

## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Klamath county's annual fair will be held from September 3 to 5 inclusive.

Fire chiefs of the state held their annual convention at Forest Grove this week.

The University of Oregon medical school, Portland, will graduate 45 students this year.

State and county traffic officers from all sections of Oregon held their semi-annual conference in Salem.

The Wheeler Lumber company now is operating a small box factory in connection with the sawmill at Wheeler.

Announcement of the erection this year of a new Masonic temple and a labor temple in Eugene has been made.

The McKenzie pass is expected to be opened by June 20, according to G. E. Hoffman of the bureau of public roads.

Bench land farms in Umatilla county have received so much rain recently that spring planting work has been delayed.

The public service commission has issued an order reducing the minimum rate on electric service in the city of Banks from \$1.50 to \$1.

Dr. J. P. Wallace, 73, Albany's oldest physician, and a practitioner for 41 years, died at his home in Albany after an illness of six months.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson of Brownsville, who crossed the plains to Oregon in the early 50s, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Governor Pierce issued a commission to Edgar B. Piper, of Portland, appointing him a trustee of the state library for a period of five years.

An old bridge that spanned the Umatilla river at Stanfield collapsed recently. It was constructed in 1883. No one was on the structure when it fell.

Hearing requested by the Housewives Council of Portland, in connection with the fight for lower fares on lines of the Portland Electric Power company, has been set for June 23.

A special election has been called for June 15 by the Ashland council for a vote upon the question of issuing \$18,000 in bonds for the purchase of a site for the southern Oregon normal.

Milo Strohm, an old-time resident of Dayton, was shot and seriously wounded by Sheriff Green of Columbia county when Strohm sought to prevent the officer searching his house for liquor.

Warning to residents of Portland to investigate carefully before accepting so-called "free lots" from unlicensed real estate agents, was issued by Will Moore, state real estate commissioner.

Construction of a park at the promontory overlooking Memaloose island, on property donated to the state by R. D. Chatfield of Mosier, is proposed by the state highway commission.

The United States battleship Oregon started on its last cruise Tuesday when three boats took her in tow at Bremerton, Wash., for Portland. There she will be turned over to the state as a relic.

Robert J. Tatro, 30, a transient, was shot and mortally wounded by a grocery store night watchman at Klamath Falls when, according to the police, he was attempting to break into the Lewis grocery store.

Phillip Metscham of 444 East Twenty-second street, Portland, was named by the war department as Representative Crumpacker's first appointee to the United States military academy at West Point.

Joseph Jefferson, about 38 years of age, an employe of the Clarke & Wilson Lumber company, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Wacouma hotel, a frame three-story building at Linnton.

Ralph Waldo Elden, Portland authority on advertising and author of several well-known service books, committed suicide by hurling himself from the brink of a 300-foot precipice at Elk rock on the Willamette river.

Farmers around Weston have launched into the dairy business by the purchase of 26 head of cows of the Jersey and Guernsey breeds. The stock was purchased from C. W. Tilden of Hermiston for a lump sum of \$2000.

Oregon will receive an allotment of \$30,350 of federal funds under the terms of the Clark-McNary law, according to information received at the offices of the state forester. This law was enacted at the last session of congress and authorized an annual appropriation or not to exceed \$2,500,000 to be allotted the various states to assist them in forest protection. A total of \$600,000 was appropriated for the fiscal year.

The harvest of gooseberries is over at Gaston and though the price received at the canneries was only 3 cents a pound as compared to 7 cents last year, the growers cleared almost as much, as the crop was much heavier.

Governor Pierce sent a telegram to the secretary of war stating that as executive of the state of Oregon he would support and cooperate with the government in carrying out the plans for national defense test day on July 4.

A Clackamas county road bond issue of \$335,500 was sold by the county court to the combined bid of the Wells-Dickey company, Detroit Trust company and A. D. Wakeman at par, accrued interest and a premium of \$20,209.

The funeral of Simon R. Lane, fifth son of General Joseph Lane, the first territorial governor of Oregon, was held at Roseburg. Mr. Lane died after a long illness due to the infirmities of advanced age. He was 93 years old.

