

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Ora Holdman, 65, pioneer farmer in Umatilla county, died at Pendleton last week.

Plans are being made for the fifth annual community fair at Springwater to be held September 16.

The newest member of Oregon's financial institutions, the Chiloquin State bank, was formally organized at a meeting of the stockholders last week.

Wheat harvest is in full swing near Cove, every combine at work, with the grain averaging around 60 bushels an acre. Barley ran as high as 84 and oats 96 bushels.

The annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association was held in Pendleton last week in conjunction with the largest ram sale ever held in the state.

During July 26 predatory hunters worked most of the time and turned in the scalps of 270 coyotes, 36 bobcats, two bears, 159 badgers, 139 porcupines and 23 skunks.

The big event of late summer for Willamette valley people began last Monday when the hop picking season opened to continue until the beginning of school next month.

The fifth assembly of Bible students of the Methodist church, South, opened at the Columbia college of Milton last week with the largest registration in the history of the school.

In the election at Bandon recently, sale of the city's hydro-electric power and lighting plant remained a community enterprise, the vote being 99 in favor of selling and 239 against.

Nathan B. Waldon, for whom the station Waldon on the O. P. & E. railroad was named, died Saturday night at his home in Cottage Grove. He was born on French Prairie, near Salem, in 1849.

Practically every graduate of the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland has been placed in a teaching position by the employment bureau maintained at the school, of which Professor Churchill is chairman.

Mrs. E. C. Small, who crossed the plains with her parents in 1852, observed her 86th birthday anniversary in Salem recently. She said it required six months and 18 days to cross the plains from Burlington to Salem.

Students registering as freshmen at Willamette university in Salem this fall will be required to arrive on the campus September 10, one week earlier than the other classes, according to plans worked out by university officials.

Oregon's hop yield for 1927 probably will not exceed 80,000 bales, according to announcement by growers. The normal crop ranges from 90,000 to 100,000 bales. The short crop this year is attributed to the recent hot weather.

Winnie McDougal, threshing on his farm 1 1/2 miles north of Dayton, reports a yield of more than 50 bushels of wheat per acre from a ten-acre hill land field. An average run in the immediate locality is from 30 to 46 bushels per acre.

A pack of 20 wolves was encountered recently near Scott mountain in the Cascade national forest by Foster Steele, fire assistant of the forest. It became known last week. The pack is the largest to be seen near Eugene in many years.

Hood River schools will open on September 6. The new city high school, built at a cost of more than \$175,000, is being made ready for occupancy, and the classes of junior high grades will be removed to the old high school.

There was exported to Europe from Oregon ports during the 1926-27 season a total of 1,720,725 boxes of apples, according to the annual report of the Oregon state board of pilot commissioners filed with Governor Patterson at Salem.

The pouring of concrete for the foundation of the new mill on the Baisley-Elkhorn mining property near Baker is now under way. The mine is working about 25 men. The construction is being hurried in order to get things well under way before snow falls.

A halibut caught off Newport on the banks was on display in a Newport shop recently which, it is estimated, would feed 400 persons. The fish weighed 189 pounds, was five feet and nine inches long and 24 inches wide at its middle.

Following two disastrous fires within the past ten months, when most of one side of town was wiped out, merchants and city officials of Chiloquin have combined in an effort to reduce future fire loss by adding up-to-date fire fighting equipment.

Pear shipping and harvesting in the Rogue river valley is now under way in earnest with all the packing houses in operation. The peak of the season will come between August 29 and the middle of September.

Captain Charles Alexander Schetky, the oldest American naval officer, whose 100th birthday anniversary on March 22 of this year attracted national attention, dropped dead at the Belmont orchard home of his daughter, Mrs. Scott F. Altken, in Hood River.

The "summer White House" of the Klamath Indians is being temporarily established at the famous Huckleberry mountain camp grounds, near Chiloquin, where the more than 1200 Indians of the Klamath reservation are trekking this week to take part in the annual berry picking.

