

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The annual convention of the Oregon Bar association was held in Bend last week.

The Oregon state fair, for the first time in history, was held over on Sunday this year.

Walter L. Tooze, Sr., for many years a prominent resident of Oregon, died suddenly at his home in Salem last week.

Bids have been opened at Medford on widening and clearing the channel and stabilizing the banks of Bear creek.

The date of the Sherwood potato and onion show has been changed from November 5 to Saturday, November 19.

Five fish boats came in to Coos bay recently with about 25,000 pounds of salmon, the largest offshore catch of the year.

Between 55 and 60 per cent of the Umatilla wheat crop has been sold, according to an estimate of Henry Collins, Pendleton miller.

Washington county has no bonded indebtedness and approximately 40 miles of paved highways and 520 miles of splendid level macadam roads.

Completion of the digging of nine acres of potatoes on the Newton Miller farm on Grand Island gave 1000 sacks, running from 100 to 120 pounds a sack.

Marion county produces more than 10 per cent of all the peppermint grown in the United States, according to L. C. Herrold, Lake Labish refinery expert.

At a public auction held recently on the Claude Fulgham farm near Dayton, dairy cows brought good prices, his entire herd averaging more than \$100 each.

Ashland will celebrate Thursday, October 6, with a big fall festival, which, it is said, will eclipse anything of the kind ever held in that city. All of Oregon has been invited.

After being mangled under the wheels of a locomotive, Anthony McGibbon, Brooks Scanlon logging train conductor, died while being brought to a Bend hospital last week.

Sam Starmer, sheriff of Douglas county, was elected by the state board of control as commandant of the Old Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, to succeed the late George W. Riddle.

Union county farmers are looking forward to one of the best potato crops in many years when the crop is dug this fall. There are 1300 acres and the estimate is 250 bushels to the acre.

The fifth case of infantile paralysis was discovered by Dr. P. M. Drake, Coos county health officer, last week, and resulted in the closing of the Toy school, near Coquille, until October 10.

The 1927 University of Oregon summer sessions at Portland and Eugene had a total enrollment of 1324, as compared to 1225 in 1926. Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university, has announced.

Congressman W. C. Hawley has recommended the reappointment of Fred Wagner as postmaster of Ashland, his present term will expire December 19 and his reappointment will be for four years more.

Norman Christensen, cheesemaker at the Red Clover cheese factory of the Tillamook County Creamery association, received first prize for cheese exhibit at the Washington state fair, recently held at Yakima.

During the first 29 days of September permits were issued in Portland for construction amounting to \$1,470,715. The volume for September, 1926, was \$2,617,580, and in August this year the total was \$1,700,045.

Struck on the head by a tent pole at the Clackamas county fair grounds at Canby last week, while taking down one of the big tents, William Weber, 18, of Canby, died in the Oregon City hospital from a fractured skull.

The Wallawa county fair at Enterprise was held last week with favorable weather and with a large crowd in attendance. Reports state that exhibits were of better quantity and quality than in any past year.

The 11 banks of Washington county, according to a recent report, show an increase of \$293,762.58 in resources over liabilities, and combined deposits are \$4,372,911.56 as compared with \$4,517,403.84 for the same period of 1926.

A credit association has been formed in eastern Multnomah county with Gresham as its center. The new officers of the bureau are A. W. Metzger, president; L. A. Walrad, vice-president, and Glenwood Miller, secretary.

Removal of a quarantine on all Klamath Falls children 15 years old and younger was authorized last week by the city council, following a report by Dr. G. S. Newsum, health officer, that infantile paralysis had been definitely checked.

Work on the first unit of the Bend-Burns highway started last week with crews starting at Brothers and heading toward Bend. Deschutes county road crews and equipment are being used by the state in construction work.

A large amount of fall plowing is being done throughout the Sandy-Gresham section, and more fall seeding will be done than ever before. It is found that grain sowed in the fall produces better than spring sowing.

The state treasurer has received from the secretary of state a warrant for \$900,000, which is the three-fourths proportion of motor vehicle fees collected during the semi-annual period March 16 to September 15 of this year.

Governor Patterson has issued an order extending the reprieve issued to James Willos, convict, for a period of 30 days. Willos is under death sentence for the part he played in the slaying of guards during a break at the state penitentiary here in August, 1925.

Crackmen blew the safe in the store of Gilliam & Bisbee of Heppner last week and escaped. They secured about \$150. It is thought the men were after the furs of the rodeo, which closed here Saturday, but most of these funds had been taken to the bank.

The state banking department, which has been located in Portland for more than two years, will be moved back to Salem, according to announcement made by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, at a meeting of the state banking board held in Salem recently.

Tomatoes are ripening fast and are of wonderful size and flavor and in sufficient amount to keep the Grand Island cannery running continuously. Canning of puree has begun. Melons also are ripening fast and are rich and sweet. Clover hulling is progressing and quality and yield continue good.

