

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Abrams Brothers' sawmill at Crawfordville was burned last week.

The Oregon Retail Jewelers association met in Dallas Monday for a two days' session.

The greatest irrigated crops in the history of Klamath county are now being harvested.

Charles Hixon, of Antelope, committed suicide near Antelope by slashing his throat with a razor.

Thousands of young sheep are being sold by Baker stockmen because of the high prices asked for hay.

The women's state golf championship will begin at Gearhart-by-the-Sea on Monday morning, August 13.

Several dairy cows belonging to farmers of Gresham have died recently from the effects of some poison.

The Coos county court is threatened with recall proceedings by citizens of Myrtle Point, on a charge of extravagance.

All forest fires are now under control, and most of them have been extinguished, according to State Forester Elliott.

Lottie and Esther McGuire, aged 13 and 9, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGuire, of Siletz, drowned while bathing in Siletz river.

Governor Withycombe has re-appointed J. M. Cramer of Portland, and J. T. Notz of Baker, as members of the state veterinary board.

The Oregon State Baptist Young People's union and summer assembly opened at the state fairgrounds at Salem for a 10 days' session.

Mum-Sow, the aged widow of Five Crows, one of the famous Indians of the Northwest, died at her home on the reservation near Pendleton.

Fire put the Fremont plant of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company plant out of commission and put small cities west of Baker in darkness.

Work has been started on the construction of the horticultural by-products building and the veterinary hospital for the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

C. A. Harris, 44 years old, an employe of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, at Black Rock, fell 40 feet from a bridge, receiving injuries from which he died.

The excavation at the Port of Astoria grounds for the new million-bushel bulk grain bins is about complete and work is in progress driving the foundation piling.

Representative Hawley has urged Secretary Lane to expedite issuance of patent to the state of Oregon for the Saddle Mountain park transferred by a recent act of congress.

Oregon's new law governing automobiles throughout the state, doubling license fees and making several other important changes, became effective Wednesday, August 1.

By the middle of August, at the latest, all road work contemplated by the state highway commission for this year will be going ahead in full blast, State Highway Engineer Nunn announces.

The halibut sloop Spray returned to Newport from a two and a half days' fishing cruise with about 11 tons of halibut and nearly three tons of black cod. This is the best catch reported this season.

Close to 12,000,000 pounds of wool, the product of spring clipping in the northwestern states, and equal to or greater than the entire clip for the state of Oregon is stored in warehouses in Portland.

Rugg Bros., chief owners of the Nunemaker Sheep & Land company, have sold to Patrick Connell 5000 acres of land on Rhea creek, the consideration being \$56,000. The land is located 11 miles southwest of Heppner.

Congressman Hawley is being by the Indian office that his request has been granted for an early distribution of the Siletz funds. The payments to be made aggregate \$12,000, which gives each Siletz Indian \$30.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of livestock has been killed by poison in Klamath county within the last few months, according to the report of a federal investigator, and the I. W. W. are blamed for the loss.

An auction sale of monkeys, deer, elk, bear and other animals is in store for Portland. Plans have been formulated by Mayor Baker for thinning down the number of animals at the zoo because of the high cost of liv-

A resolution was made by Governor Withycombe that on November 1 Chester A. Morris, of Portland, will assume the duties of private secretary to the governor, to succeed George Palmer Putman, who resigned recently.

C. E. Coe, superintendent of the Roseburg Indian offices, announces that he is making plans to hold a sale of Indian allotments on September 25. The lands to be sold are located in northern California, Curry county and central Oregon.

Out of 450 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission during the week from July 20 to 26, inclusive, two were fatal, these two being J. N. Kelly, McMinnville, railroad operation; Denver Marsh, Jacksonville, railroad operation.

An alarming car shortage is reported by the public service commission, which is receiving daily reports as to the number of cars available in the state to meet the needs of shippers. The shortage has been climbing daily during the past week.

A convention of the Willamette division of the Women of Woodcraft Circle will be held in Dallas, August 2 and 3. Thirty-three lodges from the six Willamette valley counties will be represented and over 100 delegates are expected to attend.

Governor Withycombe has announced his plan for keeping Oregon free from labor disturbances by the creation of a board of conciliation and arbitration to which would be submitted all difficulties which might arise between labor and capital.

An estimate was received by the public service commission from C. F. Porter, chief grain inspector for the commission, that the estimated wheat yield for the state of Oregon this year is 11,400,000 bushels, or but 60 per cent of last year's wheat crop.

A deed was filed for record at Astoria whereby the Youngs River company sells to the Crown Willamette Paper company 4555 acres of timber land, located in the upper Youngs River district. The consideration named in the deed is \$450,000.

Because of the danger of fire from discarded lighted cigars or cigarettes, Public Service Commissioner Corey has written the superintendents of all the railroads of the state, suggesting that temporarily they put screens on the windows of all smoking cars.

According to reports received by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, from his force of deputy wardens, forest rangers and other sources, there will be plenty of deer when the season opens in district No. 1, which includes all of western Oregon.

Pronouncing the service of the Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company insufficient and unreasonable, the public service commission has issued an order requiring the company to provide the citizens of Oswego with pure water and an adequate service.

"Silver Leaf," an orchard disease, has been discovered in the Winston orchards at Roseburg, the first appearance, it is believed, of the pest in the United States. It is known in England, New Zealand and Canada, and invariably kills the fruit tree attacked.

