

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

The Grant county fair will be held at John Day, September 27 to 30, inclusive.

Bond's bonded indebtedness has been decreased \$33,221 in the past year and one-half.

The annual summer session water carnival at the Oregon Agricultural college is scheduled for July 21.

Two persons were killed and 313 were injured in automobile accidents in Portland during the month of June. The Ladies of the Invisible Empire is the name of a new organization which filed articles of incorporation at Salem.

September 2 has been announced as the day on which the cornerstone of the million-dollar Elk's temple will be laid in Portland.

The forest fire situation in the Tillamook country is becoming rather grave, according to the latest reports received from there.

With the cherry harvest nearing completion Wasco county is now turning its attention to the wheat, and harvesting has started.

The huckleberry crop in the Blue mountains this year will be unusually large, according to Floyd Kendall, United States forest ranger.

Although the highways of the state were crowded with motor vehicles July 4, less than a dozen arrests were made by state traffic officers.

Forest fires along the line of the Tillamook branch of the Southern Pacific have handicapped passenger and freight service to some extent.

H. J. Overturn of Bend, whose appointment as an appraiser for the Spokane farm loan bank was recently suspended, has been reinstated.

Shipment of lumber from Bend during the month of June was at the rate of 367 cars a day, a new shipping record for the industry there.

The biggest three-day celebration ever held in Union county was held at Elgin. Eighty horses participated in the races before 3000 spectators.

The Roseburg city council has put into effect an emergency ordinance limiting the loads of trucks operating through the city to 400 pounds to each inch of tire width.

Valuation of imports in the Oregon district for five months ending with May, according to official tabulations, were \$3,194,247, as compared with \$1,406,846 for the first five months of 1921.

The average grade for all milk distributed within the city of Portland is as high as that specified by law for certified milk, according to Dr. D. W. Mack, chief dairy and milk inspector.

Men above the age of 18 years outnumber women in Portland above the same age by 1841, according to figures which have just been released by the department of commerce at Washington, D. C.

D. L. Hamilton, aged forty-two, died at Klamath Falls from injuries received when a logging truck upset, crushing his body and pinning him beneath a stream of boiling water from a burst radiator.

A statewide association of poultrymen probably will be organized at the national convention of instructors and investigators in poultry husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural college this month.

Because of the increasing distance between mills of the Brooks-Sonnet Lumber company of Bend and the logging camps, a new 16-ton Baldwin locomotive has been added to the company's transportation facilities.

Lack of cherry and berry pickers is hindering operations at the canneries of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, and may cause a loss of a great deal of fruit on account of allowing it to become too ripe.

The big sawmill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Wendling was totally destroyed by fire last week and it was with difficulty that the planer and other units of the plant, as well as the whole town, were saved.

A total of 164 teachers were required to instruct the 1921 children enrolled in the Union county schools during the year ending last June, according to the annual report prepared by Mrs. A. N. Trushoff, county school superintendent.

Because of the damage resulting to mountain roads from the open circuit on automobiles, Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, will go before the legislature at its next session and ask that the traffic laws be amended so as to curb this evil.

Steve Kitch, alias James Owens, and John Kaithe, slayers of Sheriff T. E. Taylor of Umatilla county in 1916 paid the penalty for their crime on the gallows in the state penitentiary at Salem. Kaithe was the first of the two men to mount the gallows.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending July 6, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victim was A. N. Garrett, salesman, of Portland. A total of 448 accidents were reported.

Warning was issued to smokers at Bend by Fire Chief Carlson against throwing away lighted cigarette stubs near any inflammable material. The warning was given after six small fires in sawdust and dry grass had been extinguished in the south end of town near the big pine millling plants.

All of the state institutions, with the exception of the school for the deaf, probably have on hand sufficient money to handle their operations until the close of the present biennium, according to reports prepared by the superintendents of the institutions and submitted to the state board of control.

There had been registered in Oregon up to the night of June 30 a total of 109,001 motor cars, 2425 motorcycles, 423 dealers, 8801 chauffeurs and 194,152 operators, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The total receipts from the license fees for the first six months of the year 1922 aggregate \$1,942,378.

Plans for the submission to the voters of Portland at the coming general election of a \$1,000,000 bond issue to pay for the immediate erection of a bridge across the Willamette river, near the lower end of Ross island, were made by a joint committee representing seven south and southeast Portland communities interested in the erection of such a structure.

Dismissal of proceedings before the public service commission of Oregon on the ground that it lacks jurisdiction, was sought by defendant railroads in the rate case brought by eastern Oregon farm interests in an attempt to obtain a lower rate on alfalfa hay shipments to western Oregon dairymen. Commissioners McCer, Corey and Kerrigan denied the motion for dismissal.

The voters of Oregon, when they go to the polls at the general election next November, will be confronted by seven proposed constitutional amendments and two initiative measures. This was announced by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, when the time for filing completed petitions for the fall election expired. All of the petitions presented were accepted subject to rechecking by the state department.

