

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

THE MARKETS
Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard winter, 70½¢; soft white and western white, 61¢; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 59¢.
Hay—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland; Alfalfa \$16; oats and vetch, \$15. Butterfat—Pound 14@16.
Eggs—Ranch, 11@12c.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.50@4.10.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.50@7.
Lamb—Spring, \$5.50@6.00.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, 61½¢; western red, 60¢; northern spring, 62½¢; bluestem, 71c.
Eggs—Ranch, 13@15c.
Butterfat—Pound 17c.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$4@4.15.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6@7.
Sheep—Spring lambs, \$6@6.50.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$6@6.75.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$4@4.10.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$5.50@6.25.

Fire believed of incendiary origin destroyed two warehouses of D. A. White & Sons at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stuart, 380 East 24th street north, Portland, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Powers, in the southern part of Coos county, is to have a weather station. Equipment is now being assembled.

The Ashland box factory, employing 20 men, has started and continued operation of the mill for the summer is assured by contracts.

The new sidewalk in front of the Christian church at Forest Grove has been paid for by quilting done weekly by the sisterhood of the church.

All April rainfall records in Bend were broken this year with a total precipitation of 1.84 inches. The best previous mark was 1.80 in 1929.

Over 800 children from the grade schools of southern Oregon were guests of the Southern Oregon State Normal School in the annual music day festival.

A. M. Clough, 81, veteran undertaker, a resident of Salem since 1876 and coroner of Marion county from 1888 to 1915, died at his home there after an illness of several weeks.

Growers of strawberries in the Milwaukie locality predict a bumper crop this year. Other fruits are in first class condition and the prospects were never brighter at this time of year.

Gates of the new Thief Valley dam were closed last week to allow water of the North Powder river to fill up the reservoir, which will furnish irrigation water to approximately 8000 acres.

Rayless Fanning was burned badly while taking the radiator cap off a tractor near Perrydale. Steam and water blew in his face and the cap hit him on the head, knocking him to the ground.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the large cold storage and packing plants of the Apple Growers' association and the fruit packing plant and warehouse at Hood River.

Fruit growers of the Sweet Home section expect one of the heaviest seasons for many years, as the late frosts have held off while the blooms were in their prime. Blooms are now dropping of their own accord.

Twenty students at Oregon State college made the coveted straight A list for the winter term, making perfect grades in every course, the second term grade report just issued by E. B. Lemon, registrar, shows.

The Oregon Caves are now being washed in preparation for the opening of the tourist season, May 16. Although the caves are two miles long, they are washed with a hose, the only caves in the world washed in that fashion.

State Police Officer C. E. Crosswhite of Maupin had a narrow escape from death when his automobile was struck by a hurtling truck tire that had rolled down a steep embankment two miles east of The Dalles. Crosswhite was uninjured, but his car was badly damaged. Investigation revealed that a small boy had found the old truck tire and rolled it down the hillside as a prank.

Five thousand dollars buried in a jar for a number of years was unearthed on the Val Becker ranch near Westfall recently, according to a report which reached Vale recently. Westfall is about 40 miles northwest of Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Heritage, Mrs. Susie Doane and Fred Golden became critically ill when they ate toadstools at Falls City, mistaking them for mushrooms. A doctor worked over them for three hours before they were out of danger.

Among wild flowers in bloom on Noah-Kah-Nie mountain now is an odd blossom somewhat resembling a tulip except that its head droops. It is dark brown with yellow spots and has an odor, not fragrant but suggestive of leather.

Baker's three banks, the Baker Loan & Trust company, First National bank and the Citizens National, were consolidated last week. The new bank will be known as the First National bank, continuing the charter of the present pioneer bank.

Fire loss in Klamath Falls during April was greater than the total loss for the year 1931, according to the local fire bureau. Losses during the month of April totaled more than \$30,000, while the total loss last year was slightly more than \$25,000.

Mrs. W. E. Ingalls of Salem paused during her housework to use her telephone. When she stuck her finger into a hole in the dial she jabbed a snake. Her screams attracted a neighbor, who removed a foot-long snake which had coiled around the dial.

Indications point to an excellent Round-Up at Pendleton September 8, 9, 10 this year, according to Round-Up heads who are working with American Legion officials in promoting the show and the national convention in Portland the week following the event at Pendleton.

Official registration figures of the 36 Oregon counties, with Wasco estimated, for the primary election to be held May 20, show a gain of 26,518 over those for the primary election in May, 1930, and 5137 in excess of those for the general election in November two years ago.

