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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Threshing of the 1920 grain crop of Lane county has begun.

Mrs. Minnie Cecil Anderson was drowned in the Columbia river at Astoria.

Jackson county cattle men are planning to market their cattle through auction sales.

The Granite road extending from Granite to the Baker county line has been completed.

The manufacture of tile will be a new industry in Albany to be established by the Albany Brick & Tile company.

Lane county has a population of 33,166 in 1920, as compared with a population of 33,783 in 1910, according to a report issued by the census bureau.

Seventy-one acres of land lying adjacent to the city of Coquille was sold by its owner, Mr. Kistner, to E. N. Smith, for a consideration of \$35,000.

With a per capita wealth of \$822.36, Albany is setting forth the claim that few cities in the country can equal the size of its bank deposits pro rata to population.

The Klamath County Woolgrowers' association has decided to levy a tax of 2 cents a head on all sheep owned by members to provide a fund for current expenses.

The Washington County Automotive association was organized at a meeting in Hillsboro Monday night, attended by 28 dealers from all parts of the county.

The entire plant of the Alco Wood Products company at Albany was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The insurance was \$25,000.

George Carlile was fined \$100 and costs in justice court at Cottage Grove when he pleaded guilty to a charge of dynamiting trout in the Coast Fork river on the morning of June 6.

Victor Beauregard, owner of a ranch crossed several times by the Columbia river highway, east of Hood River, will remove the pipelines which have caused complaint from tourists.

William C. Cunningham, a private in last company, coast artillery corps, stationed at Fort Stevens, was found dead at the post and the military authorities believe he committed suicide.

Relics of early days in Lane county and Oregon will be a feature of the exhibits at the county fair at Eugene in September, according to announcement of W. C. Yoran, secretary of the fair association.

The Eugene city council has decided to go ahead with the purchase of a municipal aviation field, notwithstanding the fact that there are no bidders for the \$22,000 bonds recently voted for that purpose.

The county court of Jackson county, in conjunction with the state highway commission, is planning to put \$23,000 worth of gravel on the Greenspring mountain road, grading of which is now well under way.

A. P. Walker of Oakland, Cal., was killed in an automobile accident near Wilbur, when an automobile occupied by O. H. Johnson and his wife and Mr. Walker left the road and plunged over the bank 76 feet.

In order to finance the purchase of the site for the proposed naval base site at Astoria to be presented to the government, the Clatsop county naval base company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been organized.

At least 500 tons of evergreen blackberries will be handled at the Albany cannery this season. The cannery will begin on the evergreens as soon as the loganberry crop, with which it is now crowded, is out of the way.

Mrs. J. G. Dennis, aged about 45, wife of a merchant at Crawfordville, lost her life in a fire which destroyed her home in that town. The fire also burned the building in which the Crawfordville postoffice was situated.

John D. McGilvary, a granite expert of San Francisco, was in Ashland recently and made an inspection of the granite quarries of this region. He became so much interested that he will return and make a more extended inspection.

Representatives of the Rogue River Valley Fish and Game association will start for the mouth of the Rogue river August 5 to make a thorough investi-

gation of all matters growing out of the Rogue river fish controversy of that locality.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending July 29, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were Ole Dragsvold, sweeper, Bend, William Greashudber, laborer, Oregon City; Newton W. Lewis, laborer, Salem, and A. C. Duncan, logger, Powers. A total of 469 accidents were reported.

Extensive improvements to the radio station at Astoria have been authorized by the navy department and approximately \$30,000 will be expended on the plant this summer and fall.

With nearly 100 specialists in ear, eye, nose and throat treatment from the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states present, the eighth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological society was held in Portland.

Fishermen in general have discontinued gillnetting on Coos bay owing to the lowering of prices offered for chinook, which is the seasonable catch at this time of the year. The fishermen were being offered 5 cents a pound when they quit.

Railroads Get Rate Increase

Washington.—Authority for the railroads to increase revenues by approximately one billion and a half dollars was granted by the interstate commerce commission. Freight rates will be advanced about one-third, passenger fares one-fifth and Pullman charge one-half.

The new rates, to continue until March 1, 1922, will become effective on five days' notice by the carriers to the commission and the public and they must be in operation before January 1.

New passenger fares probably will become effective August 20, and advanced freight rates August 25, according to a programme outlined by A. P. Thom, general counsel for the association of railway executives. Simultaneously increases in Pullman, excess baggage and milk charges also will go in force.