Attorney-General Van Winkle, in a legal opinion, held that Frank Bramwell is state superintendent of banks, despite the charge made recently that the new banking code adopted by the last legislature terminated his services in that capacity.

A letter received by George C. Baer, manager of the Round-up at Pendleton, from Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly, in command of the aerial squadron at Vancouver barracks, stated that between 35 and 50 planes would make the trip to the Round-up this year.

The Oregon law, which provides for the search of automobiles, boats and other vehicles for contraband liquors, without a search warrant and without filing of an affidavit, is unconstitutional, it was held in an opinion given at Tillamook by George R. Bagley, circuit judge.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: John L. Herpelink, Portland, \$12 a month; Rose B. Wilson, Prineville, \$20; Arthur W. McConnell, Grants Pass, \$18; William J. Keeling, Medford, \$12; Frances A. Harris, Oswego, \$30; Caloma Wilson, Rainier, \$30 a month.

The state board of higher curricula, which met to consider the controversy between the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college over alleged duplication of courses, adjourned until July 11, without having arrived at a decision as to the merits of the various contentions.

R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern, has announced the beginning of the revision of surveys of the Modoc Northern line preparatory to its possible construction at least as far as Malin, the center of the great Tule lake region, 27 miles southeast of Klamath Falls.

The largest sales of wheat land in Umatilla county for many years were made, the deals involving 2100 acres with a monetary consideration of about \$300,000. The land was in the vicinity of Athena, Adams and Spofford stations, in the heart of the county's highest producing wheat district.

Both manufactures and sales of mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association in the week ending May 30 were the lowest they had been in many weeks while shipments were above the average. Reports by 113 mills showed manufacture of 97,031,277 feet, sales of 96,189,982 feet and shipments of 112,148,734 feet.

Rapid progress is being made with construction of the new line of the Southern Pacific company over the Cascades between Oakridge and Klamath considering the difficulties encountered, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest. Rain, snow and mud have hampered the work to a great extent, he said.

The state engineer has issued an order authorizing the sale of one-half interest in the Warm Springs irrigation district reservoir and one-half of the surplus water to the United States reclamation service for use on the Vale project. The sale must be confirmed by the circuit court of Malheur county before it is binding on either party to the contract.

Estimates of the wheat crop in Umatilla county are that more milling wheat will be produced than ever before, due to the fact that so much of the soft club wheat was frozen out last winter and was reseeded with federation and hard federation. It has been estimated that hard federation will yield close to 1,000,000 bushels and that with present favorable conditions federation may yield 3,000,000 bushels.

The first step on the part of the state to recover possession of Sand Island, near the mouth of the Columbia river, was taken when the state land board leased whatever fishing rights it had in the property to the Columbia River Packers' association. The Barbey Packing company, with headquarters at Astoria, recently acquired a lease on the island from the federal government for a period of five years at an annual charge of \$45,000. It is predicted that the government will defend its claim to the island. This would throw the entire controversy into the courts and result in legal determination as to whether the state or the government is in control of the property.

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Fred Weaver of Coos river was killed by lightning.

Roseburg's annual strawberry carnival will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Otto Meyers, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Nellie Meyers of Forest Grove, was drowned while swimming in Gales creek.

Wheat crop conditions are good in Oregon. Spring grain is thriving, according to the weekly summary of the weather bureau.

The fifth annual state convention of the disabled American veterans of the World war convened in Corvallis with close to 100 delegates present.

Automobiles will not be able to cross the McKenzie pass for a number of weeks yet, unless the snow is taken out by machinery, it is reported.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of April aggregated \$136,811.45, according to a report issued by Will Moore, state fire marshal.

Bids for the construction of 40 miles of road and several bridges will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland May 28.

After 17 years of active service as adjutant-general of the G. A. R. department of Oregon, C. A. Williams has asked that he be relieved on account of his health.

Crews of the state highway department have oiled the macadam surface of the Mount Hood loop highway from Hood River to the bounds of the Mount Hood national forest.

