

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

North Bend is to have city delivery service beginning December 1. Senator Stanfield has been advised.

Precipitation at Marshfield since September 1 has reached 33.24 inches more than half the average annual rainfall.

Twelve communities and more than 30 individual industries had exhibits at the annual Marion-Polk industrial show at Salem.

Pine beetle infestation in timber of the Deschutes national forest has been found to be most serious, reports A. J. Jaenicke, government entomologist.

A lone robber looted the Citizens National bank of Metolius of about \$2000 in currency at 1:20 o'clock in the afternoon and fled in an automobile.

After hearing homestead disputes in the vicinity of Wapinitia, Federal Land Inspector Walter has gone to Prineville to make investigations for the government.

Warrant indebtedness of Washington county is \$146,385.24, with cash on hand amounting to \$419,154.11, according to a recent report of the county treasurer.

The Columbia County Fair association has purchased 170 acres of land on the highway near Deer Island and will spend \$40,000 on new buildings and improvements.

Francis Wimmer, 35, employe in the paper mills at Oregon City, is in the hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the chest caused by an accident at his home.

Marion P. Martin, 55, war veteran and night watchman, was shot and killed during a revolver battle with robbers at the Closset & Devers company office in Portland.

There were 1188 homesteaders on public lands in Oregon in the last fiscal year, according to a report of the interior department. The number of acres entered was 246,000.

The Multnomah County Fair association, with headquarters in Gresham and capital stock of \$75,000, has been incorporated by T. R. Hewitt, C. I. Baker and C. G. Schneider.

The Oregon Short Line Railroad company has filed application with the public service commission for permission to discontinue its station at Riverside on the Brogan branch.

Government hunters who are in Josephine county in an effort to exterminate coyotes, which are becoming a menace to farmers in the outlying districts, are having excellent success.

Charges against the office of J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director for Oregon, are under investigation by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, it was admitted at Washington, D. C.

County division is agitating Tillamook county. Projectors of the movement would organize a new county north of the base line, including a few odd sections in Clatsop and Columbia counties.

When his automobile slipped off the grade 17 miles up Crooked river from Prineville and rolled over and over down a 250-foot embankment, Sam A. Lytle of Bend suffered injuries which may prove fatal.

The offices of register and receiver at the La Grande land office are soon to be merged into the single office of register. Jack Peare, who occupies one of the two places at present, will be the register.

The Business and Professional Women's club of Eugene has announced a student loan fund for women students who are preparing themselves to enter business upon completion of their school work.

Various state departments occupying space in the capitol building at Salem needed for legislative purposes have received notice from the secretary of state to vacate those quarters early in December.

The board of directors of the campaign to raise funds for the erection of a modern Young Men's Christian association building in Salem have announced that the full \$200,000 has been subscribed.

Walter W. Thackrah, 72, who has served in the land office at Roseburg for more than 32 years, has been retired on a pension. Edward R. Peckensher of Lewiston, Idaho, has been appointed in his place.

E. M. Chandler of Olympia, president of the Oregon-Washington Bridge company, which is completing the Hood River-White Salmon interstate span across the Columbia, has announced that the bridge will be officially opened to traffic December 6. A celebration, with mid-Columbia folk participating, will be held.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer-elect, has appointed George P. Griffith of Salem, as deputy state treasurer. In event Mr. Griffith accepts the appointment he will enter upon his new duties January 1.

The body of Archie Boone, conductor, one of the four men killed in the Salmon creek wreck in Coos county the latter part of October, was found at Gaylord, 12 miles from the scene of the washout.

A stand of 750,000,000 feet of timber in Clatsop and Tillamook counties has been sold by A. S. Kerry of Seattle to the Oregon American Lumber company for \$2,500,000. The stand of timber is near Vernonia and Kerry.

A ruling made by William Henderson, commandant of the Oregon soldiers' home, requiring all veterans drawing a pension of \$50 or more to pay for their clothing, has been put into effect at the Roseburg institution.

Some one stole \$400 in cash, several vouchers and one check for \$55 from Booth Kelly Lumber company employe in logging camp No. 34, above Wendling, while the men slept, according to a report sent to Sheriff Taylor.

Because his wife had started divorce proceedings against him, August Fiedler, 52, shot and seriously wounded her and then turned the gun on himself and sent a bullet through his brain in the basement of the woman's home in Portland.

Plans of the United States coast guard to place seven new speedy cutters in waters off the Oregon coast before Christmas have been changed and Oregon may not get any of the cutters, now being built at Puget Sound shipyards, for more than a year.

The cost of irrigating lands in Oregon, based on the financial statements of the 43 irrigation districts organized in the state, ranges from \$1.24 to \$116.86 an acre, or an average of \$43.81 for 29 of the projects, according to a report filed at Salem by the state irrigation commission.

Returns received at the offices of the secretary of state from every county in the state indicate that President Coolidge received a total of 142,577 votes in this state at the recent election. Mr. Davis received 67,589 votes, while Mr. La Follette received 63,443 votes. Mr. Johns received a total of 917 votes.

