

## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### Brief of Resume of Happenings the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Explosion of an abandoned carbide tank fatally injured Tod Foster, 17, son of Fred Foster of the Ochoco project, four miles north of Prineville.

Andy Willis of North Powder was appointed water master of water district No. 3, including Union county and the North Powder river country.

Stock fire insurance in force in Oregon December 31, 1925, totaled \$683,968.868, according to a report prepared by Will Moore, state insurance commissioner.

Jake Niebert, Stayton, reputed to be a well-to-do farmer, was fined \$50 at Albany after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to give animals sufficient feed.

Portland claims the oldest bride in America. Mrs. Mary Jane Jenny, 91, was married to George H. Goehler, 79, at the home of the bridegroom's granddaughter.

Warrnton high school won the debating championship of western Oregon by defeating Grants Pass, 2 to 1, on the subject of free text books in Oregon schools.

Arthur Coffey of Cloverdale obtained the contract for a new school building at Neskwon. Coffey's bid was \$3700. The plans call for a modern one-room school.

The first ripe cherries of 1926 were reported by W. R. Bailey, Mill Creek orchardist in The Dalles district. The cherries are ripe several weeks ahead of schedule, it was said.

The Salem city council, at a meeting there, authorized the Salem street car company to substitute busses for street cars on what is known as the Commercial-Fair Grounds line.

Salem canneries have announced that they will accept no cherries this season infected with the cherry maggot. Cherry growers will meet May 18 to discuss control of the pest.

A southbound Southern Pacific logging train of 40 cars was derailed last week in what was reported to be one of the worst wrecks ever experienced on the Weed-Klamath Falls-Kirk line.

The Oregon federation of women's clubs closed its 26th annual convention in La Grande with election of officers, making Mrs. G. J. Frankel, prominent Portland club woman, head of the state federation.

Seven thousand more automobiles are using the bridges across the Willamette river in Portland this year than traveled them last year, according to a traffic count just completed by O. Laugaard, city engineer.

A severe electrical storm south of Baker Thursday afternoon brought death to Toney Hupprich, 44, and for a short time terrorized ranchers of the entire Bear valley section, many of whom had never seen its equal in Oregon.

Lloyd Carver, 20, "jitney" driver at the plant of the Westport Lumber company, was burned to death last week when baby clothing hanging behind a stove caught fire and caused destruction of the Carver home at Westport.

Independent fishermen of the upper Columbia river filed in the state department at Salem an initiative bill prohibiting the taking of salmon from any stream in the state of Oregon by use of fish wheels, traps, seines, trolls or trammel nets.

Another bond issue to provide funds for extension of the Eugene water mains to outlying districts is being discussed and plans are being laid for calling an election, according to Carl A. McClain, superintendent of the city public utilities.

The heavy rains of last week brought smiles of satisfaction to railway men and bankers of Portland. Freight traffic representatives almost in chorus referred to it as a "million-dollar rain," and financial men spoke of it with enthusiasm.

Operating income from the Oregon lines of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company during 1925 totaled \$4,423,789.32, according to the annual report of the corporation filed in the offices of the public service commission at Salem.

Rains on the Umatilla national forest, mixed with the snow, have done much to assure plenty of range for cattle and sheep this spring and summer, according to J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor. Grass in the low hills had been drying up before the rains.

The postoffice department notified Representative Nicholas J. Sinnott of The Dalles that the contract for delivery and collection of mail between Condon and Prairie City over the John Day highway under a new fast schedule has been awarded Lewis Woldenburg of Canyon City, veteran delivery postfactor.

### GOVERNOR PIERCE IN DEFENSE OF PAROLES

Much adverse criticism has recently been voiced on the number of pardons granted by Governor Pierce during his administration. So much misinformation has been given publicity by his critics that the following statement of facts will doubtless be appreciated by the public generally.

The power to issue pardons, reprieves and commutations is placed in the Governor's hands by the Constitution of the State (Sec. 14) and such powers are further defined in section 1714 of the General Laws. Pardons are provided for by statute Section 1723, Chapter XVIII.

To most people these various terms are confusing and all acts of executive clemency are generally incorrectly called "pardons."

A parole is not a pardon. It simply provides for certain offenses and first offenders, that when one-half the imposed sentence has been served, upon the recommendation of the Parole Board, the convict may serve the last half of the sentence outside the penitentiary under the supervision of a parole officer. Such prisoners are subject to be returned inside the prison walls at any time during such parole at the will of the Governor. This humanitarian measure is the outgrowth of fifty years of study and investigation by prison officials and criminologists. The sentences imposed by judges are made with a full knowledge of the provisions of the parole law. Instead of the parole law operating to make it easier for offenders, the records actually show that in over 3500 cases checked at the Oregon State Penitentiary the convict actually served 28 days longer under the parole system than under the old system before the Parole Board was established. The facts are that the courts impose longer sentences now, and the unserved portion of the sentence under parole is held as a check over the man until the full time is up.

Pardons are of two classes,—full pardons and conditional pardons. A full pardon restores a convict to full citizenship and wipes out all the sentence against him. Conditional pardons are granted with certain conditions set forth therein with which the prisoner must comply, but failing to comply with those conditions he is to be returned to serve the remainder of his sentence. These conditions may be anything possible of performance and are wholly within the Governor's power to prescribe.

Reprieves are simply a suspension of the sentence imposed for a certain period of time. They do not in any way relieve the prisoner of the final effect of the sentence.

Commutations are a change of the sentence imposed and are usually exercised to shorten a sentence. A commutation has the effect of ending the penalty at the end of the time set in the commutation and automatically restores citizenship.

