

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The annual reunion of the Hood River Pioneer association was held Saturday.

The new \$175,000 Hood River high school will be formally dedicated Friday afternoon, September 23.

In the opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle, the city of Bandon must pay a tax on its hydro-electric system.

All the schools of Klamath county will remain closed indefinitely in an effort to check the spread of infantile paralysis.

Schools throughout Yamhill county are fast preparing for the opening days, which vary through the Mondays of September.

Two persons are dead and another is in a serious condition as the result of hopyard accidents in the Salem vicinity last week.

The winter campaign against coyotes in Klamath county, in which poison is spread, has opened in the eastern part of the county.

Oregon's five state owned moose in the Siltcoos lake district are making their annual raids on gardens and orchards of the Ada vicinity.

Dairymen and poultry raisers of the Hood River valley met at Library hall last Saturday to discuss plans for organizing a co-operative buying society.

A Port Orford cedar tree from Coos county will represent the state of Oregon in the national memorial grove in Golden Gate park, San Francisco.

One of the most interesting exhibits at the Josephine county fair was the three-room house furnished by the women of the county at a cost of only \$27.

During the rainfall year which closed September 1, Newport received 73.13 inches of precipitation, 5.71 inches more than her average allotment.

One of the most remarkable hay crops ever harvested in Yamhill county was that of George H. Finney of Sheridan, whose 375 acres produced 650 tons.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed a group of buildings outside the main business district of Salem last week, with loss variously estimated at \$50,000.

Lee C. Rogers, city engineer of Seaside, was instantly killed and W. A. Hattrem was seriously injured in an automobile accident a mile south of St. Helens last week.

This week will see the completion of the 600-foot tunnel under the slide on the Roosevelt highway between Marshfield and Coquille, by the state highway department.

The Southwestern Oregon Producers' association, formed in Coos county for the purpose of raising broccoli, has offered a prize of \$5 for a name for the local product.

Announcement was made recently of plans for immediate construction of a \$60,000 sawmill by the Milton Box company at Milton, on a ten-acre tract adjoining its present plant.

While driving his automobile down Minam hill M. R. Chenoweth collided with a bear. Before it recovered from the shock of collision Chenoweth picked up a large rock and killed the bear.

Last Friday the Linn county fair board acted as host to all the school children of Linn county at the annual fair in Albany, which was voted by patrons to be one of the best ever held.

The new Southern Pacific bus service will return to the state of Oregon annual mileage taxes aggregating \$16,500, according to announcement made at the offices of the public service commission.

Tomatoes are ripening well in the Grand Island district, considering the cloudy weather. Growers are desirous of sunny weather to speed ripening in sufficient amount to keep canneries running steadily.

E. E. Gervais of Marshfield killed a three-pointed buck with a bow and arrow at a distance of 45 paces. He used a 70-pound yew bow made by himself. The arrow penetrated the deer's neck and shoulder 20 inches.

The registration of tourists and other out of the state automobiles at the Medford branch of the Oregon State Motor association shows an increase of 800 this year over the corresponding period of last year, the total registrations being above 10,000 so far this year.

Shortly before the city of Portland will offer for sale \$1,000,000 worth of water bonds for the construction of the Bear Creek dam, City Auditor Funk has issued a statement of the financial condition of the city, showing that the total bonded debt now is \$43,407,224.79, about half of which is paid from taxes and the other half is paid from revenues or from assessments against property benefited.

A thorough sifting of the Salem police department and a shakeup on grounds of gross carelessness among officers of the department will be made by Paul Johnson, chairman of the police committee of the city council.

The report of the county treasurer E. B. Sappington, which was completed Monday, shows Washington county free of bonded indebtedness. The report, compiled for State Treasurer Kay, is for the fiscal year ending August 31.

Another candidate for the title of champion corn grower of Jackson county is J. S. Vandorfy of Orchard Home district, who brought a stalk of the field corn measuring 13 feet into the chamber of commerce from his ranch near Medford.

How a motorist stopped his car to pursue a deer, caught the animal "barehanded" and sat on it until a farmer came along and lent him a hammer with which to kill the quarry, is the story being told among Eugene sportsmen last week.

Operation of the Bohemia Lumber company, a short distance south of Cottage Grove, will be resumed Monday, September 25. This plant was closed down during the summer for lack of water to operate its flume. Seventy-five men will be employed.

John L. Rand has succeeded the late George H. Burnett as chief justice of the Oregon state supreme court, the clerk of the court announced. Under the rules of the court, the office of chief justice will now alternate between Justice Rand and Justice Thomas A. McBride.

The Jackson county products show opened its doors last Thursday with a good exhibit of livestock, farm products and school work done by clubs. This year, due to lack of funds, no county fair could be held, but the granges of the district voted to sponsor an exhibition.

