

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Lightning Wednesday started nine fires in the Umatilla national forest. Seven were in the Heppner area and two in the Asotin.

Claud Blann, Prineville farmer, was instantly killed last week when he took hold of a live wire at the Wagner ranch near Prineville.

The moulds were filled and fire started for the first time Saturday at Ashland's new industrial plant, the Clay Products company.

The first of the new bean crop of Columbia county to be received at the Barbey Packing company's cannery at Rainier was canned last week.

The hay harvest in the Tule Lake region of Klamath county is now in full swing and the crop this year is estimated at 70,000 tons, the largest ever grown.

Bears are on a rampage again, the latest report coming from Waldport that Lee Doty has lost four goats. Mr. Doty finally killed the bear, which dressed 217 pounds.

Viola Caroline Merritt, 19-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Merritt, was killed instantly when she fell from the fire escape of a Medford apartment house.

The postoffice at Swan, in Klamath county, has been discontinued, due to lack of patrons in the district. Residents of the district now receive their mail in Klamath Falls.

The dates for the Pine Valley fair have been fixed at Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24. Preparations are being made for the best fair ever held in Pine Valley.

Roseburg last week was the newspaper capital of Oregon with editors there from all parts of the state to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Editorial association.

The state land department turned over to the state treasurer during the month of July a total of \$118,113.36, according to the report of G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association will forward to growers this week checks aggregating 125,000, bringing total returns on the 1926 tonnage of apples and pears to \$2,520,000.

One hundred and sixty dollars is the postage bill on one box of apples which left Ontario recently for Memphis, Tenn., by air mail to be on display at the Apple Dealers' convention.

Although the Klamath Falls potato yield will probably not average as high as last year's mark—120 sacks per acre—the total crop which will be harvested this fall will be in the neighborhood of 1000 cars.

Carl Nelson, connected with Tittle Brothers, road contractors, was instantly killed near Tillamook, Saturday, when a large rock, dislodged by a slide, struck him on the head. Nelson was a student at O. A. C.

J. A. Hills of Toledo last week brought in to market a crate of lettuce which many mistook at first glance for cabbages. One head alone weighed three pounds, and all were solid and of perfect, sweet quality.

Methods of application of sulphur dust to combat the disease of brown rot of Italian prunes was demonstrated at Ed Allen's prune orchard, northwest of Forest Grove, by O. T. McWhorter, Washington county agent, last Monday.

The Pacific highway cement bridge at Gold Hill over Rogue river will be officially opened for traffic on or about August 15, according to County Engineer Rynning. The bridge proper is completed and ready for acceptance. It cost \$63,000.

Forty acres of wheat burned near Helix last week when a combine backfired and ignited the grain. The wheat belonged to Louis Muller, extensive wheat grower. Two mules, a barn and 30 tons of hay burned on the farm of L. L. Mann.

Establishment of an inter-denominational school of religious education at Monmouth has been the purpose of the Polk county religious council, which met last Monday, according to Mrs. Inez Miller, chairman of the executive committee. If the plans are adopted by the national council at Chicago, the school will open at Monmouth about October 3.

Oregon's general fund had a total of \$411,289.69 to its credit on August 1, compared to \$1,648,865.81 on August 1, 1926, according to a statement prepared by State Treasurer Kay. Receipts credited to the general fund during July amounted to \$682,171.34, with disbursements during the same period totaling \$707,772.54. Cash in the state treasury, principally credited to special funds and not available for general state expenses, totals \$5,381,393.41, compared to \$5,886,975.02 a year ago.

With the Pendleton city jail filled to capacity with 17 prisoners, all records since 1915 were broken. Practically all of the men were placed under arrest for violation of prohibition laws.

The harvest season is somewhat backward at Sweet Home this year. At Liberty, Lebanon and other nearby places the binders started last week. The grain has been ripening faster than the binders can care for it during the last few hot days.

Attendance at the Multnomah county fair at Gresham has surpassed and broken every previous record in the history of the event. Until the present year the attendance record for any one day was slightly over 10,000. Thursday more than 16,000 people passed through the turnstiles.

A. A. Schramm, cashier of the Corvallis State bank, will become state superintendent of banks on September 1, succeeding Frank C. Bramwell, whose resignation becomes effective on that date. Schramm was the unanimous choice of the state banking board at a meeting in Salem.

Installation of a \$15,000 water system in the town of Sprague River was announced last Wednesday by the Sprague River Townsite company. Water supply will come from a deep well. At present the lumber town depends upon private wells for its domestic water supply and is without fire protection.

Building permits during the first seven months of 1927 show that construction work in Eugene in that time has amounted to more than a million dollars, according to a report at the office of W. H. Alexander, city building inspector. The total for the period is \$1,082,000, compared with \$1,545,500 in the same period in 1926.

