

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Interstate fair was held in Prineville last week with a large number in attendance.

Surveying is completed and right of way virtually secured for a cutoff highway between Springfield and Coquille.

The flower show given in Woodburn by the Garden club last week was so successful that it will be an annual event.

Abutments for a new bridge over Meacham creek near Gibbon are being built by the Umatilla county road crews.

Last week there was a coat of gravel placed on the roads between Sweet Home and Foster, improving traffic conditions.

Rickreall school was closed last week on account of one case of infantile paralysis being reported by the attending physician.

The first frost of the season nipped the late vegetable crops in the Rogue river valley last week, when the mercury reached 29 1/2 above.

E. A. Brownell, rancher near Haines, claims the largest wheat yield per acre this year in Oregon. His crop yielded 72 bushels per acre.

A. Ritchie of Baker was the successful bidder for the contract for construction of the high school gymnasium at Vale. His figure was \$12,944.

The Bend Golf club's new nine-hole turf course, opened on October 1. The new course, first of its kind in central Oregon, was seeded this spring.

Fees earned by the Multnomah county clerk's office in September totaled \$14,546.70, according to the monthly report of County Clerk Beveridge.

"Gentlemen professors" are preferred by both blondes and brunettes at the University of Oregon, while men as instructors are also preferred by men students.

The McMinnville Christian church, which holds the distinction of being the oldest member of its denomination in Oregon, celebrated its 80th anniversary Sunday.

There were ten fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended October 6, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Reported damage of approximately \$100,000 to apples in the Freewater and Milton district caused by hail has cut down considerably the prospect for the good crop at first in evidence.

Albany's 1925 general fund budget to be raised by taxation was set at \$39,753.80. The amount is \$1990 more than the 1927 general fund levy, and is \$280.63 under the constitutional maximum.

Regents of the University of Oregon have approved the 1925 summer school budget of \$41,000, and authorized the appointment of Alfred Powers as director of the summer session in Portland and Eugene.

Fire losses in Oregon resulting from the destruction of merchantable timber were smaller during the 1927 season than for 14 years, according to a report prepared by F. A. Elliott, state forester, in Salem.

With freezing temperatures and heavy snows falling in the mountains and the heavy rains drenching Umatilla county farm lands, road construction and fall plowing and seeding is at a standstill in that section.

An ordinance regulating card playing was adopted by the Roseburg city council. It prohibits card playing in any pool hall or card hall except on the first floor, and makes it unlawful to permit games behind locked doors.

The Coos and Curry Telephone company is reconstructing its line between Gold Beach and the California state line, a distance of about 50 miles. New poles are being set for the entire distance along the Roosevelt highway.

Mrs. Almira Sparks, 84, early pioneer of Oregon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Susanna Bowers, in Eugene last week. Mrs. Sparks came to this state by ox team over the Old Oregon Trail with her parents in 1847. It required six months to make the trip. The family settled on a donation land claim of 640 acres near Wheatland, 14 miles north of Salem.

A timber sale totaling \$48,853.87 was conducted by the United States land office in Roseburg last week. Timber on seven tracts was sold, the lands being located in Polk, Lane, Washington, Columbia and Jackson counties.

The import duty on cherries probably will be increased from 2 to 3 cents per pound, according to Max Gehlar, Salem attorney, who returned from Washington, where he conferred with members of the federal tariff commission.

This year's commercial pear crop of Medford and the valley will be 2300 cars, which is 200 more than last year and greatly exceeds the early season estimates because of the fruit having sized up better than then anticipated.

Yawning at a hotel in Oregon City early Monday morning, Jack Bates, traveling man of Seattle, found that he was unable to close his mouth. A physician was called and it was discovered that he had dislocated his jaw.

The Portland school board at a special meeting Thursday night fixed the total budget for the public schools for the calendar year 1928 at \$4,001,631.50. This is an increase of \$462,589.67 over the present year's budget.