The state prohibition department participated in 93 arrests for liquor law violations during August, according to a report filed in the executive department by George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner. Fines imposed aggregated \$5000 and jail sentences 1140 days.

On and after January 1, 1928, all owners of motor vehicles must carry in their cars certificates of registration issued by the state department. This is required under a law enacted at the last legislative session. Containers for the certificates will be furnished by the state without cost to the motor vehicle owners.

Dividends from the defunct Tillamook County bank were distributed among the depositors of the commercial and savings departments of the bank recently. This is the first dividend to be distributed by the state banking department since the bank was declared insolvent, and closed by the banking department March 19.

Arrangements were made last Thursday for eight "echo" conferences to be held in Oregon cities as an aftermath to a three-day evangelistic convention held at Eugene recently. Cities in which the meetings will be held are Albany, Salem, Klamath Falls, Medford, Roseburg, North Bend, Dallas and Bandon.

The White House pool hall and confectionery, built years ago when Cascade Locks was a bustling town, with large crews working there building the locks, was burned in a spectacular fire late Thursday night. Government employees on the locks stretched hose and saved the town, which was seriously threatened.

The new half-mile track at the state fair plant at Salem was turned over to the state fair board last week. The track will be used for the first time at this year's fair. The state now has both a mile and a half-mile track. It was said that the new track would expedite the races and at the same time give the spectators a better view of the horses.

Canning of vegetables on a commercial scale will be tried out in Salem this year for the first time, according to announcement made recently. The Paulus cannery will put up a large quantity of carrots, parsnips, beets and other vegetables. Officials of the corporation said the pack probably would exceed 15,000 cases.

Despite the oft repeated estimates of some of the leading cranberry interests that this season's crop in Oregon and Washington is going to be a record breaker, latest private survey fails to confirm such reports. The latest idea of the crop from independent sources is for a rather good production but no records are likely to be broken.

Hundreds of pounds of honey have been taken from between the walls of the Carroll Miller farm residence, six miles north of Coburg. Bees had been working there for a number of years, according to the owners of the house. It was decided to remove them and in order to do so it was necessary to remove the plaster on the wall from ceiling to floor. Almost the entire space between the walls was filled with honeycomb. One section of the comb taken out was more than four and a half feet long.

NELSON T. JOHNSON



Nelson T. Johnson, who has been appointed assistant secretary of state.

FRANCE SEEKS NEW COMMERCIAL PACT

Paris.—The French reply to the American representations concerning the new French tariff rates proposes to accord American commodities a 50 per cent reduction of the general tariff now effective, to hold during negotiations for a commercial treaty between France and the United States.

Since the general tariff is four times the minimum rate, American products thus would have to pay twice that assessed on imports from Germany and other countries with which France has commercial treaties.

France asks the United States for reciprocity in the complete sense of the word as the only acceptable basis for a tariff treaty between the two countries.

In a note replying to American representations concerning the new French tariff schedule, the French foreign office set forth the French conception of reciprocity as the conditions for entering upon fruitful negotiation of a tariff treaty.

The impression in both French and American circles was that the note simply was the first step in opening what are likely to be prolonged treaty negotiations.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Canada will pay off in October in cash the \$100,000,000 loan maturing in New York, according to advices from the minister of finance.

An estate of \$100,000, of which \$70,000 is in personal property, was left by Major-General Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, when he died recently.

Rodman Wanamaker, New York merchant, carries \$7,500,000 insurance on his life, the largest amount carried by any American, according to a survey made public.

Deaths from sunstroke and heat exhaustion during the middle west hot spell last week were placed at 18 in Chicago, which seemed to have been hardest hit. Four persons died in St. Louis from the heat and a few deaths directly or indirectly due to the high temperature were reported elsewhere.

"A voluntary universal arbitration" pack, introduced in the league of nations assembly commission on disarmament by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway, created tremendous interest as concrete development of a movement to outlaw war. The pact would make war between signatories impossible by provision for settlement of all questions by arbitration.

Land Flying Takes 10 Lives. Plainfield, N. J.—Seven persons were killed and five injured when a Fokker airplane crashed in an apple orchard near New Market. The machine was owned by the Reynolds airways and it set out from Hadley field with its load of passengers seeking their first thrill in the air.

Lindy Gets \$95,000 Royalties on "We". New York, N. Y.—The New York Evening Post says that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's book "We" has already netted him \$95,000 in royalties. The publishers said that sales of "We" would pass the 190,000 mark over the week end.

Dry Officers Must be Above Suspicion. Washington, D. C.—With oral tests virtually completed, the civil service commission has announced that the next step in the examination of applicants for the administrative positions in the prohibition service would be a character investigation.

Lindsey Would Practice in California. Los Angeles, Cal.—Judge Ben Lindsey, noted Denver jurist, filed application in the district court of appeals for admission to the California bar.

