

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The population at the state penitentiary at Salem has reached a new high mark, with 900 prisoners on the register.

The first fire of the year in Crater national forest was started recently by lightning striking a tree in the Aplegate district near Copper.

Organized labor of Eugene will sponsor a Fourth of July celebration in Eugene, and preliminary steps will be taken at once, it is announced.

The cherry crop in Lane county will be better than it was indicated two or three weeks ago, according to C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector.

Owing to lack of funds the city council of Roseburg has deferred the widening of the main streets. The estimate for improving 10 blocks was approximately \$10,000.

Rocking of the road leading from the Oregon coast highway north of Florence to the ocean beaches between the mouth of the Siuslaw river and Heceta head has been started.

The town council of Lakeview has authorized the immediate paving of 10 blocks in the business section. Robert Gould, city engineer of Bend, has been engaged to supervise the work.

K. A. Young, 55, driller for an oil company in Coos county, was killed when an automobile went over a grade near Remote on the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway. It is believed Young fell asleep.

Plans and specifications for the Hendricks bridge-Doyle hill section of the McKenzie highway covering nine miles have been received by the Lane county court from the state highway department.

The annual picnic at Pleasant Hill, which has been held since pioneer days, will be held this year June 14, it has been announced. The Christian Endeavor society of that place will have charge.

The last of the salvage from the Admiral Benson, which was wrecked near the mouth of the Columbia, has been brought to Astoria. It includes winches, anchors, chains, port lights and other heavy equipment.

George Lambrith of Alpine dropped dead Sunday at a ball game in which he was playing. He had been batting, when the umpire called him "out." As he turned to leave the plate he pitched forward on his face.

A 2-year-old horse fell into a 50-foot well on the Martin ranch on the Lexington market road near Heppner. He was standing on the top of the well drinking from a watering trough when the timbers gave way under him.

The unusual sight of a rainbow at night was seen by a number of Glendale people recently at 10:15 when a complete rainbow arched the north-western sky with a silvery full moon in the opposite side of the heavens.

A total of 11,842 loans, representing an aggregate of \$28,328,525, were authorized under the state veterans relief act up to March 1 of this year, according to a report from Frank Moore, secretary of the state bonus commission.

THE MARKETS

Portland	
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.16 1/4;	soft white, western white, \$1.03 1/4;
hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.01 1/4.	
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20 per ton; valley timothy, \$23.50@24; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.50@24; clover, \$17; oat hay, \$17; oats and vetch, \$17.50@18.	
Butterfat—\$1@35c.	
Eggs—Ranch, 21@24c.	
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.85.	
Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.50@11.	
Lambs—Good to choice, \$8.50@10.	
Seattle	
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, western red and northern spring, \$1.04; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.15.	
Eggs—Ranch, 25@29c.	
Butterfat—38c.	
Cattle—Choice steers, \$11@11.50.	
Hogs—Prime light, \$10.80@11.	
Lambs—Choice, \$9@10.	
Snohomish	
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25@11.	
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.35@10.50.	
Lambs—Medium to good, \$9.50@10.	

Fishing operations in the lower Columbia river continue to show small results while upriver conditions are good, according to returns to Astoria cannerymen.

The intangibles tax law enacted at the 1929 legislature, with a fixed rate of 5 per cent, has returned to the state up to this time a total of \$907,065.78, according to a report prepared by the state tax commission.

According to C. W. Kimball of New York city, president of the Kimball Fruit company, who is visiting the company's plant at Central Point, the promises for the fruit industry in Rogue River valley were never better than this year.

The annual Gilliam county fair will be held in Condon September 11, 12 and 13, or two weeks earlier in the month than in previous years, in hopes of having better weather and also be just a week after other fairs in the neighboring counties.

Historical markers are to be placed on several landmarks in Lane county by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in May and June. One of the markers will be placed on the homestead of Eugene Skinner, founder of Eugene.

Purchase of 15 acres and large concrete buildings from the Coos Bay Lumber company by the Port Orford Cedar Products company opens a new industry at Marshfield which will be used to save waste from the manufacture of white cedar lumber.

Lamb shipping is beginning in several parts of Douglas county. One truckload has been shipped out of Yoncalla and another from Myrtle Creek. Shipments are earlier this season owing to the low market, which shows little prospect of improvement.