Workmen have been put on the job at building foundations for the new \$10,000 bridge over the Calapooia river at Albany. The new bridge will replace an ancient and unsafe structure now being used.

The warm weather is making record for ripening red raspberries in the Irrigon district. Small pickings have already been made. This indicates the season is about two weeks ahead of the past several years.

Wechter & Hughes, Salem contractors, submitted the lowest bid for the general construction of the new home in Salem for the Young Men's Christian association to be erected this year. The bid was \$89,320.

The Salem Amusement company, with headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by A. B. Holt, W. T. Pangle and J. C. Hellig. The corporation has for its purpose the operation of a theater in Salem.

Frank L. Chambers, Eugene banker, has presented to the University of Oregon a strip of land about 1000 feet long and varying in width, along the south bank of the mill race, where the annual canoe fete is held.

Protest against what is regarded as a duplication by the Oregon Agricultural college of courses offered at the University of Oregon, has been made by regents of the university to the state board of higher curricula.

Cleverly hidden in a cove on the banks of the Willamette river about six miles east of Newberg, one of the largest moonshine plants ever uncovered in Oregon was found by federal and state officers and destroyed.

Several hundred pounds of fiber flax seed to be tried out on Lane county farms were received by O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and will be distributed among the farmers who have agreed to experiment with it.

The three survey crews now at work between Bend and Klamath Falls on the proposed Oregon Trunk railroad will be joined shortly by a fourth crew, according to Guy V. Lintner, chief engineer of the Oregon Trunk.

Four paving plants will be operated in Marion county this season, according to members of the county court. A total of 16 miles of road is to be paved. The plants will be located at Salem, Stayton, Scollard and Silverton.

The first plea from Oregon for lower freight rates on agricultural products under the powers granted it by the Hoch-Smith resolution reached the Interstate commerce commission from the Umpqua Broccoli exchange of Roseburg.

For a consideration of about \$110,000 the Mealey brothers, timber and sawmill owners near Foster, in eastern Linn county, have sold their timber holdings of 3104.96 acres to Louis W. Hill, head of the Northern Pacific railway system.

Appeal from the ballot title prepared by the attorney-general for the referendum measure attacking the so-called tobacco tax law enacted at the last session of the legislature was filed in the circuit court in Salem by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, and W. S. U'Ren, both of Portland.

State bar examinations will be held in Salem starting Tuesday, July 14, according to announcement made by Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the state supreme court. The tests will be conducted by representatives of the state board of bar examiners.

An act passed at the recent session of the state legislature will create the office of county auditor for Clackamas county May 28, and it is expected that an appointee will be named by the county court so that he will be able to take up his duties June 1.

At a special meeting of the Oregon City city commission Chris Schuebel, city attorney was instructed to start suit against Clackamas county for the collection of \$39,635.49, alleged due as the result of taxes collected by the sheriff in the last five years.

Featured by registration of delegates, automobile trips to scenic points of interest about The Dalles and an address of welcome by Mayor Stadelman, 300 delegates and members of Neighbors of Woodcraft held their state convention in The Dalles.

Fire, thought to have been caused by a spark from a locomotive, swept Troutdale, 15 miles east of Portland, and before it was extinguished, burned the principal part of the business section of the town, as well as several residences. The property loss was estimated at \$75,000.

Frank C. Bramwell, superintendent of banks, has announced that the final dividend will be paid to the depositors of the Nehalem Valley bank of Wheeler, which closed several years ago. Eight per cent is being paid the commercial depositors and 17 per cent to the savings depositors.

For the third time this spring an irrigation canal of the Klamath irrigation district broke through its banks and inundated The Dalles-California highway and surrounding country, according to reports received at Klamath Falls, when D canal, 2 1/2 miles west of Malin, broke its banks.

Right of way for the proposed McKenzie water pipe line from Hayden bridge to Eugene is now being obtained by agents of the water board and it is expected that the contract for the construction of the line will be let in the near future. Bonds for this project were voted April 15.

