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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Happenings of the Week From All Parts of the State Briefly Sketched for Information of The Herald Readers.

Former residents of Minnesota held a basket picnic at Salem Tuesday.

Irrigation is to have a new school building. Bonds for \$40,000 have been voted and sold.

The potato and wheat crops in the Deschutes valley will be unusually heavy this fall.

John M. Jones of Portland has received a recess appointment as postmaster at Portland.

Recent fires, with an aggregate loss of \$6000, caused citizens of Malin to call a meeting to organize a better fire department.

The Albany cannery will be enlarged at once by the construction of a new structure, 60x90 feet, for a fruit and berry preparation room.

Henry F. McIlwain, of Eugene, who has been seriously ill for a number of months, shot himself through the temple and death followed instantly.

Vivian L. Dunten, aged 55, farmer of Camp creek, near Springfield, was stabbed to death during an altercation with William R. Elliott, a neighbor.

Records of the submarine mine target practice just completed at Fort Stevens indicate the phenomenally high score of 98 per cent on the figure of merit.

Nine boys and two girls, whose ages range from eight to 15 years, were rounded up at Salem on charges of committing petty thefts in different parts of the city.

More than 75 per cent of the motor vehicle operators' licenses, based on a total of approximately 165,000 applications received, have been issued by the secretary of state.

For the first time in the history of the Oregon City Manufacturing company of Oregon City it closed for two weeks to allow employees and superintendents a vacation.

The demand of the Northwest Millers' association for a 48,000-pound carload minimum on grain products shipments has been granted by the Oregon public service commission.

First Lieutenant Maylon E. Scott, 77th field artillery, Camp Lewis, Wash., has been detailed as assistant military instructor at the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis.

Application has been filed with the state engineer requesting state guarantee of interest on bonds in the sum of approximately \$250,000 voted by the Talent irrigation district.

Certificates of nomination in behalf of James M. Cox for president and Franklin D. Roosevelt for vice-president have been received at the offices of the secretary of state at Salem.

The prune dryer constructed at Sheridan this summer is now completed. The dryer, costing \$20,000, is of 40 tunnels capacity, and is said to be the largest dryer in the state.

Just outside Corvallis is the chicken ranch of G. B. Coon, who has a pullet that has laid an egg each day for 131 consecutive days. The previous world record was for 114 consecutive days.

Coyotes are becoming common in some parts of Coos county and an effort is to be made by residents in the pest-ridden districts to have the county court establish a bounty for the animals.

The hydrographic survey of the Umpqua river, which is being made by a United States coast and geodetic survey party stationed at Gardiner in charge of O. W. Swainson, government engineer, is nearing completion.

There are 400 insurance companies operating in Oregon at present, while the aggregate license fees and premiums received by the state amount to \$275,000 annually, according to A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner.

Approximately 400 out of a flock of 700 sheep belonging to J. H. Hinton, stockman of Hamilton, Grant county, died recently as the result of eating lupine, a poisonous weed, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

Percy Cupper, state engineer, has assembled about 25 photographs of Oregon reclamation projects which will be on display at Seattle during the irrigation and development congress which convenes there September 16 and 17.

Refund of approximately \$11,000 covering shipments of asphalt to the state highway commission during the past seven years will be asked in a petition to be filed with the interstate commerce commission within the next few days, according to C. E. Lytle, traffic expert for the state highway department.

To meet an emergency among lumber manufacturers on Coos bay an agreement has been reached between several of the mills and the Four L's for a straight reduction of pay of 50 cents each man; this reduction to be temporary and to rule until the price of lumber products increase so that the present wage can be put into effect again.

A pavilion constructed especially for the display of automobiles, trucks and tractors will be erected on the new Linn county fair grounds at Albany by the Albany Automobile Dealers' association. It will be 250 by 75 feet in size.

With a delegation of 150 citizens of Eugene, and a total of about 2500 persons from Corvallis, Albany and the surrounding community, the town of Glenbrook celebrated the opening of the new mill of the Alsea River Lumber Co.

Waverley Golf club, Portland, was awarded the 1921 championship meet of the Pacific Northwest Golf association, it was announced by J. A. Swallow, chairman of the tournament award committee. The meet will be held next June.

Mrs. Winnie Braden, manager of the Oregon Industrial exhibit in Portland, has been named by Governor Olcott to arrange the Oregon display and exhibit at the northwest reclamation and irrigation congress to be held at Seattle September 17 and 18.

Approximately \$3,000,000 has been paid out by the Astoria banks during the last few days in cashing fishermen's checks. Some of the purse seine craft are reported to have received more than \$30,000 each for their catches during the season.

