

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

A meeting was held at the Mill City garage last Saturday night for the purpose of organizing the Mill City Gun club.

Eugene's first radio broadcasting station is being installed at the Eugene hotel and will be in operation in about 10 days, it was announced.

R. Roux, fireman at the main Coos Bay Lumber company mill, was killed when he was caught in an avalanche of sawdust and chips in the fuel bin.

Meacham, midway between Pendleton and La Grande, was the coldest town in Oregon during the recent cold spell, the mercury dropping to 32 below.

The Eugene woolen mills has an annual payroll of \$109,000 and employs 80 persons throughout the year, according to Carl Koppe, one of the owners of the plant.

A monument in honor of the men of Clatsop county who fought for the United States during the Spanish war will be erected on the Clatsop county courthouse grounds next spring.

Thirty-eight government hunters worked in Oregon during the month of November and took 359 coyotes, 47 bobcats, one bear, eight badgers, eight skunks and 12 porcupines.

The population of Oregon farms decreased from 214,021 to 210,288 in the five-year interval between 1920 and 1925, according to supplementary figures from the census bureau.

The Pleasant school house, one mile east of Silverton, was destroyed by fire last week. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered and all the contents were lost.

Alice Sanders, an employe of the state department in Salem, was seriously burned when her clothing caught fire from a heating stove. The burns were confined to her back and left arm.

An order for 140,000 white cedar railroad ties has been received at North Bend from Japan. The order will be filled by the Coos Bay Lumber company and the Western White Cedar company.

Central Point's brick factory, located on the Pacific highway at the northern part of the city limits, and which has been idle for some months, is expected to commence operation within a short time.

The Salem chamber of commerce recently launched a movement to obtain a radio broadcasting station for that city. The station would have a power of 100 watts and would serve both Marion and Polk counties.

The Four-L hall at Westport, reputed the finest along the lower Columbia river, was burned to the ground last week, with loss estimated at \$15,000, covered by insurance. Rebuilding is considered probable.

At the first session held in six years the county treasurer of Oregon, numbering 15, reorganized their association at a meeting in Portland recently by re-electing for president D. G. Drager of Salem, treasurer of Marion county.

Nine tracts of timber, located in Coos, Lane and Linn counties, were sold at Roseburg by the government land office in a sale which aggregated approximately \$82,000. All of the tracts sold were originally Oregon and California grant lands.

F. A. Patterson, 91, pioneer of Oregon and father of Governor-elect L. L. Patterson, died at his home in Independence last week, deprived of the pleasure of seeing his son ascend to the highest office within the gift of the people of the state.

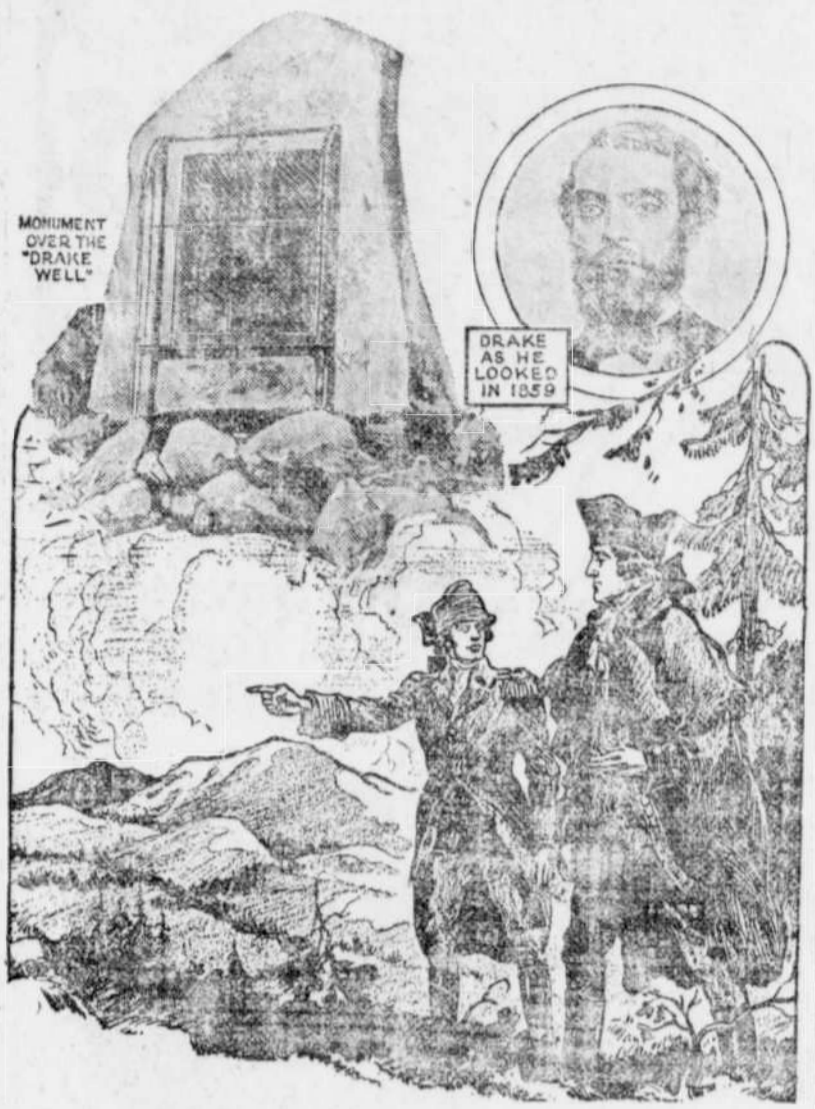
The board of regents of state normal schools, by a vote of five to four, selected La Grande as the location for the new state normal school which was created under a measure approved by the voters of Oregon at the last general election.