Timber sales by the government on national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1924 totaled 704,386,000 board feet and brought \$1,449,898.48, according to statistics made public by C. M. Granger, district forester, United States forest service. There were 1692 sales during the year.

Two addresses by Representative Hawley, election of officers for the ensuing year, adoption of resolutions and a banquet featured the closing sessions of the annual convention at Salem of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association. A. Fred Glover of Klamath Falls was elected president of the association.

Information received by General Frank T. Hines as to the conclusions of Major Radcliffe, who has been studying the proposed veteran's hospital site at Portland, is favorable. The completed report has not been received, but it is expected to contain the data and recommendations to justify the construction of the hospital without delay.

The thousands of camp fires that will burn in the forests of Klamath during the summer months will be checked by a United States forestry prevention officer. It is a new position, created by the forestry department as a result of the heavy fires that prevailed not only in Klamath but in other timbered sections throughout Oregon last summer.

The largest Douglas fir tree known was dedicated at the Oregon caves Sunday when the Oregon Cavemen held their annual meeting at that place. This fir, between 13 and 14 feet in diameter, is said by forestry officials to be fully a foot more in diameter than the largest previously known. It is about a quarter of a mile from the entrance to the caves.

The Apple Growers' association, the only Hood River sales agency handling strawberries in carlots, has announced the following wage scale for the season: Pickers, 10 cents a carrier of six pint hallowcks, with a bonus of 2 cents a carrier to pickers who remain through the season with a grower; packers, 18 cents a crate, with a 4-cent bonus.

Three families in Oregon contribute approximately 60 per cent of the inmates of the state home for the feeble-minded and 40 per cent of the wards of the state training school, according to a statement made by Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the feeble-minded home, in an address before the students of Willamette university at Salem.

The Oregon state school for the deaf at Salem ranks among the best of such institutions in the southern and western states, according to Herbert E. Day, representing the national research council, with headquarters at Washington. Mr. Day is making a survey of all deaf schools in the western and southern states with relation to the advantages extended to the inmates.

## REGULATIONS QUITE STRINGENT FOR DANCE HALLS

APPLICANT FOR LICENSE MUST HAVE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CHARACTER; ALSO TWELVE SIGNATURES—NO COUNTY DANCING AFTER MID-NIGHT.

The new state law, effective last Thursday relating to licensing and operating of dance halls outside the corporate limits of cities and towns, which includes all of Curry county, presents some problems for those conducting the same, since the restrictions are quite stringent.

The new regulations provide that no license to conduct a dance hall shall be issued except when the application is accompanied by a certificate of good character on the part of the applicant, signed by at least 12 freeholders of the school district in which it is proposed to conduct the dance hall.

In addition to this certificate of character, the applicant, before the license is granted, must post with the county clerk a bond for \$500 to bind him to the conduct of a clean, orderly place. The bond must be approved by the county court and must be filed with the county clerk. It must carry the signatures of at least two freeholders.

If dance hall regulations are broken or allowed to be broken by the person to whom the license is issued, the bond is subject to forfeiture.

The new regulations require further that there be no dancing in country dance halls between the hours of midnight and 6 o'clock in the morning, and that intoxicating liquor

shall not be sold or permitted in or about the dance hall.

Heretofore applicants for dance hall permits have had merely to pay a license in proportion to the size of the dance floor used running from \$5 for 2500 square feet up to \$25 for 5000 square feet or more, and have been subject to a fine of \$250 or 60 days in jail, or both, on conviction of disorderly conduct charges.

Hours of dancing have not heretofore been fixed, except under special county regulation.

### Bucky Harris Is Hustling



Bucky Harris, the hustling manager of the Washington Nationals, has his team well to the front in the race for the American league pennant and unless something unforeseen happens he will finish near the top.

### Evolution of Trombone

The trombone, from the Italian "tromba," a trumpet, was formerly called the sackbut, and is a brass instrument, of uncertain invention and epoch, though it appears in a manuscript of the Ninth century, preserved at Boulogne, as a drawing bearing a great resemblance to the trombone of today without its bell.—Muscle World.

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