Locations at Crater lake have just been completed by the United States bureau of public roads for the new 6-foot-wide trail that will be built by the government from the rim to the water's edge within the next year. This will enable tourists to use burros instead of making the rather difficult and strenuous hike as at present.

The entire business and assets of the Nestucca Valley bank of Cloverdale have been purchased by the First National bank of Tillamook and consolidated with those of the latter institution. This purchase increases the total resources of the First National to \$2,200,000, including \$185,000 of capital, surplus and undivided profits.

The Oregon evergreen blackberry, which a few years ago was yielding a good income to many of the mountain residents of eastern Linn county, where it grows in profusion, is finding very little sale this year. The canneries are taking very few of them this season, and are offering a price that will only about cover picking and hauling.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during the month of July, aggregated \$413,040, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. There were 105 fires reported, of which four were of an incendiary origin. The most disastrous fire was at Chiloquin, where a part of the business district was destroyed with a loss of \$100,000.

A group of excavators led by J. B. Horner, professor of history and director of historical research in Oregon Agricultural college, unearthed a section of the tusk of a prehistoric mammoth, at Roseburg last week. The tusk is the largest ever found in the Pacific northwest. It measured 10 inches in diameter and the unbroken section was about six feet in length.

Oregon farmers intend to plant only 95 per cent as much acreage to wheat this fall as was seeded a year ago, according to the replies to an inquiry sent out by F. L. Kent, Oregon statistician of the department of agriculture. The decrease is largely due to this year's seeding of spring wheat on spring plowing or disked stubble, thus reducing the usual summer fallowed acreage available for planting this fall.

All carriers which handle deciduous fruits, other than apples, shipped in carload lots to Denver or farther east were urged to reduce rates on this class of business in letters sent out by the public service commission recently. The request was based on a recent decision by the interstate commerce commission lowering the freight charges on fruits shipped from California to eastern destinations. The order becomes effective October 10.

Nine persons were killed by traffic accidents in Oregon during July and 358 were injured, according to the monthly report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector. Three of those killed were pedestrians who were struck by automobiles, five were killed in wrecks of automobiles and one by a collision between a train and an automobile. The total number of accidents reported was 2324, of which 1373 were attributed to carelessness.

Bits of crockery, some fire brick, metal parts of farm implements and other odds and ends which were believed to have been buried in a flood which destroyed Santiam City in 1862 and again in 1868, have been unearthed by Dan Looney, who is digging a gravel pit at the site of the abandoned town. Santiam City was located three miles from Jefferson toward the junction of the Santiam and Willamette rivers. When in its prime it boasted of a three-story brick building and other substantial structures. The town was not rebuilt following the floods.

Harvesting of wheat in Union county is near its peak and Wallawa county farmers are also beginning harvest work, with yields in both counties running higher than earlier expectations. Several fields in both counties have yielded near 50 bushels an acre and a 30-acre tract of Riddit wheat owned by Ray Greiner, near Summerville, yielded 66 bushels. It is estimated that Union county's wheat yield will run more than 1,250,000 bushels, which is almost the biggest crop in history.

JOHN F. MALLEY



John F. Malley of Boston, who was elected grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks at the meeting of the grand lodge at Cincinnati.

WINTER WHEAT AREA INCREASING

Washington, D. C.—Farmers are intending to sow this fall an acreage of winter wheat 13.7 per cent greater and an acreage of rye 20 per cent greater than was sown last fall, the department of agriculture announced, after compiling farmers' intentions as expressed August 1.

Intentions as to winter wheat, if carried out, would mean a total of 48,637,000 acres, as compared with 42,251,000 acres sown last fall.

The intended acreage of winter wheat would be larger than was planted in any year with the exception of the fall of 1918, when 51,543,000 acres were sown. The intentions to plant exceed the acreage actually planted last fall in all states except Oregon and possibly California.