A total of 1104 forest fires caused by lightning, with 418 man-caused fires for the season up to September 20, is shown in the fire summary just released by the forest service offices at Portland. In spite of heavy rains so far in September, 48 fires were reported by the forest rangers from September 10 to 20.

The state treasurer has deposited with the state's fiscal agent in New York \$2,197,552.69 to pay principal and interest on Oregon bonds due. A total of \$588,316.25, was deposited to pay interest on \$27,000,000 of veteran's aid bonds and \$1,609,336.44 to pay \$890,000 principal and \$89,336.44 interest on state highway bonds.

More than 30 per cent of the Lane county prune crop has been ruined or badly damaged by recent rains, according to one prominent grower, and some growers estimated the loss to be more than that. The rains came in the midst of picking and continued to such an extent that the prunes not only cracked, but began to rot on the trees.

The "town" of Noonchester, born three weeks ago of a gold rush that collapsed when rocks failed to react to gold tests, was moving down the western slopes of the Cascades in trucks from Windy point last week. Final traces of the town will be removed in the next few days, according to information from the stormy summit of the mountains.

Portland smashed two foreign trade records in September. More wheat was exported from this port than in any months in its history. Total valuation of foreign exports eclipsed the figure for any previous month. Almost nine and a half million bushels of grain, 9,495,747 to be exact, valued at \$12,305,163, were cleared through the local customs house for the markets of the world.

All early registration records for Oregon Agricultural college were broken last Saturday when, for the first time in history, more than 3000 students were enrolled at the close of the first day for returning students.

The actual total of 3655 regular students is expected to reach 3500 for the term with long-term students for the entire year closely approaching the 4000 mark.

The Pacific northwest is expecting the largest potato crop in its history and present indications are for fine quality in a large proportion of the fields. Several years of prosperity for potato growers have served steadily to increase the Oregon and Washington acreage in the old producing sections and have resulted in very heavy plantings in at least two sections newly discovered especially suitable for the crop.

Portland city expenses for next year will be \$4,880,013.70, or about \$219,000 higher than for 1926, but \$490,513.17 less than the departments asked and \$30,000 less than the limit which the city might raise, despite the growth in the city service for the new year.

Resignation of E. E. Elliott as director of vocational education and supervisor of agricultural education for the state board for vocational education, effective October 1, has been announced by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

RAYMOND L. ROSS



Raymond L. Ross, who has been appointed chief of the new airways mapping section of the United States coast and geodetic survey. He has charge of producing maps for commercial flyers.

BANKERS URGE CUT IN FEDERAL TAXES

Seattle, Wash.—A tax reform program which urges further slashes in individual income taxes and immediate repeal of the federal estate tax was adopted by the Investment Bankers' association of America in concluding its 16th annual convention here.

The program, which was presented by the taxation committee, also proposed reduction in the corporate income tax "until it accords more nearly with the rate of the normal tax on individual incomes," and recommended elimination of the items of capital gains and capital losses in the federal income taxation.

The association went on record as favoring protection of the proceeds of "green" construction bond issues by the deposit of the funds with a disinterested corporate trustee.

Hope was expressed that congress will simplify the provisions of the federal transportation act under which the activities of the railroads are so largely controlled by the interstate commerce commission, to the end that the commission will be given wide discretion in reference to consolidations of railroads.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Warren Pershing, only son of the commander of the American expeditionary force in the world war, is among the freshmen who started their four-year course at Yale university.

Pursuing their annual custom, President and Mrs. Coolidge Sunday attended outdoor divine services by District of Columbia Masonic organizations at Temple heights, site of the proposed Masonic temple.

The six months' coal mining suspension in Illinois which threw more than 70,000 men out of work, was settled when miners and operators accepted a proposal of a joint committee by which operations are to be resumed.

Fifteen hundred students of Emerson high school of Gary, Ind., returned to their classes after a strike lasting four days, having forced the school and city authorities to oust 24 negro students from the classrooms.

Manuel Quezon and Sergio Osmena, independence leaders and presiding officers respectively of the senate and house of representatives, have sailed from Manila to Washington for a conference with President Coolidge on Philippine affairs.

\$300,000,000 U. S. Tax Cut Feasible.

Washington, D. C.—Despite increased government expenditures and expected loss in some revenue, tax reduction of \$300,000,000 will be feasible next year, Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee declared after a conference at the White House. He expressed the belief the reduction bill would center around a 1 per cent cut in the corporation tax.

Roads Oppose Cut in Deciduous Fruit.

Washington, D. C.—Northern transcontinental railroads have requested the interstate commerce commission to modify its order of last July reducing freight rates 13 cents a hundred pounds on deciduous fruits, other than apples, moving from California eastward, via middle and southern transcontinental routes.

