CREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Gur Readers.

The Port Orford Agate Carnival was

held last week. Seaside's eighth annual dahlia show

was held last week. Riddle will hold its annual chrysanthemum show this year in October.

The annual Salt Cairn carnival will be held at Seaside Saturday evening. prescribed by the interior department. Seven sawmills within the immediate vicinity of Lebanon are running

full capacity. Pendleton's federal building will be ready for occupation between Septem-

ber I and 15. Boyd L. Erickson of Dayville has been appointed state fire warden for

Grant county. Plans have been completed for holding a Harvest Festival in Albany October 12, 13, and 14.

While working in a field, Ewald Snyder and Guy Haynes escaped from the reform school at Salem.

Happy Canyon, Pendleton's pioneer "town," which exists only during the Round-up, has been incorporated.

That the watermelon crop in Douglas county will be bigger this year than ever before is the belief of the

Oregon has received river and harbor appropriations amounting to \$1,-760,000 at the hands of the present congress.

B. F. Crum, veteran of the Civil War and commander of J. W. Geary Post. Grand Army of the Republic in Eu-

gene, is dead. Richard K. Fox offers to give an allgold belt this year for the Round-up championship at Pendleton September 21, 22 and 23

Harold Smiley was instantly electrocuted at Corvallis while painting the roof of the Mechanical Hall building

of the O. A. C. The federal farm loan board plans to visit Portland next month to investigate as to a site for a federal farm loan bank.

Apprehension is expressed by the public service commissioners that the car shortage situation would become acute in a few days.

There were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week, a total of 314 accidents, of which none was fatal.

The post office department announces changes in location of postoffices at Ballston, Polk county, and

Siletz, Lincoln county. Governor Withycombe, State Fish and Game Warden Shoemaker and the fish commission spent several days

on Coos bay last week. Employes of the Southern Pacific from almost every Oregon city and town on its lines attended a picnic at

the Salem fair grounds Tuesday. Average daily attendance in the Portland schools for the year ending June 30, 1916, was 35,209, according to

the forty-third annual school report. Preparations for the building of a \$26,000 concrete grain elevator and cleaning plant in Pendleton have been

begun by the Farmers' Grain Agency. A new course of study for the commercial departments of high schools of Oregon has just been published by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

Secretary Daniels has instructed the commander of the Pacific fleet to assign a vessel to Coos Bay for Jubilee week if circumstances at the time will permit.

The Bartlett pear picking season is now in full swing at Medford and all indications point to a \$1,000,000 pear and apple crop for the Rogue river valley in 1916.

Figs are ripening in the yard of August Rakel at Canemah, and the yield of the first crop of one of his trees, 5 years old, will be at least a bushel and a half.

Joseph Buchtel, nearly 86 years old, Oregon ploneer of 1852 and ex-sheriff of Multnomah county and chief of the old volunteer fire department, died at his home in Portland.

Fire destroyed the chapel of the Old Soldiers' Home in west Roseburg, together with its contents. Commandant Markee estimates the loss at \$5000 with partial insurance.

A second lieutenancy in the United States army is open, by competitive examination, to all graduates of the Oregon agricultural college who are

not over 27 years of age. The interstate commerce commis-

sion has again postponed the date when its order in the Astoria rate case will become effective. It was set to become operative September 15, but the date has been changed to Novem-

With wheat mounting higher and grain sack prices keeping apace, Baker county wheat growers are puzzled as how to handle their bumper crops. now just ready to harvest. Sacks have advanced to 15 cents apiece here, so that growers believe that much of the advanced price of the grain will be · Prainated in the net profit.

Representative Sinnott's bill for relief of Sherman county settlers has been signed by the president. Regulations governing payments will be

county full blast. Reports from crops already threshed indicate that the yield this year will be much larger than any previous output from this

Oregon's bees will manufacture \$90,-000 worth of honey this year, according to estimates of O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, who has just completed a survey of the bee indus-

A total of 31,056 automobile licenses have been issued during the period from January 1 to date, the increase over last year's total being 7471. Applications for licenses come in at an average of about 60 per day.

Cooperation between Eugene and Klamath Falls in an attempt to secure a commercial highway from Klamath Palls via Eugene to Florence on the coast, from funds provided by the Shakleford bill, has been assured.

At a cost of approximately \$1,000, 000, the Port of Astoria has constructed, at Smith's point, at the west end the Astoria peninsula, docks, wharfs and warehouses that are not to be excelled on the Pacific coast.

A fight in an effort to retain for Lane county revenue from taxation of Oregon & California railroad grant is planned by the bureau of taxation of the Eugene chamber of commerce.

Work has been started on a road penetrating the Cascade national for are just and reasonable. The hearing est as far as the foot of Cooper's spur, on the northeast base of Mount Hood, and before snow flies in late autumn it is expected the route will be com-

Sums paid for securing signatures to a nominating petition for a prifor office, Attorney General Brown held in an opinion for Secretary of

State Olcott. Salaries paid teachers of Klamath in the state during the year ending in June, according to the annual report from County Superintendent Peterson, the average for men being \$102.20 and

The contest for the election of a queen of the Astoria Regatta, who will be one of Astoria's fair daughters, is in progress and fill close August 23. Each of the cities and towns in the Columbia river district has been invited to name a maid of honor.

Otis Wait, of Rickreall, announces that he has been offered and has accepted the position of farmer at the state penitentiary at Salem, made vacant recently by the removal of Mr. Humphreys by Warden Minto. He will assume his new duties September 1.

The fish and game commission has decided to close the mouth of the Rogue river to commercial fishing and stop the fishermen's war. There will be a hearing at Gold Beach next Friday and a "dead-line" will be established 500 to 1500 feet from the river's

The first loganberry season has ended at Sheridan, and according to the growers it was a very successful season. The entire crop of the Sheridan yards, approximating 250 tons, was manufactured into juice, and the juice contracted for as it came from

The Oregon Flax Fibre company is installing machinery at Turner under the direction of the company's expert, E. J. Hansett, of Belgium, an author ity on flax growing and fibre manufacturing. The plant will work the flax in the Turner vicinity into fibre, which will be sold to Eastern linen

The 1916 wheat crop of Oregon has a value of \$13,097,230, according to the bureau of labor statistics. Values of nine other products are estimated as follows: Corn, \$1,998,000; oats, \$5,412, 000; potatoes, \$5,000,000; barley, \$2, 447,500; peaches, \$272,000; pears, \$510,000; quinces, \$8000; rve, \$418,000; apples. \$3,216,000.

September 15 has been designated by the public service commission as

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the time for holding a hearing to delands amounting to \$80,000 annually termine whether or not the rates charged by the American express company for the transportation of milk, cream and dairy products in the state

will be held in Portland. Claims of delegates for their expenses to national party conventions cannot be audited by the Secretary of state, Attorney General Brown has advised Secretary Olcott. Failure of the legislature to provide an appropriation mary election do not come within the for payment of party delegates' exlimitation of expenses of a candidate penses, it is pointed out, makes it impossible to pay their expenses for attending the conventions.

Examiner Disque, of the interstate commerce commission, will conduct county were the highest of any county hearings at Portland on October 6 in the cases of the Astoria Box company vs. North Bank railroad, and the Portland Traffic & Transportation company vs. the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, on October 9. He will conduct a hearing at Portland in several cases in which the traffic and transportation company is the complainant against the railroads.

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