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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fires in Oregon during June caused a loss of \$54,620.

The fifth annual Chautauqua opened in Dallas Tuesday.

Molalla's two-day celebration and round-up was a huge success.

The eastern Oregon state convention of Christian churches was held in La Grande.

Strawberries are growing so large in Harrisburg that 15 of them fill an ordinary berry box.

Actual construction on the Klamath Falls municipal railway commenced at Klamath Falls Friday.

The tenth annual three-day convention of the Oregon Chiropractic association was held in Portland.

Work on the new \$14,000 addition to the chapel of the Oregon normal school at Monmouth has started.

The next national convention of the Mu Phi Epsilon, national music sorority, will be held in Eugene in 1919.

Seventeen branches of the Red Cross society with a total membership of 1671 have been formed in Linn county.

Deer in the mountains have suffered severely from the long winter, says Charles Hoskins, an Echo sheepman.

The main railroads in Oregon have abandoned their attempt to get a 15 per cent increase in intrastate freight rates at this time.

The little town of Flavel was visited by a blaze which destroyed two frame buildings with the loss of approximately \$2500.

The American Home Economics association convened in Portland Tuesday, July 10, as a section of the National Education association.

Hood River has shipped 80 carloads of strawberries and it is expected that fully 100 carloads will be handled before the season closes.

Bids will be opened at Roseburg July 25 for the Douglas county road bond issue of \$555,000 authorized at the recent state election.

Boys in the state training school and girls in the girls' industrial school will assist in harvesting the berry crop of the Willamette valley.

The 25th annual convention, Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, began at Seaside Tuesday and will continue until Saturday night.

Reports received from growers in Marion county indicate that great numbers of pickers will be needed to handle the berry crop this year.

Announcement was made by A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, that the board has decided to put on an automobile show in connection with the state fair.

Experiments for the control of the onion mildew are being conducted by the department of plant pathology at the Oregon Agricultural college with promising results.

Complete figures compiled by United States Attorney Reames show that since war census day, June 5, 364 men of military age have been permitted to register at Portland.

A large cattle transaction took place when C. A. Gorley and Arch Wassom, of Harrisburg, purchased 1100 head of Durham steers from George Brown, of Corvallis for \$10,000.

Five meetings will be held in Linn county this week under the direction of the United States department of agriculture to teach farmers how to exterminate digger squirrels.

John W. Bowman, carpenter, shot and killed his wife and then sent two bullets into his own temple, dying almost instantly, at Pendleton. Friends said Bowman was jealous of his wife.

Chin Bing, the first of six alleged gunmen implicated in the murder of Billie Eng, an Americanized Chinaman, in the recent tong war, was found guilty of second degree murder at La Grande.

Fire prevention will be taught in the schools of Salem, and representatives of the state fire marshal's department will make a complete survey of the city, according to plans which have been outlined.

Several deputy state fire marshals have been sent to the eastern Oregon grain fields to aid farmers and warehousemen to give the fullest protection against fire that might destroy needed food supplies.

While there is yet little injury to the grain crops of the great wheat belt immediately tributary to Pendleton, farmers are beginning to be apprehensive regarding the effect of the heat on their crop prospects.

Miss Bertha Althaus, saleslady at the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg; Mrs. Alice Allen, a Roseburg nurse; W. J. Weaver, proprietor of the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg; J. M. Burt, traveling salesman for the John Deere Plow company, of Portland; E. L. Parrott, capitalist, and Floyd Miller, son of a prominent Dillard rancher, are suffering from injuries which they sustained when Mr. Parrott's car left the road and turned over at a point near Canyonville.

That the Belland law enacted at the recent session of the legislature to prohibit the sale of salmon caught in the ocean off the Columbia river during the closed fishing season is unconstitutional was the decision of Circuit Judge Eakin at Astoria.

While the number of automobiles in the state registered up to June 30 this year is greatly in excess of the number registered for the first six months of last year, the number of motorcycles has dropped off, according to a statement issued by Secretary Olcott.

Moving with expedition in its efforts to promote the state highway work, the state highway commission has advertised for proposals on a large amount of road work, the proposals to be opened July 20, at the office of S. Benson, chairman of the commission in Portland.

Net profit in total shipment of ore from the Blue Ledge mine near Medford during the last three months is between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in copper alone. The ore yields from \$5 to \$7.50 a ton in gold and silver, the net results in those metals being \$10,000 in the same period.

Since the workmen's compensation law went into effect on November 5, 1914, up to June 30, 1917, the receipts of the state industrial accident commission have been \$2,283,558.96, while the disbursements have been \$301,322.94, according to a financial statement issued by the commission.

Four fatal accidents and 352 non-fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Joseph Streimer, Portland, department store; James Adkins, Oregon City, trespasser; J. F. Cuddeback, Portland, construction; Paul Corchan, Clifton, logging.

Eighty tons of the 1916 crop of flax is now being put through the water retting process at the state penitentiary by Flax Manager R. Crawford. The 20 tons of flax which was retted last fall has been scutched and worked up into fiber of good quality. The 1917 crop, which is still growing, is reported to be in good condition.

N. Campbell, registrar of the Portland United States land office, has received a bulletin from Washington announcing tentative plans for the sale of five sections of Siletz Indian reservation land in Lincoln county. The sale will be held some time in August and will be public. The timber is mostly Douglas fir, and government cruisers gave an estimate of 170,620, 900 feet.

Scores of men, women and children will be needed to harvest the crops of Polk county this summer, and unless this demand is supplied, fully 50 per cent of the fruit and grain yield will be lost. Women, girls and boys to pick the heavy berry crop now fast ripening are especially wanted at this time, but steady work for an unlimited number of men from now until the middle of October or November is also offered.