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENES IN PARIS

General Pershing and His Doughboys Are Warmly Welcomed by French.

Paris.—General Pershing and his doughboys are back in France again, and the air of Paris is filled with lilted wartime tunes. "Madelon" and "Over There," and thoughts of French people have turned back to remembrances of those days of 1917 when Europe made the acquaintance of the Yank in uniform.

This time Yank—30,000 of him, they say—is in "clits" and there isn't a man in all Europe to prevent him as he goes about the job of seeing France as a civilian.

All Paris has caught the carnival spirit that this second American expeditionary force has brought and the whole country took a holiday Monday when American legionnaires paraded through the capital before opening their convention on soil they helped save ten short years ago.

Twenty thousand men of the American Legion who fought for France, and many of their womenfolk, marched in a great parade under the Arc de Triomphe, and in homage to the unknown soldier, placed red, white and blue flowers around his grave.

The procession of Americans, returning in peace to the streets where they had once marched in the grim days of war, started from the Place d'Iena, moved through the Arce de Triomphe and then down the Champs Elysees to the Palace de la Concorde, where the marchers were reviewed by France's two greatest soldiers, Marshals Foch and Joffre, and America's war leader, General John J. Pershing.

Against the colorful background provided by the French government, the ninth annual convention of the American Legion got off to a whopping start Monday morning.

GRAND ARMY NOT TO RELINQUISH DUTIES

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Despite their rapidly thinning ranks and the weight of advancing years, members of the Grand Army of the Republic voted in their annual encampment that the time has not come for the relinquishment of their duties in the yearly observance of Memorial day.

A proposal to delegate the leading role in annual Memorial day services to the members of the American Legion and the veterans of more recent wars was defeated after several of the gray-haired veterans had favored turning over their honored place.

Elridge R. Hawk of Sacramento, Cal., was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual encampment here Thursday. His election was made unanimous when all of the candidates withdrew in his favor when he led in the balloting but did not have a majority.

The mortality rate among the veterans is about 12,000 a year. Commander-in-Chief Frank A. Walsh said, and the G. A. R. will have disappeared almost entirely within three years. He reiterated his statement of a few days ago that "while two of us are left we will stick together."

The pension committee was instructed to make efforts for the raising of the pensions of widows of veterans more than 65 years of age to \$50 a month.

Strahorn Sells O. C. & E. Interest.

Spokane.—Robert E. Strahorn, capitalist and builder of the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad, announced he had sold his half interest in that line to the Great Northern. The purchase price was reported to be \$900,000 and that of other property sold to name the exact sums. Sale of the interest in the road jointly in the hands of the Southern Pacific and the Great Northern. Operation will be joint and neutral, Strahorn said.

Cabinet Members Favor Long Flights.

Washington, D. C.—Air secretaries of the army, navy and commerce department decided against all measures to curb pioneer long-distance flying through legislation. While recognizing the hazards of such flights, the committee is satisfied public sentiment will discourage all enterprises undertaken by incompetent personnel or in unworthy equipment.

Washburn-Crosby Company Buys Mill.

Portland, Or.—The Washburn-Crosby company, one of the largest flour milling firms of Minneapolis, is entering actively into the flour business of the Pacific northwest. The company has just completed the purchase of the plant and business of the Pasco Flour Mills company at Pasco, Wash., from the owners, M. W. Hunt and E. Franz.

SENATOR CAPPER



A recent portrait of United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas.

CANADA GIVEN SEAT ON LEAGUE COUNCIL

Geneva.—The Dominion of Canada was elected to one of the non-permanent seats on the council of the League of Nations.

Other nations elected to non-permanent seats were Cuba and Finland. The election of Canada to the council marked the elevation of the first of the independent British dominions to membership in the superior governing body of the league.

Great Britain, as an empire, holds one of the permanent seats on the league council, together with France, Italy, Germany and Japan.

The non-permanent members are elected annually. There are nine non-permanent members of the council.

Forty-nine of the 56 nations which hold membership in the league participated in the voting. Canada received the smallest affirmative vote of any of the three nations elected. Cuba received 40 affirmative votes; Finland 33, and Canada 26.

HINDENBURG DENIES GUILT

President of Republic Declares Germany's Hands Are Clean.

Tannenberg, East Prussia.—Unveiling a monument in commemoration of the famous battle of Tannenberg in August, 1914, President Von Hindenburg, who was victorious in that battle, delivered a speech repudiating Germany's war guilt.

It was in self-defense and with a pure conscience, he declared, that the sword was unsheathed by Germany. At any moment he was ready to prove this fact before impartial judges, he said.