Umatilla county's wheat crop will be approximately five bushels short on the 200,000 acres in grain this year, on account of the recent heat wave, according to the best authorities who have checked the entire county. This is a loss of a million bushels and will make the crop about 1,500,000 bushels short of the bumper crop of last season. Conservative estimates place the crop in Umatilla county this year at 4,000,000 bushels.

Because the officers of Jackson county have failed to prosecute alleged "night mobs" for outrages committed there a few months ago, Governor Olson addressed a letter to I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, instructing him to take charge of the cases in question, present any evidence that may be assembled to the grand jury, and in case of indictments, proceed with the prosecution of the persons charged with the offenses.

Some winter wheat has been cut in Oregon, but although the hot weather is hastening maturity, harvest has not yet become general, says the weekly crop report of the weather bureau. Conditions are unfavorable for filling of wheat, but in some of the principal wheat-growing counties the crop has escaped serious injury. Spring wheat and oats, especially where sown late, are being materially injured by drought. Corn has responded well to the hot weather, but where not irrigated will need rain soon.

That a fleet of 10 purse sailing craft, the majority of them from Puget sound, is planning to start fishing off the Oregon and Washington coasts about July 25 was the information received at Astoria by Deputy State Fish Warden Larson. To be prepared to combat the operations of this fleet, the cruiser launch Phoenix, which has been chartered by the fisheries department to patrol the coast, will have a one-pound gun mounted on her bow and will be equipped with cage trawlers, so that the exact bearings of any fishing craft which encroaches on the three-mile limit can be taken.

Proposed legislation looking to the regulation of the slow driver as well as the person who would drive his automobile at an excessive rate of speed probably will be sought at the next session of the legislature. This was announced by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department. Mr. Rafferty said that the person who drives his automobile too slow on the state highway is a menace to traffic, in that he retards the speed of machines that may be following and cause the latter drivers to take chances that they otherwise would not attempt.

Oregon will have a larger potato crop this year than for many years past. It will amount to about 5,000,000 bushels and would have been still larger but for the long dry spell.

As a result of the slump in the strawberry market about mid-June, Hood River growers will receive considerably less for their 104 carloads of fruit this year than last season, when 55,000 crates brought an average of \$2.85.

The state limestone fertilizer plant at Gold Hill, which has been idle the last year, has resumed with a daily output of 100 tons. The plant is being operated by Ross & Shoemaker, under contract with the state on a cost-plus basis.

Government purchase of the Hahnemann hospital in Portland and its development as one of the important institutions on the Pacific Coast will be recommended by Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' bureau.

There was one fatality due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending July 13, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was D. L. Hamilton, truck driver, of Klamath Falls.

What the national forests mean to the stockmen is shown by figures for the 1922 grazing season compiled in the office of Supervisor Plumb, revealing the fact that 151,647 head of cattle, sheep and horses are allotted range on the Deschutes forest alone.

Hood River county, remarkably free from forest fires up to date, developed an epidemic of bad burns last week. The town of Wyeth was menaced by a fire three miles square and a serious burn was discovered on the ridge between Hood River and Mosier.

The menace of scabbies, which this spring was responsible for losses both in sheep and wool, is gone, so far as the three counties of Deschutes, Lake and Jefferson are concerned. There is said now to be little chance of re-infection unless from other states.

Education along safety-first lines, coupled with painstaking and courteous activities on the part of the traffic officers employed in the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department, have combined to reduce arrests for traffic violations more than half during the past 12 months.

Fifteen million pounds of dried prunes and 2000 pounds of green prunes will be handled through Salem concerns during the present season, according to estimates made by fruit experts. The value of the crop, figured on a basis of \$40 a ton for green prunes, is approximately \$1,200,000 to the growers.

Members of the Presbyterian synod in session at Corvallis released for publication a resolution or statement of belief signed by 25 leading pastors of the state, in which they declared themselves opposed to the measure on the next election ballot directed against continuance of privately controlled schools.

In co-operation with the predatory animal department of the United States biological survey, the sheep and goat men of Lincoln county met at Edgelyville Saturday to work out a plan of co-operative action with a view of eradicating the predatory animals from the sheep and goat ranges of Lincoln county.

Judge Robert Morrow in circuit court at Portland announced that he would allow a judgment amounting to approximately \$25,000 against the city of Portland in favor of five former employees in the department of public works who were deprived of their positions through an ordinance changing regulations.

The Willamette Iron & Steel company of Portland has received a contract for the construction of 8000 tons of steel pipe, 3 feet in diameter, put-locks and other equipment to be used in 1 1/2 miles of conduit to supply water to a new power plant which will be installed on the upper Clackamas river by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The contract calls for the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

The city of Portland refuses to pay the state's two-cent gas tax and will carry the matter to the supreme court if the state insists on collecting it. This announcement was made by City Attorney Frank Grant. The Standard Oil company recently submitted a bill to the city for the tax due on gasoline supplied the city. Grant bases his refusal to pay the tax on the grounds that the state has no right to tax itself or municipalities unless express provision is made for doing so through some statute.