Figures compiled in Salem recently indicated that the state fair board will have a surplus of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, after all expenses of the 1927 vent are paid. The receipts from all sources this year aggregated more than \$107,000, as against \$108,000 in 1926.

Fred Rogers, employed at the Conlogue logging camp on the Coquille river near Marshfield, leaped on the back of a buck deer which entered the river near him. Rogers rode the buck until it became exhausted and was drowned. He then carried the carcass to his home.

Representatives of a San Francisco concern have been quietly engaged in securing oil leases in parts of Clatsop county, south of Astoria, it has been learned, and have made sufficient headway with securing the options to enable them to predict actual drilling by the end of the year.

Six hundred and fourteen families invested \$2,229,730 in Oregon lands during the year ending October 1, purchasing 26,369 acres, according to the report prepared by W. G. Ide, manager of the joint land settlement department of the Oregon and Portland chambers of commerce.

A quarantine station has been established by county health officials at Canyonville to prevent the entrance of children from districts affected with infantile paralysis into Douglas county, following the attempt of parents from Klamath Falls and Medford to send their children to this city to school.

The Newport Construction company, Portland, probably will complete its contract with the state highway for getting out 20,000 yards of rock for maintenance work on the Mount Hood loop highway this week. A large supply of the crushed rock is piled at various points between Sandy and Rhododendron.

The Douglas county court adopted the Scottsburg-Drain road, the Elkton-Diamond Lake road and the Tiller cutoff as the three major road projects of the county. The first two projects are connected directly with the Umpqua highway development now being undertaken by the newly organized Umpqua highway association.

Pendleton will have the best equipped airport in eastern Oregon when plans of the government air mail service are carried out to make this an emergency landing field on the Elko-Pasco route. The commercial association field east of the city will be utilized and fitted with beacons, searchlight and other equipment. Work is to start in the near future and will be completed by June, 1928.

Stock-killing bears were the particular object of federal hunters during September, when 14 of the animals were bagged, according to the monthly report of Stanley G. Jewett, in charge of the predatory animal work in the Oregon district. In addition, the hunters accounted for 350 coyotes, 39 bobcats, one cougar, 97 badgers and 138 porcupines. Two Canadian lynx—an animal rarely found in Oregon—also were killed.

A tragedy was narrowly averted last week by the prompt work of a ranch hand when George W. Johnston, prominent banker and business man of Dufur was attacked and trampled by a bull. Mr. Johnston was rolled and tossed for a distance of 50 feet before his rescuer arrived and held the infuriated animal at bay with a pitchfork. The fact that the bull had recently been dehorned probably saved Mr. Johnston's life.

Apple growers of the Milton-Freewater section have appealed to Oregon Agricultural college to help them solve the problem of fruit rot which has developed because of the use of washers to rid apples of arsenate of lead residue. Insistence by federal authorities that all apples be washed in order to win approval as grade No. 1 has brought heavy financial losses to growers, it is claimed, due to open cores where the rot sets in.

Burt Brown Baker, noted New York and Chicago lawyer, was elected vice president, in charge of public relations, at the University of Oregon. Announcement of the appointment followed a meeting of the board of regents in Eugene.

To combat the lower fogs of the lower Columbia highway, busses operated by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway have been painted a bright orange. The carriers were formerly a light gray which blended too easily with the fog.

### JUDGE BENJ. CARDOZA



Judge Benjamin Cardoza of the New York Court of Appeals, who has been named by President Coolidge to represent the United States as a member of the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

### SPECTACULAR BOOZE RAIDS FORBIDDEN

Washington, D. C. Spectacular raids on night clubs and cabarets will not be tolerated by Prohibition Commissioner Doran, who sent out a new manual of instructions for dry agents.

The agents were ordered to cease the practice of dramatically rushing into cabarets with drawn revolvers in making raids. Arms, the commissioner said, should be used only in self defense, as their unnecessary display encourages shooting.

