillah temple of Ashland, it was announced by Charles Q. Van Duyen of the Marshfield Shrine club.

Plans to strengthen the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union, which led the recent strike, are being considered. Boatpullers and cannery workers are to be admitted to the union in order to solidify all labor elements connected with the fishing industry.

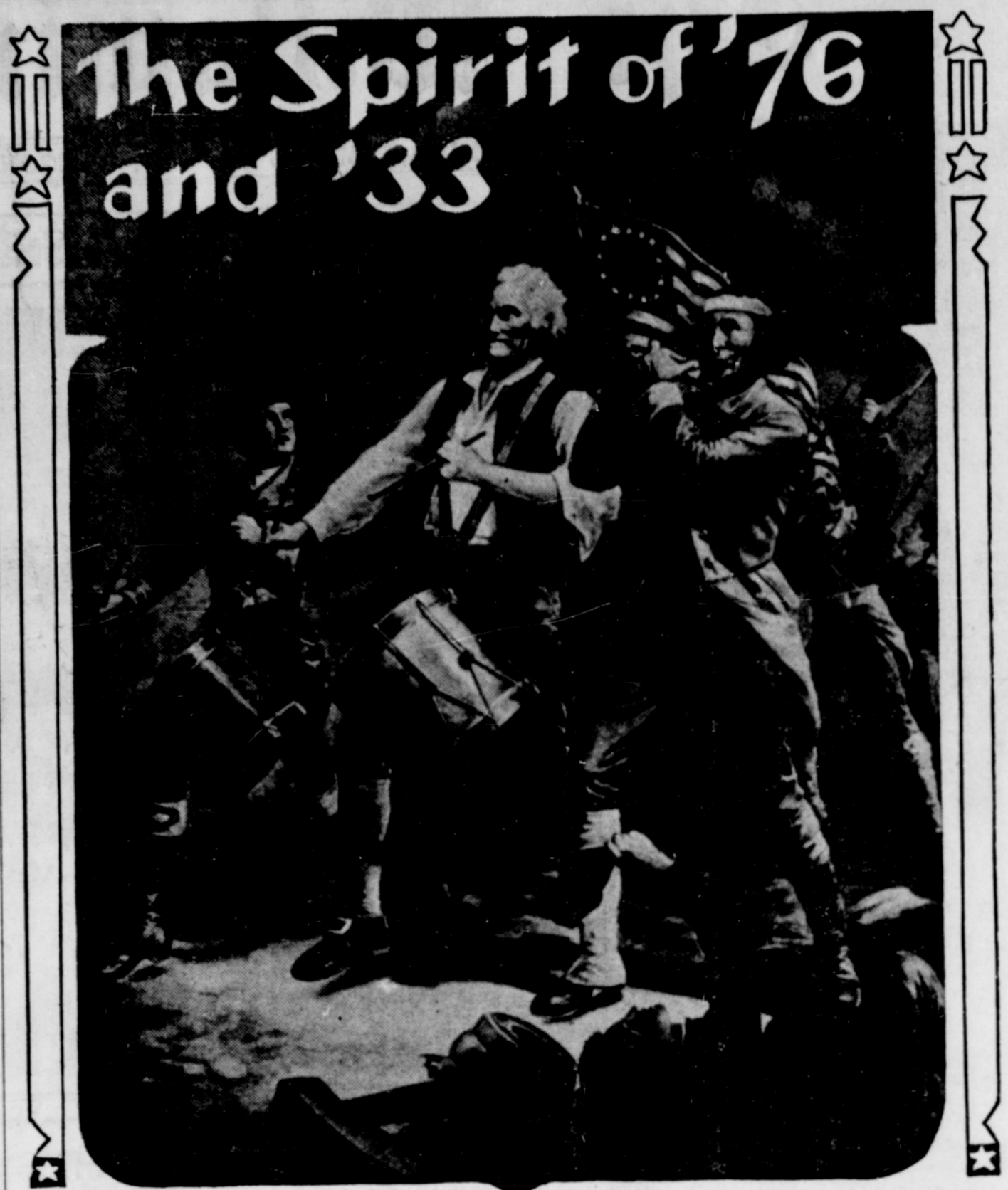
From all section of the Lower Umpqua region come reports of serious damage being done by hordes of wild pigeons. While the pigeon is protected, permission can be obtained from the state department to kill them when it is shown they have become a pest.

On and after September 1 a fee of \$1 a year will be charged non-resident patrons of the Astoria public library. Heretofore residents of the county have been permitted to enjoy the privileges of the library free, although it is maintained entirely by the city.

Klamath county has practically gone on a cash basis. Current expense warrants amounting to \$5800 have been called in. The county road fund is the only one with outstanding warrants, which amount to \$25,000 and will be called in August.