The speech was the most significant formal utterance the field-marshal has made since his accession to the presidency. His words were spoken amid a spectacular setting, surrounded by war comrades, including General Ludendorff and Field-Marshal Von Mackensen, government leaders and deputations of war veterans, against a background of old army battle flags and regimental colors.

Flier Meets Death in Wreckage Trap.

San Diego, Cal.—J. K. Kruger, aviation pilot in the United States fleet air service, met death by drowning when the torpedo plane he was piloting fell into San Diego bay.

Crissinger Quits as Reserve Governor.

Washington, D. C.—The resignation of Daniel R. Crissinger as governor of the federal reserve board was announced by Secretary Mellon.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.24; hard white, \$1.23; federation, \$1.24½; soft white and western white, \$1.22; hard winter, \$1.23; northern spring, \$1.24; western red, \$1.20.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.
Butterfat—45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 29@30c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9@9.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@12.00.
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, hard winter, \$1.24½; western red, \$1.21½; northern spring \$1.27½; bluestem, \$1.25; dark northern spring, \$1.28½; dark hard winter, \$1.34½.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S. 22.
Butter—Creamery, 45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 39@41c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.40.
Hogs—Good, \$11.50@11.75.

Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00.
Hogs—Good, \$12.50@12.50.

M'ADOO NOT TO BE CANDIDATE IN 1928

Responds to Request That He Announce His Stand on Candidacy.

Washington, D. C.—William Gibbs McAdoo, whose presidential campaign was wrecked in the titanic struggle with the forces of Alfred E. Smith at Madison Square garden three years ago, announced that he would not enter the race for the democratic nomination in 1928.

There was immediate speculation among party leaders as to the probable effect of his announcement on the fortunes of Governor Smith and others. Many of them read in the statement an invitation to the New York governor to withdraw, also, but few of them thought he would do so. Governor Smith himself declined to make any comment, as did his friends here.

Mr. McAdoo's decision was communicated to George F. Milton, publisher of the Chattanooga, Tenn., News, in a letter sent in response to a request from Mr. Milton he announce his candidacy.

Declaring this his "chief concern" was the "supremacy of democratic principles and progressive policies," Mr. McAdoo said that "perhaps I can do more to advance these objects as a private citizen than as a candidate for the presidency."

"I prefer to stand aside," he added, "in order that the field may be left clear, so far as I can clear it, for the development of a leadership that can more effectively gain these ends."

"I shall not, therefore, be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1928."

AUGUST U. S. EXPORTS PASS THE IMPORTS

Washington, D. C.—August merchandise exports of the United States were valued by the commerce department at \$375,000,000, while imports were set at \$371,000,000, leaving a favorable balance of \$4,000,000.

For the same month last year exports amounted to \$384,449,000 and imports \$336,477,000. Both exports and imports last month gained over July, the former increasing \$33,000,000 and the latter, \$52,000,000.

Gold exports in August reached \$1,524,000 as against \$3,803,000 in July. Income shipments, however, exceeded the outgoing by \$6,353,000, totaling \$7,877,000 last month, as against \$10,738,000 in July.

Silver exports topped imports in August by \$1,101,000, amounting to \$5,590,000 as against \$6,650,000 in July. Imports totaled \$4,489,000 and compared with \$4,288,000 in July.

CROSBY WINS COWBOY TITLE

Winner Presented With Roosevelt Trophy at Pendleton Round-Up.

Pendleton, Or.—Bob Crosby was proclaimed the world's champion cowboy for the second time at the Pendleton Round-Up grounds as one of the final events of the 18th annual Wild West classic.

By winning highest honors at the Cheyenne Frontier Days he outdid his nearest competitor, Dick Shelton, for the honor at Pendleton by only a few points.

Jesse Lawrence won the northwest bucking championship. Joe Bryant was second and Fred Huggins third.

Bob Askings was declared world's champion buckler, with Phil Yoder second and Walter Heacock third. In the Round-Up Derby event, first honors went to Dusty Dick, ridden by Jesse Farrow.

Nevada Ex-Officials Get Prison Term.

Carson City, Nev.—Former State Treasurer Ed Malley and Former State Controller George Cole were each sentenced to spend from five to 15 years in the state prison as a result of their conviction on charges of embezzling a half million dollars of state funds. Both declared their innocence as sentence was passed, and notice of appeal was given.

452 Sheep Bought by Soviet Agents.

Portland, Or.—After several days in the Pacific northwest, with Portland as headquarters, the Russian sheep-buying commission, representing the United Soviet States, has purchased 452 purebred sheep, according to an announcement made when the commission left for Chicago.

Around Globe Girdlers Abandon Flight

Tokio.—Formal announcement that William S. Brock and Edward F. Schlee had abandoned their proposed flight across the Pacific via the Midway islands and Honolulu was made by the agent representing the fliers. The effort to fly around the world, he said, had been abandoned.