Wheat fields of Jefferson county have been greatly benefited by heavy rains of the past week, according to information from Madras, where .31 of an inch of precipitation was measured. Spring wheat is in excellent condition and good crops are expected.

A fierce electric storm passed over central Oregon recently and left three towns, Prineville, Redmond and Madras, without power and light service for many hours. The bolt which put the power line out of commission struck a pole in Crooked river gorge.

Arthur Cables, garage man of near Seaside, was confronted with a full-grown cougar in his garden a few days ago. Not relishing the prospects of becoming a meal, Cables shouted for help. A cousin appeared with a gun and fired three shots as the animal fled.

The Mountain States Power company has commenced installing the 29 new ornamental street lamps authorized by the city council of Albany and will have the work done within a few weeks. When this series of lamps is installed Albany will have 81 ornamental posts.

Automobile registration time, and, incidentally, time for payment of the annual license fee, is again approaching. Reminders of this fact were being sent out to approximately 300,000 Oregon motor vehicle owners by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss in the form of application blanks.

Through the efforts of A. C. Allen, resident state horticultural commissioner, George I. Reeves, senior etymologist of the department of agriculture, arrived in Talent in Rogue river valley to begin operations on the control of the alfalfa weevil in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties.

Oiling operations on the Sherman highway from Demoss springs to Grass valley, designed to provide a non-skid surface, has started, the state highway office at The Dalles has announced. A similar surfacing will be applied on the Columbia highway from the Multnomah county line to The Dalles.

Thomas Lillebo of Reedsport started the work of changing the Roosevelt ferry routing across Coos bay and is installing new slips on the south and north sides. The routing will move the north slip a quarter of a mile westward and the crossing will be shortened several hundred feet, giving ferry crossings 20 minutes instead of 30 as heretofore.

Jean Jones, 15, daughter of Frank Jones and granddaughter of Benjamin F. Jones, "father of the Roosevelt highway," has been elected to represent Newport at the opening of the Salmon River highway from Grand Ronde to Otis, where the new highway will connect with the Roosevelt highway. The opening date has been set on July 19, at which time cities of Oregon will participate in a pageant

POWDER ODOR IS KEY TO MURDER

Short Work of Crime Mystery Made by Detective in Iceland.

Reykjavik, Iceland.—A pair of goggles and a box of face powder are not among the things that usually come to one's mind when thinking of Iceland.

Neither is murder, cold blooded, brutal murder, the hammering of a man to death with a heavy pipe.

Yet the third murder in Iceland in 80 years was solved largely through the fact that the murderer dropped a pair of goggles at the scene of the crime and bought a new pair, and both smelled of the same face powder.

Murder in Iceland, the land of fjords, frost, and fire; the land from which Leifur, son of Erikur the Red, discovered "Wineland the Good," or America, is uncommon. The history of Iceland is crowded with battles and bloodshed, but the present peaceful population could hardly believe the report that traveled over the island one bright morning that a respectable citizen of Reykjavik had been attacked during the night, robbed, brutally beaten, and murdered. It was the third killing in over half a century.

Found Dead in Bed.

Jon Egilsson, bachelor, forty-one, conducted with his brother a motor car agency and repair shop, situated on the outskirts of the town but facing the main thoroughfare. On the night of the murder Egilsson went to bed as he was accustomed to, sleeping alone in the building. At ten o'clock the next morning he was found dead in his bedroom, barefooted and almost naked, his head horribly battered. About \$500 in cash was missing from the company's safe. The weapon with which Egilsson was murdered was a bar of brass.

Detectives who first examined the room noticed one very unusual thing; the killer had left his goggles and the brass bar behind, but he had taken time to wash his hands before leaving the scene of the crime.

The chief of police of Reykjavik, Hermann Jonasson, took charge of the case personally and worked it out according to his own ideas, for there are no real specialists on criminology in a community with so few criminals.

Chauffeur Has New Goggles.

All the employees of Egilsson's firm were questioned, but apparently they all had perfect alibis. Finally a chauffeur, Egill Hjalmarrson, attracted the particular attention of the detectives because he had a new pair of goggles. He claimed that he had been out late the night before, driving a party into the country, and that when he got home at about two o'clock in the morning he went direct to bed.