A. H. Foolsbey, a bee man of Haines, has been appointed chief deputy bee inspector for Baker, Malheur, Union and Walla counties. The appointment was made under the terms of the bee inspection law enacted by the last legislature.

Relocation of the Pacific highway between Junction City and Goshen to avoid flood conditions and eliminate a railroad crossing, besides shortening the distance, is the object of a survey to be made by the state highway department.



Then, Now on Fourth of July

OBSERVANCE of the first Fourth of July can in no way be compared with the present fashion of celebrating the day. Fireworks, recreation and a day of rest for some, now go to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. A casual glance back through the pages of history, however, is enough to convince anybody that few days have been filled with so many other events of world-sweeping character and importance.

Long before the Declaration was adopted, July 4 was a marked day, and it has been ever since. To pick only a few of the events that have occurred on this day:

John Adams died, aged ninety, 1826.
Thomas Jefferson died, aged eighty-three, 1826.

James Monroe died, aged seventy-three, 1831.

Calvin Coolidge born, 1872.
Nathaniel Hawthorne born, 1804.
Giuseppe Garibaldi born, 1823.

Stephen Foster (author of "My Old Kentucky Home") born, 1826.

Surrender of Vicksburg, 1863.

Cornerstone of Washington monument laid, 1848.

Providence, R. I., founded by Roger Williams, 1636.

Work on Erie canal begun, 1817.

The first Fourth of July that receives historic mention after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence was only two years later. On that day the Tory John Butler, with a party of loyalists and Indians, raided the beautiful Wyoming valley in Pennsylvania while most of the men

were absent on duty with the army. The women and children, the old persons and the sick ones, had taken refuge in the wooden fort, but under promise of protection they surrendered and were butchered. The massacre, one of the most brutal recorded any-



Nation Secure in the Loyalty of
"Young America."

where, forms the basis of Campbell's "Gertrude of Wyoming."

On the Fourth of July, 1863, Vicksburg, after a siege of three months, surrendered to General Grant, and the Fourth of July the following year was celebrated by General Butler by a 12 hours' cannonading of Pettersburg, at a cost of a vast amount of money. No

lives were lost and no property destroyed.

Going back still further into the history of this country, it was on July 4, 1584, that two barks which had been sent by Sir Walter Raleigh to discover and annex the American continent north of Florida arrived off the coast. They landed on Roanoke island, afterward occupied by the first English settlement in the New World.

On the Fourth of July, 1754, Col. George Washington surrendered an army. It was only a small army, but a fort went with it. In this he experienced his first defeat in war, at the hands of the French. Although only twenty-two, he had been placed in command of a body of troops which was marching toward Fort Duquesne. Forty miles from his destination he heard of the approach of a party of French and Indians sent to intercept him, and he fell back and erected a stockade which he called Fort Necessity.

A few days later Fort Necessity was attacked by 1500 Indians and French, and Washington surrendered on honorable terms. This was on the morning of July 4. He marched out with his little army of 400 men, drums beating and flags flying, and he and his soldiers returned peacefully to their homes.

On the same day Benjamin Franklin laid before the commissioners of the colonies at Albany a plan for a federal constitution, aimed to accomplish a union for defense against French encroachment. It was adopted but later was rejected by some of the colonies and by the British government. This was just 22 years before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Oddly enough, the document was rejected by the colonies because it put too much power in the hands of the king, and it was vetoed in England because it put too much power in the assemblies of the colonies.

How Key Wrote Immortal Song

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, a resident of Georgetown, D. C., wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" while he was detained on board a British ship during the bombardment of Fort Mchenry.

With a friend he visited the British commander shortly before the attack began to plead for the release of an influential Washington physician who had been taken prisoner. The British commander agreed to release the physician, but declined to let him or

his pleaders leave the fleet at that time, as the bombardment was about to begin.

The Americans were placed on a ship beyond danger and, though treated courteously, were held there during the attack. Thus from the deck of the British ship the three Americans watched the bombardment of Fort Mchenry.

The firing ceased before dawn, and the anxious prisoners did not know whether the fort had surrendered or not. But the morning light revealed the star-spangled banner still aloft above the fort; it had successfully withstood the bombardment. And Key, while watching anxiously, was moved to write his famous ode.

It was because he was writing it at the very moment when the event it celebrated was being enacted that

made it so vividly realistic. "The rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air," were before his eyes as he wrote, giving ample proof "that our flag was still there," proof which "the dawn's early light" confirmed.

Declaration Was Signed by Congressmen Present

THE Declaration of Independence was adopted by the continental congress on July 4, 1776. On August 2, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by all members of congress present on that day, and thereafter by other members as they arrived at various times until early in 1777. Some who voted for the resolution of independence and the support of the declaration did not sign it.