Attorney-General Brown advises J. O. Erickson, district attorney for Clatsop county, that the theory upon which a justice of the peace in that county recently dismissed liquor cases against O. Sund and A. White is unsound. The attorney-general holds that all the state needs to prove is that the liquor came into the defendants' hands and that the burden is then shifted to them to prove that they secured such liquor in a lawful manner.

Dissatisfaction of the Klamath Indians culminated in a tribal meeting, at which Clayton Kirk, Charles Hood, Abraham Charley, Drumer David, Harrison Brown, Samuel Clinton and Superintendent Asbery were speakers. The Indians declared themselves capable of self-government and asked that some of their vast resources be made available for immediate use. Criticism of the present practice of the Government in dealing with the Indians was made and resolutions were adopted asking the government to give the Indians a chance.

Work of opening the central Oregon highway, which will extend from the Idaho state line to the sea, was begun last week, when a crew of engineers working under the direction of the state engineering department, pitched camp and started work on survey of the portion of the proposed road from Eugene to Deadwood, in the coast mountains. The three links of this highway will be the proposed road from Florence to Eugene, the road from Eugene through the McKenzie pass to Mitchell and the John Day highway from Mitchell to Ontario, on the Idaho boundary.

District Forester Cecil announced that approval has been given by the secretary of agriculture to co-operative road work in Oregon involving \$1,114,194, which is distributed to 15 projects. This amount is matched by the state, assisted in some instances by counties. The project on which co-operation is authorized by the secretary are as follows: McKenzie Pass road, Eugene-Florence road, Pendleton-La Grande road, Medford-Klamath Falls road, Ochoco creek road, Canyonville-Galesville road, Reedsport-Coos Bay road, Little Nestucca road, John Day road, Flora-Enterprise road, La Pine-Lakeview road, Pilot Rock-Prairie City road, Crescent-Klamath Falls road, and Zigzag road.

Secretary Olcott has sent out notices to all of the banks in the state calling their attention to the new law relative to bank deposits that escheat to the state. Under the new law, savings deposits do not escheat to the state until after the expiration of 12 years.

As a result of the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the 15 per cent freight rate increase cases Chairman Frank J. Miller of the Oregon public service commission expects the railroads in Oregon which have asked for 15 per cent increase on all intrastate freight rates to abandon their general applications and endeavor to get increases in the rates on certain classes and commodities, which might be able to stand higher rates.

Nine fatal accidents, out of a total of 429, were reported to the state industrial accident commission this week. The fatal accidents were as follows: John Lanto, Astoria, sawmill; Fay B. Barnes, Gaston, sawmill; Fritz Miller, Powers, logging; Charles Rapica, Sheridan, sawmill; Marion L. Sinnett, Bend, logging; Carl Carlson, Firwood, logging; Indian George, Hood River, railroad trespasser; E. Correll, Pendleton, railroad trespasser; Charles Walker, Coquille, railroad trespasser.

On their return from an inspection of the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation project on the Snake river, Attorney-General Brown and Superintendent of Banks Sargent were enthusiastic about the project. They went as members of the state bonding board to investigate the land relative to the certification of \$225,000 worth of bonds the district proposes to issue. Findings will not be drawn up for a few days, but the board, it is understood, will endorse the proposed issue. The project includes 54,000 acres, all watered by pumping, the pumping power being electricity generated from the water of the Snake river.

The culmination of Oregon's largest timber land deal of recent years, growing out of the option on the \$4,000,000 holdings of the Dubois Lumber company, granted to David C. Eccles, head of the Oregon American Lumber company, on January 24, awaits only the return of John Dubois, head of the selling company, from the east. Official notice that the option, which expired July 1, was to be concluded by purchase was given by Charles T. Early, of Portland, manager of the Eccles timber interests in Oregon, to J. K. Gamble, secretary of the Dubois Lumber company.

Attorney General George M. Brown, State Engineer John H. Lewis and Superintendent of Banks S. G. Sargent, the commission created by the irrigation securities law of the 1917 legislature, have just returned from a trip of inspection preparatory to putting the securities statute into effect for the first time. The irrigation securities act provides for the formation of irrigation districts by agreement and vote of the property owners within any designated and agreed boundaries. It also provides that districts may issue bonds, the same as school or port districts, to bring water to the land.

The coming session of the Willamette valley chautauqua, which opens July 10 at Gladstone park, will mark the passing of one of Oregon's famous landmarks. The old auditorium, erected 24 years ago, is to be abandoned, and the big programmes are to be held in a new \$6000 edifice.

Miss Helen Metzger, age 18, died at Portland from injuries received when an electric train hit an auto she was learning to drive near Gresham. Miss Metzger was the third of the occupants of the machine to die, S. E. Lindsey, her grandfather, having been killed instantly and his wife having died two hours later.

Final Notice

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for Yamhill county.

In the matter of the estate of F. T. Keyes, deceased.

To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that Laura B. Hardwick, administratrix, has filed her final account in said estate, and that pursuant to an order of the County Court, the 30th day of July, 1917, at ten o'clock a. m. in said county, and the County Court room in the County Court House in McMinnville, Oregon, is fixed as the place for hearing said final account and any objections thereto; and that publication thereof be made in the Newberg Graphic, once a week for four successive weeks prior to said time.

The first publication of this notice appears in the issue of said Newberg Graphic dated the 28th day of June, 1917, last issue July 26, 1917.

Laura B. Hardwick,
Administratrix of the estate of F. T. Keyes, deceased.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, A. E. Moore, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah J. Riley, deceased, by the County Court of Yamhill County, Oregon, and has qualified.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned administrator at his residence near Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon, or at the office of Clarence Butt, at Newberg, said County, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated June 14th, 1917.
A. E. MOORE,
Administrator of the estate of Sarah J. Riley, deceased.
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