

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Fishermen on Coos bay and Coos river caught about 1000 pounds of salmon at the opening of the season Thursday.

E. L. Elliott of Klamath Falls was appointed district attorney of Klamath county to succeed William Ganong, who has resigned.

A fire which broke out near the head of St. Marys river burned over 90 acres of farm land before being brought under control.

Jesus Torres, Mexican, serving a three-year term in the state penitentiary at Salem for larceny committed in Jackson county, has escaped.

William E. Githens, 76, a pioneer farmer of Lane county, died at the Albany hospital. Mr. Githens came to Oregon with his parents in 1851.

Harvesting of wheat is generally under way all over Umatilla county. Reports indicate that yields are slightly less than farmers had expected.

A street paving program embracing more than 20 blocks in the hill section of Oregon City was approved at a special meeting of the city commission.

The Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen, with delegates present from all parts of the coast and some possibly from the east, is being held in Portland.

An invitation to the national organization of American War Mothers to hold its 1927 biennial convention in Portland is being considered by the Oregon state organization.

Hearing of the application of the Willamette Valley Southern Railroad company to abandon its track between Kaylor and Mount Angel will be held at the latter city on July 30.

Fire, believed to have been started by an overheated core furnace, did damage estimated at \$20,000 to the foundry and pattern shops of the Commercial Iron works in Portland.

Four persons were injured, two possibly fatally, when an automobile in which they were riding smashed into a Southern Pacific train at Dairy station, seven miles west of Salem.

Grain certification has been made in approximately 50 Wasco county fields during the last week by E. R. Jackman, crop specialist of Oregon Agricultural college, and C. W. Daigh, county agent.

A decision was reached by the executive committee of the Oregon Wool Growers' association to send two or three delegates to the conference of livestock men in Salt Lake City August 24 and 25.

Travel over the highway to Crater Lake from Fort Klamath to the southern boundary of the park will be facilitated by a road widening project which will be undertaken by the bureau of public roads.

Charles E. Mulkey, 45, of Coquille, Coos county school superintendent, was killed instantly when he was struck by a falling tree while driving his automobile from the ferry landing into the city park at North Bend.

Persons who plead guilty to or are convicted of driving motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor cannot expect executive clemency from Governor Pierce, according to a statement issued by the governor.

Upon request of the chamber of commerce at Jacksonville the public service commission has issued an order preventing W. S. Barnum from dismantling his railroad, which extends from Medford to Jacksonville.

Rev. W. H. Stewart of Spokane, Wash., is the new moderator for the United Presbyterian synod of the Columbia, which held its annual Bible conference on the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The war department has relieved Major-General Joseph E. Kuhn from command of the 5th infantry brigade at Vancouver barracks and assigned in his place Brigadier-General Paul A. Wolf, who was promoted to general rank.

Delegates from commercial bodies of Oregon, Washington and Idaho met in the Benson hotel in Portland in a northwest regional agricultural conference arranged under direction of the United States chamber of commerce.

The biggest shipment of shad ever received at Astoria came in on the gasoline schooner Roamer from the Anderson Fish company plant at Roadspout. The shipment consisted of 1550 cases and was insured for \$47,500.

Fire, thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in new hay, destroyed the apple packing house, barn, harvest equipment, a motor truck and automobile on the Deer ranch place of A. L. Stephens in the Hood River valley. The damage was estimated at \$15,000.

Mrs. Frank M. Warren, 73, native of Oregon, daughter of the pioneer circuit rider, Rev. Mr. George H. Atkinson, and widow of the late Frank M. Warren, founder of the Warren Packing company, died at her home in Portland.

More than two-thirds of the students from the Oregon Agricultural college who entered the rifle marksmanship contest at Camp Lewis R. O. T. C. encampment, qualified, according to a report received by the military department.

By unanimous vote of the stockholders the Oregon-Washington Telephone company, which operates exchanges in Hood River county and Skamania and Klickitat counties, Washington, has authorized a bond issue of \$500,000.

