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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Oregon stands eighth in the list in regard to paid-up membership in the American Legion.

Dr. O. D. Duane's 20-acre cherry orchard near The Dalles this year netted him a profit of \$10,000.

More than 2000 retail buyers are expected in Portland during annual buyers' week, August 9 to 14.

Sheriff Johnson of Hood River county has asked for volunteers to assist him in enforcing speed laws.

Indications are that the commercial apple crop of the state as a whole will be about 50 per cent of last year.

Oregon wheat exported during the year ended June 30, 1920, amounted to 2,875,882 bushels and flour 3,201,115 barrels.

Because it is no longer a necessary organization in the state, Governor Olcott has dissolved the state council of defense.

William Porter, 59, instructor in forging at the Oregon Agricultural college, died Thursday at his home in Corvallis.

The Lane county court has decided not to build a new bridge across the Willamette at Harrisburg for at least two years.

An underground crossing will be built where the Pacific highway crosses the railroad two miles north of Albany.

The Portland Railway, Light and Power company has paid to Clackamas county \$94,000, the first half of its county taxes.

The recently organized Southwestern Oregon Livestock association is planning to hold an annual exposition at Marshfield.

Members of the Oregon State Dental association opened the first session of their 27th annual convention Monday morning in Portland.

Lightning struck and seriously damaged the steeple of the First Presbyterian church in Portland during a heavy electric storm.

Approximately 125,000 applications for motor vehicle drivers' licenses have been received at the offices of the secretary of state.

At the present rate of growth of bank clearings in Portland it is estimated that this year's total will reach the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

Three hundred dollars was appropriated by the city council of Albany to assist in the establishment of a municipal swimming pool.

Harry Shown of Twickenham in Wheeler county was seriously burned while trying to start a crude oil burning engine used in irrigation.

Reverend W. M. Case of Eugene has been elected moderator of the Oregon synod of the Presbyterian church to succeed L. M. Booser of Medford.

One hundred aliens were deported from Oregon in the fiscal year ending June 30, according to the annual report of the bureau of immigration.

Hereafter marriage will not be a bar to election to position as teacher in the Portland public schools, according to policy established by the school board.

The state board of control now has in transit to the Robert Andrews company of New York a carload of flax fiber and tow for which the state receives \$11,621.50.

The boys' and girls' industrial clubs of Shedd, among which is included the largest boys' Jersey calf club in the world, will hold their annual industrial fair on September 18.

On the ground that the city of Woodburn has exceeded its limit of indebtedness, A. C. Simmons has brought suit to restrain the city from undertaking certain improvements.

The city of Roseburg has received legal advice that bonds recently authorized by a special election for the sum of \$7000 for an aviation field outside the city limits are invalid.

Salem Cherrians have accepted the proposal of A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, that the Cherrians make Tuesday, September 28, of state fair week, a special booster day.

Exports from the Portland district during the year ended June 30, 1920, were valued at \$40,388,320, while the exports from the Astoria district for the same period were valued at approximately \$7,000,000.

Center for White Hybrid

The East Oregonian reports that Umatilla county is the White Hybrid center of the Pacific Northwest, declares G. R. Hyslop, of O. A. C., professor of farm crops, after inspecting the fields of Dave Nelson, Roy Rew, Elmer Moore, Amie Tardiff, J. C. Hawkins, Sheldon Taylor, Chris Breeding, Barney Anderson and Jim Hill.

Professor Hyslop, who with Fred Bennion, county agent, made the tests yesterday, says that some of the White Hybrid has even less than one-tenth of one per cent of other varieties. This is the third year of certification in Umatilla county.

Quite a number of otherwise fine fields were rejected, says Professor Hyslop, because strips in the draws had been reseeded to other varieties and these strips had not been cut out for hay. In some cases fields were turned down because stray sacks of other varieties had been drilled in by careless operators.

White Hybrid, says Professor Hyslop, is recommended for those sections where the soils are rather heavy but most of all where the rainfall is good.

"It is a good winter wheat and there are many fields of great purity," said the expert. "No one need go outside of Umatilla county to get the finest White Hybrid No. 128. The college certified stock has passed from farmer to farmer and is holding up with remarkable purity records."

"Observations on the various wheat varieties of the dry sections of Umatilla county show some very good ones and some that are outstandingly poor. The poorest variety seen in the west end of the county is Forty Fold. Next comes Blue Stem as a winter wheat. The best is Turkey Red. After it comes the White Hybrid, but it is mostly pinched except where too thin to produce a good yield."