Hood River growers and shippers are again increasing their estimates on the 1920 apple crop. Fine growing weather of the past few weeks, it is declared, will increase the tonnage to 70 per cent of last year's yield, when 2,000,000 boxes were harvested.

The Interstate commerce commission has denied the application of the Oregon Electric company for permission to charge increased passenger fares between Portland on the one hand and stations south of Tualatin and west of St. Marys on the other.

Fruit acreage in Marion county for the year 1920 has increased materially when compared with previous years, while there has been a reduction of several hundred acres in the grain area, according to a report prepared by Ben F. West, county assessor.

Because of the increasing habit of the laboring class in taking lengthy vacations during the summer months there will be a shortage of workers when the peak of the harvest is reached in Oregon, according to C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service with headquarters in Denver, has notified the Baker county chamber of commerce that he will be in Baker during October to inspect the Powder river land and irrigation project.

Five hundred and six persons were injured during the week ending August 26, according to a report filed by the state accident commission. William Kilberg, logger, of Cochran, and James J. McKenna, logger, of Twin Rock, were killed.

Employees of the Shevlin-Hixon company and the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company, of Bend, who were on the payrolls of the two corporations during the first six months of the present year, have received \$42,000 in bonuses, representing 5 per cent of their earnings during that period.

Predictions of railroad extensions to the south, connecting Bend with Lakeview and Klamath Falls at an early date, were made and pledges of assistance in securing federal aid for the development of the Benham Falls irrigation project were given by United States Senator George E. Chamberlain in an address given before the Bend Commercial club.

Sale of the government's big spruce production plant in Lincoln county, including the Alsea-Southern railroad, the big mill at Toledo and a tract of more than 12,000 acres containing three-quarters of a billion feet of lumber has been consummated by the Spruce Production corporation, the sale price being \$2,400,000. The purchasers are eastern capitalists.

The transplanting of goat glands to the human body has been successfully performed in Portland in 34 instances, in all of which the patient has been made fully ten years younger in vitality and general good spirits. This was announced following a series of experimental operations performed by Dr. M. G. McCorkle, the experiments covering a period of ten months.

Following an investigation held recently the Oregon public service commission has received a letter from officials of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company to the effect that all fire hazards along the lines of the corporation had been eliminated. It was charged that several fires had been started along the Sumpter Valley railroad through the carelessness of its employees.

Unless the county court of Wasco county obtains within a reasonable time rights of way for approximately one mile of road necessary to connect up the Columbia river highway with the state bridge across the Deschutes river, J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, will institute legal proceedings to condemn the land necessary for the success of the project. This announcement was made by Mr. Devers following a conference with members of the state highway commission in Portland.

Melon Tidbit of Ancients.
Melons were first extensively cultivated in France early in the seventeenth century, but were known to the ancients from the commencement of our era. The Egyptians grew them. They are said to have been carried to America by Columbus, and to the Malay archipelago by the Portuguese. No other fruit is so variable in foliage and habit, or undergoes so many metamorphoses by crossing its varieties, all of which are fertile. They are grown extensively in Asia, but little care is bestowed on their cultivation, and they consequently never improve. They grow on sandbanks left dry by the falling rivers; if near a town a portion of the crop can be sold, but most of it is valueless, as it rots if taken any distance by cart or boat.

Frederick E. Meizer, well known Baker boy who is a graduate of Baker high school and who graduated from the University of Oregon in 1917, has received a gold medal awarded by the faculty of the Columbia university of New York for honors in scholarship.

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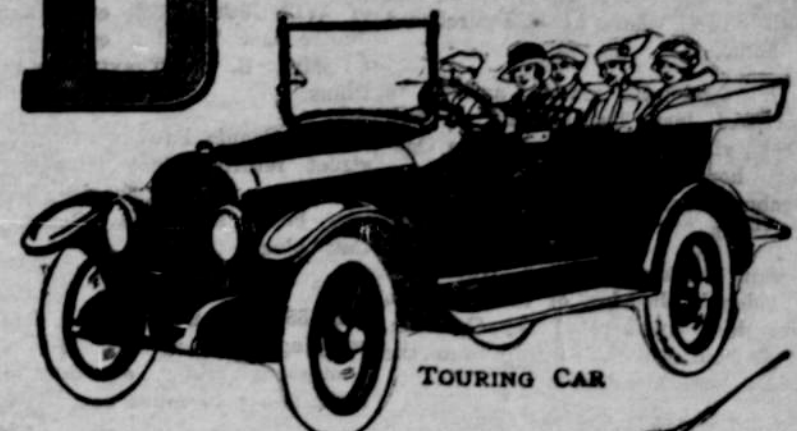
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