Most of the increase in intentions as compared with intentions last year at this time is reported from Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma where present intentions are 2,000,000 acres above those reported a year ago. It is worth noting, said the crop reporting board, that in these states the cost of harvesting winter wheat is being reduced by the increased use of combines.

Other states where farmers show intentions materially above those reported last year include Montana and Washington, where there has been some shift from spring wheat, and some of the central corn belt states, where there is considerable land which farmers were unable to plant to spring crops this year.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

John Oliver, 71, for nine years premier of British Columbia, died after an illness of several months.

The will of James Oliver Curwood, author and conservationist, who died recently, makes bequests totaling more than \$400,000.

E. C. Callaway, for eight years city chemist of Portland, Or., has been appointed dean of the College of Pharmacy of Des Moines, Iowa, university.

As a part of its investigation into smuggling across the international border, the Canadian customs commission is to sit in Washington, D. C., this month.

A warning to missionary organizations that it would be "highly inadvisable" for Americans to return to the interior of China at this time without consulting consular officers in the interior districts was issued by the state department.

Abandonment of McNeil Prison Urged

Tacoma, Wash.—Coming as a sequel to individual criticism of the McNeil Island federal penitentiary, which has been freely passed by delegates to the American Prison association holding its annual congress here, the organization unanimously adopted a resolution urging abandonment of McNeil Island as a site for a federal prison.

Van Duzer Heads Road Commission.

Bandon, Or.—At a meeting of the Oregon state highway commission at Port Orford, Henry B. Van Duzer was elected permanent chairman, succeeding William Doby. The reappointment engineer was reaffirmed and he ment of Roy A. Klein as state highway elected secretary of the commission. The vote was unanimous.

Goebel and Jensen Given Rewards.

Honolulu.—Art Goebel, Hollywood, and Martin Jensen, Honolulu, successful pilots in the Oakland-Hawaii aerial dash, were presented with checks of \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively, James D. Dole, sponsor of the flight, personally making the award. The presentation was made at an informal ceremony at the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

SEVEN PERSONS LOST IN HAWAIIAN FLIGHT

Not One Single Trace Found of the Missing Pacific Fliers.

San Francisco, Cal.—The vast Pacific ocean continues to hold fast the fate of the seven persons who dared to fly over its thousands of miles of landless water from the shores of California to the islands of Hawaii.

No trace has been found of Pilot Jack Frost and Navigator Gordon Scott of Los Angeles, of the Golden Eagle, nor of Miss Mildred Doran, the beautiful young school teacher who bravely shared the dangers of John Auggy Pedlar and Lieutenant Knope, who piloted and navigated the plane named in her honor, since their planes roared away from the crowded Oakland airport to win glory and the prizes offered by James D. Dole.

Several days have gone by since Captain William P. Erwin of Dallas, Tex., and Alvin H. Eichwald of Alameda, Cal., flew out to sea to search the waves along the whole route to Honolulu for traces of those who had preceded them. From their plane, the Dallas Spirit, they radioed the gay messages to friends and the jests of men going light-heartedly to great adventure.

And then through the 600 miles of air came their S. O. S. piercing the night that overspread the ocean:

"We went into a tail spin—S. O. S. We came out of it, but were sure scared. It was a close call. We thought it was all off, but we came out of it. The lights on the instrument board went out, and it was so dark that Bill couldn't see the... We are in another... S. O. S. . . ."

That was the last heard from Erwin and Eichwald. The efforts of 55 naval vessels, aided by merchant craft steering a course along the 2400 mile great circle between San Francisco and Honolulu after a six day search failed to reveal any trace of the three missing planes.

WILL PRESENT BASIN PROJECT TO COOLIDGE

Spokane, Wash.—A conference with President Coolidge at Rapid City, S. D., August 30, has been arranged for a special committee of the Columbia basin irrigation league, it was announced by Roy R. Gill, chairman of the executive committee of the league. The conference with the president was announced following receipt of a letter from Everett Sanders, Mr. Coolidge's private secretary, in which he stated that "I have noted an engagement for the committee on the Columbia basin irrigation league at 9:30 Tuesday, August 30."