LOS ANGELES BADLY JARRIED BY QUAKES

Los Angeles.—Four severe earthquakes here threw the city and its suburbs into excitement, caused a number of injuries to men, women and children, damaged several buildings, and broke a water main.

While the shocks seemed to center in Los Angeles, some were felt more than 30 miles away.

Excitement, in many cases hysterical, followed the first shock and had hardly been calmed when at 1:27 in the afternoon came the second, followed two minutes later by the third. The fourth was at 6:13 P. M.

The second and third were sharper than that of the morning. Then the agitation of the citizens became prolonged. Business was interrupted.

Pictures were jolted from hooks, mortar jarred from brick walls and plaster from ceilings; cracks appeared in some of the older structures; a water main was broken; a few copings and chimneys fell; part of an embankment collapsed, throwing dirt and brick into the street, and plate glass windows in some of the downtown department stores were broken.

Automobile Thefts.

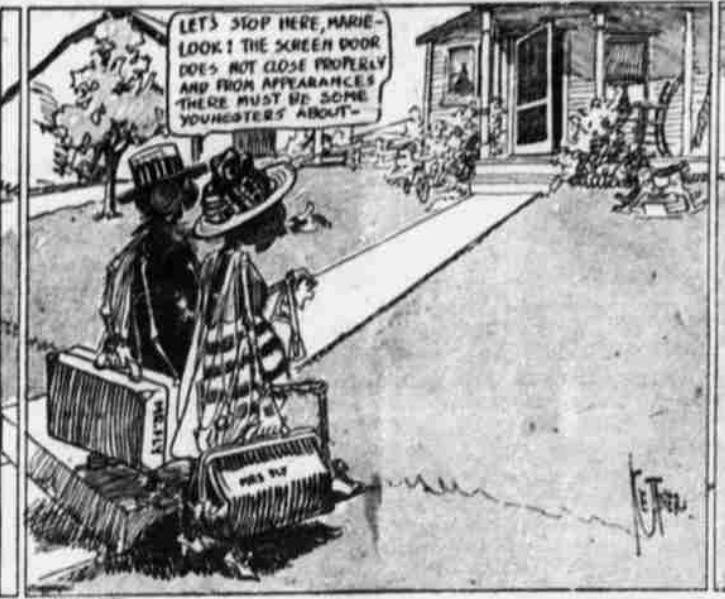
Pendleton is experiencing a series of automobile thefts. In the past three days two high priced cars have been taken. One from in front of the home of Guy Wyrick, has not been located. The other, a 12 cylinder Haynes, was taken from in front of a Pendleton garage, and when the owner, W. C. E. Pruitt, located it later in the night, it was found between Athena and Adams in the ditch, and almost hopelessly wrecked. The car had pitched over the embankment from the hardsurfaced road, landing head-on against a telephone pole.

May Lose Hay Crop.

Hundreds of tons of hay recently harvested near Harrisburg, in the Willamette valley, are in the shock and may be lost entirely, all because there is no baling wire to be had for love or money.

Through Duff's superior slab work Milton-Freewater defeated Helix 8 to 4 at Pendleton Sunday and won the championship of the Blue Mountain league. The hyphenated victors will meet Echo, champions of the Irrigation league, at Pendleton next Sunday and play for the Umatilla county pennant.

Summer Boarders Arrive



"OVER THE HILL"

J. H. Ridenour is down from Montana and will assist in the wheat harvest.

Jesse Gordon will begin harvesting wheat on the Sims Djackenson ranch next Monday.

An advance agent for a chautauqua association was in the city Wednesday, with the object of putting on a course here.

A son was born on July 20, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. John Shick at their home in Walla Walla.

Jeff Stephens of Umatilla, was in the city this week, the guest of his brother, Omar Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. LeGrew and J. H. Sturgis left Tuesday by automobile for a visit to Seattle.

Homer Waits is getting things in readiness for harvest operations in the Watts Brothers' fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booher are expected home after a month's stay at Shepherd Springs on the Columbia.

Lee Johnson has an exceptionally good crop of potatoes on his ranch west of town, this year. Mr. Johnson raises Netted Gems, exclusively.

Mrs. William Winship and daughters, Mildred and Audrey, returned Monday from a very pleasant visit with D. B. Jarman and family at Salem.

Bern Banister will leave the first of next week for a sojourn at Shepherd Springs, whose medicinal waters he will test for the cure of rheumatism.