Governor James Withycombe of Oregon and Governor Moses Alexander of Idaho held a conference at Portland, on the initiative of Governor Alexander, who had requested the Oregon executive to meet him for the purpose. Neither would discuss the subject of the conference.

The effective work of the Citizens' Defense League, working in co-operation with the officials, seems to have brought a decided check to the I. W. W. activities in Klamath Falls, and a wholesome respect for the incensed people of the community has been established. There is talk of erecting a stockade.

Farmers and other growers of potatoes, if they have access to water, may very materially increase yield, quality and profits of the potato crop by proper irrigation. Based on 10 years of experiments in potato irrigation, the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station has collected extensive and valuable data.

A million gallon reservoir, in addition to the present 2,000,000 gallon reservoir, to be built especially for fire fighting purposes was one of the most important recommendations made to Mayor Walter Keyes and William McGilchrist, chairman of the fire prevention committee of Salem by the state fire marshal's department.

The public service commission has issued orders suspending the proposed advanced tariffs on intrastate coal shipments in Oregon on the Southern Pacific, O. W. R. & N., Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon Electric, Pa-

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EVERYBODY IS FALLING INTO STEP - BILL POSTERS BILLBOARDS ARE BEING READ

and Eastern and United Railways. The tariffs, under the orders issued, are all suspended until November 1, or until such time as hearing can be had.

Counting road construction, bridge building and other work turned over to the highway commission by the various counties of the state for overseeing, the commission has on hand work aggregating the sum of \$2,200,000, which is nearly as much as the commission has done heretofore since its organization in 1913. There is now under way or in proposals called for an aggregate of work in excess of \$1,600,000.

Several thousand Belgian families, who are war refugees, will be transported to Oregon for colonization purposes if plans outlined to Governor Withycombe by James Slevin, an American representing a Belgian colonization organization, materialize. Mr. Slevin closed a deal for 562 acres near Dufur for 250 families and his mission was to obtain information from Governor Withycombe as to where other large bodies of land for colonization might be available.

WE TO SIGH INSTEAD OF SING.
By James Whitcomb Riley.
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"RAIN and rain, and rain and rain!"
Yesterday we muttered
Grimly as the grim refrain
That the thunder uttered:
All the heavens under cloud;
All the grasses limply bowed
With their weight of weeping.

Never end of sighing
Rain and rain for our reply—
Hopes half drowned and dying,
Peering through the window-pane,
Naught but endless wailing—
Endless sighing and, as vain,
Endlessly complaining.

Shine and shine, and shine and shine!
Ah, today the splendor!
All this glory yonder and mine—
God! But God is tender!
We to sigh instead of sing
Yesterday, in sorrow,
While the Lord was fashioning
This for our tomorrow!

THE CLASSICS.
LET me always read the classics.
There are bardings of a day,
Fames from twilight unto twilight,
But the classics ever stay.
Of the mountains and the voices
And the multitudinous ocean,
And the city filled with men—
Voices of a deeper meaning
Than all drippings of the pen.

YES, the mountains are a classic,
And an older word they speak
Than the classics of the Hebrew
Or the Hindu or the Greek.
Dumb are they like the classics,
Till the chosen one draws near,
Who can catch their inner voices
With the ear behind the ear,
And their words are high and mystic,
But the chosen one can hear.

AND the ocean is a classic.
Where's the scribe shall read its
word,
Word grown old before the Attic
Or Ionian bards were heard?
Word once whispered unto Homer,
Sown within his fruitful heart,
And he caught a broken message,
But he only heard a part.
Listen, thou; forget the babblings
And the pedantries of art.
—Samuel Walter Foss.

Six steel steamers, each of 8800 tons deadweight, will be turned out at Portland for the republic of France, four contracts having been closed with the Northwest Steel company and two with the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation.

The chamber of commerce of Grants Pass has arranged, subject to the approval of State Fire Commissioner Harvey Wells, for the conducting of classes in fire fighting methods to teach constables of rural towns and villages modern methods of handling fires.

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The Blue Book
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"An interesting table showing the approximate registration by sexes under the several political parties is also included."

RADISHES AND LETTUCE.
Attractive Additions to the Table of Any Household.
(Prepared by United States department of agriculture.)

Lettuce does not withstand heat well and thrives therefore in the early spring or late autumn. In order to have the leaves crisp and tender it is necessary to force the growth of the plant. The usual method of growing the plant for home use is to sow the seeds broadcast in the bed and to remove the leaves as rapidly as they become large enough for use. It is better, however, to sow the seeds in rows fourteen to sixteen inches apart, and when the plants come up to thin them to the desired distance. With the heading type this should be about twelve inches apart. This will result in the formation of rather compact heads, and the entire plant may then be cut for use.

Radishes are so hardy that they may be grown through the winter in cold frames in the latitude of Washington and farther south in the open ground. In the north they require hotbeds, but can be sown in the open ground as soon as the soil is moderately warm. They should be planted in drills twelve to eighteen inches apart and thinned slightly as soon as the plants are up. On a quick, rich soil some of the earlier varieties can be matured in from three to four weeks after planting. If the plants are allowed to remain long in the open ground the roots loose their crispness and delicate flavor, and in order to secure a constant supply successive plantings should be made every two weeks. One ounce of radish seed is sufficient to plant 100 feet of row. A large percentage of the seed germinates, and if the sowing is done carefully later thinning may be unnecessary. The first radishes to appear may be pulled as soon as they are of sufficient size, and this will leave enough room for those that are a little later. The plant is not suited to hot weather, but should be planted in the early spring and late autumn.

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