Agents, however, may still use shot guns, rifles and machine guns in operating against moonshiners in the mountainous sections.

The commissioner also admonished agents against unnecessary drinking of liquors to obtain evidence.

### INDICT DRY OFFICER

Terry A. Talent to Face Trial for Death of Zimmerlee.

Medford, Or.—Terry A. Talent, 22, federal prohibition enforcement officer, was indicted by a grand jury under the direction of Assistant Attorney-General Liljeqvist, appointed by the governor to investigate the death September 29 of Mansford Zimmerlee, during the progress of a moonshine raid. The bill charges involuntary manslaughter. A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Talent and his bail fixed at \$2000. The grand jury heard 32 witnesses and spent three days hearing the testimony.

### Rain Prevents Harvesting of Crops.

Moscow, Idaho.—Crop damages are likely to be heavy in many northern Idaho communities as the result of excessive rains. The wheat crop in the Moscow district will suffer a loss of about 150,000 bushels, while the pea crop also suffered heavily. Reports from the central Idaho region state that 40 per cent of the \$3,000,000 grain crop and 90 per cent of the \$350,000 bean crop are still in the fields rapidly deteriorating and in some cases rotting in the shocks. This section of the state faces the heaviest loss in history.

### U. S. Favors Refund of French Loan.

Washington, D. C.—Despite the government's ban on new loans to France, the state department has approved the refunding, at 6 per cent, of the \$78,000,000 loan to that nation which was made three years ago at 8 per cent.

### THE MARKETS

**Portland**  
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.28; hard white, \$1.26; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.24 1/2; 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, \$8.50@9.00.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@11.85.  
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50.

**Seattle.**  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, northern spring, \$1.26; western red, \$1.25; bluestem, \$1.29; dark northern spring, \$1.40; dark hard winter, \$1.36.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.  
Butter—Creamery, 46c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 45c.  
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$8.50@9.50.  
Hogs—Prime, \$11.15@11.25.

**Spokane.**  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00.  
Hogs—Good, \$10.50@10.75.

### VOLSTEAD WARS ON THE MALT SELLERS

#### Father of Prohibition Law to Fight Those Who Sell Supplies.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Andrew Volstead, father of the national prohibition act and now legal advisor to the northwest prohibition enforcement unit, has laid the foundation on which federal prohibition agents have opened a war against manufacture of "home brew" for private consumption.

If Mr. Volstead's interpretation of the law, on which the malt shops were raided, survives a court test, S. M. Sovale, northwest prohibition administrator, said dry agents would attempt to close every malt shop in the northwest.

After an investigation, Mr. Volstead announced that in his opinion malt shop proprietors could be arrested under section 18, paragraph 2, of the national prohibition act. This paragraph forbids "possession or sale of materials designed for use in manufacturing intoxicating liquor." It provides a penalty of \$500.

Mr. Volstead further ruled that should a malt shop proprietor be found guilty under this section of the law, he could also be convicted of a conspiracy to violate the dry act, a charge which carries a penalty of two years' imprisonment.

### OREGON HAS OVER MILLION POPULATION

Salem Or.—Oregon's population has passed the million mark.

This declaration, contained in a statement issued by Secretary of State Kozler, is based upon figures available from the 1926 school census.

"The estimate that Oregon has a population of more than 1,000,000 is based upon careful calculation of the ratio of the school population to the total population dating back as far as 1910," said Kozler. "In that year children of school age formed 25.52 per cent of the total population of Oregon. Ten years later this ratio was 27.30 per cent. These figures are determined from the federal and the state school census taken in the years mentioned and covering every district in the state.

"A school district census taken in October, 1926, showed there were 256,884 children in Oregon. To these figures have been applied the ratio of 26.41 per cent (an average of those for 1910 and 1920), which gives an estimated population for 1926 of 977,098, a gain of 213,709 over the federal census figures of 763,389 for 1920. Employing the same ratio of increase for the period since 1926, Oregon can justly boast an approximate population of slightly over 1,000,000.

