

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The school at Rogue River has been closed on account of infantile paralysis.

The Metolus market road in Deschutes county is now complete. It extends from Sisters to the Jefferson county line.

C. L. Starr of Portland was reappointed by Governor Patterson a member of the board of regents of state normal schools.

Cottage Grove is developing into a shipping point for pears. A larger part of the pears are brought from Lorane, 10 miles, by truck.

The Gilliam county fair was held last week at Condon, with a record attendance and good exhibits. The town was decorated for the occasion.

The prune harvest is now under full swing in Polk county. The orchards are very spotted, some running to a full crop and others to practically nothing.

The First State Bank of Seaside failed to open its doors for business last Thursday, a notice being posted that the banking house is closed for reorganization.

The four-day annual Wallowa county fair was held last week, the only county fair now held in eastern Oregon, with other counties, particularly Union, participating.

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rue of Silverton has been christened Lindaline. She was born at the moment Lindbergh was circling over Silverton recently.

For the first time in many years Jackson county will have no displays at the state fair at Salem, because the county court failed this year to make the usual appropriation.

Newt Downs, 55, a pioneer resident of the Powwaka district near Wallowa, was killed instantly when struck on the head by a falling limb while cutting timber on Bear creek.

A contract for the construction of the highway bridge over Deer creek, in Roseburg, was let recently by the city council to the firm of Samuel & Neff of Salem, for \$37,239.47.

Gusty wind storms which prevailed over mid-Columbia orchard districts last week took a heavy toll of winter pears. In some instances the wind felled 30 per cent of the fruit.

Five hundred North Bend citizens are petitioning the Coos county court to continue night ferry service across Coos bay on the Roosevelt highway between North Bend and Glasgow.

Killing a big black bear and wounding, probably fatally, a huge cougar, were thrills reported by a party of archers who have returned from a hunting trip in the north Umpqua district.

The Berry Growers Packing company at Gresham is making arrangements for the canning of 100 to 150 tons of prunes, says the weekly bulletin of Seymour Jones, state market agent.

With many of the departments enlarged and several new ones added, the 16th annual exhibition of the Coos and Curry County Fair association was held at Myrtle Point last week.

The Western Lumber company of Marshfield, manufacturing white cedar veneer and other products, announced that it would enlarge by 50 per cent its operations and manufacturing.

A lion, belonging to the Honest Bill circus, which showed at Port Orford last week, bit off the left arm of Oris Fremm, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fromm of Brush Creek, near Port Orford.

Portland set a new low record for fire losses since November, 1921, when the losses for August were \$7879.17, despite the fact that the month set a record of its own in continuous hot weather.

A report is current in Marshfield that announcement of extension of the Hill lines into Coos bay from Eugene will be made shortly. The information says the work will be started in the spring, and circulators declare the word comes from authentic sources. According to the gossip, the road will come into the Coos bay area from the northeast, down Coos river and cross the bay at Marshfield.

The commercial fishing season at Waldport began Tuesday, and, judging from the enormous catches brought in, the run of silversides and chinooks, as well as steelheads, will far exceed last year and several years previous.

A horticultural freak was discovered by N. S. Bennett of Medford on the S. A. Nye ranch at Talent, consisting of several "sport" Bartlett pears of a rich golden russet. All the russets were found on the one branch of the tree only.

Blasting by contractors on the Roosevelt highway near Winchester bay last week disturbed the water mains leading from Clear lake and shut off the Reedsport water supply for a day.

Governor Patterson has issued a letter urging observance of "American Indian day," which falls on the last Friday in September. The letter was issued at the request of the American Indian association.

Registration on the opening day of Albany college's 60th year indicates a freshman class of about 60 members, the largest in the institution's history, and an increased enrollment in the three upper classes.

Bilster rust, which blights and kills white pine trees, has crossed the Columbia river into white pine territory in Oregon, defeating the restrictions, quarantines and embargoes of the United States forest service.

The Salem public schools opened last week with a registration of 4064. The enrollment on the opening day last year was 3973. School officials said the enrollment for 1928 would exceed 4500 before October 1.

At the special congressional election to be held in Multnomah county October 13, this year, 92,589 qualified voters will be permitted to vote, according to the compilation of duly registered voters prepared recently.

Experiments on the east side places of Mrs. Friday and son and W. E. Sherman at Hood River have demonstrated that codling moth may be controlled with dust spray and that the fruit may be packed and shipped without the necessity of hydrochloric acid baths.

A German cannon and a breastplate armor have been presented to the Willamette university museum at Salem by Charles J. Lisle, son of the curator. The cannon was captured at Montfaucon during the war. The breastplate armor is one of the only two of its kind in the state.