One is dead and three seriously injured as the result of a wreck on the logging road of the George Palmer Lumber company near Union. William Palmer, 7 years old, was thrown on his head when a flat car ran wild, and was killed, his skull being fractured. James Palmer, the dead boy's father, suffered a broken shoulder and other injuries. Leonard Leslie, conductor of the train, was injured and Mrs. Palmer suffered injuries to her back. A number of others on the train were slightly bruised.

GERMAN ECONOMIC SITUATION IS BAD

France Marks Time. While Austria Shows Signs of Improving.

Washington, D. C.—German economic conditions are bad. France is marking time and Austria shows some signs of improvement, according to reports to the commerce department from its representatives in those countries.

Failure of plans for foreign loans has brought about the new period of currency depression in Germany.

As Four Horsemen Ride In Coal Fields



The four horsemen are stalking in the coal fields of the United States, despite the seeming unconcern of the nation for an early settlement of the strike. Congress, War, Finance—and Death—those are the silent riders which mine families are facing hourly in the struggle between operators and miners. Even while President Lewis of the United Mine Workers was in Washington, conferring with Secretary of Labor Davis—(below), and later with President Harding, riot was ruling at Herrin, Ill., where forty were killed and many wounded before order was restored. Above is shown all that was left of the power house at a strip mine in Herrin, Ill., after dynamite and the torch had been applied. President Lewis refused to agree to plans proposed by President Harding and Secretary Davis to end the strike.

It was reported, but German industry in general is profiting by the decline, as it gives a new opportunity for dumping abroad and for increased inland sales. Many industries, however, are hampered by lack of coal and rising labor costs. French exchange was said to be steadily declining, but employment increasing, and the general industrial situation has shown no important development during the past month.

Slight improvement in the Austrian economic situation was seen. The serious conditions arising in June on account of exhaustion of British credit and delays in other credits has not materially improved, but exchange is coming back slowly and the situation is clearing up slightly with the final granting of the French credit and the actual receipt of 20,000,000 francs.

Dunk Soudman, a rancher and cattleman of Sumpter valley in Baker county, reports the loss of four cows killed from eating trash that had been dumped out when officers destroyed stills discovered in the valley.

Organization of a motor corps by the Oregon state motor association, an essential large corps of vehicles to Portland from time to time, is requested in a letter sent to A. H. Lee, president of that organization, by Mayor Baker.

The Robber farm, where all the buildings were wrecked. The property damage on this farm is estimated at \$12,000. Trees were torn up and crops badly damaged.

HONEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

Here was young Jim Jones just went into his back garden to see how his grape vines were coming along, and every one of them was dead—not a leaf in sight. He was sure he had doped the whole thing out so he would have a wonderful grape juice crop this year. He got the finest vines, planted them with the greatest care, and then gave them a dose of manure he was sure would make them come up great. In the winter months he dug around them, and gave them more manure to keep them going through the cold spell. "Burned up," remarked old Jake when he saw them. "Ain't nothin' better'n manure, but too much kills. Plants are like humans. Grapes most of all—grow best when they have to fight, and don't get rich food too easy."

COINAGE TO BE SPEEDED

Philadelphia Mint is Ordered to Hurry Up Output.

Philadelphia.—Orders to speed up the coinage of silver dollars to replace part of the \$300,000,000 sold during the war as bullion to England have been received at the Philadelphia mint. Fifty thousand are to be coined daily and shipped to Washington for deposit in the treasury vaults. Silver certificates will be issued against them. The mint has approximately 45,000,000 ounces of silver bullion on hand.

Out of a total coinage of 81,093,075 ounces of silver in the fiscal year closed June 30, there was a wastage of only 1689 ounces, officials announced. This was but 2 per cent of the wastage permissible under the law.

Dye Makers Lose Fight in Senate.

Washington, D. C.—Dye manufacturers of the country failed in the fourth phase of their fight to have the existing dye embargo and licensing system continued after the coming into force of the administration tariff bill. The senate by a vote of 38 to 32 struck out provisions of that measure under which the embargo would have been continued for one year and might have been extended for any part of an additional year, at the discretion of the president.

Dallas, Or., Lumber Yard Burned.

Dallas, Or.—Fire destroyed 300,000 feet of sawed lumber in the yards of the Willamette Valley Lumber company here. The loss was about \$300,000, fully covered by insurance.

FINGERPRINT BOSSY'S NOSE



Just are the days when the old ranch smells of burning flesh as the boys stamp home the brand of "Circle X." No more will bossy have to submit to a painful week.

Tornado Sweeps Nebraska Farms. Bloomfield, Nebraska.—Several persons were injured, two seriously, when a tornado tore a path through the farming community six miles west of here. The storm center was at