Babe Ruth Breaks 1921 Record.

New York, N. Y.—Babe Ruth cracked his own season record for home runs when he belted his sixtieth high up into the right field bleachers in the eighth inning of the game with Washington. Ruth's record of 59 homers was made in 1921.

MANY LIVES LOST IN ST. LOUIS STORM

Hundreds Are Injured by Tornado and Property Damage Runs High.

St. Louis, Mo.—Eighty persons were known to have been killed, 1200 injured and property worth \$50,000,000 damaged by a tornado which devastated an area of six square miles in the residential district of this city.

House to house canvasses gave 5500 as the approximate number of buildings destroyed or damaged.

More than a million dollars' worth of automobiles were destroyed.

Survey of the entire storm area showed that the bulk of serious storm damage was done to residence houses, apartment buildings, small stores, small factories and churches.

The stricken area, irregular in shape and of varying width, showed plainly that the tornado, in cutting a crescent-shaped swath which embraced the exclusive residential section, humbler homes and business streets, had hopped, skipped and jumped. From Lindell boulevard, a street of tall apartment houses and fine homes, it hopped some eight blocks to Vandeventer place, formerly the most exclusive residence center of St. Louis, and thence three blocks to Cook, the center of a large district devoted to homes for negroes.

The twister reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour in a few seconds, and subsided as many minutes later to be followed shortly by a brilliant sun shining through wind-torn clouds.

MANY PERSONS SEEK D'AUTREMONT REWARD

Washington, D. C.—Sixty persons have filed claims with the postal authorities for the \$15,900 in gold offered as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three DeAutremont brothers—Roy, Ray and Hugh.

The three-year hunt for the boys, after they had blown up a Southern Pacific mail train near Siskiyou, Or., October 11, 1923, and killed a mail clerk and three trainmen, was conducted on a world-wide scale. Hundreds of false trails and clues were run down by postal inspectors and detectives. Hugh was captured in the Philippines, where he was serving in the United States army. Ray and Roy were taken at Steubenville, O. All three now are serving life sentences in the state penitentiary at Salem, Or.

LYLE HOLDS JOB

Indications Are That He Will Retain Office For a Time.

Washington, D. C.—Although prohibition enforcement officials here predicted some time ago that Roy C. Lyle would be supplanted by October 1 as administrator for Oregon, Washington and Alaska, he continued on the job with indications that his status would not be changed for another month at least, if then.

Inability of the civil service commission to certify results of examinations for the post of administrator was given at the treasury as the reason no action had been taken with regard to Lyle.

At the treasury it was said still to be the intention of prohibition chiefs to supplant Lyle in the Washington-Oregon district, probably during a general shakeup in the field when the prohibition bureau is placed on a civil service basis.

French Note Cites U. S. Tariff Act.

Washington, D. C.—Study of the latest French note on tariffs received Saturday has satisfied administration officials that it was written in a conciliatory spirit and that it contains a possible basis for adjustment of the difficulties between the two countries. The new French note cites the equalization provisions of the American tariff act, section 315, as authority under which treaty negotiations might proceed. That section authorizes adjustment of rates up or down to allow for any difference in American and foreign production costs of the articles involved in order to remove the difference when the articles are placed in competition here with American products.

100 Scheduled to Face Whip Charge.

Montgomery, Ala.—Indictment of at least 100 persons on kidnapping and whipping charges in connection with a series of whippings in Crenshaw county in the last year was predicted by Attorney General Charles McCall.

Milwaukee Has Right to Spend Million.

Chicago.—Federal Judge John W. Wilkerson has granted receivers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad authority to spend approximately \$1,000,000 in improvements on the road.

T. G. SHAW



T. G. Shaw, World War veteran and Fort Worth, Texas, oil millionaire, who has donated the proceeds of an oil well to erect 50 homes in which American Legion convalescents and their families will reside.

TROTZKY EXPELLED BY COMMUNIST PARTY

Moscow.—Leon Trotzky, once all-powerful war minister of the soviets, has again felt the weight of discipline for his out-spoken opposition to the Stalin and Bucharin group, controlling the communist party and the communist or third international.

Shorn of governmental posts and demoted in the Russian communist party for his attacks on the controlling group in the past, he has now been expelled from the executive body of the international, together with M. Vuyovich, one of his chief aides.

The expulsion was unanimously voted by the presidium, or controlling organism of the international, which directs international communist activities.

WOULD PENSION JUDGES

Oregon Bar Association Would Retire Judges at 70 Years.

Bend, Or.—Members of the Oregon State Bar association in the concluding session of their first convention under a new constitution, approved resolutions favoring among others the retirement of judges on full pay at the age of 70, the re-zoning of judicial districts, an investigation of charges that unlicensed attorneys are practicing in Oregon and the drawing up of a new legal code.