The annual Oregon state Baptist convention, together with the yearly sessions of the state ministers' conference, the state women's society and the Oregon council of Baptist laymen convened in Astoria Tuesday for a five-day session.

Oregon mines in 1924 produced minerals valued at \$678,072, it is reported by the bureau of mines. A general decline in mining activities, including decrease in production, number of producers and value of output, was noted from the 1923 report.

A huge boulder plunged down a rock chute on the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point just as H. H. Dufort passed in his automobile. The boulder hit the automobile, almost demolishing it, and Mr. Dufort was injured seriously in the chest.

Neither Arthur G. Beals, state senator from Tillamook county, nor Sam A. Garland, state senator from Linn county, is eligible to serve as a member of the state fish commission, according to an opinion handed down by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Threshermen in Linn county have decided upon a standard wage scale for this season. Common labor will be paid \$2.50 per day; sack sewers, \$3.50, and man and team \$4. This includes meals. This is practically the same scale as was in force last year.

Following a fire at Salem which resulted in the destruction of the plant of the Cherry City Milling company with a loss of \$135,000, a movement was launched for a special election to vote bonds in the amount of \$354,000 for the purchase of two additional pumps.

A disease that attacks winter wheat has been discovered in several grain fields in Union county, and is expected to affect 30 per cent or more of the yield. It is known as "take all" and has occurred in but three places in the United States. It has not affected the Hard Federation and other spring wheats.

Half a million dollars' worth of property went up in smoke when a fire, originating in the planing mill of the West Oregon Lumber company at Linnton, swept a greater part of that plant, then leaped across a narrow roadway and destroyed the mills and yards of the Beaver-Linton Timber company.

The contract of the Oliver Construction company to macadamize four miles of the Eugene-Lorane highway between Greendoor and Lorane has been declared forfeited by the Lane county court and company's bondsmen have been asked to do the work. The company was to have started on the contract several weeks ago.

Sales by mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association hold steady while manufacturers show a material reduction, according to the weekly report of the association, embracing statistics of 115 mills. In the week ending July 11 sales amounted to 101,241,855 feet, manufactures were \$7,342,779 feet and shipments 94,727,657, the lowest shipment total for many weeks.

Contention that the agricultural interests of Klamath county will be greatly benefited by the construction of the Oregon Trunk line from Bend to Klamath Falls was made by the Klamath irrigation district in a petition to the interstate commerce commission asking the right to intervene on behalf of the northern lines in their application for a certificate of public necessity.

What the sheriff's office of Umatilla county declares to be the largest still ever taken in the county was seized near the Washington state line north-east of Freewater by members of the sheriff's forces of Umatilla county in Oregon and Walla Walla county in Washington. The still had a capacity of about 250 gallons of moonshine every 24 hours. It was seized on the James Fraezier ranch near the state line.

In what is considered one of the most important decisions handed down in the state, at least as far as the amount of money involved is concerned, came down when Circuit Judges McMahan and Kelly of the Salem district dissolved the injunction against the public service commission, obtained by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and other carriers of Oregon in which the commission was restrained from reducing rates 15 per cent on grain, grain products, potatoes, onions and straw.

CONFERENCE TO HELP AGRICULTURE IS HELD

Various Methods Suggested at Meeting to Aid in Solution of Farm Problems.

Portland, Or.—Characterized as the beginning of a bigger and better effort on the part of business men to get behind the solution of agricultural problems, the two-day regional conference called by the United States Chamber of Commerce, was concluded here.

The farmer of the past, it was held, has had to get along with very little real assistance from business interests. The farmer of the future will find all lines of business and industry ready to step in to the solution of agricultural problems, it was predicted.

These were some of the methods, recommended by one or another of the various speakers at the conference, by which farm interests will be aided:

Elimination of duplicating trade and agricultural surveys and availability of information for all.

Closer contacts between bankers and farmers.

Education of farmers along lines of business and cost accounting.

Steps toward greater production, better quality and standardization of product.

Financial aid by business and banking interests for prizes at county fairs and agricultural shows.