Opposition to the proposed plan of establishing a game refuge for mule-tail deer in western Lake county has been encountered among land owners of the district, who maintain that the establishment of the reserve would tend to decrease property values.

A long-distance telephone message from John Maben, caretaker of Crater Lake lodge, reports that the snowfall has reached a depth of seven feet five inches in the Crater Lake National park. The snow is heavily packed and was still falling steadily.

Up to last week apple shipments from Hood River had reached 4041 cars, and estimates placed remaining stored stocks at 550 cars. The remainder of the apples of first grade late-keeping varieties will be held for the late market. The pear tonnage shipped to date reached 451 cars.

Washington's Early Adventures Now Assuming New Significance



By HENRY BOTSFORD

AFTER well nigh a century and three-quarters a new interest has recently been aroused in the earliest military adventures of George Washington. When barely twenty-one years old, in 1753, Washington was sent by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia into the far northwestern wilderness...

The French at that time occupied Canada and claimed the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. Though the fringe of English speaking colonies along the Atlantic contained the chief European population, France maintained sovereignty over most of North America's area.

Region's Wealth Known Pioneers and missionaries, English, French, German and Dutch, had all reported to their governments that the petroleum was of great potential value. There is, however, no reason to believe that Washington knew of its existence or value until his adventure of 1753.

"This tract was taken up by General Lewis and myself on account of the bituminous spring which it contains, of so inflammable a nature as to burn as freely as spirits and as nearly difficult to extinguish."

The Will of Washington Some historians declare that in an earlier will Washington dedicated this "burning spring" to the public. At any rate, it had passed from his ownership before his death.

Although Washington's first knowledge of petroleum was gained within a few miles of the place where the first oil well in the world was drilled, that first well was not opened until one hundred and six years later, 1859.

A Development Wonder Today the American industry is the major part of the world's oil business. Americans are directing oil developments all over the world. It is all part of the huge problem: to make sure that the tomorrows shall see America's requirements met.

In the days of Drake and the industry's beginnings petroleum's value lay in lubricants and kerosene. The age

of machinery was only beginning, with its insatiable demand for lubricants, while kerosene, though the best illuminant ever known, was dangerous because poor refining left gasoline that was liable to explode. It is difficult nowadays, when the world is being combed for more petroleum to make more gasoline, to realize that gasoline was once a nuisance and a menace.

High and Growing Demands

Today well-nigh 2,500,000 barrels of petroleum are required every day to satisfy the demand for motor cars, tractors, trucks, buses, artificial gas plants and the innumerable by-products. Invention is constantly finding new uses, as enterprise just as constantly finds new supplies of petroleum.

Roughly, 70 per cent of the world's petroleum industry is American. Ten billions of capital is invested in it—half the valuation of the national railroad system. It employs just about 1,000,000 people. The petroleum pipeline system, gridironing a good share of the country, aggregates about 85,000 miles.

A True Social Service

Perhaps the most nearly revolutionary result of Drake's modernization of the petroleum industry is to be found in the change it has brought in the life of rural America. It has carried the city to the country, the country to the city. It has, by making possible the cheap and quick transportation that everybody nowadays enjoys, enabled country and city to know and understand each other as they never did before.

It is a historic fact that the tendency toward division of interest and understanding between city and country is the most serious internal menace to the security of nations, to the integrity of society.

More than anything else, country and city need to know and understand each other and each other's problems. The easy transportation, the ready opportunity for association and acquaintance that have come with the Age of Petroleum have made possible, in this favored country at least, exactly this new intimacy and understanding.

LIGHTS INCREASE EGG PRODUCTION

There has been considerable argument for and against artificial lighting of poultry houses, some claiming that while lighting may increase egg production, the vitality of the birds are decreased thereby. The agricultural experiment station of New Jersey, which has made many experiments both with and without artificial lighting, states that it has been conclusively proven that increased egg production and better health are the results of artificial lighting of laying houses.

EGG ASSOCIATIONS INCREASE

Since 1913 there has been a remarkable growth in cooperative egg associations in this country. They are in 18 states, embracing about 70 associations, with about 50,000 members. Forty-eight associations handled 2,556,515 cases of eggs last year, at \$26,529,218, and it is expected that 1926 will show a large increase over these figures.