Members of the state highway commission have agreed upon H. B. van Duzer of Portland as chairman of the commission for the coming year, according to announcement made at the state highway department in Salem. Formal election of Mr. van Duzer will follow at the next meeting of the commission in Portland, it was said.

A definite expression favoring the organization of the prune growers of the state of Oregon along lines proposed by the committee of nine, recently appointed at Corvallis to formulate a prune-marketing system, was given at Roseburg last week at a meeting of growers' representatives of all prune growing sections of Douglas county.

A number of Hood River recreational enthusiasts have launched a campaign to have a small unnamed glacier, on the north side of Mount Hood, between the lower reaches of Coe and Elliot glaciers, called Stryker glacier. The name is proposed in honor of Dr. Stanton W. Stryker, Portland Mazama, who lost his life on Coe glacier, Sunday, July 17.

Nurserymen in Oregon falling under the federal quarantine on currant and gooseberry bushes due to blister rust infection have been urged by the department of agriculture to make early application for fall and spring shipping permits. Inspection in Oregon counties, including Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill, will be made only from September to October 31.

Although there were 256,884 children of school age in the state this year as compared with 252,050 last year, the apportionment of the irreducible school funds increased from \$1.53 per capita in 1926 to \$1.56 in 1927. This was announced by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, who prepared the checks payable to the various counties. A recapitulation showed that in 1925 there were 248,849 children of school age in the state, with an apportionment of \$373,273.50, or \$1.50 per capita. The apportionment increased in 1926 to \$385,636.50, and in 1927 to \$400,739.04.

Appropriations authorized by the last legislature, but which, because of the financial crisis confronting the state, will not be drawn upon, aggregate \$777,750, according to State Treasurer Kay. These include \$215,000 appropriated for construction and operation of the Eastern Oregon normal school at La Grande; \$219,750 appropriated for the construction and operation of a new tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles; \$130,000 for a nurse home at the State Hospital for Insane, Salem; \$90,000 for use in connection with the construction of a proposed new state office building; \$15,000 for the administration of the so-called "blue blank" law; and \$7500 authorized in connection with the newly created office of budget director.

Lumber business in the Pacific northwest for the week ending July 30 was practically unchanged from the preceding week, according to the report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which includes business of 122 mills. Production during the week was 118,678,715 feet, new orders 111,378,450 feet, and shipments totaled 117,265,599 feet. The report of the preceding week of 123 mills showed total output of 120,633,864 feet, orders of 114,269,012 feet and shipments of 118,718,209 feet.

DONALD A. HALL



Donald A. Hall, who designed the "Spirit of St. Louis," the airplane used by Chas. A. Lindbergh in his flight across the Atlantic.

NEW YORK BLASTS ARE UNEXPLAINED

New York.—The cause of the explosion that wrecked two stations of New York's main subway lines was still a mystery, despite the efforts of virtually the entire city detective force to trace the person or persons responsible for the blasts.

While the detectives sought the perpetrators of the explosions, the uniformed police remained on guard at subway stations, public buildings and the homes of prominent persons to prevent further explosions.

The police vacillated between belief that sympathizers with Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, radicals awaiting execution for murder in Boston, had set the bombs or that the bombings were the work of persons with a grievance against the transit companies, finally switching to the latter.

The police belief of a Sacco-Vanzetti connection was fostered by reports of bombings in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Buenos Aires and Montevideo. But they said that at no time did they have any proof.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Farmers control more than one-third of Canada's national wealth, a bulletin issued by the Canadian department of trade and commerce states.

Estimates that have been made of the Pacific northwestern apple crop indicate that about 40,000 carloads will be marketed in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Last season the three states had a combined total of nearly 45,000 cars.

Walter Cravens, ex-president of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land bank, and Miss Alice Todd, ex-secretary of the institution, were charged jointly in 88 counts with misapplication of funds of the bank.

The constitutionality of Nevada's three months' divorce law, enacted at the last session of the state legislature and in effect since March of this year, was upheld in a decision by the Nevada state supreme court.

The tripartite naval conference in Geneva, after nearly seven weeks of discussion, came to an unsuccessful end. Delegates of United States, Great Britain and Japan were unable to reach an agreement on limitation of cruisers, destroyers and submarines, which was the object of the conference.

Carmony Is Made Chief of K. of C.

Portland, Or.—Knights of Columbus in annual supreme lodge session established a precedent by creating an office in the supreme council to fit the man, when James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, for 18 years supreme knight, was unanimously elected to the new office of supreme councillor. Martin H. Carmony, Grand Rapids, Mich., deputy supreme knight, was elected supreme knight by unanimous vote, thus becoming chief of the order. William J. McGinley of New Haven, Conn., was unanimously elected supreme secretary to succeed himself.