The object of the conference, Mr. Gill pointed out, is to lay before the president the basic facts and details of the project. The official reports made of the project, for which funds have been authorized by the president have been condensed into brief statements of facts and will be presented to the president at the conference, Mr. Gill said.

STATE GETS TOLL BRIDGE

Walla Walla County Sends Deeds to Toll Span.

Walla Walla, Wash.—The deeds to Walla Walla county's interest in the Pasco-Burbank toll bridge have been sent to the state highway department. Franklin county commissioners already have signed, and the state board is expected to authorize the transfer of the property to state hands, after which the bridge will be made a free structure. It was built in 1921 by the two counties which each issued bonds for \$115,000.

Since then each county has received \$65,000 in tolls, and Walla Walla county has retired \$15,000 of the bonds, the remainder going into the road and bridge fund. The two counties will divide \$107,000 from the state.

Injurious Insects Carried by Motorists

Washington, D. C.—The American motorist has something else to worry about. His automobile is a potential carrier of insects. "Unquestionably," federal scientists say, "many European corn borers came from Canada by motor. Other pests, buzzing about quarantined areas, have fallen into passing automobiles and have been transported miles away to propagate their breed."

Warship Plan Thief Is Held.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A plot involving the theft of cruiser plans from the naval base at Newport News, Va., and their sale to a foreign power if the navy department refused to pay for their return, has been brought to a sudden end here with the arrest of Sven Dan Berg, 24 years old, a Danish draftsman formerly employed at the Newport News base.

MISS NANCY ALEXANDER



Miss Nancy Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., the only woman member of the Southern Lumber Dealers' association, represents one of the largest western lumber concerns in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES CALIFORNIA TOWNS

Eureka, Cal.—Eureka and other towns in Humboldt county were rocked Saturday by the most severe earthquake felt here since 1906. The temblor, lasting 15 seconds, impaired the fire alarm system.

C. C. Fiske, linotype operator for the Humboldt Standard, was slightly injured when his machine careened forward. Several women fainted on downtown streets while buildings swayed and the noise of toppling chimneys and breaking dishes could be heard. Plaster was knocked from many rooms.

Reports from Scotia, Fortuna, Arcata and Ferndale stated merchandise had been shaken from shelves; glass, dishes and chimneys broken and some plaster knocked down.

PROHIBITION HEAD CALLED

Seattle Dry Chief to Discuss Alleged Bribery of Men.

Washington, D. C.—Roy C. Lyle, prohibition administrator at Seattle, has been called here to confer with Assistant Secretary Lowman, in charge of prohibition enforcement, in connection with the reported exchange of large sums of money between prohibition agents and rum runners. A general investigation has been conducted by the prohibition bureau into alleged bribery in Washington and Oregon. Lyle is expected to arrive here about September 1.

Kansas Flood Loss Runs Into Millions

Topeka, Kan.—The recent flood did damage of several million dollars. Nearly 200,000 acres of land were inundated, thousands of head of livestock lost, crops washed away, train and highway traffic demoralized and three lives lost as the result of two weeks of torrential downpours. Estimates of damage in Barton county and the districts about Wichita, Fort Scott and Emporia were in excess of \$2,600,000, with no estimate yet possible at Salina.