The increases are designed to offset the \$600,000,000 wage advance awarded by the railroad labor board to provide the 6 per cent net income on the aggregate value of the railroad properties under the transportation act.

The 20 per cent increase in passenger fares, excess baggage charges and milk transportation rates and the 50 per cent surcharge on Pullman fares will be general. Freight rate increases will vary according to territory, with 40 per cent in the east, 25 per cent in the south, 35 per cent in the west—from the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains—and 25 per cent in mountain-Pacific territory—from east of the Rockies to the Pacific coast.

WOOL CONSUMPTION DROPS

Curtailment in Operations of Textile Industries Blamed.

Washington.—A sharp drop in wool consumption amounting to approximately 17,000,000 pounds in June as compared with the average consumption for the preceding months of this year, was announced by the department of agriculture's bureau of markets. The drop was due, the bureau said, to the curtailment of operations in the textile manufacturing industry resulting from lack of orders, cancellations and deferred shipments.

Reports to the bureau show that 46,000,000 pounds of wool entered into manufacture in June against 72,700,000 pounds in January, 63,700,000 pounds in February, 67,900,000 pounds in March, 66,900,000 pounds in April and 58,600,000 pounds in May. In June, 1919, the consumption was 55,000,000 pounds.

President Wilson to Sell His Sheep.

Washington.—President Wilson is to retire from the sheep business. The White House flock of 48 prize sheep, which has kept the laws out for three summers, is to be sold. The yield of wool has gone to charity, this year to the Salvation Army. In 1918 the flock produced 98 pounds, which was sold by the Red Cross, bringing more than \$52,000.

Bolsheviks Penetrate Armenia. Constantinople.—Bolshevik penetration of Armenia is continuing, according to advices.

The Attractive Summer Fashions



"OVER THE HILL"

Mrs. Marion Hansell and children now encountering difficulty in cutting the grain in many fields. In several instances the ditches had to be filled in by plowing on each side.

Fred Gross is not running harvesting machinery this year. He says he'll "let George do it" this time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinkerton are at Saling's camp for a few days, picking huckleberries.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Emmel and son Kenneth spent the week at Ringham Springs.

Mrs. C. L. McPadden and Mrs. C. H. Smith and children are among the campers at McDougals, this week.

Henry Collins, well known wheat dealer, has been chosen president of the Round-Up association. He takes the place of the late T. J. Taylor who was the head of the association from its inception.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Reeder have returned from an auto trip to Tacoma, where they visited relatives.

Miss Areta Barrett has returned from Portland, where she spent several weeks with friends.

Heavy spring rains washed ditches in the fields and the combines are

now encountering difficulty in cutting the grain in many fields. In several instances the ditches had to be filled in by plowing on each side.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss have returned home after touring Central and Southern Oregon. They visited relatives and friends at Moro, Redmond and Prineville. Crater Lake was visited and while at this famous resort, Mr. Foss had his shotgun stolen from the car.

The Athena wheat crop is averaging from 35 to 45 bushels per acre, with now and then a mention of 50 bushels, from reports coming in. The cutting and threshing of the grain is now in full blast, every available machine being pushed to full capacity.

John Walter, with his "cat" and Archie McIntyre with his combine, have formed an alliance for the season's run. They finished a 40-acre field yesterday for Melville Johns near town, that yielded 40 bushels per acre.

The Athena schools will open for the year's work on Wednesday, September 1st, so The Press is informed by the school board. It is expected of the family and Dr. Sharp of this

that Superintendent Hadley will arrive in Athena shortly to take up preliminary organization of the school for next year. He was recently married and will bring his bride to Athena. With one or two exceptions, the board has retained the services of a full corps of teachers, and it is hoped there will be no vacancy in any department of instruction in the school when the starting time arrives.

Smoke generally comes from a smokehouse when there is smoke in the smokehouse. The only exception that may be noted in the instance this week of the burning of Ed Forest's smokehouse was that fire followed the smoke. How the flames originated is unknown. The smokehouse was totally destroyed and for a time other buildings on the ranch were endangered as was also a grain field close by.

A. B. McEwen came up from Portland Wednesday, and will remain here for some time looking after his crop interests. Mr. McEwen is enjoying better health than formerly.

