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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

An investigation will be made by the state fire marshal of the recent fire at Bend.

The census report gives Pendleton a population of 7387, an increase of 2927, or 45.6 per cent.

Issuing of \$100,000 bonds for harbor development was voted at a meeting of the Port of Portland.

Beginning July 1, clerks and carriers of the Eugene postoffice have had their salaries increased \$200 per year.

The extremely hot days in Southern Oregon recently caused many forest fires from the electrical storms in the mountains.

The Astoria city council has authorized a landing slope for hydroplanes to be constructed at the foot of Forty-second street, in that city.

Better wheat and better prices for the Linn county product constitute the purpose of a general campaign launched by S. V. Smith, county agent.

Governor Olcott appointed W. D. McCarry of Portland, to succeed Edwin A. Hatch, who has resigned as a member of the Oregon board of pharmacy.

The Linn county threshermen's convention will be held at Albany, July 17, to establish a uniform charge for

threshing and fixing wages for the season.

E. Woodson of Heppner was appointed a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon to succeed Judge Bean of Portland, who resigned.

Frank M. Erickson, formerly head of the department of education in the University of Idaho, has been elected professor of education in Willamette university.

A term of from three to 20 days in the county jail awaits automobile and motorcycle speeders in Salem as the result of an ordinance passed by the city council.

According to State Veterinarian Lytle thousands of cattle from Western Oregon are being shipped into Idaho and Montana to replenish herds of those states.

C. E. Woodsch of Heppner has been appointed to succeed Judge Robert S. Bean of Portland, resigned, as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

Surveys on a new road from Ukiah were agreed upon in a conference between officers of Umatilla county and delegations from Ukiah, Pilot Rock, Pendleton and Long Creek.

Douglas county realty men have met and passed resolutions refusing to sell any land to Japanese, following the visit to Roseburg of agents for a Japanese colonization scheme.

Grain which grew from one kernel of wheat was pulled up on the D. W. Dickinson ranch on Eureka Flat and the heads threshed by hand, there being 1320 kernels of wheat in the heads.

### When Balances Are Hard to Strike



"OVER THE HILL"

Mrs. Eay S. LeGrow was a guest Wednesday at a luncheon given by Mrs. George Hartman at her Pendleton home.

Uncle John Callender has returned from Portland, where he spent a couple of weeks. He is somewhat improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myrick this week moved to the Krebs place near Adams, and Carl McConnell has taken possession of his Helix wheat ranch.

The wedding of Miss Nellie Darr Adams teacher, to John Ogle, is announced, the ceremony being performed at Yakima, Wash., on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Taylor Tuesday attended her mother, Mrs. Leeper, to Shepherd Springs, where she will receive treatment, Mrs. Taylor returning in a few days.

E. D. Dourning has purchased the Kilgore residence at corner of Second and Current streets.

Guy Cronk transported a party of youngsters to the Umatilla swimming pools in his big truck, Sunday. Dean Dudley and Dick Winship have returned from their bear hunt in the Black mountain district. No bear steak.

L. M. Oliver, who took the civil service examination for rural route mail carrier out of Frewater, has been given the Athena route, and has assumed his duties.

Gasoline has made another advance, and is now being retailed at 35 cents per gallon. Gasoline and kerosene now being sold here is not the Standard Oil product, but is brought from the Wyoming and Utah oil fields for distribution, owing to the Standard's inability to deliver its stock here for the present.

Miss Adah DeFreece, manager of the local telephone exchange, will go on her annual vacation next week.

Ernest Zerba, Blaine Dugger, Wm. McPherson and Lloyd Michener formed a motor party going to the Deschutes for a fishing trip this week. They plan to be away for about two weeks.

In the memory of "the oldest inhabitant" Jinks Dudley has never gone fishin' but reports come down from Bingham Springs that he caught 45 speckled beauties up there one day this week.

Mrs. Robert Proudfit and daughter Mary, returned Monday from a week's stay at Bingham Springs. Bob went up to the springs and accompanied them home, incidentally bringing back a creel of fish.

As the result of agitation by the Civic Club at its meeting Tuesday, the streets of Athena and vacant lots are being shorn of the pestiferous foxtail and weeds which will soon prove a fire menace to the city.

A. J. Crigler, pioneer stockman, farmer and fruit raiser, is critically ill at his home near Frewater. He has been in a poor state of health for some time, but during the last few weeks has been gradually failing. He spent a week at College Place hospital, but a few days ago was removed back to his home. A number of Athena friends have visited the old gentleman. Mr. Crigler resided for many years on a farm north of Athena.