This part of the story was true. He did go straight to bed, but got straight out again, and was away from his room for a long time. Hjalmarrson could not explain how he got several scratches on his face. And then a detective examined the new goggles. Goggles are not usually perfumed, but those had the same scent as the pair found beside Egilsson's body. The new goggles were found in a drawer, next to a box of face powder.

Little more than 12 hours after Egilsson died the police had sufficient evidence to arrest Hjalmarrson. He was taken into custody the same evening and charged by the chief of police the following day. Hjalmarrson confessed, and thus the crime was solved in little more than a day and a night.

The murderer is now awaiting sentence and is liable to sentence to prison for life—capital punishment was abolished in Iceland some time ago. Reports on the sanity of the prisoner may influence the sentence.

Montana Youths Plan Swim of 3,500 Miles

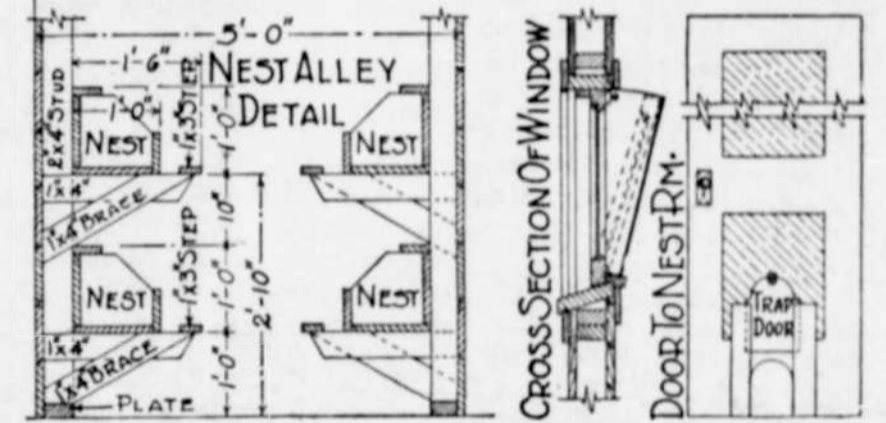
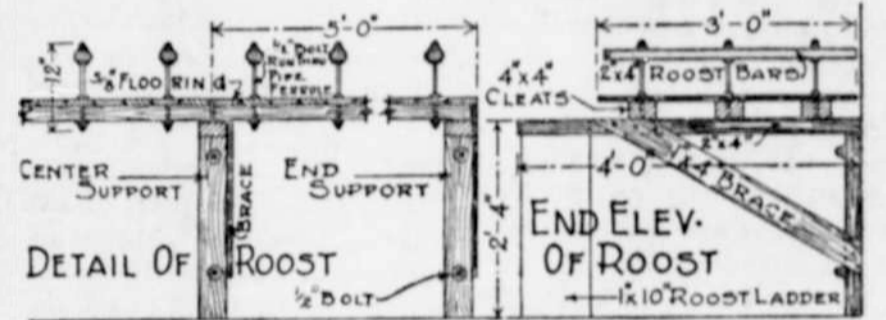
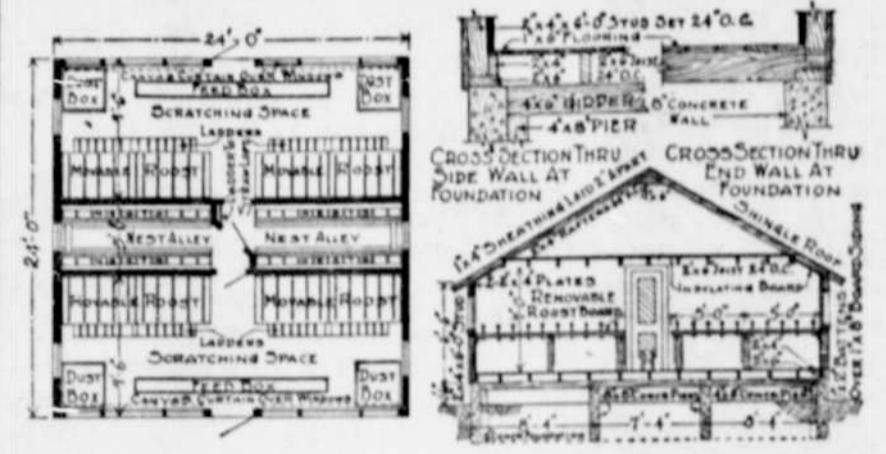
Livingston, Mont.—Livingston's endurance swimmers, Thomas Currier and Jack Moia, Jr., are still determined to swim from Livingston to New Orleans—an aquatic jaunt of a mere 3,500 miles—via the Yellowstone, Missouri, and Mississippi rivers. The boys plan to "dive off" in June and, accompanied by a companion and boat, to complete the trip inside of 110 days. By swimming eight hours each day they believe they can cover 85 miles between dawn and dark.