Miss Blanche Swaggart was a guest of Pendleton friends over the week end, when a motor party was formed and the time spent at Lebanon Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coppock made a trip by auto last week to their farm near Lexington, Morrow county. They report the crops in fair condition in that section.

Miss Zola Keen left the first of the week to enter the Cornish School of Music at Seattle, for a summer course. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Henry Keen.

Rev. H. F. Pemberton, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, held the fourth quarterly meeting at the Athena church Wednesday evening. The annual confer-

ence of the Methodist church is held in September, after which the local church will be provided with a resident pastor.

Mrs. Martha Mays, who has been slightly ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Barrett, has recovered and at the age of eighty-six summers is enjoying good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams (nee Merna DePeatt) have moved from Tekoa, Wash., to Walla Walla, where they will make their home. Mrs. DePeatt will soon go to Walla Walla to live with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charels Norris came over from Walla Walla, yesterday. Mrs. Norris will visit relatives here, and Mr. Norris goes to Portland on business. Mr. Norris is contemplating engaging in the harness business in Athena in the near future.

Mr. Allen Cronk arrived in the city Monday from Emmet, Idaho, and has formed a partnership with his brother, Guy Cronk, in the transfer, ice and fuel business. The new firm has rented the building east of the Athena Market, and will open offices there. Mr. Allen Cronk's wife and two children will arrive in Athena next week from Emmett, to take up their residence here.

Athena-Weston American Legion Post will give a benefit dance Saturday, tomorrow, night at the opera house for the purpose of securing funds to send delegates from the local post, to attend the state convention, which is to be held at Astoria, July 30, 31 and August 1. Delegates from Athena-Weston post are Harold Haynie and Dr. N. T. Bennett; alternates, Herman O'Harra and J. E. Stacklie.

Mrs. Frank Berlin and children are at Bingham Springs this week enjoying a camping trip, where they were taken Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Orel McPherrin. It is reported that Mrs. Berlin has sold her home place just north of the city limits to Barney Foster, and having purchased a home in Portland, will move there before the opening of the fall term of school.

Len Miller, one of the engine trouble-finders, employed at the Thompson Garage, experienced ex-

Odd Fellows at Play

A most enjoyable affair was the picnic sponsored by the local lodge of Odd Fellows at Camp McDougal, Sunday. At an early hour automobiles began hurrying toward the rendezvous in order to enjoy the delicious morning air of the upland region. At noon one of those elaborate lunches for which Weston is famous was spread, and every one partook heartily of dainties in profusion and variety which lured the appetite onward and ever onward. Forty gallons of ice cream contributed a feature which will linger long in the memory of those assembled for a day of visiting and recreation. The following citizens and their families were among those present: Sim J. Culley, E. M. Smith, Nelson H. Jones, Richard English, James A. King, Ross King, H. Waddingham, Alick Johnson, C. E. Fisk, James E. Stanfield, William Davis, S. A. Barnes, W. A. Barnes, Frank Greer, W. H. Gould, Joseph Hodgson, Claude Davis, J. E. McDaniel, Ralph Tucker, Elmer Tucker, Newton O'Harra, Roy Hyatt, Cecil Hyatt; E. R. Lieuallen and wife of Walla Walla, Ross Maloney and family of Pendleton; Mrs. Anna Anderson, Miss Thelma Anderson, Miss Eliza Morrison, Miss Gladys Smith, Mrs. Artie Beattie, Mrs. Anna Haworth; Messrs. Lester O'Harra, Herman O'Harra, Cliff Culley, George Kinnear, Sid Barnes.

Harvesting on Pine Creek.

Harvesting the season's grain crop is in progress on H. A. Barrett's Pine Creek ranch. That district has one of the best yields in years. The grain is of exceptionally good quality, being practically matured before the hot weather set in. Mr. Barrett has contracted his entire wheat crop on the Pine Creek ranch at \$2.25 per bushel, sacked, for August delivery.

GOV. COX CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Washington.—James M. Cox announced that if elected president he "would endeavor with all my strength to give what President Wilson promised to those who sacrificed in the great war." His statement followed an hour's conference with the president at the White House at which Franklin D. Roosevelt, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, was present.

The president in a formal statement, after the conference, declared that he and the governor "were absolutely at one with regard to the great issue of the league of nations" and that the governor was ready to be the "champion in every respect of the honor of the nation and the secure peace of the world."