Seventy kiddies were made happy on Wednesday afternoon, when the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walter west of town, was the scene of a party for their pleasure. Many automobiles in town were requisitioned to transport the youngsters who were regaled with games,

ice cream, cake and all the goodies of the season. The six Walter children and little Bill Joe Mathews were the hosts and hostesses, each being permitted to invite ten guests.

Both the bitulithic and the rock crusher plants of the Warren Construction Co. have been undergoing repairs this week, due to break downs and as a result but little headway has been made in construction work. Dr. C. H. Smith, commander of Athena-Weston American Legion Post, favors a community recreation hall for Athena, in which the citizens of town and community and the Legion members would have year around facilities for enjoying recreative pursuits.

### An Exciting Chase for Robbers

Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Marin effected the capture of two men in the vicinity of Rieth, Tuesday afternoon, who are suspected of having looted the Indian camps at Cayuse, and who on Monday night held up and robbed Eugene Lyman of \$100 and after tying him up in a barn took his automobile. Monday the car was located at Rieth and it is presumed the robbers used it to move their Indian plunder from its cache near the Cayuse celebration grounds to Rieth.

The men captured are Jim Owens, alleged "bad man" of Billings, Montana, and Neil Hart, who hails from Idaho. The men were encountered at Rieth by the Sheriff, Lyman and Glen Bushee.

Hart threw up his hands when commanded to do so, but Owens, feigning insanity, began to double up, mumble unintelligible pleas and attempted to obtain his gun from the coat he carried on his arm. Sheriff Taylor jerked the coat away, but at the same time Owens ducked under a freight car. Taylor fired but missed and Owens was off for the mountains. Sheriff Taylor left Hart in the custody of a young man and together with Lyman and Bushee started for Owens.

Hart drew a concealed weapon and

covered his captor shortly after the chase for Owens started. Hart got away. Deputy Marin arrived from Pendleton shortly afterward and started for Hart. He overtook the fugitive about a mile from Rieth and was fired upon. A battle ensued in which Marin proved his mettle and closed in upon Hart, finally forcing him to surrender. Marin then handcuffed Hart and brought him to the county jail.

Meanwhile Sheriff Taylor obtained a horse, rode after Owens, who had a good start into the hills south of Rieth. Owens was unarmed and during the chase attempted to circle back to the railroad bridge below Rieth where it was afterward revealed the pair had cashed guns, ammunition and the Indian plunder, consisting of Wampum, head dresses and other Indian finery.

After a four-hour chase, Taylor came upon the fugitive and commanded him to halt, when he again feigned a crazy spell, ducked behind a tree and was off again. The sheriff finally pulled him out from underneath the roots of a tree. Bushee came up and attempted to put handcuffs on Owens, when he put up a fight and again attempted to get away. Taylor at this point was forced to fire, and wounded Owens in the thumb.

### Traveling "Gospelers."

After marching from Portland to Eugene, a command of "gospelers and ministers" under Rev. Walter Duff as chieftain is coming to Eastern Oregon and will cross the state line into Washington. They are expected in Athena and Weston Thursday of next week. They will "round up sinners and spints, churches and ministers for open airs and in churches," according to their proclamation. "Look out," they also say, "for the oldest way of preaching like Christ from town to town."

## WHEAT CROP REPORTS INDICATE A SURPLUS

### Prospective Yield of Farm Products Above Five Year Average.

Washington.—Forecasts of heavy harvests of the country's principal farm crops marked the July report of the department of agriculture. The prospective yield in most instances is larger than the average production for the five years 1914-18.

Throughout June better weather conditions increased the prospects of the output of every important crop. The improvement was reflected in a forecast of 23,000,000 bushels more in the combined winter and spring wheat crop than estimated a month ago; seven million bushels more oats, 8,000,000 bushels more barley and 2,000,000 bushels more rye.

The spring wheat crop is larger than last year's by 22,000,000 bushels, but the winter wheat crop is 114,000,000 bushels smaller, although it is only 45,000,000 less than the five-year average production.

Wheat of last year's crop remaining on farms July 1 was reported as 47,756,000 bushels, or more than five per cent of the crop. That, added to this year's prospective production, makes available about 856,000,000 bushels of wheat which, according to officials, will be ample to meet domestic requirements and leave a surplus for export.

The condition of the corn crop was reported not so good as a year ago, but the area planted shows an increase of 671,000 acres. Indications are that the crop will be 138,000,000 bushels smaller but 19,000,000 bushels larger than the five-year average.

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