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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

N. Y. E. Scott, of Philomath, was accidentally killed while deer hunting on Mary's creek.

Hotels and private homes in Bend are finding it almost impossible to secure female help.

The state board of conciliation recently appointed by the governor held its first meeting at Portland.

The Southern Pacific company reported to the public service commission a net car shortage in the state of 989.

The state Endeavor union will hold its third annual institute at Wichita, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cranberry raisers of Marshfield report a probable average crop this year, although the berries will be small.

Fires near the headwaters of Lake Creek, in western Lane, have destroyed more than 1,000,000 feet of green timber.

Women in wartime work are becoming common on Coos bay and there are many filling places formerly held by men.

With orders to shoot to kill, federal troops have been dispatched to every section of western Oregon to guard the timber belt.

The Oregon Normal school at Monmouth will be opened on September 24 instead of September 10, as previously announced.

The Everfresh plant, at Sutherlin, is installing two huge vats holding 20,000 gallons each, for the manufacture of cider vinegar.

While kindling a fire at her home near Hillsboro, Mrs. J. B. McNew, 68, was so severely burned that she died within a few minutes.

Reports received from Douglas county indicate that most of the forest fires which have been raging for the past few weeks are now under control.

S. L. Kulk and Alex Aushiki, employees at the Big Creek Logging company's camp at Knappa, were burned to death while trying to escape from a forest fire.

The annual Hood River apple packing school, held under the auspices of the Apple Growers' association, will begin September 17 and continue for five days.

The snows that covered the earth during the most of last winter and the extremely low temperatures prevailing decimated grouse in the Hood River valley.

The Sutherlin lake irrigation district, in Jefferson county, is preparing to apply to the state securities commission to certify a proposed bond issue for the district.

Polk county's prune crop, which had promised to be one of the best in several years, now appears to be afflicted with a mysterious disease which is causing the fruit to drop seriously.

The desert land board has petitioned the secretary of the interior to extend the time for the completion of what is known as the Paisley Carey act project, in Lake county, for five years from September 11, 1917.

Willamette valley loganberry crop is very short this year. Sutherlin reports the local juice factory handling only 90,000 pounds of berries this season against 250,000 pounds in 1916. Lack of rain is given as the reason for the shortage.

George W. France, postmaster at Ten Mile, Douglas county, was indicted by the federal grand jury under the federal espionage act, recently enacted, on the specific charge of attempting to influence young men not to enlist in the army or navy.

Several California operators in oil have men in Coos county, securing leases on lands situated about Coos bay and one company of Los Angeles promoters is signing contracts to start drilling within four months from the time of closing leases.

Water rights for irrigation, mining and other beneficial uses that have been acquired upon lands in the Oregon-California railroad land grant will be protected under the federal laws, according to James T. Chinnock, superintendent of water division No. 1.

Special instruction in food conservation will be given at all teachers' institutes and all county and district fairs held in Oregon this year, according to co-operative plans agreed upon by Herbert C. Hoover and President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

As a result of a conference between residents of Aurora, Hubbard and Woodburn, S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, and officials of the Southern Pacific railroad, the location of the 10 miles of pavement to be laid along the Pacific highway in Clackamas and Marion counties may be changed to points on the highway in the same counties where rock is available.

Edna Gregory, wife of Carl Gregory, an employee of one of the sheep companies at Pendleton, was arrested on the charge of sending poisoned candy through the mails. The candy, a small box, was received by Mrs. May Clark, of Pendleton, February 9, by special delivery.

Declaring the selective draft is working a great hardship on the wool-growing industry, by taking away expert herders, a number of prominent eastern Oregon sheepmen telegraphed to Senator Chamberlain to use his influence to secure exemption for bonafide herders.

Car shortage and stringency in the labor market are so hindering contractors on state highway work that the state highway commission ordered State Highway Engineer Nunn to make a reduction in his forces to correspond to the slackened pace in highway construction.

The United States war department, through the military attaché of the British embassy in Washington, has asked for the release of Lieutenant Colonel Leader, of the British army, from service in England, that he may become military instructor in the University of Oregon.

The public service commission has ordered a number of safeguards installed at the road crossing of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company tracks at Hogan, near Portland, where an accident occurred June 28 causing the death of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lindsey and Miss Helen Metzger.

H. P. Baras, head of the plant pathology department at the Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed chief collaborator of the national plant disease survey for Oregon. He is asking for volunteers to assist in gathering and reporting information on plant diseases in every part of the state.

Secretary Lea has made final announcement of the following livestock judges for the Oregon state fair this year: C. A. Saunders, Manila, Ia.; Thomas W. Brunk, Eola, Or.; Carlos W. Hall, Denver; Latimer Wilson, Creston, Ia.; Harry Wilson, Downers Grove, Ill. and T. B. Johnson, of La Grande.

By a deed filed for record at Astoria the Dubois Lumber company sells to the Oregon American Lumber company large tracts of timber land in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. The consideration was \$3,650,000. This deed is the consummation of the purchase of vast timber holdings in this section by the Eccles interests of Salt Lake.

All old officers and employees of the industrial accident commission, with the exception of the commissioners themselves, are to receive increases in salaries, beginning August 1, by an order just issued by the commission. The order affects 36 employees, and amounts to approximately \$400 a month in additional pay.

The last legislature appropriated \$10,553.58 toward handling the flax industry of the state with the express provision attached that the same is to be returned from the receipts for sales of flax during 1917-18. Present indications make it appear that it will be impossible to meet this legislative provision. Apparently there will be a failure of the flax crop, owing to bad weather conditions.

