

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland's annual Community Chest campaign is scheduled for November 14-23.

More than 400 Marion county teachers gathered in Salem last week for their annual institute.

Pontifical high mass was celebrated at the dedication of the new St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Eugene last week.

Carbon monoxide gas from an unventilated gas heater caused the death of Ross Orison, 19, of Pendleton, last week.

The budget for the city of North Bend, to extend over 1928, calls for \$72,325, \$70,025 of which must be raised by taxation.

H. H. Tomlinson, 72, dean of Upper Valley pioneers, who settled in Hood River 47 years ago, died at the Hood River hospital last week.

The state highway commission's road report, issued recently, reports the Wapinitia cut-off road leading from the Mount Hood loop highway closed.

The deficit in the general fund of the state October 8 was \$685,367.69, as against \$373,662.74 October 1, according to a statement issued by the state treasurer.

Special irrigation specialists from all over Oregon gathered in Prineville last week to take part in the seventh annual session of the Oregon Irrigation congress.

Onion growers in the Brooks section are anticipating a crop this season of 400 cars. Sacking and shipping has been greatly retarded by the unusually wet weather.

The public schools of Portland are doing more in the interests of fire prevention than the schools of any city in the country, according to City Commissioner Bigelow.

The Newport chamber of commerce served bear meat to its members for Thursday luncheon. When bear meat is served about twice as many members and guests attend.

A. C. Schoonover, C. B. Stroup and Herman Huntinan, all of Florence, are dead as the result of an automobile accident last week near Beck, on the Florence-Eugene highway.

Cos county this year will produce about 160,000 bushels of potatoes, it was stated by Harvey S. Hale, Cos county agricultural agent. The 1927 crop is exceptionally heavy.

One thousand sacks of potatoes running from 100 to 120 pounds a sack were dug from nine acres by Newton Miller of McMinnville. They were marketed at 1 1/4 cents a pound.

Lake Labish growers report that more than 15 per cent of the oil was lost by the wet weather in the mint fields. The anticipated 55,000 pounds from that section will not be realized.

Teachers employed in the Salem public schools who refuse to submit to a physical examination will be discharged, according to announcement made by George Hug, superintendent.

The 1928 show of the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Growers association will be held in Tacoma, it was announced at the close of the 1927 show in Portland last week. It will be held in September.

O. T. McWhorter, agricultural agent for Washington county, has been appointed head of the walnut, filbert and prune division for the Pacific International Products show in Portland, November 29.

Bend faced a future of whiskers and long hair, as a result of a general walkout by journeyman barbers caused by master barbers reducing prices of haircuts for women and children from 75 to 50 cents.

The Mercy hospital of Eugene has been sold to the Eugene Bible university, according to announcement by the Sisters of Mercy of the Roman Catholic church. The consideration is said to have been \$50,000.

Although no new cases of infantile paralysis have developed in the city of Medford or Jackson county for a week or more, at a conference of city health and school officials it was decided to continue indefinitely the precautionary quarantine established in Medford two weeks ago, which confines youths under 16 to their home premises.

Work on the market roads throughout Yamhill county has been held up for a week, according to Commissioner Sawyer, because of the heavy rainfall. Rock crushers have been unable to work and graders also have suspended operation.

Announcement was made recently that the West Coast People's Hydro-Electric corporation would start construction soon on the rebuilding of the main service lines serving the business section of Toledo with electric power and lights.

Efforts will be made by the Oregon state fish commission to wipe out this year most of the deficit of \$25,000 which faces the organization.

The contract for sidewalks, curbing, gutters and paving of five blocks in the business district of Nyssa, was awarded to the Acme Construction company.

La Grande is preparing for the twenty-second annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, which will open there Tuesday, October 25, and continue through Friday, October 28.

Approximately 102 blocks of pavement were laid in Salem during the present year, according to a report prepared by Walter Lowe, street commissioner. The pavement was laid by the municipal plant.

