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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The state normal school will reopen at Monmouth September 10.
A total of 2763 persons visited Crater Lake during the month of July.

Since January 1, this year, 43,866 automobiles have been registered in Oregon.

Corvallis has had a building growth this spring and summer that will total \$100,000.

K. Yokota, a Japanese ranch hand, was fatally hurt in a runaway accident at Hood River.

Oregon has an automobile to every 19 people, according to figures compiled up to August 1.

Yamhill county farmers are threshing a wheat crop that is averaging two-thirds of normal.

The Oregon Agricultural college has been rated by the war department as of "distinguished rank."

John Whitaker, a resident of Benton county since 1853, died at his home in Corvallis at the age of 74 years.

During the first six months of the present year Multnomah county has expended \$240,318 on highways.

Excepting in a few favored localities, young birds are declared a minus quantity in central Oregon this year by sagehen hunters.

No award has been made by the Port of Astoria for machinery for the new 1,000,000-bushel grain bins. Only one bid was received.

Freda, 12-year-old daughter of Poe Lafollette of Colton, was thrown from a rig and instantly killed in a runaway accident near Prineville.

The state highway commission has entered upon a new method of construction by agreeing to pay contractors actual cost, plus 12 per cent profit.

Since the organization of the state industrial accident commission, November 5, 1914, 25,652 accidents have been reported, of which 242 were fatal.

John McCurdy, 33 years old, was instantly killed at Beaver Creek ranch near Baker when the roof of a granary which he was tearing down collapsed.

The pastoral conference of the Oregon and Washington district of the evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri will convene in Salem, August 16 to 21.

An organization to promote the industrial and agricultural development of Clatsop county has been formed by 26 representative men of the county.

Yields of wheat in the vicinity of Roseburg show that fall sown grain is yielding far more than expected, although the spring sown grain is a heavy loss.

Sale of state hunting licenses has fallen way below the normal mark for this period of the season, according to State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker.

William M. Hilleary, of Brownsville, commander of the Oregon Volunteer Veterans' association and ex-master of the Oregon state grange, died at Albany at the age of 77.

Wood procured from stumpage will be used as fuel at the state hospital for the insane at least for the next two years, and at the state penitentiary for the next three years.

In spite of the fact that there is no established market, owing to unsettled legislation affecting grain, several lots of club wheat have been sold at Pendleton as high as \$2.25 a bushel.

William McAllister, a sawyer at the Spalding sawmill, located about a mile north of Selma, Douglas county, was shot by Ralph Turpin, a fellow workman, and killed. Turpin escaped.

According to the statement of the contractors, work will begin this week at different parts of the state on the paving and grading contracts recently let by the state highway commission.

Despite the damage of the long hot season, reports from the harvest fields indicate that the yield of Umatilla county grain will be a fair one. In some places it will be as good as in the past.

Pendleton has the distinction of having provided more men for the second officers' training camp than any other Oregon city except Portland. Eight of the successful applicants were from Pendleton.

With the draft machinery well under way, reports from all parts of the state to Adjutant General George A. White indicate that Oregon will be ready with her quota of 717 men September 1.

In lieu of the Josephine county fair, which has been deferred on account of war times, the merchants of Grants Pass plan a three-day harvest home festival to be held during the week of September 24.

Robert Owens, engineer of a logging locomotive, was fatally burned and logging equipment and two bridges of a logging road of the Oregon Lumber company was destroyed, when Hood River county experienced one of the worst forest fires in the valley's recent history, last week.

Attorney General Brown has been requested by the Smith-Powers logging company to investigate the sale of Jamaica ginger extract by grocery stores as the company says its men are using the stuff for booze.

The first installment of the half million trout fry that will be distributed this season in the waters of Umatilla county, was placed in the north fork of the Umatilla, near Meacham, and at Bingham Springs.

Captain L. L. Pendleton of Vancouver Barracks has announced the names of 131 Oregon men who are successful applicants for the second reserve officers' training camp to open at the Presidio, San Francisco, August 27.

A marked increase in the number of pupils who entered high school after completing the elementary grades is shown in annual reports of county school superintendents of Oregon now being filed with State Superintendent Churchill.

In the belief that their fellow-countrymen cannot rest in peace in their present graves in Lone Fir cemetery, Portland Chinese are having the bodies of 500 deceased brothers and sisters exhumed; preparatory to sending them back to China.

The biennial reorganization meeting of the state livestock sanitary board was held in Salem. The following officers were elected: J. M. Dickson, Sheff, president; Walter K. Taylor, Corvallis, vice-president. Dr. Lytle is ex-officio secretary.

To prevent the spread of calf cholera throughout Oregon, the state livestock sanitary board ordered that calves in all coast counties be vaccinated for the disease before being shipped to eastern Oregon points. The disease is prevalent in Tillamook and Coos counties.

By sawing a hole through the roof of the state penitentiary, dropping by a rope down the front wall of the building and calmly walking out of the front gate, Robert Burns and J. B. Burg, both serving from two to 20 years for forgery, effected their escape.

The department of the interior has issued its Crater Lake hand book for the season of 1917. It contains directions for reaching the lake, a description of the wonderful body of water in southern Oregon, the Indian myths about it and the Crater Lake national park regulations.

Two fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week, according to the weekly statement. The fatalities were: John Bodara, Astoria, logging, and Gerald Hunt, White Pine, sawmill. There was a total of 418 accidents reported.

Although he is past 21 years of age, Laurin B. Redifer, of Redmond, never knew that his heart was located on the right side of his body until a physical examination for the draft revealed the curious fact. Redifer was rejected, but for defects other than the misplacement of his heart.