The state highway commission has filed with the public service department application for permission to eliminate a grade crossing involving the tracks of the Southern Pacific company near Lakeside, Coos county, through the construction of an overhead crossing. The cost was estimated at \$27,600.

Oregon will help provide the Thanksgiving feast for President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. Ed Sunday, brother of the nationally known evangelist, Rev. Billy Sunday, forwarded by express from Hood River, a 22-pound gobbler, the fattest of a flock grown on the Odell country place of the evangelist this summer.

Bernard Keenan, 84, a stage driver in early days, died at the family home at Biggs. Keenan crossed the plains to the gold fields of California in 1857. In 1860 he followed the gold train to Boise, Idaho, where he drove stage until 1864, then removed to Walla Walla, where he continued his work, driving between Walla Walla and Pendleton.

Guy Christy, 20, was killed and Norman Hulick severely injured by the explosion of several .25-caliber rifle cartridges in the pocket of Christy while they were riding in an automobile about four miles east of Keating, and about 18 miles north-east of Baker. Christy died about 25 minutes after the explosion. What caused the accident is not known.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: John Wellbrook, Portland, \$12; Viola C. Tinker, Salem, \$30; Sarepta Miller, Hood River, \$30; Estella A. Tozier, Portland, \$30; Viola S. Kemp, Eugene, \$30; Loretta Pierce, Eugene, \$30; Samuel H. Richmond, Springfield, \$12; Charles Sharkey, Sumpter, \$15; Charles J. Lisle, \$12; Harry Rayburn, Salem, \$30; David E. Spencer, \$12.

Representatives of sawmills operating in northern California and southern Oregon and officials of the Nevada, California & Oregon railway have petitioned the forest service to open large tract of timber south of Lakeview, in the Pandango district, to private sale. This tract, containing more than 800,000,000 feet of standing timber, recently was withdrawn by the government to be held for large scale operation.

The Eastern & Western Lumber company, of Portland, preparing to log its holdings of about 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in the southern part of Clackamas county, awarded a contract to James P. Clarkson, a Portland railroad contractor, for construction of 21 miles of standard gauge railroad for use in bringing logs to the Portland mill. The new railroad line will start from and connect with the Willamette Valley Southern railroad at Molalla.

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There is so much trouble caused in this world by folks who cannot or will not see any other viewpoint than their selfish own that it is a wonder we still permit the bull headed to run at large without a herder.

This is the time of year when we appreciate the cheerful guy who tells a joke while holding the door open.

"Ain't nature grand", exclaimed the old man on Thanksgiving, upon taking a nip of the sweet cider put away the first of the month.

We recommend all careful buyers to read the ads these days before going Xmas shopping. The stores that advertise think enough of you to invite your patronage. You will make money accepting the invitations of our advertisers.

"ENCORE"
Frenchmen who hear American "bester-goers" demanding "encores" must be considerably surprised. "Encore" is used in French to mean "another." The French audience who wish a number repeated shout "bis," which means "twice." "Bis" is also used in music when the chorus of a song is to be repeated. "Encore" is an example of the change in meaning which frequently accompanies the Americanization of words.

Thanksgiving Reveries and Queries

Thanksgiving is the first of America's own holidays. As the earliest to be set apart its observance runs through the whole history of the nation. Like most other distinctive features of our American order of life it sprang up out of the local soil. It was at first and for many years colonial. It became national only as its observance spread from town to town, from colony to colony, from state to state.

While it has a historical interest all its own, Thanksgiving is identified with no single event, no special occasion, no definite date in our history. It recalls no single act, as does "Independence day." It commemorates the name and service of no man, as do the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. It is not shared with other peoples as are Christmas and New Year's Day identified with all.

The American Thanksgiving day is identified with the soil we till, for whose harvest we give thanks. It is, therefore, identified with the toil and the toilers whose tillage and productive labor, inventive skill, constructive and distributive enterprise feed, clothe, shelter and develop our own people and many of their kith and kin in the old fatherlands across the seas. "Thanksgiving" is another and greater Labor day. It recalls and calls forth all kinds of effort by all classes of people. It merges the common product of the common toil, for the national possession of which the President and governors of the whole people call upon them to thank their Father-Creator and the good providence of the Great Provider. In this reminding us that our harvests are the joint product of Mother Nature, the children of men and Father God, Thanksgiving is first of all the American people's expression of grateful appreciation for their "country"—its land and waters, its fertility and beauty; for our great out-of-doors nature, its response to human effort, to man's discovery and his working with natural law. Thanksgiving is, therefore, nature's harvest-home holiday.

Celebrates Entire Year.
And yet it celebrates the full round year. While held after harvest, Thanksgiving does not let us forget the seed and sowing of the springtime, the plowing and weeding of the summer as vital to the all-inclusive process of reaping. Moreover, and above all, in this linking soil and skies, earth and the heavens, it is the Day of Remembrance of the Father of us all, as the great giver not only but as the greatest worker, with whom we may work and who works with all for the common good. "My father worketh hitherto and I work," said the greatest of the sons of God and the children of men.