Exhibits at fairs by boys' and girls' club members are regarded by H. C. Seymour, state club leader, somewhat as the storekeeper's window display. Few persons recognize the vast amount of work and care back of the exhibits. Starting several months before the fair, the club members work diligently until the event.

HOME REMINDERS

Good looking garments are made by using the less worn parts of two garments. Plaids or checks are pretty combined with plain material, and silks with wool.

Since leather burns at a very low temperature, wet shoes are safely dried only in a place not too near a register or a stove.

Heat yellows silk, so a moderately warm iron is best for pressing.

A simple trimming suitable for children's garments is made on the sewing machine. The bobbin is wound with heavy mercerized or silk thread. The stitch on the machine is lengthened and the stitching done in the usual way except on the wrong side.

Pressing a wrinkled pattern before placing it on the material saves time in cutting.

Pinning a seam instead of basting it often saves time. The pins are placed at right angles to the edge of the seam.

Checking the size of a pattern before a garment is cut out saves time. The pattern is placed on the figure and pinned together at the seams. The length of back and front, width of back and front, shoulder length and neck size are adjusted to the figure.

Oregon's total assessed valuation of \$1,110,677,348, is \$26,060,000 above last year.

Last winter trappers captured 2,019 Oregon beaver, worth \$28,316.

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The new \$2,500,000 plant of the St. Helens Pulp & Paper company was completed and began operation last Saturday.

The city of Marshfield sold \$76,617 worth of improvement bonds to Portland buyers at a premium of \$33.50 a thousand.

Turkey growers of Vale expect to ship 3000 birds for the Christmas trade. About 1500 were sold for Thanksgiving.

C. S. Heinlins, who for the past four years has served as postmaster in Roseburg, has been nominated by President Coolidge for another term.

Budget appropriations totaling \$1,030,594 have been authorized by the Coos county court for 1927. This exceeds last year's budget by \$574,473.

The report of the chief of engineers recommends to congress an appropriation of \$34,000 for Tillamook bay and bar work for the year ending June 30, 1926.

Naomi, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fischer of Maupin, died in a Ross hospital as the result of swallowing concentrated lye three months ago.

A lynx two feet high and three feet long was trapped recently by "Brick" Whitehead on the north fork of Deep creek. It had five claws on its front feet and four on its rear feet.

Farmers of Malheur county are planning a rabbit drive, it being estimated that more than 150,000 worth of farm produce was destroyed in that county this year by the pests.

Due to depression in the lumber business, the Baker White Pine Lumber company has announced a 5 per cent reduction in the wages of all employes receiving more than \$3.40 a day.

Twenty-three people were killed and 458 others injured in 3212 accidents on the highways of Oregon during November, according to a report compiled by T. A. Rainey, chief of the state traffic squad.

Linn county's tax levy on the 1926 roll necessary to meet budget requirements, will be 27.1 mills, the same millage as the year before, according to the statement of the county assessor to the county court.

An air mail light has been installed 1 1/2 miles east of Haines. The light is a revolving type of 1000 watts. One light burns out another globe automatically is lighted. The light is visible at Baker, 11 miles away.

Following a public hearing in Hood River the county court and advisory board cut the tentative budget \$2,561.84 and set the county's assessment for next year at \$27,507.16, an increase of \$10,871.45 over that of 1926.

C. A. Reed, 48, switchman employed in the Spokane, Portland & Seattle yards in Astoria, was killed instantly when he was crushed by a 75-ton crane, which overturned on the main line near the Astoria Lumber company plant.

No deaths were recorded in the Cottage Grove district during the month of November, according to C. E. Frost, health officer, who has filed his monthly report. This is the first time that an entire month has passed without a death.

A rock of about 50 pounds weight crushed out the life of Basil Chambers, 32, at the Hauser Construction company quarry on Coos river. The rock loosened in the hill and came down without warning, striking Chambers on the head.

Lee Clark, rancher of the Hermiton project since 1919, was burned to death at his home when his clothes ignited while he was dressing near a red-hot stove. Mr. Clark was past 90 years of age and possessed all his faculties to a remarkable degree.

A large female cougar that had been preying on goats and young hogs of farmers southwest of Falls City for some time was shot and killed last week by Alfred Ferguson. It measured six feet six inches from nose to tip of tail and weighed 115 pounds.

Mrs. Henry Padjen of Sisters has traded 11 silver black foxes for a band of 250 sheep, according to word received from Bend. Mrs. Padjen is said to have raised the foxes, and her trade was made with a Lake county rancher. At present prices the sheep are valued at more than \$3000.

A proposed legislative measure providing for a super-irrigation commission, to be known as the state reclamation board, vested with broad powers, including authority to step in and manage the affairs of any irrigation district that is in default of any of its obligations, was considered recently at a meeting of the trustees of the Oregon reclamation congress in Portland.



A COMPANY of actors gathered on Gull Island off the coast of Maine, after a charity performance of "Twelfth Night." Some of them still in costume. No other people on the island save the caretaker of the great house and an old boatman. One of the company murdered. The victim's body lost in the powerful current. Who did it? That's what you will wonder. A real, a satisfying surprise.

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