Asked as to the president's health, Governor Cox replied: "In splendid condition; in most agreeable shape."

A Two-Pound Baby

A Pendleton special to the Oregonian, says:

Kenneth Roy Patton, aged three weeks, weight 2 pounds, physical condition perfect, is the phenomenon born to Pendleton parents at St. Anthony's hospital. Mrs. Mark Patton, mother of the miniature infant, is in perfect health and doctors pronounce the baby normal in every respect except size and weight.

When born, Kenneth weighed one pound and 11 ounces. The little two-pounder has two brothers, Mark, 23, and Robert, 26.

cruciating pain Tuesday, when a sliver of steel penetrated his left eye. Len finally located the sliver, magnetized a darning needle and extracted the annoying substance from his optic, experiencing immediate relief.

Mrs. Minnie De Peatt returned Sunday morning from Portland where for the past two weeks she has been in attendance upon her sister, Mrs. Charles Prim, who passed away on Friday of last week. The deceased was formerly Miss Genevieve Booth, and later Mrs. Jack Harris, her former husband having died soon after their marriage. She had many friends in Athena and Pendleton, who regret her loss. The remains were taken to Jacksonville for burial, where funeral services were held. Tuberculosis was the cause of Mrs. Prim's death.

Huckleberries, of which there is said to be a large crop this season, are beginning to ripen on the lower sections of the mountains and on the brakes of the Umatilla river.

OREGON MEN KILLED IN CAMP LEWIS EXPLOSION

Victims Members of Gun Crew Training at Target Range.

Tacoma.—Rigid inquiry into the cause of the explosion of a six-inch field gun at the Camp Lewis artillery range, which killed three men and painfully wounded five other members of the Oregon coast artillery, national guard, will be made. The investigation thus far shows that only a poor fuse, a possible flaw in the gun itself, or a flaw in the shell could have caused the fatal accident.

Governor Ben W. Olcott, of Oregon, narrowly missed being injured in the tragedy. Accompanied by Mrs. Olcott and several Camp Lewis officers, the governor had left the gun but a few minutes before the explosion.

The dead were: Corporal Edward G. Scott, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or.; Corporal Clyde R. Dunderger, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or.; Private Ralph Fraley, 1st company, Oregon coast artillery, Ashland, Or. Scott and Fraley were killed instantly. Dunderger lived an hour.

The injured were: Private (first class) Herbert E. Petersen, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., cut on head and face by steel fragments; Private William J. Blake, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., cut on arm and shoulder; Mechanic Peter Marrascul, 2d company, Oregon coast artillery, Marshfield, Or., badly stunned by concussion; Private Homer Elhart, 1st company, Oregon coast artillery, Ashland, Or., shoulder broken; Wagner Fred Scott, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army, foot badly torn; Corporal Roy Campigetto, 55th company, coast artillery corps, United States army, stunned.

The rifle was of the 155-millimeter long range field type used by the French, but was manufactured in the United States. It had been fired only 14 times. Thirteen shots were fired last week in trying it out. The 14th shot was fired immediately before the tragedy in the presence of the governor, adjutant general and party.

Government Bucks H. C. of L.

In an effort to combat the high cost of living, the war department soon is to place millions of dollars' worth of canned meats on the market at prices below even pre-war quotations, said an announcement today from the office of the division of sales.

The meats, which will be offered for domestic consumption exclusively, are stored in every section of the country and will be disposed of through wholesale and retail stores from one end of the country to the other. The division of sales also announced that it had enlisted in this work the services of 60,000 postmasters, 5000 bankers and the mayors of every city and town.

Included in the meats are canned corned beef, corned beef hash, roast beef and bacon.

"Every dealer, from the largest wholesaler to the smallest retailer, will be given an opportunity to make purchases at prices considerably below prevailing market figures," said the announcement.

"The canned meats are the best the American packers could prepare. Their quality is the highest. They were packed under government supervision and the war department is standing back of every can sent from an army supply depot."

Two From U. of O.

Two University of Oregon athletes, William Kenneth Martlett, of Estacada, and Arthur Tuck of Redmond, have been selected as members of the United States track team to compete in the Olympic games at Antwerp, Belgium. They were named following the Olympic tryouts held last Saturday in the Harvard stadium at Boston in which they competed against athletes from every section of the country. Bartlett placed second in the discus in the national try-outs, and first in the junior Amateur Athletic Association championships held the day before, establishing a new junior record in that event.

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