Stage "Brick" Holdup

St. Louis.—St. Louis bandits are working "a new one" on their victims. Two negroes strode up to the entrance of a store. One walked in. The other waited on the outside.

The one on the outside hurled a brick through the large show case window. The owner started after him. The one in the store obtained \$35 from the cash drawer and fled.

Comfortable Housing of Poultry Flock Assures Maximum Production



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Undoubtedly the one thing which makes poultry profitable is the ability of the flock owner to produce eggs during those months in the fall and winter when egg prices are high. Off season egg production cannot be obtained unless the flock is housed in a building which provides something like spring and early summer conditions when the thermometer outside tells us that it is winter.

Pullets and young stock now are ranging outdoors. Eggs are being produced in great quantities and prices are low. Were it not for the fact that a large percentage of eggs produced in the spring go into cold storage, egg production would be unprofitable and at that it is only those poultrymen who are able to produce a maximum number of eggs at the lowest possible cost who are able to make any sort of a showing at this time of the year.

Now is the time to begin to plan to build a good poultry house for the pullets which will begin to lay eggs next fall. There are a number of good types of poultry houses, one which is shown in the accompanying illustration. This is what is known as a two-gable house. It is provided with a concrete floor and foundation and is of frame construction. The house shown here is 24 feet by 24 feet square, which provides about 300 square feet of floor space, which is sufficient for a flock of about 100 White Leghorns or 80 to 90 layers of the heavier breeds. Cross sectional drawings showing how this building is constructed, and the materials used, are shown in connection with this article. It will be noted that the side walls are 6 feet 6 inches to the eave line. This is of a height sufficient for the placing of nests underneath the windows and permits the owner to move in all sections of the house without discomfort.

One feature of poultry house construction which is most emphasized by those architects who have made a study of it is tight construction. The modern poultry house is not only tight to the weather but is provided with

insulation which keeps out the cold in winter and the heat in summer. This is accomplished by using insulating board on inside walls, allowing an air space between it and the outside walls. In this house insulating board is used for the ceiling, leaving the air space in the gabled section of the building.

This is not a difficult house to build. The architect's floor plans, cross sections of the side and end walls, etc., will show anyone who is familiar with building how it is constructed. Also reproduced are details of the nests, cross-sectional view of the window which is hinged so that it may be used as a ventilator and elevations and details of the roosts.

Baby chicks which have been hatched in late winter and early spring should have plenty of range and the proper ration so that they will develop into strong sturdy pullets ready to lay in the early fall. When that time comes a proper house should be ready for them.

Humidity Is Important in Preserving Health

From one to more than sixteen gallons of water a day should be vaporized and circulated in the home to make the atmosphere humid enough for health and comfort.

This conclusion is drawn from a study of scientific literature on humidity written by climatologists, physicians and engineers. Unlike numerous other authoritative works on the subject, the information is couched in nontechnical form so that it may be read with interest by every member of the family.

Scientists in these articles say the atmosphere in most American homes is as dry as that over deserts. The effect of this condition, they contend, is causing many of the colds and other forms of sicknesses, and that the death rate in the "dried-out" homes is comparatively high. They also say that the American young lady is spending large amounts for cosmetics in an attempt to correct in her beauty the wrong that the dry air has done.

Waxed Floors

Some people are afraid of waxed floors because they think they are dangerously slippery. This is not true if the floors are properly polished. If the floor is uneven and the wax is not thoroughly rubbed in one might slip, but it is carelessness that causes slipping—not polish.