To consider the emergency requirements of poultry instruction and investigation and the character of changes necessitated by the war, a sectional meeting of the American association of instructors and investigators of Poultry Husbandry was held at the Oregon Agricultural college August 13 and 14.

That cattle dying in various Oregon places recently are not poisoned by criminally inclined persons, but probably died from contaminated water holes, is the conclusion of Dr. C. H. Schultz, a veterinarian of the Seattle department of health and sanitation. He has made an extensive investigation in the Klamath Falls region.

A large truck belonging to the Mathews Transfer company of Eugene, was cemented securely to the bottom of the mill race when the truck loaded with several tons of molten asphalt, broke through a bridge over the mill race, lighting on end. The cold water immediately hardened the asphalt, holding the truck securely in its upright position in the race.

Complaint was filed at Salem, under the public convenience and necessity act, by the North Coast Power company against the Portland Gas & Coke company, asking that the Portland company be required to cease invading the Tualatin valley in competition with the plaintiff company, without having first obtained a certificate of public necessity as required by law.

Marion county fruitgrowers and hopmen declare the saving of thousands of tons of these products this season depends on whether the Portland school board postpones the opening of the Portland schools to October. Opening of the Portland schools causes the return to Portland of many large families. Farmers say serious losses will result, because of the late crops, if they are deprived of this labor.

Oregon's output of precious metals is increasing, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States geological survey. A steady increase in yield of copper is apparent so far this year and also in silver. Although the deep mines are not producing so much gold as in 1916, the placer mines are giving up more of the metal. In 1916 Oregon mines yielded 794 per cent more of copper than in the year before. Last year's metal production in this state increased \$939,969 over 1915, a gain of 47 per cent.

MADDENING PROFESSIONS.

Your Work and Your Chances of Not Becoming a Lunatic.

In view of the great increase of insanity during recent years, it is interesting to note the various classes of employment which are, more or less, productive of madness.

A French scientist has recently been investigating this question, and his researches go to show that, apart from the terrible nerve strain of war, the military and naval professions are the very worst a man can enter if he wishes to go sane to the grave. Out of every 100,000 who enter the army and navy 190 become confirmed lunatics.

The liberal professions come in as a good second to the army and navy, the list being headed by artists, who are very close followed by lawyers and somewhat more distantly by the clergy, doctors of medicine, men of letters and civil servants. The number of people in these professions who become occupants of lunatic asylums is 177 to each 100,000.

The professional men are run very close by domestic servants and day laborers, of whom 159 out of each 100,000 are sent to the asylum. There is a big falling off before we arrive at the next group, which is that of mechanics, only 98 of whom go mad in each 100,000.

And, curious to relate and contrary to all general belief, the group which is most highly favorable to sanity is that of commercial men, which sends only 42 per 100,000, or one in every 2,380, of its ranks to confinement.

A COMPETENT WITNESS.

In This Case Action Was Much More Eloquent Than Words.

Judge Pollard of St. Louis, originator of a widely known probation system, is the subject of a story illustrating his novel method of dealing with troublesome cases. A driver had been brought before Judge Pollard charged with cruelty to animals. He had been driving a galled mule, but he had an expert witness in a veterinarian, who testified that the sore on the mule's back did not pain the animal in the least.

The judge listened attentively to the long technical opinion and then demanded to know the mule's whereabouts. He was informed that it was harnessed to a wagon that stood in the street in front of the courthouse.

The judge then ordered that court be adjourned for five minutes. He took his cane and proceeded to the street, went up to the mule and with the end of his cane gently touched the sore spot on the animal's back. The mule promptly tried to kick the dashboard off the wagon. Once again the judge touched the sore spot with his cane, and the mule responded as before.

Judge Pollard returned to the bench. The prisoner was called before him. "With all due respect to the expert testimony you have had introduced in your behalf to show that the mule's back does not pain him, I will fine you \$50," announced the judge. "I asked the mule if the sore hurt him, and he said it did."—Exchange.

The Way You Do It.

One reads that Darwin never understood an equation, and the chances are that Isaac Newton could not have passed any examination in literary or aesthetic subjects with his idea that poetry was ingenious nonsense and statutory only stone dolls. Faraday had no gift for mathematics, and it is a mooted question if Napoleon Bonaparte could have passed a college entrance examination in French. But it was their ability to do some one thing well that has turned the world upside down at various times in its forward march, not their inability to do badly what all the world only does moderately well. It makes little difference what you do. The difference lies in the way you do it. The business world is overstocked with poor people looking for good positions, while good positions are waiting for good people to fill them.

Sparrows.

The white throated and white crowned sparrows may be told by their names. The fox sparrow is the larger, bright, rufous streaks and big spots on breast. The song sparrow is about the size of an English sparrow, but with a longer tail, streaks and large spot on breast. The chipping and field sparrows are smaller, with no spots on breast. The former has lines on head; the latter is rufous and sings very sweetly.

Fables in the Bible.

Of the fable as distinguished from the parable there are but two examples in the Bible. The first of these is that of the trees choosing their king (Judges ix, 8-15); the second that of the cedar of Lebanon and the thistle (II Kings xiv, 9).

Fetters.

The use of fetters goes back to ancient times. Fetters were usually made of brass and also in pairs, the word being in the dual number. Iron was occasionally employed for the purpose.

Equal Rights.

Wife—Henry, if you didn't smoke I could have a new hat. Hubby—And if you would live on stewed prunes I could have a steam yacht.—Pittsburgh Press.

True.

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