Growth in population has been more marked in those counties of Oregon which are to the west of the Cascades."

### YANKS WIN PENNANT

World's Series Captured in 4 Straight Victories from Pittsburgh.

New York.—The last stand of a dazed and battered crew of Pittsburgh Pirates came to an inglorious climax here Saturday when a wild pitch by Long John Miljus in the ninth inning, with two out and the bases full, gave the New York Yankees the winning run and the world's championship with a record-equaling streak of four successive triumphs.

Miljus made a gift of the fourth and final game to the American league champions, spoiling a courageous come back by the Buccaneers and wrecking an otherwise sensational relief pitching performance. The score was 4 to 3.

### Pershing to Head Church Fund Drive.

Washington, D. C.—General John J. Pershing has accepted the chairmanship of a committee which will conduct a nation-wide campaign to raise ultimately \$30,000,000 for the completion and endowment of Washington cathedral and its associated institutions. The cathedral is being built by the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the District of Columbia.

### Austria to Recall Soviet Envoy.

Moscow.—Austria has decided definitely to recall her minister to Russia. It was said the recall had no connection with the French-Russian dispute, but is due to dissatisfaction in Vienna over telegrams sent by the minister during the recent Vienna riots.

### Medford Churches Closed Sunday.

Medford, Or.—With all the leading churches closed Sunday in conformation with the infantile paralysis precautionary quarantine imposed for two weeks by the city council, this city passed a churchless Sunday.

### HERBERT WHITE



Herbert White, with the title of field supervisor, is the right hand man of Prohibition Commissioner James Doran.

### FRANCE ASKS RUSSIA TO RECALL RAKOVSKY

Paris.—M. Briand, the foreign minister, sent instructions to Jean Herbet, French ambassador at Moscow, to inform the authorities that the French government no longer considered Christian Rakovsky persona grata, and he should be recalled.

The demand was made because of a communist proclamation that Rakovsky, in his private capacity, signed at Moscow. It urged foreign workers to refuse to support their governments in any war with Russia, and urged foreign soldiers in such circumstances to desert to the Red army.

In making the demand, France stressed the point that it need involve no bad feeling; merely the substitution of one ambassador for another.

But Russia, in a note, said the recall would precipitate a serious situation. "The soviet government holds that your statement raises a question of extreme gravity to relations between our countries," the Russian note had said. "The recall of Mr. Rakovsky is so undesirable from the Russian standpoint, and so inexplicable from the viewpoint of the success of our present negotiations, a success obtained by M. Rakovsky, that the soviet government cannot take a decision in the matter without having a formal statement of France's reasons for demanding M. Rakovsky's recall."

The apparent threat had no effect on the French attitude. The cabinet decided that Rakovsky must go, and sent a final note saying so.

### BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Six were killed and 15 others were injured when two floors of the Kimberly Clark paper mills collapsed at Kimberly, Wis.

Major-General William R. Smith was designated by President Coolidge to be superintendent of the West Point military academy, effective next February.

Lieutenant-Colonel John F. Dillon, a member of the recently created federal radio commission, died in San Francisco at Letterman general hospital. He was 61 years old and was retired from the army.

Robert E. Strahorn of Spokane, Wash., builder of the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad, of Klamath Falls, Or., and Miss Ruby Garland, San Francisco business woman and world traveler, were married at San Francisco.

American hens are creating a record for themselves by laying collectively at the rate of 760 eggs a second or 24,000,000,000 a year, the department of Agriculture said, explaining that they accounted for about 16 per cent of the total value of all livestock and its products last year.

### Illinois Bank Wrecked by President.

Aurora, Ill.—While John Esser, the young president of the Aurora Trust and Savings bank, lay in jail lamenting the gambling urge which caused him to steal and thereby blight the progress of a quarter century, auditors worked over the closed institution's books and found indications the speculations would run nearer \$250,000 than the original estimate of \$100,000.