25 Dry Agents in Gotham Out.

Washington, D. C.—Twenty-five prohibition agents in New York city were dismissed as a part of an announced county-wide program to eliminate inefficient employees. Assistant Secretary Lowman in making the announcement, said that the force would be further reduced, probably by about 10 men, to meet the requirements of the budget for operation of the office. No charges were preferred against the men, Lowman said.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.35; hard white, \$1.31; soft white, western white, hard winter, \$1.29; northern spring, \$1.33; western red, \$1.25. Hay—Alfalfa, \$17@17.50; valley timothy, \$17@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50. Butterfat—43¢. Eggs—Ranch, 23@25c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@9.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@12.35. Lambs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.30 1/4; hard winter, northern spring, 1.29 1/4; western red, \$1.27; bluestem, \$1.32 1/4; dark northern spring, \$1.41 1/4; dark hard winter, \$1.37 1/4. Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$18; P. S. 22. Butterfat—43c. Eggs—Ranch, 25@33c. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.50. Spokane. Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00. Hogs—Good, \$11.60@11.75.

COOLIDGE WANTS MORE SUBMARINES

President Will Recommend Authorization for Additional Cruisers.

Rapid City, S. D.—President Coolidge will recommend authorizations for additional cruisers and submarines at the December session of congress, it was announced at the summer White House.

It was made clear that the executive has no plan for a specific number of new surface and undersea ships. He will lay down a general policy and permit congress to work out the solution.

Mr. Coolidge, however, will not favor immediate appropriations for new ship construction at the next session. He does not believe in the policy whereby congress would authorize construction of the vessels and then appropriate the money. He wants the authorizations passed at the next session and appropriations made later through the budget bureau in the regular way.

The reason for this policy, it was explained, is that the president does not believe any emergency exists for immediate ship construction, despite the outcome of the Geneva disarmament conference and the apparent plan of Great Britain to increase further her light cruiser strength.

At the same time Mr. Coolidge made known that he intends to recommend disposition of the American merchant marine to private interests immediately. He does not believe there is a ship on the seas operated by the federal government which is not operated at a loss of revenue. The government merchant marine was constructed at a cost of \$3,500,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 has been lost, he maintains.

COURTS REFUSE TO ACT IN SACCO CASE

Boston.—Sacco and Vanzetti lost every move they made to save their lives by court action. Everywhere their attorneys turned in their frantic efforts to keep the two anarchists out of the death chair they ran up against legal walls.

The full bench of the Massachusetts supreme court refused a reversal of previous decisions in the state courts. The court overruled the defense exceptions to decisions of Judge Thayer of the superior court and of Justice Sanderson of the supreme court, and denied a petition for a writ of error brought before the full bench. Its decision was based purely on legal grounds.

Four United States supreme justices, Holmes, Brandeis, Taft and Stone, refused to intervene. Counsel for the two men then went before Governor Fuller for a stay to allow them further time to seek supreme justices, and also seeking to have Fuller order examination of federal department of justice records for possible new evidence.

GAS TAX LARGE

Oregon Motorists Contribute \$15,000 Daily to Road Maintenance.

Salem, Or.—Motorists in Oregon are contributing approximately \$15,000 daily to the construction and maintenance of the state's improved highways through the medium of the tax on gasoline, according to an estimate advanced by Secretary of State Kozier. This estimate is based on returns for July, which show that gasoline taxes for that month totaled approximately \$440,000, as compared to \$389,457 in the corresponding month last year. On the present basis Kozier estimates that gasoline taxes for the present year will amount to approximately \$4,000,000, as compared to \$3,535,000 in 1926.

"It is interesting to know that commodity, which prior to the year 1919 was not used as a source of revenue, will return taxes for this year aggregating between \$250,000,000 and \$275,000,000," Kozier declares.

"Oregon was the first state to impose a tax on gasoline, starting out in 1919 with a tax of 1 cent per gallon."

Minnesota Board Intervenes in Merger

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission has sent a petition to the interstate commerce commission at Washington for intervention in proceedings on the proposed merger of the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroads.

Oregon Company Acquires Phone Line

Marshfield, Or.—Purchase of the Camas Telephone company, which serves Camas and Washougal, Wash., by Charles Hall and Earl Gates, officials of the Oregon Telephone company and the Coos & Curry Telephone company, was announced here Friday.