These reveries awaken queries, also. Abraham Taylor declares, in the Chicago Daily News. They spring from the sincerest recognition and most appreciative acknowledgment that the American people are and always have been, a composite race, and that adopted citizens from many lands have done very much to make America what it is. The early history of the United States interweaves fine, strong strands of English, Scotch, Celtic, French,

Spanish and Jewish life, with not few or feeble negro traits, and toils, and some relics of Indian and old Mexican civilization. The human conquest and amazing development of this new continent cannot be accounted for without crediting much to the toil and many other enrichments of the Latin, Slavic and southeastern European immigrants. Contributions to our culture in art and philosophy and to our cultivation of the land and our commerce of the sea come from the older civilizations of China, India and Japan.

Founders of Country's Faith.
Foundations of America's faith were laid by pilgrims and cavaliers, Catholics and Protestants, each in its own way, yet all to the same great end. They are merely listed here as queries raised by our Thanksgiving reveries, their discussion being reserved for timely opportunity. Their mere statement, however, makes bold the undoubting faith and hope that these, and all other problems of American life, can all and only be solved and settled by the spirit inspiring Katherine Lee Bates' great patriotic hymn that breathes the soul of our American Thanksgiving:

O, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain,
America, America,
God send His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O, beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life,
America, America,
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness
And every grain divine.

Holiday of the Home.
Thanksgiving is a day sacred to the home. More of it is spent at home than at church, in family reunions than in public assemblies, in serving the needy, the lonely, and the homeless than in formal services of worship. Its sanctuary is the thoughtful, thankful heart more than the house of worship. Who that has lived in any of our oldest colonial states, especially in New England, can ever forget, or fail to have a glow of heart at every remembrance of the real home Thanksgiving day as observed on the soil from which it sprang? At the very mention of it, what visions reappear, of the long preceding preparations for it at the old family homestead; of the letters flying forth and back between the old folks at home and the scattered young folks in their new homes, or transient abodes; of the railway station platforms and cars thronged by merry home-bound children-of-older-growth, and children's children; of greetings at the threshold of the old farm house or village home, mingling the smiles and laughter of the living with tears or silent, sorrowing, undying yearning for "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still"; of the bountifully laden, beautifully decorated family table, with America's fatted turkey as a "welcome home," instead of the "fatted calf" of ancient days.

National Development.
In the truest American homes the Thanksgiving family reunion is all that Robert Burns sang of "The Cotter's Saturday Night," and still more for being more joyous, though no less religious for all that. And there are Americans, not a few, who feel deep down in their hearts for their own country what the Scotch singer sang of his: "From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs."

CECIL NEWS

Cecil Gets Heavy Rains and Sunny Days for Crops Growth — Ships Turkeys to Markets

Jackie Hynd and Clifford Driscoll returned to Heppner Sunday ready for their studies at Heppner high after spending a delightful time on the Hynd farm over the week end.

Mrs. Alf Medlock of Rockcliffe, spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends in Morgan.

John Kelly prominent sheepman of Heppner was in Cecil on Friday looking after his sheep which are feeding on Willowcreek.

Mrs. H. V. Tyler of Rhea Sliding was visiting her sister Mrs. W. Dufur at "The Cot" on Sunday.

Oral Henriksen of the Moore ranch and his brother Clifford of Pendleton were busy this week measuring hay at their ranch near Ewing.

Roy E. Stender of Seldomsen and J. E. Crabtree of Cuckoo Flat were in Cecil on Friday busy with shipping of Turkeys to Portland markets. Roy is delighted with all the heavy rains we have had lately. He has 100 acres of wheat just beginning to come thru and will be busy seeding more since the rains have put the land in good shape.

Horace Van Scholack of The Dalles was visiting his sister Mrs. Geo Krebs at The Last Camp ranch Wednesday and Thursday.

Four or five bands of sheep belonging to Snythe Bros of Arlington passed through Cecil during the week all enroute to their winter ranges.

W. A. Thomas of "Dotheboys Hill" took a few hours off work on Sunday to visit his Cecil friends and learn the latest news of the day.

Miss Helen Farnsworth of Rhea Sliding was visiting Miss Josie McEntire at "Killarney" on Wednesday.

Ed Reisman, prominent wheat farmer of Ione was calling in Cecil on

Wednesday of this week. Dick Logan and Harry Smith of Four Mile were putting on a small Round-Up at Cecil on Wednesday in trying to harness some mules. Miss Myrtle Chandler of Willowcreek was calling on Miss Annie C. Hynd at Butterfly flats on Tuesday. Walter Pope of "Hillside" visited at the County seat on Thursday to have some dental work done. Max Gorfkle and brother Sam of the army and navy store at Pendleton were business visitors in this part of the county during the week.

Robert Lowe son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe arrived at Cecil on Friday and will spend a few days visiting before returning to his studies at Benson Polytechnic school in Portland. J. J. McEntire of Killarney is busy with the erection of a radio at his ranch home and he intends to do a little listening in during the winter.

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