Deposits in Portland banks total \$165,997,790, according to reports prepared in response to a call for statements as of October 10. This is \$6,405,232 more than the total for June 30, the date of the last call.

Poisoned bait has been spread over an area of five miles between Sheridan and Willamina to end destruction of sheep by coyotes. Nearly \$1000 worth of animals have been killed and some turkeys preyed upon.

Oregon City's fifth annual corn show, sponsored by the Bank of Commerce, when members of the boys' and girls' clubs and other young people of Clackamas county interested in corn growing will display their products, will be held Saturday, October 22.

Five ducks, "flying in close formation," reports the keeper of the North Head light station, near Seaside, crashed through the glass on the west side of the big illumination Sunday morning. That afternoon they formed the piece de resistance for the keeper's dinner.

Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Kozier, State Treasurer Kay, members of the state board of control, and Dr. G. C. Bellinger, head of the Salem tuberculosis hospital, were in The Dalles last week, inspecting the site of the new tuberculosis hospital to be erected there.

Judge Robert L. Morrow of Portland was elected grand chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, Oregon domain, and the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters brought their annual convention to a close at The Dalles last week after selecting Salem as the 1928 convention city.

Fifty-eight cars of celery were shipped from Brooks last week, and by the close of this week a total of 350 cars will be on the way or delivered to various eastern, northern and southern points, all of it raised on the reclaimed Lake Labish land by the Labish Meadows Celery union, composed of about 40 growers.

Victor C. Follenius, general manager of the Apple Growers' association of Hood River, has received notice from Secretary Phillips, Rochester, N. Y., of the International Apple Shippers' association, that he has been appointed chairman of the local committee to arrange for celebration of Apple week, October 30 to November 6.

Apple growers of the mid-Columbia have taken full advantage of the past several days of sunshine and it was estimated that 80 per cent of the season's tonnage had been picked. Storage space of Hood River packing plants is crowded with lug boxes of fruit and the cleansing and packing of apples will continue for several weeks.

Motor vehicle registrations for September this year aggregated 3707, bringing the total registration for the first nine months of the year up to 237,441. Of these 217,528 were for passenger cars and 19,913 for trucks. This shows an increase of 13,677 registrations over the corresponding period in 1926, and 3307 over the total registration for 1926.

Portland's population is 337,042, according to a statement released by the recently organized central statistical bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, operating through the industries department. The statement, covering cities with a population of 100,000 or more in the Pacific Coast states, is based on the ratio of total population to school population, which in Portland is placed at 56,666.

With the northwestern Italian dried prune output shortened by rain to a total of not to exceed 40,000,000 pounds, no large amount remains to be sold. A good volume of business was done before the crop was grown, the trade then believing there would be a normal production. The sales aggregated about 80,000,000 pounds, which leaves only 10,000,000 pounds in the hands of packers and growers.

The first carload of grapes from Josephine county was shipped from Grants Pass last week. The car was composed of tokays and malagas and was the first of 15 cars to be shipped this season. The grapes are of excellent quality this year.

Street car service in Eugene ceased at midnight Saturday. It was announced by the Southern Pacific company. More motor busses were put on Sunday morning and the old street cars will be sent to the Brooklyn shops in Portland for disposal.

DWIGHT MORROW



Dwight Morrow of New Jersey, for twelve years a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and a classmate of President Coolidge in Amherst, has been appointed ambassador to Mexico.

FALL AND SINCLAIR ON TRIAL IN HIGH COURT

Washington, D. C.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, and Harry Sinclair, oil millionaire and sportsman, went on trial Monday in the District of Columbia supreme court for conspiracy to defraud the government out of its Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

The battle promises to develop into one of the most spectacular government trials of the last decade. It is expected to last from four to six weeks.

Upwards of 150 witnesses have been called by both sides and an extra jury panel will be pressed into service to enable a jury—which may include women under new District of Columbia regulations—to be chosen.

