

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

A building boom has struck Rainier. Grain and alfalfa crops near Prineville are looking fine and making a great growth.

Three gold nuggets were found in the craw of a duck by Mrs. J. Q. Rodgers of Albany.

Work on the Salem Commercial club's free camping grounds is progressing rapidly.

The shortage of gasoline on Coos Bay is becoming serious for several classes of industry.

Owing to the increase of business the Baker postoffice will be made an office of the first class July 1.

Douglas county prune trees appear to be in good condition and an average crop is predicted this season.

Frank O. Worley died at his home in Roseburg at the age of 89 years. He settled on South Myrtle creek in 1849.

Newton Vandalsen, for the past six months state director of vocational training in the public schools, has resigned.

Prospects for excellent summer range in the Ochoco district were never better, according to the statement of forest rangers.

The University of Oregon co-ed baseball team defeated the Oregon Agricultural College girls at Corvallis by a score of 25 to 6.

The 15th annual conference of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Salem district, Methodist Episcopal church, was held at Gresham.

Major William G. White of the general staff of the national guard, is convalescing at his home in Eugene from injuries received in an automobile collision.

Herbert Hoover plans to visit Salem and other points in Oregon at an early date, according to a letter received by his aunt, Mrs. Agnes Heskelson, of Salem.

Hal Hibbard camp, Spanish War Veterans, of Salem, has gone on record opposing the proposed pardon of Henry Albers of Portland, convicted of seditious utterances.

Increases in freight rates amounting to 23.91 per cent are sought by all the railroads operating in Oregon, in a petition filed with the Oregon public service commission.

A check for \$23,053.85, covering the sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon by the Standard Oil company during the month of April, was received at the offices of the secretary of state.

A. C. Marsters of Roseburg proposes to irrigate more than 5000 acres of land lying north of Upper Klamath lake. He proposes to construct a ditch 75 miles long, the entire project to cost \$40,000.

Prospects for strawberry harvest here seems good this year, according to the Hood River Apple Growers' association. With berry picking still a week off, families are already arriving in numbers.

The last of 1885 cars of the 1919 apple crop handled by the Hood River Apple Growers' association has been shipped to New York city. The cleanup of apples has been unusually late this season.

The McMinnville Commercial club tendered the newcomers of the vicinity a reception and banquet last Friday. More than 150 newcomers and their wives were guests of the club members and their wives.

Total price increases in living necessities averaged less in Portland during the period between December, 1914, and December, 1919, than they did in Seattle, Los Angeles or San Francisco, according to the U. S. department of labor.

The Northwest Construction company, of Portland, which has the contract for the grading and hard surfacing the "west side" Pacific highway between Yamhill and McMinnville, started its paving plant the first of the week.

Anti-Japanese feeling is running high among farmers in the north end of Deschutes county and may result in violent methods to eject oriental laborers imported to work on the large holdings recently acquired by George L. Hurtt, wealthy potato broker.

Total deposits of the 26 trust companies operating in Portland at the close of business May 4, 1920, was \$149,720,181.32, according to a report prepared by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks. This shows an increase since May 12, 1919, of \$9,416,325.13.

Enlargements of the Umpqua and Butte creek fish hatcheries are outlined by State Game Warden Burghuff and Master Fish Warden Clanton, who have just returned from that section. Work is also to begin soon on the Ament dam fish ladders. A peculiarity in the salmon run this year, they point out, is the heavy one in the Umpqua and the extremely light one in the Rogue. The former stream has a longer closed season.

Rainier entertained the farmers of the vicinity last Saturday, there being more than 400 in attendance at a dinner given by the Rainier commercial club in conjunction with the Allen-Hendrickson Packing company.

Lieutenant R. M. Kelly and Governor O'Leet of Oregon, forced by heavy head winds to land at Camp Lewis, abandoned their effort Sunday to fly by airplane from Blaine, Wash., to Stockton, Cal. After a three-hour delay they flew to Eugene, from which point they completed their trip Monday.

A dozen blocks of the residence section of Pendleton, in the east end of the city, were flooded when the Byers millrace, which skirts that section of the town, broke through its banks. The Oregon-Washington railroad tracks were undermined for several feet and traffic delayed for five hours.

August Bjorklund, senior member of the firm of Bjorklund & Co., of Portland, is dead as the result of a bullet in the right temple, believed to have been fired by his wife, Mrs. Frankie Bjorklund, and she is in a serious condition at St. Vincent's hospital with a self-inflicted wound in the left lung.

There were three fatalities due to accidents in Oregon for the week ending May 20, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were James E. Lee, sawyer, Yamhill; George E. Chase, truck driver, Worden, and Murlin Gold, logger, Shoshone, Idaho. A total of 536 accidents were reported.