Mark Ryan Heads Coast Fire Chiefs.

Portland, Or.—Delegates to the 34th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association completed their work by the election of officers and the selection of Sacramento as the next convention city. The following officers were elected: Mark E. Ryan, Redwood City, Cal., president; Thomas Graham, Corvallis, first vice president; Ernest Coop, Pasadena, second vice president; Walter Culver, Fremont, Cal., assistant secretary, and Joseph Wood, Renton, Wash., treasurer.

DAWES DISCUSSES NAVAL CONFERENCE

Premier Baldwin and Secretary Kellogg Also Speak of Geneva Failure.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Diplomatic restraint was cast aside by Vice-President Dawes Sunday, speaking at the dedication of the international peace bridge, to bring the naval conference failure at Geneva boldly into open discussion of its effect on British-American relations.

Both Secretary Kellogg and Premier Baldwin, touching on the subject, voiced confidence that the stream of British-American friendship flowed on unchecked by recent difference in views.

The vice-president, however, went directly into the subject to declare it "unthinkable that Great Britain and the United States, solemnly pledged to the principle of equality, will again place upon their peoples the burden of competitive naval building because temporarily their experts disagree in their practical interpretation of that principle."

Secretary Kellogg's speech dealt only by inference with the Geneva failure. Welcoming the British royal and distinguished guests to the United States in the name of President Coolidge, he spoke of differences that will arise to test American-Canadian friendship, but added:

"They are such as have been settled and can be settled by the exercise of tolerance and patience, and the application of good common sense."

Premier Baldwin was more direct. Speaking of the years of British-American peace, he said:

"Problems have arisen and will arise. Opinions will vary how they shall be solved."

"Only recently we have had to differ for a moment; but we know in our hearts it does not affect our friendship. Statesmen of the past, as this bridge testifies, have well and truly laid the foundations of friendship and good will in the hearts of our peoples."

U. S. WILL INSIST ON NAVAL PARITY

Washington, D. C.—The United States government believes in and will insist on actual naval parity with Great Britain, state department officials made clear in discussing the speech of Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill in England Saturday.

Churchill approved naval equality of the two nations in principle but not in actual mathematical application because of Britain's empire trade routes.

Department officials approve Vice President Dawes' statement at Buffalo advocating naval equality and deploring suggestions of naval building competition between the two nations in the wake of the defunct Geneva arms conference.

Dawes' suggestion that lack of preparation for the Geneva conference was responsible for its deadlock was refuted, however, in authoritative circles.

CANDIDATE HUNT ON

Many Considered Eligible for the Republican Nomination.

Washington, D. C.—Political discussion in the national capital has turned largely from President Coolidge's announcement that he does not "choose" to run in 1928 to the prospects of the various men whose names have been put forward as eligible for the republican presidential nomination.

While none of them has made any declaration, Secretary Hoover, Vice-President Dawes, Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, Senator Borah of Idaho and Speaker Longworth were among those around whom much of the speculation centered.

From Detroit came a statement of Henry Ford that he believed Secretary Hoover was the logical man to be picked by the republican party as their candidate in 1928.

Wood Buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Washington, D. C.—Military and official Washington paid a "last salute" to one of the nation's outstanding soldiers, Major General Leonard Wood, who died in Boston. The body arrived Tuesday morning accompanied by his widow and a military escort. Burial in Arlington cemetery was at the request of Mrs. Wood, who asked that the body be placed in a little plot reserved for members of the "Rough Riders" regiment which he commanded during the war with Spain.

Levine and Drouhin Sign Agreement.

Paris.—Charles A. Levine and Marcel Drouhin signed a definite contract for a flight from Paris to New York in the Bellanca plane "Columbia."

REAR ADMIRAL WINSLOW



Rear Admiral G. F. Winslow, who holds the distinction of being the oldest living retired admiral of the United States navy.

AMERICA WILL HAVE GIANT AIR BOMBER

New York.—The most formidable air dreadnought to be constructed in the United States, and possibly in the world, has been secretly completed for the United States army by the Keystone Aircraft corporation of Bristol, Pa., it was announced here. The craft is said to weigh 16,000 pounds when fully loaded.

The giant warrior of the air is so equipped that it could rock an area nearly a mile square with the discharge of a single one-ton bomb, said Richard Blythe, representative of the corporation. He announced that the battle plane was scheduled to take the air for the first time, after two and a half years devoted to its development.

The third huge bomber to be secretly completed for the army this summer, the Keystone craft, called a "Super-Cyclops," differs from its two predecessors in that its wings are entirely of metal, and that it is equipped to carry a considerably greater load of explosives and more machine guns.

MASKS FOR TRAINMEN

Gas in Mullan Tunnel Routed by New Departure.