It will be the third of the big criminal trials growing out of the famous naval oil scandals. The government has been completely victorious in the civil phase of the litigation and some of the reserves affected have been returned to the navy.

ALASKA ELECTION SCANNED

Dan Sutherland, Alaska Delegate, Accused by Defeated Candidate.

Washington, D. C.—Expenditures in the 1926 campaign in Alaska for the election of a congressional delegate to Washington are being investigated by the department of justice.

It was said at the department that one of its investigators is out in Alaska investigating complaints that the corrupt practices act was violated during the campaign.

While no definite announcement was made, it was understood one complaint was made by Thomas Marquam, the defeated candidate, who charged that Dan A. Sutherland, his victorious opponent, had spent more than \$5000 allowed under the law.

Soviet Aide Snubs Paris by Getaway

Paris.—Disregarding all diplomatic custom, Christian Rakowsky, recalled Soviet ambassador to France, Sunday took French leave of Paris. Without presenting letters of recall or paying any of the usual diplomatic visits to President Doumergue, Premier Poincare and Foreign Minister Briand, the ambassador secretly left the Russian embassy with his family at 6 a. m. bound for Berlin.

Grand Jury Indicts Young Hill

Ottawa, Ill.—Harry Hill was indicted by the LaSalle county grand jury on a charge of murdering his mother, Mrs. Eliza Hill. Young Hill was captured in Seattle after several weeks' search.

THE MARKETS

Portland	
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.28; hard white, soft white, western white, \$1.25 1/2; hard winter, \$1.26; federation, \$1.25; northern spring, \$1.24 1/2; western red, \$1.24.	
Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.	
Butterfat—45c.	
Eggs—Ranch, 37@40c.	
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.	
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@11.25.	
Lambs — Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.25.	
Seattle.	
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, northern spring, \$1.24 1/2; western red, \$1.25 1/2; B. B. bluestem, \$1.29 1/2; dark northern spring, \$1.42; dark hard winter, \$1.37.	
Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.	
Butterfat—50c.	
Eggs—Ranch, 45c.	
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$8.50@9.	
Hogs—Prime, \$11.15@11.25.	
Spokane.	
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00.	
Hogs—Good, \$10.50@10.75.	

WASHINGTON ROAD ENGINEER IS JAILED

Humes Held in Contempt of Court for Withholding Records.

Olympia, Wash. — Samuel Humes, state highway engineer, was taken to the Thurston county jail by Sheriff Claude Havens, following the filing of a state supreme court decision holding him in contempt of court.

The court ruled that Humes must stay in jail until such time as he shall deliver the minutes and other books of record seized by the department of efficiency for auditing purposes after Webster Hoover, former state highway commissioner, was discharged and Humes appointed in his place.

The court's decision precludes exercise of the governor's pardoning power, it was said.

It is the first time in 38 years of statehood that a state officer disobeyed the court and was held for contempt. The case opened September 6 when the court called on Humes to deliver the records. On September 29 Humes was cited for contempt. The case was heard before the supreme court October 7. Lawyers for Humes contended it was physically impossible to deliver the records because they were held in a safe by A. R. Gardner, director of efficiency.

Governor Hartley ordered the investigation May 3 and the findings showed alleged irregularities in the handling of highway funds. It was charged that more than \$70,000 of road money had been spent without auditing or accounting.

In ordering the arrest of Humes, however, the court emphasized that the main issue at this time was compliance with a court order.

TARIFF AGREEMENT BARRED BY RIDER

Washington, D. C. — The French compromise proposal in the tariff discrimination dispute with this government was found to carry a rider which may prevent complete acceptance by the United States.

According to the French note, decided by the state department, France will postpone the discriminatory tariff rates as demanded and return temporarily to the rate in effect before September 6, except where these are lower than the new minimum rates on German goods, but France wants in return assurances that the United States will lower certain American tariff rates and lessen sanitary restrictions which France protests as prohibitory.