Dr. F. D. Watts and son, Worth, left Wednesday morning by auto for Spokane, and other Inland Empire points.

William Post, after an absence of 28 years from Athena, returned here Monday. "Bill" has of late years been residing at Middleton, Idaho. He returns to twist a sack needle in Umatilla county wheat once more. He was instantly recognized on his arrival by a number of old-time Athena friends. Father Time has put a different mask on William's physiognomy, but that hunch to the left shoulder in his walk is still there.

Dudley Rogers will assist in garnering Umatilla's crop of golden grain, having joined the Eugene Schimpf harvest crew, Tuesday.

T. P. DeFreece has purchased an acre tract of land, highly improved, at Orchard Station, on the interurban road, just west of Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. DeFreece will soon take up their residence there.

Mrs. H. A. Caton was operated on at a hospital in Walla Walla, Monday, and at this writing, while some better, is reported to be in a serious condition. The patient was accompanied to Walla Walla by members of the family and Dr. Sharp of this

CAPTURE SLAYERS OF UMATILLA SHERIFF

All Five Men Who Escaped Are Now Back in Pendleton Jail.

Pendleton.—Neil Hart, Jim Owens, Jack Rathie, Louis Anderson and Richard Patterson, the five men who escaped from the jail here Sunday, July 25, after Sheriff T. J. Taylor had been murdered, were captured and are back in the Pendleton jail.

Neil Hart, alleged slayer of T. J. Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county, and Jim Owens, Hart's principal accomplice in the jailbreak, were taken at a sheep camp in the high mountains of Union county, six miles south of Toll Gate, near the head of the Umatilla river.

The capture was made at about 1 o'clock in the morning. The posse, headed by J. H. McLachlin of La Grande, stumbled onto a shepherd's tent in the mountain section near Toll Gate, found the two men asleep and captured them without a fight.

Rathie was taken on the road two miles above Gibson on the Umatilla river. Rathie was unarmed and was resting on a hillside when he was closed in on by a posse of six men.

Richard Patterson and Louis Anderson, the last two of the fugitive outlaws, were taken into custody four miles southeast of Kamela by John McCardan and Barney Devlin, sheepherders, both of Heppner.

For a time Saturday night it looked as though the jail would be stormed by a mob determined to take the law unto themselves and lynch Neil Hart, Jim Owens and Jack Rathie, the principals in the jail break, but they were dissuaded from their purpose by W. R. ("Jinks") Taylor, brother of T. J. Taylor, and his successor as sheriff.

DROP IN FLOUR PRICES

Portland Reduction Amounts to 11 per Cent; Seattle 20 per Cent.

Portland, Or.—Flouring mills in Portland announced a drop of 80 cents a barrel on all grades of flour, to take effect at once.

The lower price is the direct result of the tendency of the wheat market toward a lower level and the bumper crops that are being brought in throughout the grain belt. The reduction in Portland is about 11 per cent.

Seattle prices dropped approximately 20 per cent, according to an announcement made by the Puget sound millers.

Wholesale prices now effective on the local market are: Family patent, \$12.95 barrel (196 pounds net weight); bakers, \$12.95; whole wheat, \$11.05; valley flour, \$11.20, and straights, \$10.80 per barrel.

Debs Says He Will Stay in Prison.

Washington.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, who is now confined in the federal prison at Atlanta, has urged his friends and followers throughout the country to make no further attempts to have him freed unless all other political prisoners are released, simultaneously.

city, assisted in the operation. Mrs. Caton will be removed to her home in Athena, as soon as she recovers sufficiently from the effects of the operation.

Ralph Haynie sustained a serious cut in his right hand, Monday, from broken glass in the door of the Haynie store. Ralph was in the act of entering the store, when the door was closed by another who pushed on the glass with the result that it broke, a large piece striking Ralph on the hand, severing one of the leaders of the thumb.

Gail Piersol, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Piersol, was drowned in the Malheur river, near Vale, Oregon, some time Wednesday, according to a telegram received by S. S. Piersol, grandfather of the boy, yesterday morning.

Petitions to the city council asking that portions of Jefferson and Adams streets be hardsurfaced, have been circulated among the property owners of the districts effected, for signatures, recently.

The biggest yield so far reported, comes from Lee Johnson's crop, west of Athena. From 13 acres, 292 sacks of White Hybrid was threshed.

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