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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers

Multnomah county's road budget approximates \$575,000 for the coming year. According to the registration books there are 13,816 registered voters in Jackson county. Budget estimates of the Port of Portland commission for 1923 aggregate \$1,160,316.83. The registered Jersey sale of the herd of 24 head of William MacBride, west of Shedd, brought \$5160. The new high school building at Gates is being completed and will be ready for occupancy in about 30 days. The fourth annual Clackamas county Oddfellows district convention will be held on Saturday, October 21, at Canby. Miss Elizabeth Merrill has been elected librarian of the Albany public library to succeed Mrs. Viola P. Franklin, resigned. A midnight fire swept the creamery, bottling and ice plant of Ramey Brothers on their large dairy ranch at Seapooose. Oregon traffic violators were fined a total of \$2363.75 during September as a result of arrests made by state traffic officers. The Oregon potato crop this year is officially estimated at 4,830,000 bushels, or 960,000 bushels more than was produced last year. All the young Chinook salmon from the Klaskanine river hatchery have been released, about 150,000 of them being planted in Big creek. For the first time in the history of Marion county the registration this fall passed the 20,000 mark, the books showing a total of 20,500 voters. A marked increase in receipts and a heavy decrease in expenses were shown in the quarterly report of the state industrial accident commission. Fruits and farm crops of Umatilla county will have a total valuation this year of approximately \$7,500,000, according to Fred Bennion, county agent. Pendleton was selected as the next meeting place of the grand commandery, Knights Templar of Oregon, which met in annual conclave at Roseburg. Eleven and one-half barrels, or the equivalent of 46 sacks, of cement were stolen from the State highway camp six miles west of La Grande recently. The 39th annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union met at McMinnville with more than 100 delegates in attendance. The prune crop in the Gaston district was unusually large and all the prune dryers have been running night and day at full capacity to take care of the crop. The assessed valuation of property in Lane county this year, exclusive of that of the public service corporations, is nearly \$1,000,000 greater than that of last year. Shipments of lumber from the Mill City plant of the Hammond Lumber company for the month of September totaled 4,500,000 feet, breaking all records for the past 18 months. The Oregon Lumber company, the logging camps of which recently were closed down at the headwaters of the west fork of Hood river, because of labor trouble, has resumed work. Umatilla county has about \$50,000 as a part of its school sinking fund which it invests in real estate mortgages at a better rate of interest than the districts are paying on the bonds. The Salem Commercial club has passed into history. By an almost unanimous vote of the members it was decided to change the name of the organization to the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Marked improvement in the condition of the 230 state and national banks operating in Oregon is reflected in a report issued by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, for submission to Governor Olcott. Phillip Warren, Indian, 31 years old, was acquitted by a jury at Dallas which heard the evidence in his trial for the murder of Grover C. Todd, federal prohibition officer, at New Grande Ronde on the morning of September 3. F. F. Hinshaw of the United States geological survey and J. F. Portridge and P. V. Crawford of the California-Oregon Power company are on a trip up the North Umpqua river to obtain information on the power possibilities of that stream. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has there been such rain in Gilliam county at this time. All farmers have been enabled to get busy seeding fall wheat and a good stand is assured for harvesting in 1923. Green grass has started on the sheep ranges, which were devoid of vegetation. A wet fall in eastern Oregon means a prosperous year for both farmers and stockmen.



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ORGANIZED LABOR IS FOR THE BIG SHOW

Portland—Organized labor will make a special campaign on behalf of the proposed constitutional amendment which will permit Portland to tax itself in excess of the six percent limitation to finance the 1927 exposition. Otto R. Hartwig, president of the Oregon Federation of Labor, proposes to visit every county of the state between now and election day, November 7, for the purpose of urging labor organizations to support this measure. "More extensive development of Oregon will add to its prosperity," says Mr. Hartwig in discussing his proposed tour, "and we firmly believe that the 1927 exposition will be the means of bringing to Oregon more people and more money for the more rapid expansion of all lines of endeavor." "Organized labor is not interested in the 1927 exposition merely from the point of view that it will create a large amount of profitable employment during the construction period;

but it does feel that with the attraction of more people to this state will increase general prosperity, and that prosperous times mean better conditions for labor. We feel that every clerk, hod-carrier or common laborer, as well as the skilled artisan and the man of means who comes to locate in Oregon is adding to the state's prosperity and will aid in its development, and that an increased population will create demands for larger outputs in our industrial plants and through our various channels of production, so that organized labor will be directly benefited in every part of the state. "It is for these reasons that we are urging united support for the measure which will permit Portland to levy a tax of \$3,000,000 on itself for the financing of the exposition. Portland asks the rest of the state to give her this privilege, and I believe that organized labor, as a body, will recognize the advantages that will come to it throughout the entire state if the exposition plans are permitted to go forward without delay."

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PRUNE MARKET IS IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Salem—"Oregon and the prune industry are to be congratulated upon the present buying mood of the trade," says N. J. Newhouse assistant general manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. "If it continues for any length of time, it will mean the cleaning up of Oregon's great tonnage now safely harvested. According to a published statement by a well known packer in the northwest, about sixty percent of this year's crop has been sold to date. "The selling of the relatively large tonnage still in the hands of growers and packers was beginning to be a problem. The complete cleanup of the crop at fair prices to the growers, under the present unsettled conditions in Europe, will be a great boon to the industry. "Published rumors to the effect that this buying flurry is caused by

the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association overselling from four to five million pounds is ridiculous to any one familiar with conditions. "While the very early estimates will not be realized, the wonderful drying and harvesting weather is saving every prune in Oregon, and increasing numbers of growers report increased tonnage. "Not only has the association filled its large canned and green prune orders a hundred percent, but it could not be oversold the amount published if it did not receive another dried prune. "It's nine large packing plants are running night and day, and twelve additional warehouses already have had to be rented to take care of the great tonnage. From all indications, the association will be in the market again later when its early orders have been taken care of. "The association is glad to see the firmer prune prices, not only because

it facilitates deliveries, but it benefits the entire state and justifies the work of the association in early opening up new markets for our large tonnage. "Carload sales have been made by the association in eighty-one markets. "This wide distribution is one of the reasons for whatever demand there is at the present time. "The estimates as to the harvested crop of prunes have not been changed since last week, or as made several weeks ago. It will run to about 60,000,000 pounds for the Salem district—that is, for western Oregon and Clarke county, Washington. Mr. Newhouse said that the number of markets heretofore supplied with Oregon prunes has been about forty; and the increase of 103, as stated above, surely shows the results of good and hard work. Gates getting a fine new high school building.



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