Adoption of the 4 per cent state indebtedness limitation for permanent roads at Friday's election makes available for the highway commission \$10,000,000 which the special session of the legislature provided, and will also permit another \$10,000,000 road bond issue by the commission some time in the future when the people or the legislature grant authority.

Several thousand acres of hill land in the Flagstaff-Virtue mining district of Baker county have been homesteaded during the past few months, and one tract of about 3000 acres is being fenced. All this is said to be in the interest of cattle men who want the lands exclusively for themselves as pasture lands. The great ranges in eastern Oregon already are disappearing.

Thomas B. Kay and Frank Davey, at a conference held in Salem, have decided to prepare a bill for submission to the legislature at its next session prohibiting the overloading of trucks operating on the state and county highways. It was charged by Mr. Kay and Mr. Davey that several paved roads in Marion county have been badly damaged by these trucks and that the highways are wearing out faster than they can be repaired.

A telegram was received at the offices of the Oregon Public Service commission to the effect that the interstate commerce commission had ordered certain railroads to transport to St. Paul, St. Louis, Chicago and other connecting points for distribution throughout the northwest several hundred empty serviceable box cars belonging to the western lines. Movement of these cars is to begin May 25 and continue for 30 days.

With a small amount of financial cooperation on the part of the state of Oregon, an aerial forest patrol will be established in western Oregon by June 15, according to announcement made after a conference at Eugene between Governor O'Leet, George H. Cecil, district forester of the federal service; F. A. Elliott, state forester; E. C. Simmons, chairman of the aviation committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce; C. S. Chapman, secretary of the Western Forestry & Conservation association, and Colonel H. H. Arnold, and Lieutenant R. M. Kelly of the army air service. Colonel Arnold stated that the shortage of air service personnel makes necessary the furnishing of observers and watchmen by the state. These being guaranteed, bases will be established in Oregon, with at least three radio stations for receiving reports of forest fires.

Every state measure on the ballot on constitutional amendments and referred measures carried by safe majorities at Friday's primary election. The three relief measures for the Portland street car system were hopelessly defeated. The race for secretary of state was easily decided, Sam Koser piling up a big lead over his opponents. There was no contest for representative in congress from the first district, where W. C. Hawley was nominated for reelection. The nomination for representative in the second congressional district goes to N. J. Sinnott. Fred G. Buchtel and H. H. Corey have been nominated for public service commissioners. For delegate at large to the national republican convention, of whom there are four to elect, Wallace McCamant, Charles H. Carey, Conrad P. Olson and Sanford MacDonald were in the lead. Nominated for presidential electors on the republican ticket are George Richardson, Lockwood, Hotchkiss and Hume. All except Hume are from Multnomah county. Chamberlain has been nominated by the democrats for United States senator over Starkweather by a two-to-one vote. In the democratic ticket, the four leading candidates for national delegate (four to elect) were T. H. Crawford, M. L. T. Hilden, Will E. Purdy and Frederick V. Holman.

Wheedling a Lion.

Lions are not tempted, like other animals, to strict obedience to their trainer's commands by the offer of luscious foods. Practically every animal but the lion is taught to do what is wanted by giving it a reward every time it does it or makes an effort to, either a lump of sugar or a vegetable or a bit of fish or some other thing of which it is fond. This is impossible with the lion, as it eats only meat and is only allowed a certain amount of that. This increases the difficulty of the lion tamer.

Children and Books.

It does the child no harm to make the acquaintance of books which were not written for children. In a home where the great books that have inspired or amused successive generations are accessible, an active-minded child is likely at some time or other to get at them. If we want our children to fall in love with the better kind of books, let us provide them with opportunities for meeting such books without too much formality.

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Formation of Asbestos.

Asbestos is found in fissures of rock and it is believed that, when the rock was forming and still hot, water penetrated the fissures, softened them and dissolved some of the silica and magnesia. On drying, these crystallized as a hydrated silicate of magnesia, forming broadlike crystals building up from the side walls of the fissure and meeting in the middle.

Introduction of English Walnuts.

The English walnut came to the Pacific coast in 1807, when Joseph Sexton of Santa Barbara, Cal., brought a sack of nuts from Chile and grew 1,000 trees at Goleta.

"Poor Richard."

Poor Richard was the "pen name" the name assumed by Benjamin Franklin in a series of almanacs published from 1732 to 1757. These almanacs contain maxims and precepts on temperance, economy, cleanliness, chastity and other homely virtues, and to several of the maxims are added the words, "As Poor Richard says."

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See Beauty in Long Neck.

The aim of every woman of the Burmese tribe of Fading is to elongate the neck as much as possible, and to effect this a female child has a brass wire fitted around her neck, to which additional rings are added as the years go by until she is fifteen years of age, when she is valued by the length of her collar and purchased as a wife. Girls with necks over a foot long are not common.

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