All records for industrial accidents in one week were broken by reports to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending August 28. The number of accidents reached 455, of which six were fatal. The fatal accidents were: A. J. Kibbe, Shedd, construction; Roby Floyd Shull, Myrtle Point, logging; James McCanna, Klamath Falls, logging; Henry Niemi, Astoria, light and power; G. A. Hardy, Freewater, threshing; James McCoy, Portland, construction.

Whether fishing for salmon is the act of catching the fish only or includes also the act of landing the fish is a question put up to Attorney General Brown by State Game Warden Shoemaker, and the attorney-general holds that it includes the act of landing the fish as well as taking it in the net. Under a law of the last legislature fishing for salmon with a purse net is prescribed inside of a certain dead line near Astoria. Purse seiners caught fish up to the deadline, closed the purse and dragged their fish in the net across the prescribed waters, where they were landed.

Seven women nominated by the Oregon Agricultural college for county agent work in connection with the food conservation campaign in Oregon have been appointed by the United States department of agriculture and are to report at once for duty in their respective districts, as follows: Miss Martha Bechen, of Hillsboro, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties; Miss Clara May Murphy, of Portland, Umatilla, Union and Baker counties; Miss Anne McCormick, of Lebanon, Josephine and Jackson counties; Miss Ruth Corbett, of Corvallis, Douglas and Lane counties; Miss Bertha Edwards, of Monroe, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties; Miss Lorene Parker, of Salem, Marion and Clackamas counties; Miss Nell Sykes, of Salem, Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties.

ORDEAL OF GRAMMAR.

How It Came to Be Inflicted Upon an Unoffending Public.

The world reached its highest known stage of intelligence before grammar was even invented, much less studied. I have had some curiosity to find out where and how so great a blight upon young life first came into being and why it ever became a school study, and I find that the Greeks knew it not; that their triumphant literature and their matchless oratory came to flower before grammar was dreamed of; that it was not in any sense one of the great arts which they wrought out and with which they armed the human race.

I find that after Greece had declined a barbarous Macedonian made himself the owner of all Egypt, and in order to surround himself with the most spectacular form of ostentation of which his vain mind could conceive he set to collecting not only all the rare and precious objects and books and manuscripts there were in the world, but he capped it all by making a collection of the living men of the world who had any reputation anywhere for knowing and thinking. Taking them from their homes where they had some relation to the daily necessities of human beings and had really been of some use, he shut them up for life in one of his palaces at Alexandria, which the folks there were in the habit of calling "the hen coop of the muses," and out of sheer desperation, since they could do nothing better to amuse themselves, they counted the words in the books which real men had written and prepared tables of the forms and endings which the users of words employed.

The lifeless dregs of books which their distilling left we now call grammar and study instead of books and even speech itself. In their lowest depth of indifference to the moving, pulsing life of man not even the Alexandrians sank so low as that—Ernest C. Moore in Yale Review.

ARMY DOCTORS.

Their Great Services to the World and to Medicine.

War has always had a great influence on medicine, first developing the priest physician, then the barber surgeon and later the army medical officer. In wartime Pare devised the ligature for arteries, although he was not the first to employ it.

Napoleon, who was often at a loss to supply his army with food, made awards, which, from an empiric and practical standpoint, developed canning and the preservation of food before bacteria were known.

The American medical profession will ever be under obligation to our army medical officers for their services to the world in the discoveries of numerous diseases, their causes and prevention, said Dr. Charles H. Mayo in an address reported in the New York Medical Journal.

Our army medical officers stand preeminent in science. To Beaumont we are indebted for the first report on digestion, digestive fluids and gastric movement from direct observation of a patient with gastric fistula. To Surgeon General William Hammond we are indebted for the development of the army medical museum.

Surgeon J. S. Billings fostered the second largest and the best medical library in the world. Surgeon General Sternberg discovered the pneumococcus and founded the army medical school and the government laboratories of bacteriology and hygiene. Under Sternberg's administration Major Walter Reed, with James Carroll, Jesse W. Lazear and Aristide Agramonte, proved the mosquito to be the agent transmitting yellow fever.

A Typewriting Tip.

Having occasion to measure a circumference that figured out to tenths of an inch and not having a rule marked to these divisions, says J. Claude Crews in the Popular Science Monthly, I tried the following means of overcoming the difficulty: Going to a typewriter, I made a row of periods, with each tenth one a comma to show full inches. This gave me a rule marked in tenths, also one that could be bent around shafting, collars, etc. As nearly all typewriters make ten spaces to an inch, it is an easy matter to accomplish what seems to be a difficult job.

Blissful Occupation.

The little boy had told a little girl that he loved her, and the teacher ordered him to write "I love Bessie" on the blackboard 100 times. "But that was no punishment," said the teacher later. "He would cheerfully have written it 1,000 times."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tactless.

"Is Mr. Flubdub busy?" asked the diffident customer. "Mr. Flubdub is always busy," replied the pompous attendant. "Well, let him stay busy." And that's how Mr. Flubdub lost a big order.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hard Ones Too.

Little Willie—What's the name of the feller what calls on yer sister? Little Johnny—I don't know yet. Pop calls him something different every time he comes.—Exchange.

He Explains.

"How did you get rid of all your money?" "Some of it I was touched for and some of it I was tagged for."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Head Barber—Have you any particular choice in shaving mugs? First Assistant—Not a bit. I shave them all.—Puck.

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