Oregon's 66th annual fair, which opened its gates for a full week at Salem Monday, saw the greatest exhibition of the state's agricultural wealth and potentialities ever displayed, according to Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson, secretary of the fair board and general manager of the event.

With scores of prospectors in the hills and hundreds of quartz claim notices scattered through thousands of acres of timber, central Oregon's greatest mining excitement in over a quarter of a century has resulted in the nucleus of a new town coming into existence in the past few days at Windy Point, on the McKenzie Pass highway, west of Sisters.

Judge George W. Riddle, 87, commandant at the Oregon State Soldiers' home at Roseburg, died unexpectedly from a heart attack last week. Judge Riddle, formerly county judge of Douglas county and who represented his county in three legislative sessions, was an Indian war veteran and a pioneer of 1851. The town of Riddle was named for his family.

Establishment of a state analytical laboratory for determining and controlling the purity of drugs was announced in Corvallis by representatives of the Oregon board of pharmacy. The laboratory is now being housed in the pharmacy building to enable the director to have the advantage of scientific libraries and equipment belonging to the college.

The Indian spectacle at the Pendleton Round-Up this year surpassed anything in former years, think many old timers. Actual count showed that there were 1540 Indians camped on the grounds. This number included members of the three reservation tribes there, Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla, and Nez Perce and Yakima and Tappanish area Indians.

Five thousand male deer were killed in Oregon during the first 10 days of the 1927 deer hunting season, according to carefully considered estimates made at the state game commission office. It was said that this almost certainly is the largest number of deer ever killed in the state during that length of time. This is the best deer hunting season Oregon has had in many years.

There were five fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 22, according to the report of the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Frank Spaetig, Mohler, chairman; Horace I. Lapham, Carleton, wood cutter; Orville H. Gaines, Portland, meterman; Frank B. Sagaberd, Marshfield, boat operator, and Howard Clark, Coquille, wood cutter. In all 911 accidents were reported to the commission during the week.

The first prune drier fire in Douglas county this season occurred when the big nine-tunnel structure on the J. H. Booth farm, near Myrtle Creek, was burned to the ground last week. The drier was full of fruit. The loss will be about \$7000.

Ranchers in the Coquille valley who harvest purple vetch this fall are in some cases realizing the equivalent of \$120 an acre. It is common to find an acre running 1500 pounds. The vetch raisers are pooling their crop, which is expected to be about 30 tons

### FRED STAREK



Fred Starek, former director of the War Finance corporation, has been named preconvention manager for former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.

### G. N. RAILROAD WINS \$500,000 TAX CUT

Washington, D. C. — The Great Northern railway won a sweeping victory before the United States board of tax appeals when that tribunal reduced back tax assessments on the road by about \$500,000.

The commissioner of internal revenue had assessed the railway \$677,043 in back taxes for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919, but the tax board ruled that only about \$100,000 was due the government.

The board decided in favor of the railway in the largest issue involved, that of computing income of interest on securities held which failed to pay dividends. The revenue bureau had assessed the line on a block of Spokane, Portland & Seattle stock and other transportation lines' stock, but the board held that no assessment was possible as the securities have failed to pay dividends.

The government won several points at issue when the board decided the railway could not deduct from taxable income \$422,677 as necessary expenses for operating construction trains and transporting workmen, and another \$4587 which the road paid in penalty as a result of violating federal statutes.

### BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Prince William of Sweden sailed on the steamship Gripsholm for the United States, where he will make a lecture tour.

President Coolidge has not yet determined how far the tax reductions may be carried at the next session of congress.

Eighteen prohibition agents at Newark, N. J., were dismissed by Assistant Secretary Lowman "for the good of the service."

Henry C. Hall of Colorado resigned as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Ill health was given by the veteran member as the reason for his decision.

Lady Suffolk of London, sister of Joseph Leiter of Chicago, lost her long court battle to have her brother removed as trustee of the \$30,000,000 estate of their father, Levi Z. Leiter.

Hill Roads Repeat Offer to Milwaukee. Portland, Or.—Putting into writing the offer made the Milwaukee by the S. P. & S., for the use by the former of the latter's tracks into Portland from Spokane, W. F. Turner, president of the S. P. & S., addressed to H. E. Byram, receiver for the Milwaukee, a letter setting out the terms of the offer in some detail. The original offer was made by President Turner, upon authorization of Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, and Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, parent roads of the S. P. & S., in answer to the Milwaukee's objection to proposed unification of the northern lines on the ground that such unification would virtually bar the Milwaukee from ever coming into Portland.

Ex-Senators on International Body. Washington, D. C.—Two ex-United States senators, Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin and Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, were appointed respectively as members of the Anglo-American commission and the Franco-American commission. Both bodies deal with arbitration questions.

Los Angeles City Offices Cleaned Out. Los Angeles.—In one of the boldest robberies here in years, two bandits within a stone's throw of central police headquarters held up and robbed the bureau of light and power offices, escaping with \$85,000 in cash.