Remissions mean a lessening or a removal of the fines imposed.

COUNTY JAIL CASES: There are 36 counties in Oregon and every county jail has its quota of prisoners, many of the jails being crowded. Sentences frequently call for several months imprisonment and in addition thereto a heavy fine. This is right. Lawlessness must be curbed. But, when a sentencing judge and district attorney find in some case that the prisoner after serving his jail sentence is absolutely penniless and unable to pay his fine and, in addition, his family is in destitute condition and being supported by county funds or by charity, the sentencing judge and district attorney have recommended that the man be released in order to earn money to support his family and that he be allowed to pay the fine in installments. The Governor has granted clemency upon such recommendations in many cases, usually with a Conditional Pardon or Reprieve, either of which would be revocable at any time the man failed to comply with the specified conditions.

In the forty months of Governor Pierce's administration, a total of 283 such county jail cases have been handled with some form of clemency, and only 6 of these cases were granted outright pardons. 3 sentences were commuted, 54 partial remission of fines were made and the balance were reprieves or conditional on fines being paid in installments after jail sentence had been fully served. This relieves the taxpayer of the expense of keeping such prisoner idle in jail laying out a fine at the rate of \$2.00 a day. In such cases such time would amount to two or three years.

PENITENTIARY CASES: From the Penitentiary, which is under the exclusive control of the Governor, he has exercised his right of clemency in 139 cases since his administration began, in January, 1923.

When he took charge of the Penitentiary there were approximately 400 inmates. The records of the Penitentiary show that, on an average, one man is received and one discharged each day. The number of inmates varies from 450 to 550 constantly. In forty months there have been approximately 1200 admissions. This, with the original 400 he received, makes 1600 cases under the Governor's management. It is thus seen that in only one case out of twelve clemency of any kind has been exercised. Only four of those were full pardons, each granted after a most exhaustive investigation and after Governor Pierce was fully satisfied and convinced there had been a miscarriage of justice.

The Governor has granted 10 reprieves to convicts. He has allowed some men to return to their homes for a few days to attend funerals. Recently, he granted a fifteen day reprieve to a man in order that he might be at home with his wife during her confinement, there being several small children to be cared for during the mother's confinement and the family was destitute being at the time county charges.

There have been 37 cases of commutation of sentence. Those cases were fully investigated, passed upon by the parole board and reviewed by the Governor. Here is one such case: A white man, an ex-soldier, serving a seven year sentence for statutory rape, the victim being a minor girl, had served one-half his sentence. An investigation revealed that nearly eleven months after the charged date of the offense the girl gave birth to a baby which was plainly of Philippine blood. The man had made his defense that a Filipino was the father of the unborn child. This, the girl denied on the stand. Her condition was plainly apparent to the jury. They convicted him. He was sentenced for seven years, and had served one-half of his sentence. The child was located and brought to the Governor's office. It was plainly of dark-skinned blood. The girl's mother made a sworn statement that when the child was born her daughter confessed to her that the man serving time "never had anything to do with her." The Governor commuted the sentence and released the man.

The remainder of the penitentiary

cases were Conditional Pardons. Some were granted to prisoners who had made good records at the institution and had showed signs of real reformation. Some twenty-five cases were for deportation to foreign lands. A few were on account of incurable diseases.

Some states have a Pardon Board which hears all cases and relieves the Governor of much burdensome trouble and nerve racking pleas. Governor Pierce, personally, hears all cases. He personally investigates and passes on each case according to its individual merits. It is utterly impossible for the public to judge the full merits of any individual case unless they could have all the cir-

cumstances, details and facts before them as has the Governor in every instance.

W. A. DELZELL,  
Secretary to the Governor.

As the campaign progresses the signs on the political horizon seem to point to Haney and Clark as the successful candidates for United States Senator representing their respective parties.

Frederick Steiwer, candidate for United States Senator made the News a pleasant visit Monday. When asked about the political situation he stated with a good broad smile that there was nothing for him to complain about.

F. E. Boner has just received a fine line of new fishing tackle, and Kodak supplies.

Mrs. Gladys Graham of Seattle is visiting with her relatives the Schock family this week.

Double Stamps on all purchases and money paid on accounts at the People's store.

The Artisans held their card party last Wednesday evening. There was a fine attendance. Miss Theima Sunderland and Mr. Gohring received high honors at cards for the evening and Lillian Schmidt and Dave Eschleman received consolation prizes. This party closed the series until fall when the card parties will be held again.

Mrs. F. A. Darrow and daughter Miss Alta were shopping in Portland on Saturday.

## VOTE FOR Alfred E. Clark of Portland

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Paid Adv.-Alfred E. Clark for U. S. Senator Campaign Committee

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Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



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P. P. S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



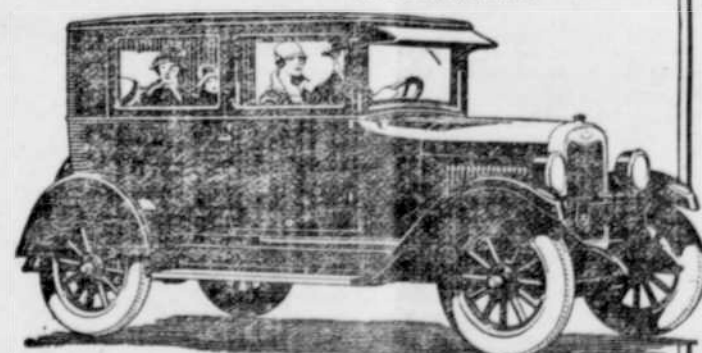
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