Rebuilding as much as possible the bond of interest between residents of the city and residents of the rural sections.

DARROW CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Dayton, Tenn.—Judge John T. Raulston cited Clarence Darrow, defense attorney in the Scopes evolution trial, for contempt of his court and directed that the Chicago attorney show why contempt proceedings should not be instituted.

The judge named as grounds for the citation remarks of Darrow to the court last Friday when the court excluded the testimony of scientific experts from the jury.

With their experts precluded from taking the witness stand, the defense placed affidavits in the record setting forth what the zoologists, biologists, pathologists and others would have said had they been allowed to speak.

U. S. PROGRAM DISCUSSED

In Event of Coal Strike Government Will Take Hand.

Swampscott, Mass.—The government will take a hand in the anthracite coal field wage negotiations should an agreement not be reached and a strike be called September 1.

The program which the government will pursue in the event of a strike was discussed at a three-hour conference here by President Coolidge and Secretary Davis. The latter was hoping that an agreement would be reached before the present wage contracts expire, August 31.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN IS MADE

J. P. Morgan & Co. Buy \$75,000,000 Bond Issue.

New York.—For the first time in its history, the commonwealth of Australia has turned from London to New York for its external financing. J. P. Morgan & Co. announced the purchase of a \$75,000,000 Australian loan, which was offered for public subscription. Simultaneous offering of a \$5,000,000 loan was made in London.

Allotment of the major portion of the present financing to the American market resulted from Great Britain's gold resumption policy.

LEAKY PLACES FOUND IN DRY ENFORCEMENT

Startling Evidence of Corruption Submitted to Department of Justice.

Washington, D. C.—New evidence of corruption in the enforcement of prohibition has been disclosed to federal authorities in numerous instances as a result of the efforts of Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury to rebuild the enforcement system.

The disclosures came in reports from United States attorneys to the department of justice which had requested of them a statement detailing their confidential information and an accurate perspective of conditions within the jurisdiction of each prosecuting officer.

Department officials declined to discuss the contents of the reports except in a general way, but the information contained in some of them was described as alarming and as indicative of a need for concerted federal and state action.

On department of justice officials who studied the reports, the deepest impression was made by the general inference that state and local authorities were not co-operating with federal officials in a majority of instances.

Some of the attorneys felt the federal government was playing a lone hand in their jurisdiction. On the other hand, it was explained that "fine help" was being accorded the government officers in many other instances and that where such help was had the dry law was being well enforced.

It also was shown in the reports that a considerable number of federal prohibition agents were winking at violations. It was indicated that Mr. Andrews would be supplied with the names of agents to whom suspicion was attached in the reports and their services ended when the reorganization becomes effective.

U. S. ATTITUDE ON CHINA GIVEN

Washington, D. C.—An official communication giving a clear and complete statement of the Washington government's attitude regarding China has been cabled to Paris for the information of French foreign office officials.

Disclosure of the contents of the communication was withheld. It contains information, however, that Washington officials hope will remove any possible misunderstanding between the American and French governments.

The communication is the first regarding China to be sent directly from Washington to any of the European capitals since the present situation arose. The decision to send a dispatch direct to Paris was reached only after unofficial reports had reached Washington that the French did not consider this a propitious time for negotiations for revision of foreign extra-territorial privileges.



TENACITY

By Grace E. Hall
So long as mind holds fast you shall not fail,
Though great the task and seemingly hard-pressed
You stagger 'neath the weight; but once you quail
In thought, and all your strength can never wrest
A victory from the struggle, for your force
Comes through your mental grip—no other source.

This simple fact explains why some men win
While others lag and lose at last the game:
One draws the final ounce of power within,
Through dogged perseverance, and his fame
Is not so much a gift above the rest,
As 'tis the drive of faculties possessed.

Hold! Though the storms of life may madly surge,
Though thunders crash and all about you fall
The victims of the gale; still firmly urge
To use your mental force, and over all
You shall prevail; that is your secret power,
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