### DIPLOMATS SEE TEST IN FRENCH PARLEY

#### Complaints Against U. S. Tariff Involved in Treaty Conversations.

Washington, D. C.—European diplomats in Washington including those of France, appear to view the tariff and commercial treaty conversations between France and the United States as virtually a test case of Europe's complaints against American high tariffs, agricultural quarantines and similar restrictions on commerce.

One French diplomat who did not wish to be quoted, even went so far as to say that France for centuries had been fighting Europe's test cases in international relationships and that the tariff discussion with the United States was only the most recent instance of the historic fact.

A canvass of the privately expressed opinions of diplomats and commercial attaches from several European countries shows them to be in substantial agreement that American commercial treaty negotiations pending or in prospect with a dozen or more countries are most unlikely to proceed with any rapidity until the French-American controversy is settled. The one other aspect of the French-American situation upon which they also agreed was that even the thought of a tariff war was intolerable to the governments of all nations.

As some of the European experts see the situation, the dispute with France is certain to air not only the irritation felt in Europe over the high American tariff schedules, but also the question of American agricultural quarantines, which have vexed relations between the United States and other countries at other times.

### U. S. JUDGES CONFER ON COAST PROBLEMS

Washington, D. C.—A meeting of the senior judges of the nine federal circuit courts of appeal, presided over by Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court, is to meet here to discuss judicial problems, including the crowded dockets of federal courts.

The conference, provided for by congress in a movement to speed the sometimes leaden heels of federal justice, will seek means to expedite cases to early decisions, eliminating long delays caused by appeals, which sometimes cost civil litigants much money and sometimes delay for years the serving of criminal sentences.

One of the obstacles to fast action in the courts is the bob-tailed appropriation for the federal courts' expenses, resulting from the failure of the second deficiency bill in the closing hours of congress last March. Due to lack of funds between March and July 1, many cases had to be postponed, although efforts were made to complete all pending criminal cases.

The dockets, however, have many carried over cases left this fall.

Mayor Duvall Found Guilty of Corrupt Practices. Indianapolis.—Mayor John Duvall of Indianapolis was found guilty of violation of the corrupt practices act and was fined \$1000 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

He was convicted in connection with his alleged acceptance of a bribe of \$14,500 from William H. Armitage, Indianapolis contractor, for three municipal appointments. It was charged that sum had been received by the mayor during his 1925 campaign and the mayor had failed to list the contribution.

Mayor Duvall's trial was the first to grow out of the Indiana political scandal precipitated by charges of D. C. Stephenson a year ago. Others under indictment as a result of the third inquiry are Governor Ed Jackson, George Coffin, republican of Marion county, and Robert L. Marsh, former law partner of Jackson.

102,450 Pay to See Big Chicago Fight. Washington, D. C.—Paid admission to the Dempsey-Tunney fight numbered 102,450, Internal Revenue Collector Mabel G. Reinecks at Chicago reported to the treasury department. The 10 per cent ticket tax netted \$252,065.

Alleged Liquor Ring Broken Up. Indianapolis, Ind.—With the indictment of 99 persons in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri, federal authorities expressed the belief that they had broken up one of the largest liquor rings in the middle west.

Senator Clark's Estate \$48,000,000. New York, N. Y.—An estate of \$48,000,000 was left by former United States Senator William Andrews Clark of Butte, Mont., who died here March 2, 1925, according to an appraisal just filed.

### BRIG. GEN. F. R. MCCOY



Brig. Gen. F. R. McCoy, appointed by President Coolidge to supervise the Nicaraguan elections in 1928.

### POLISH PLAN TO END WAR IS APPROVED

Geneva. — The assembly of the League of Nations unanimously adopted the Polish proposal for the outlawing of war.

The convention passed another resolution, also unanimously, asking the league's special commission for the drafting of an international convention for the control of the private manufacture of war materials to make a new attempt to reach an agreement.

The commission failed the last time as a result of the United States' refusal to participate in the munitions control convention unless the convention covered the government manufacture of war materials.

Germany — once regarded as the greatest military power in the world—is now disarmed and calmly waits for her neighbors to do likewise, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the German foreign secretary, declared in a plea from the rostrum at the assembly of the league of nations for the speeding up of preparations for an international conference for reduction of armaments.

### AL SMITH FAVORED

Western Democrats Indorse New York Governor for Presidency.

Ogden, Utah.—Al Smith, governor of New York, had the almost unanimous indorsement for the presidency of representatives of seven far western states, gathered here to form a "working organization" for the party.

Besides Utah, the states represented were California, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Action of the conference was unofficial as far as having any binding effect on delegates to the national convention is concerned, but it was the first definite indication that major sentiment for the New York governor exists in the west.

