

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

A volunteer cadet corps is being organized at Pendleton high school.

Bodies of chrome iron have been tapped on Canyon mountain, near Canyon City.

E. M. Hill's large blacksmith and wagon shop was completely destroyed by fire at Dufur.

To run the city of Portland during 1917 will cost \$3,373,007, according to budget estimates.

The thirtieth annual conclave of the grand commandery, Knights Templar, was held at Corvallis.

Aggregate resources of the banks of Portland have gained \$8,144,691.03 during the last two months.

Plans are under way for a large sawmill at Shippington, a suburb of Klamath Falls, on upper Klamath lake.

The third sawmill for Bend, the second or twin mill of the Shevlin-Hixon company, began operations Thursday, employing 200 men.

An elaborate irrigation system with a capacity of furnishing water to 2000 acres of alfalfa land will be constructed soon near Riddle.

Mrs. Ella Graven shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Minnie E. Graves, and herself in her mother's bed at their home in Portland.

Frank Alciata, engineer at the Chandler hotel at Marshfield, was instantly killed when a gasoline tank he was soldering exploded.

The Copper King mine in the upper Grave creek region of Jackson county is being equipped with a concentrating plant of 40 tons daily capacity.

David Alexander, an employee at the Western Cooperage company's camp on the Klaskanine river, in Clatsop county, was killed by a falling tree.

Representative N. J. Sinnott, of The Dalles, is confident that the 640-acre provision for grazing homesteads will be adopted as soon as congress reconvenes.

The annual convention of the Oregon congress of mothers and parent-teacher associations will be held at The Dalles for three days, beginning October 12.

Claims on niter deposits have been filed upon by George Grizzle, O. D. Cravens and Fred Morley of Klamath Falls, the claims being located in upper Lake county.

Fire destroyed the Perry & Jeldness sawmill, three miles north of Halfway, together with 600,000 feet of high-grade lumber, the bunkhouse and the blacksmith shop.

With crowds unequalled by those of any previous fair and exhibits which were pronounced the best of any state fair in the west, the state fair at Salem ended Sunday.

Because there are no available cars for handling wheat and all Pendleton dealers are loaded with wheat they cannot move, the Pendleton wheat market is at a standstill.

Governor Withycombe granted a conditional pardon to Richard Thomson, an escaped convict, after Thomson had walked into the executive's office and surrendered himself.

The new education building at the university of Oregon at Eugene is complete in every detail, except the furniture and interior finishing touches on the two upper stories.

According to the annual report of the Western Union Telegraph company, filed with the public service commission, its net income for the year ending June 30 was \$12,143,873.30.

Captain Peter Jordan, vice-president of the Callendar Navigation company and for fully 35 years one of the best-known shipping men in the lower Columbia river district, is dead at Astoria.

A new record for the importation of liquor was made in September, when 22,200 packages were received in Multnomah county, according to the affidavits filed at the county clerk's office.

Leslie M. Scott, H. H. Johnson, and George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon state historical society, marked the route of the old Oregon trail from Oregon City across the Cascades last week.

By filling his way through the bars, and descending to the ground by means of a rope woven from a blanket, Otto Matheson escaped from his ward on the second floor of the state insane asylum at Salem.

E. E. Coovert, one of Portland's

most prominent accountants, was one of the leading workers in many of the recent leading movements in state development, is dead, following an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. B. T. Galway, of the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture, has arrived at the Oregon agricultural college to cooperate with college experts on the introduction of blight resisting pear stock from China. Experiments with the new stock will be carried on at the southern Oregon experiment station at Talent.

If the state military authorities will organize an aviation corps in connection with the Oregon national guard, an aeroplane for use by the corps will be presented to the state by the Portland chamber of commerce.

At a recent meeting of the county court of Wheeler county it was decided to submit to the voters of the county at the coming regular election the question of an \$80,000 bond issue for the building of permanent roads.

A black bear that had cost the ranchers of upper Floras creek, in Curry county, \$200 during the past month, was hunted down and killed by C. C. Anderson, a homesteader. The animal had killed 40 sheep and goats.