Missoula, Mont.—Northern Pacific train crews operating on the Helena-Garrison division of the line are to use gas masks in the Mullan tunnel in future. The masks will be furnished by telegraph operators at Blossburg and Skyline, the western and eastern entrances of the tunnel, respectively.

There is much gas in the tunnel and the masks will be gratefully received by the crews. All trains are made gas tight before entering the tunnel, and the passengers suffer no inconvenience.

Dry Leader Sentenced for Contempt.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Indiana supreme court sentenced Dr. E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, to 60 days on the state penal farm, following his conviction of contempt of the court in connection with publication of an article held derogatory to the supreme court in the official magazine of the league. The court also imposed a fine of \$250.

Church Partially Wrecked by Bomb.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A bomb exploded in the basement of the Emanuel Presbyterian church shortly after midnight, severely damaging the building.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem \$1.32½; hard white, soft white, \$1.31; hard federation, western white, \$1.30½; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.28.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50; valley timothy, \$17@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.
Butterfat—40½c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@27c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$19.15@19.50.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.75@12.50.
Lambs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.30; hard winter, \$1.27; western red, \$1.25; northern spring, \$1.27½; bluestem, \$1.31½; dark northern spring, \$1.39½; dark hard winter, \$1.34.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.
Butterfat—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 24@31c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$19@19.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$12@12.25.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$18.75@19.25.
Hogs—Good, \$11.35@11.65.

GENERAL WOOD IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Governor General of Philippines Succumbs Following an Operation.

Boston, Mass.—Major-General Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, died at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital here Sunday, following an operation.

General Wood was admitted to the hospital Saturday for observation and underwent a "serious operation" according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Alexander Lambert of New York.

Dr. Lambert's bulletin, although failing to state the exact nature of the operation, indicated it was for a recurrence of a tumor which was removed by Dr. Harvey Cushing 17 years ago.

General Wood was born in Winchester, N. H., in 1860. He was graduated from Harvard as a doctor of medicine, and two years later became an army surgeon. He served through Indian wars in the southwest and took an active part in the fighting, despite his medical rank.

In 1891 he was promoted from lieutenant to captain. When the Maine was sunk, he organized the first regiment of United States volunteer cavalry and went into action as colonel in May, 1898. In June he was made brigadier general and in December was promoted to major general, temporary rank, for gallantry in action.

When the Spanish surrendered at Santiago he was made military governor of the city and later civil governor of the province. He was military governor of Cuba from 1899 until May, 1902, when the Republic of Cuba was organized.

General Wood returned from his post as governor-general of the Philippines several weeks ago and visited President Coolidge at Rapid City, where he reported on conditions in the islands. Then he came to Boston and was admitted to the hospital.

WORLD AIR RECORD SMASHED BY GERMANS

Dessau, Germany.—Smashing the world record for endurance flights, previously held by Clarence Chamberlin and Bert Acosta, the two German fliers, Johann Ristetz and Cornelius Everard, came to earth here at the end of 52 hours and 22 minutes of continuous flight.

The two aviators covered approximately 6788 kilometres or some 500 kilometres farther than the distance between Dessau and New York. Had the men been flying in a straight line they might have flown from Dessau to Pittsburgh.

The flight was hailed with great glee all over Germany as it was a preliminary test for a flight across the Atlantic in the same Junkers plane, Europa, which the two fliers used to break the record.

The track record of 4400 kilometres held by the Frenchmen Droughin and Landry was also broken.

GOVERNOR FULLER UPHELD

Each Step in Prosecution of Vanzetti and Sacco Held Just.

Boston.—Count by count, Judge Webster Thayer was justified in refusing a new trial to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, in the report of the governor's advisory committee, issued from the office of Governor Alvin T. Fuller.

As if in reply to attacks upon him on the score that he upheld Judge Thayer's decision without discussing the detailed issues of the famous case, Governor Fuller had the full report—10,000 words long—prepared and issued to the press.

The effect appeared to be that of shutting off all hope of a stay of execution. It was also, in effect, a tacit reply to world-wide agitation and to the demonstrations of radicals which had spread terror in many cities.

The report came upon the heels of a definite intimation from the president's summer camp, near Rapid City, that Coolidge considers that he is without power to intercede in the case of the famous anarchists in any way.

Derelict Submarine Seen in Pacific.

Honolulu, T. H.—A derelict submarine filled with poisonous gas and bearing a strange serial number, is floating in the ship lanes of the Pacific, repelling all efforts of seamen to penetrate the mystery. The submarine bears the number, "027," which is not listed in United States naval records, according to officials here. The hydrographic office is investigating further.

Grain Prices Soar on Canada Reports.

Chicago, Ill.—All grain prices went soaring Monday, largely on account of reports of serious crop damage by frost in Canada.