Judge John L. Rand, Portland, was named president of the association, succeeding W. Lair Thompson, Portland. W. M. Davis, Portland, was named vice-president.

The resolution calling for retirement of judges on full pay at 70, providing they have been in office 10 years immediately prior to reaching this age, was turned over to a committee.

C. L. Babcock Heads Good Roads Body

Longview, Wash.—The 28th annual convention of the Washington state good roads convention was concluded here with peace and harmony prevailing to the end and final business enacted smoothly, with Clifford L. Babcock of Tacoma unanimously elected president and Walla Walla chosen as the 1928 convention city.

Governor Peay of Tennessee Dies.

Nashville, Tenn.—Governor Austin Peay, chief executive of this state since 1923, died in his home here. The 51-year old executive was the first governor of Tennessee in 100 years to attain the office the third time in succession.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.28; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, hard winter, \$1.25; Northern spring, \$1.24; western red, \$1.23 1/2.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.
Butterfat—44c.
Eggs—Ranch, 32@39c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.50.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@11.50.
Lams — Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, \$1.26; western red, \$1.24; northern spring, \$1.26 1/2; bluestem, \$1.29; dark northern spring, \$1.40; dark hard winter, \$1.36.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.
Butter—Creamery, 45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 33 1/2@46c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.40.
Hogs—Good \$12.00@12.15.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00.
Hogs—Good, \$11.00@11.50.

HINDENBURG HONORED BY GERMAN PEOPLE

President of the Republic Gets Big Ovation on His 80th Birthday.

Berlin.—Von Hindenburg was first in the hearts of his countrymen Sunday as never before. Not since William I led the German armies through the Brandenburger gate in 1871 on their return from the Franco-Prussian war has Berlin witnessed an ovation like that showered on Paul von Hindenburg on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

It was primarily a tribute to Von Hindenburg, the man, that found an outlet in the veritable drumfire of cheering which echoed and re-echoed along the route which he traversed, but its political significance is set down as a tangible asset to the German republic, for the president's natal day was the signal for a political truce in which his services to the new Germany found free acknowledgement from friend and foe alike. The colors of the republic predominated in the display of bunting throughout the city.

A warm autumn sun beamed benignly on the octogenarian president as he leisurely motored through a 12-mile lane, flanked with guards of honor, back of whom men, women and children were massed until the house-fronts formed unyielding barriers.

Veteran police officials were inclined to estimate the turnout which applauded the president on the drive to the stadium at not less than 1,000,000.

COOLIDGE GREETES CALLES BY TELEPHONE

Washington, D. C.—Before 300 interested guests, including his entire cabinet, President Coolidge exchanged greetings with President Calles of Mexico by long-distance telephone and thus opened a new chapter in the forward march of international communication of this continent.

Telephoning from the Pan-American building here, the president expressed the hope that the "new facilities thus provided will promote a better understanding between the peoples of the two countries." The president spoke in English and when he concluded President Calles responded from the national palace in Mexico City with a brief speech in Spanish, ardently expressing the same hope. The speeches were translated by official interpreters at either end of the line.

WOMAN SHOTS JUDGE

Four Bullets Fired into Federal Jurist's Body.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Screaming "I'll show you how to get justice," Mrs. Eliza Simmons, 46, a widow, fired four shots into the body of Judge Tillman D. Johnson of the United States district court here as he stepped to the rostrum in his courtroom.

Mrs. Simmons was overpowered and taken to the county jail, where she was held without charge pending the outcome of Judge Johnson's injuries. She steadfastly refused to talk, but a statement found at her home by department of justice agents disclosed that she believed she had been gravely wronged when Judge Johnson dismissed a suit for \$25,000 in 1924, 14 years after her husband was killed in a mining accident.

Machine Gun Gang Robs Bank of \$3500

Los Angeles.—Six men, advancing under cover of a machine gun manned by a seventh robber, rushed a branch of the Merchants National bank, held up five employees and 50 customers, clubbed a man and a woman and escaped with from \$3500 to \$5000 in cash.

Seattle Customs Collector Is Dead.

Glendale, Cal.—Millard T. Hartson, collector of customs of Seattle and prominent in republican political circles in the state of Washington, died in a sanitarium here, where he had gone two weeks ago for rest and treatment following a general breakdown in health.

Coolidge Opens Service with Belgium.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge and King Albert of Belgium exchanged wireless messages early Monday, marking the opening of direct radio-telegraphic service between the United States and Belgium.

Milwaukee R. R. Value Is \$58,914,672

Washington, D. C.—A tentative valuation of \$58,914,672, as of June 30, 1918, was placed on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad by the interstate commerce commission.

Pittsburg Pirates Win League Pennant

Cincinnati.—The Pittsburg Pirates clinched the National league pennant Saturday by defeating the Cincinnati Reds by 9 to 6.