### Relief in Balkan Tension Seen.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—Tension between Bulgaria and Jugo-Slavia was believed to have been relieved following a meeting of the Jugo-Slav minister here and the Bulgarian foreign minister. Unfriendly feeling between the two nations has been climaxed by the killing of General Kovachevitch, distinguished Jugo-Slav army officer, by a band of Bulgarian bandits.

### Germany Gets First Rotary Club.

Hamburg, Germany.—The first Rotary club of Germany has been organized here.

### TEAPOT DOME OIL LEASE ANNULLED

#### U. S. Supreme Court Decision Returns Oil Lands to the Government.

Washington, D. C.—Teapot Dome's millions of barrels of oil will go back to the government.

The United States supreme court has annulled the lease of the famous Wyoming oil field granted to Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil company, the starting point of the oil scandal investigation of 1923-24.

This decision brings to a successful close the government's long legal battle to regain the two rich naval oil reserves, leased by the then Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall in 1922 and 1923. E. L. Doheny's lease of the Elk Hills reserve in California has been annulled by the supreme court and President Harding's executive order giving the interior department jurisdiction over the navy oil has been revoked by President Coolidge.

Associate Justice Pierce Butler announced the unanimous decision of the court in an opinion which took 47 minutes to read.

Butler's opinion contained a long history of the negotiations between oil men and government officials, disclosure of which by the senate oil committee in 1923, 1924, stirred the nation.

There was never any legitimate reason, Butler said, for the great secrecy with which Fall was said to have surrounded the leases.

He found also that the leases were not made to prevent drainage of Teapot Dome by nearby privately drilled fields.

### NATIONAL CHAMBER PLANS LOWER TAXES

Washington, D. C.—A \$400,000,000 tax reduction program is being submitted by the United States chamber of commerce to its 1500-member organizations for a referendum vote to determine its policy during congressional consideration of revenue legislation.

The program as worked out by a special committee calls for reduction of corporate income taxes and repeal of federal estate and war excise taxes. The recommendations submitted in the referendum are:

"That there be immediate reduction and repeal in federal taxes which, if made effective, are estimated to amount to \$400,000,000 in the first full year after the changes are made.

"That the rate of corporate income tax applicable to net income of 1927 should not exceed ten per cent.

"That congress should provide full opportunity for the joint congressional tax committee to perfect proposals for revision of federal laws and their administration."

### MEXICAN WAR PROLONGED

Calles Sends Big Force to Vera Cruz, Where Rebels Concentrate.

Mexico City.—President Calles of Mexico is planning for a long-drawn-out battle with rebels in the state of Vera Cruz, it became evident with the arrival of 5000 additional troops from Sonora.

Part of the reinforcements will be used to strengthen the capital garrison and the remainder will augment forces already in Vera Cruz pursuing rebel troops under Generals Gomez and Almada.

The fact that the federals have as yet made no contact with the rebels was felt here to indicate that the government is proceeding slowly and cautiously and taking no chances on the escape of the rebel leaders.

The war office announced that heavy desertions among the revolutionists continued and that the rebels, on evacuating Perote and Oriental, left behind all heavy equipment, including trains.

### Oregon and Idaho Play 0-to-0 Game.

Eugene, Or.—Oregon and Idaho played a scoreless tie in their first Pacific Coast conference game of the football season here. It was the second no score contest these two institutions have played in their 19 seasons of competition.

### "Babe Ruth" Lays 229 Eggs.

Omaha, Neb.—Showing her complete unconcern for contentions of Lady Skyline, Colorado hen, Babe Ruth, Omaha contestant in the National Poultry Layers' association contest, laid 229 eggs in as many days.

### \$30,000,000 Loan to Prussia Made.

Berlin.—Difficulties encountered in the negotiations of the Prussian state government for a \$30,000,000 loan from an American banking group have been solved, it was officially announced.