E. L. White of Port Orford recently overcame an 8-foot octopus which wrapped two tentacles around his arms while he was digging clams a short distance from shore. White was able to carry the octopus to the beach and there unwound the sucking arms of the sea denizen.

Pupils of the Gold Beach grade school have taken up frog racing as a diversion and it is proving a highly exciting sport. In fact the fad is seizing the whole town and parents and other adults are often seen on the school grounds watching the races staged by the pupils.

The greatest ultimate economy that can be brought about in the conduct of Oregon's schools is the reorganization of small school units into larger districts, Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, declared in a letter sent to county school superintendents. He said such a plan would not impair the efficiency of the school system.

Travelers journeying down the Oregon Coast highway in the vicinity of Bandon at present are greeted by a flood of golden light, as the Irish furze is in bloom. To the stranger the sight of the faintly scented, bright yellow flowers is one of lasting memory and keen enjoyment. The Irish furze is found only within a radius of a few miles of Bandon.

The Wasco county relief organization has launched plans to salvage all surplus fruit and vegetable crops at The Dalles this year for distribution among needy persons next winter. Directors of The Dalles Growers' Co-operative association, which has adequate equipment for canning and preserving fruits and vegetables, will make its facilities available.

Since Idaho adopted her "gin" marriage law, requiring five days' notice of intention to wed, Malheur county has become the matrimonial bureau for the Snake river valley. Statistics show that Idaho couples prefer the old way of buying a license when they want it. Marriage licenses issued at Nyssa for Malheur county increased from 105 in 1930 to 428 in 1931.

As a result of two deaths from spotted fever in the Huntington neighborhood in the last 10 days, many of the sheepmen and herders and shearers are coming to Huntington to receive vaccine treatment to guard against the tick bite. Ticks are numerous in the Snake river and Burnt River territory and at the same time sheep have to be handled with greater personal contact by workmen this year.

The first diesel type tractor to enter the northwest performed before a large crowd at a meeting conducted by Professors W. J. Gilmore, Oregon State college; C. C. Johnson, Washington State college, and Hobart Beresford, University of Idaho, after having just completed a world's record by plowing 6880 acres in 46 working days, including time moving between fields at a fuel cost of 5.7 cents per acre on the Mark Weatherford ranch near Arlington.

Gasoline sales in Oregon during March, 1932, exceeded those of March, 1931, by 2,720,887 gallons, according to a report prepared by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. Sales in March, 1932, aggregated 16,138,809.50 gallons, as compared with 12,417,922.50 in March, last year. Distillate sales decreased from 213,019.5 gallons in March, 1931, to 115,303.8 gallons in March, 1932. The total motor fuels oil tax collected for March, 1932, was \$609,588.03, as against \$504,172.60 for March, 1931. The increase was \$105,415.43.

Who Was Who?
By Louise M. Comstock

PARACELSUS
THE real Paracelsus, idealized into a symbol of the impossibility of separating knowledge and life by Robert Browning in the poem of that name, was a Swiss physician, chemist and charlatan, who lived from 1493 to 1541.
Like the character he inspired Paracelsus devoted his life to a search for knowledge and, scorning the information available to him from the students of the past, set out on an independent search for the real character of matter. While professor at the University of Basel, Paracelsus publicly burned the works of Avicenna and Galen, fathers of medical science, and set himself up as "monarch of physic." It was an age when science was still bound up in black magic, when chemistry was as yet alchemy and chemists devoted precious lifetimes to weird searchings for the formulae for the creation of life. Though Paracelsus dealt like the rest in much humbug and played vigorously upon the ignorance and superstition of the time, he stands nevertheless as founder of modern pharmaceuticals.
Browning is not concerned with the real contribution of his hero to the learning of the world, but with the effect of a life devoted exclusively to research upon a man's soul. Written when the poet was only twenty-three years old, "Paracelsus" is astounding in its revelation of the disintegration of character.