On complaint of N. A. Tibbets, a granite salesman representing the Blair Granite company, of Grants Pass, warrants for the arrest of 14 Portland monument dealers were issued in Portland on a charge of violating a municipal anti-trust ordinance.

The claim of Peterson & Johnson against Clatsop county for work on grading the portion of the Columbia highway between Astoria and Westport has been settled by the county paying the contractors \$38,002.41. The original claim was approximately \$87,000.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation designating October 9, the anniversary of the Chicago fire, as Fire Prevention day in the state, and urging that on this day an organized effort be made throughout the state to encourage a campaign that will lessen fire hazard.

The onion growers in the Sherwood district have withdrawn from the Confederated Onion Growers' association and organized an association of their own for the handling of this year's crop. The Sherwood district will produce about 125 cars of onions this year, a third of the state's crop.

On account of the storms that swept the forests of Clackamas county last winter, uprooting valuable timber, the assessments for the year will total \$50,000 less than last year, according to a statement by the county assessor. Millions of feet of timber, according to the appraisers, were destroyed.

The state land board has granted another extension of time to Jason C. Moore, of New York, in which to deposit a bond of \$25,000 with the state to insure his carrying out the terms of his lease of Summer and Abert lakes in central Oregon, fixing December 15 next as the final date.

Three of the 318 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending September 28 were fatal. They were Ole W. Carson, Springfield, killed in logging operations; John Smith, of Linnnton, killed while trespassing on railroad property, and I. Tamura, of Stevenson, killed in railroad operations.

Revenues of the Southern Pacific company for the fiscal year ended June 30 were the largest in the history of the company, according to the annual report to the stockholders. The gross earnings during the year were \$152,694,228.19, surpassing the previous high record of 1913 by nearly \$10,000,000, and an increase of \$22,828,553.10 over last year.

The state board of control has appointed Bishop W. T. Sumner, ex-United States Senator Fred W. Mulkey and L. J. Wentworth, representative in the legislature from Multnomah county, all of Portland, as members of the commission to investigate conditions at the state prison and make recommendations as to segregation, new buildings and other matters.

Experiments in the culture of broom corn, conducted at Albany and Oregon City for the last two years, have satisfied L. B. Agsten that this crop can be made a profitable addition to the state's agricultural resources. Mr. Agsten now has between 15 and 20 acres of broom corn ripening at Oregon City, which he believes will yield him between three and four tons.

The state board of control has instructed Secretary Goodin to notify the California Cotton mills, of Oakland, that it would dispose of the state's crop of flax tow for 7 cents a pound, F. O. B. Salem. It is estimated

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there will be 50,000 pounds or tow available for sale. The California Cotton mills recently offered to buy the state's crop of scutched flax for \$440 a ton.

Announcement of the purchase of about 330,000,000 feet of timber in the Oregon national forest from the government for \$350,000 has been made by John W. Palmer, a Hood River orchard owner and former president of the Western Lumber company. The timber is chiefly Douglas fir and lies on the upper west fork of Hood river. A mill, with a capacity of 200,000 feet daily, will be built to handle the output.

It appears to be extremely probable that Oregon will not be able to draw this year the \$70,000 which has been apportioned as her share of the federal appropriation under the federal aid road act which became a law last July. This is because of the inability of the state highway commission to meet the requirement of the department of agriculture that a concrete plan of highway improvement be submitted covering the five-year period during which federal aid is to be extended.

Items of Interest

S. H. McElmurry, residing south of Independence, has, through his attorney, applied to the board of equalization to increase the assessment of the Siletz railroad.

Two jitney drivers in Independence answering to the name of Wilson quarrelled one day last week over the right of way. One drew a revolver whereupon the other struck out with his fist, connecting with the bespectacled eyes of the other. When the matter was threshed out in the justice court each was assessed \$10.

Some of the Independence hop pickers evidently thought they had something coming beside their wages. Farmers thereabouts complain that some of their potatoes are missing from the fields.

Miss Etta Stonehocker and Arthur Elkins of Buena Vista were married recently.

E. E. Paddock of Independence has declined to accept the nomination for justice of the peace.

E. R. Ostrom is hauling lumber for a silo.