The resolution drafted by the conference committee was especially plain in stating, however, that the body had no intention of binding or embarrassing the party organizations of the states represented.

Seaplane Record 281 Miles An Hour. Venice, Italy.—Flight Lieutenant S. N. Webster, in a super-marine Napier S-5 monoplane, smashed all existing seaplane records in capturing the famous Schneider cup for Great Britain. Italy had held the cup for the past year as a result of its victory over the United States at Hampton Roads in 1926. Lieutenant Webster averaged 453.282 kilometers, or 281.488 miles an hour.

### THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.27; hard white, \$1.26; federation, soft white and western white, \$1.24½; hard winter, \$1.26; northern spring, \$1.25½; western red, \$1.23.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.

Butterfat—45c. Eggs—Ranch, 29@36c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@12.00.

Lambs — Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.

Seattle. Wheat — Soft white, western white, \$1.26½; hard winter, \$1.27; western red, \$1.25; northern spring, \$1.29; bluestem, \$1.30; dark northern spring, \$1.40½; dark hard winter, \$1.36½.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22. Butter—Creamery, 45c. Eggs—Ranch, 33@44c. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.40. Hogs—Good \$12.00@12.15.

Spokane. Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00. Hogs—Good, \$11.50@11.60.

### EDWARD E. SPAFFORD HEADS THE LEGION

#### New York Naval Commander Named President of Order in Paris.

Paris.—Commander Edward E. Spafford of New York, U. S. N., and Mrs. Robert Walbridge, Peterborough, N. H., were elected to lead the American Legion and the American Legion auxiliary, respectively, during the next 12 months.

Spafford was elected national commander of the legion without opposition. Mrs. Walbridge defeated Mrs. Louise Ficklen, Washington, Ga., for the auxiliary presidency.

The following were elected national vice commanders:

John T. Rattis, Coleville, Wash.; Ralph T. O'Neil, Topeka, Kan.; Paul R. Younts, Charlotte, N. C.; J. M. Henry, Winona, Minn., and Dan W. Spurluck, Shreveport, La.

The Rev. Gill-Robb Wilson, a Presbyterian of Trenton, N. J., was elected national chaplain of the legion.

Pelham Bissell of New York was elected to the command of the "Forty and Eight" organization within the legion which makes the fun for the outfit. Bissell's title is Chef De Chemin De Fer.

The legion adopted a resolution urging the organization of a national department of aeronautics with cabinet representation equal to that enjoyed by the Army and Navy.

Another resolution opposed further reduction of American naval strength unless other powers reduced proportionately.

### MAY DISCIPLINE CRITIC OF NAVY

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Wilbur of the navy has under consideration the disciplining of one of the service's chief officers, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, for a recent magazine article criticizing the navy's administration.

Admiral Magruder, who is commandant of the fourth naval district, is said to have violated a naval regulation which stipulates that articles on military affairs by persons in the service shall be submitted to the secretary before publication.

The article, which was published under the title of "The Navy Economy," charged the navy was over-organized and failed to practice economy.

Whether the regulation of failing to supply a copy of his article would be invoked against Admiral Magruder has not been disclosed by navy department officials and Secretary Wilbur has declined to comment on the article beyond a brief statement that no action had yet been taken.

### TUNNEY DECISION STANDS

Boxing Commission Refuses to Consider Dempsey Manager's Protest.

Chicago.—Gene Tunney will remain undisputed world's heavyweight boxing champion.

The Illinois boxing commission, John C. Rieheimer, chairman, announced, will not consider a protest of the decision of the Tunney-Dempsey bout filed by Dempsey's manager. The decision as rendered by Referee Dave Barry will stand.

Tunney's victory was disputed because it was claimed the champion was saved from losing his crown in the seventh round by a count that was actually several seconds longer than the toll of nine.

It was unquestionably a "long count," from 12 to 14 seconds, in all, to take the varying count of ringside observers—but its explanation lay in the fact that Illinois boxing rules compelled the fighter scoring the knock-down to go to his corner before the count starts. The time elapsing during Dempsey's backing off to a corner accounted for the late start of the count, boxing commissioners explained.

World Series to Open October 5.

Chicago, Ill.—The first game of the world's series will be played on October 5 in the city whose cubs wins the National Baseball league pennant, it was decided here at a conference among representatives of the leading clubs of the National and American Leagues and Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis.

German Ambassador to U. S. Killed. Berlin. — Five persons, including Baron Von Maltzan, German ambassador to the United States, were killed in a passenger airplane crash near Schletz, Thuringia.

Former Mayor of Indianapolis Dies. Indianapolis, Ind.—Lew Shank, former mayor of Indianapolis, was found dead in bed at his home here, apparently from natural causes.