THE SISTINE MADONNA

FOR more than four centuries artists and scholars strove to fix the identity of the model who posed for Raphael's famous masterpiece the "Sistine Madonna." It was early established that her features were those also of "La Fornarina," another of Raphael's treasured paintings. And now we are informed that both, the calm sweet mother, and the comely woman of the world, were inspired and posed by Margharita Luti, the daughter of a baker, Raphael's favorite model and some think his one love.
The "Madonna di San Sisto," usually known as the "Sistine Madonna," is one of the last of Raphael's paintings and is peculiar in that no studies or sketches for it are known to exist. It was painted in 1518 for the monastery of Saint Sisto at Piacenza. The painting was done entirely by Raphael, in Rome, where he was leader of a brilliant group including Michelangelo attracted there by the pope's love of art and the great project of adorning the buildings of the Vatican then under way.
Only recently also have identities been established for the models for "Pope Sixtus II" and "St. Barbara" who kneel in adoration of the Madonna in the picture. Dr. Moritz Stuebel of Dresden has produced convincing evidence that Pope Julius II, patron of Raphael and Michelangelo, virtual founder of the papal states and layer of St. Peter's cornerstone, was the model for the figure of the pope. St. Barbara, this authority claims, was the Duchess of Urbino, the ward of Julius II.

HUCKLEBERRY FINN

IF HUCK is a very real little boy to every reader of Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," it is because both the author of his story and the artist who illustrated it used real boys for their models.
The Huck Finn Mark Twain wrote about was a childhood acquaintance he portrayed exactly as he was, even to his battered straw hat and the single suspender strap that upheld his patched overalls. "Huckleberry Finn," wrote Mark Twain in his "Autobiography," "was Tom Blankenship. Tom's father was at one time town drunkard, an exceedingly well defined and unofficial office of those days. . . . In Huckleberry Finn I have drawn Tom exactly as he was. He was ignorant, unwashed, insufficiently fed; but he had as good a heart as any bad boy. He was the only really independent person, man or boy, in the community, and by consequence he was tranquilly and continuously happy and was envied by all the rest of us."
The Huck Finn the illustrator F. W. Kemble drew was Courtland P. Morris, now of Audubon, N. J. Mark Twain selected Kemble because he saw a resemblance to Huck in one of Kemble's drawings in Life. Kemble in turn saw Huck in Court Morris, then sixteen years old, whom he found playing in a public schoolyard in the Bronx. For four dollars a week Court posed for every character from Aunt Polly to Tom, and it is Court whom most of us visualize when we think of Huck Finn. Court himself many years later confessed that he spent the weekly four dollars for candy!
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Still Many Wild Horses
There are still many thousands of these so-called "wild horses" in some of the western states such as Idaho and New Mexico, though many have been exterminated in recent years. They are the descendants of Spanish horses liberated in the Sixteenth century.

BATTLE FLAG BORN OF PRESSING NEED

The best-known standard of the Confederacy, the famous battle flag, was unofficial in its origin. It was created by the army itself as a result of an incident which demonstrated clearly the need for a distinctive emblem, writes Anne McCorkle in the Baltimore Sun.
At Manassas on July 21, 1861, General Beauregard's forces were in position opposite the federals. It was a hot, dry day and a cloud of dust attended every movement. A new body of troops was seen moving toward the right of the bluecoats. The Confederate general's eyes, strained in their direction to discover whether they were friend or foe, were thwarted by the smoke and dust and the breathless air, which left their flags limp and indistinguishable. The necessity of opening fire became more pressing with each moment if they were enemy troops. As uncertainty reached its most critical point, a sudden puff spread the colors to the breeze, revealing to the thankful Confederates the Star and Bars.
Following the incident Beauregard discussed with Gen. Joseph Johnston and other officers his determination that the troops should be led by "a banner so distinct that no doubt ever shall endanger the cause again on the battlefield." Designs were discussed, and several were submitted. At Fairfax courthouse in September, 1861, the Southern Cross, or battle flag, was unanimously chosen and endorsed by the officers gathered there. Correctly made, this flag is absolutely square, a red field upon which is imposed a blue cross bearing 11 white stars.

A Guest Request

Mr. Nabor—Shall I call up your mother and say you'll stay until it stops raining?

Little Peter—Yes, thank you; say I'll be home after dinner.

From "The Autocrat"

Oliver Wendell Holmes coined the phrase, Mutual Admiration Society, and used it in "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

Lollypops and Courage

A chemist has discovered that a slight variation in the glucose content of the blood makes all the difference between cowardice and courage. Instead of whistling in the dark, it would be more scientific to eat a lollypop.

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with the cold mountain water a lake was formed, and the trees were surrounded and covered by this water of unchanging temperature. When the water was cut from one of the trees for the gavel it was found to contain all its natural juices and had the pungent odor of freshly cut timber.—Montreal Herald.

A Slim Clew
Visitor—The country hereabouts is mostly level, isn't it?
Farmer—Well, there are a few politicians we are suspicious of, but we ain't got no actual proof.

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