An agreement depends on French willingness to accept as adequate the government's promise to investigate the rates and restrictions and to change them if such changes are justified under the American law.

FRENCHMEN FLY ATLANTIC

Brazil's Coast Reached from Africa by Costes and Le Brix.

Rio de Janeiro.—Dieudonne Costes and Lieutenant Lebrix, French aviators, arrived at Port Natal, Brazil, completing the flight from St. Louis, Senegal.

When the fliers landed they completed the first flight made from the mainland of Africa to the mainland of South America.

The flight across the South Atlantic was made in very good time, the French aviators traveling the 2,125 miles in about 22 hours.

Although their start and most of the flight was fine, the aviators said, disaster threatened them when they were almost to their goal.

"When we were near the mainland, we noticed that something had gone wrong with the propeller," Costes said. "For a time we thought we would be forced down, but the motor and the propeller held out and we continued."

Seventeen Killed on Way to Dance

Indianapolis, Ind.—Seventeen persons, five of them women, were killed when the automobile trailer in which they were riding to a pre-Halloween barn dance was smashed to pieces by a Muncie-to-Indianapolis interurban car at the edge of the city. Five others were so seriously hurt they may die. About 50 were in the party. The men were members of the drill team of the Sahara Grotto of the Masonic order.

Propose Rehabilitation of Irrigation

Salem, Or.—Reorganization and re-financing under state supervision probably will be the means of saving and making profitable a number of the most backward irrigation districts in eastern and central Oregon, according to Governor Patterson and other members of the state board of control. The board returned here after inspecting several irrigation projects and attending the annual irrigation congress at Prineville.

EDWARD E. SPAFFORD



Edward E. Spafford of New York, who was unanimously elected national commander of the American Legion at the convention in Paris.

AMERICAN GIRL LOST BUT CREW RESCUED

Horta, Island of Fayal, Azores.—A story of the heroism of Ruth Elder, relating how she pleaded with her rescuers to have her companion, George Haldeman, taken from the icy waters of the ocean before rescuing her, was told by members of the crew of the Dutch tanker Barendrecht, which brought the crew of the American Girl to land safely.

When the American Girl descended onto the tumultuous sea beside the Barendrecht, 360 miles from land, Miss Elder and Haldeman clambered onto the wings of the land plane. The crew of the Barendrecht, under orders of Captain Goos, launched a ship's boat. By means of ropes the two aviators managed to get into the boat.

Miss Elder and Haldeman said their plane developed a defective oil line reducing the pressure to five pounds. This was not sufficient pressure to force into the motor enough oil to keep it from running hot. Their fear that they would not be able to fly 360 miles with their motor in this condition was given as their reason for landing beside the Barendrecht.

The fliers, while they were unsuccessful in their attempt to reach Paris, which would have made Miss Elder the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, established a long distance over-water record.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

After 17 hours under a well cave-in, 52 feet below the surface, Lloyd Lower, 36, DeKalb, Mo., farmer, is expected to recover.

Sale of a New York stock exchange seat has been arranged at \$270,000, a new high record and an advance of \$5000 over the previous sale.

The board of directors of the Great Northern railroad has authorized construction of 180 miles extension of lines in Montana at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Disapproval of the application of the city of San Francisco for permission to build a bridge across San Francisco bay north of Hunter's Point was announced by the war department.

Mayor John L. Duval of Indianapolis was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment, fined \$1000 and disbanded from public office for four years for violating the corrupt practices act during the 1925 campaign.

O'Connor to Head Government Fleet.

Washington, D. C.—Return of the fleet corporation to the direct management of the shipping board, together with reorganization which places control of government owned lines in the hands of T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the board, was ordered at a special meeting of the shipping board. To put a single executive at the head of the corporation, the board elected O'Connor, president of the fleet corporation and chairman of the board of directors.

Albanian Minister Killed at Prague.

Prague, Czechoslovakia. — Tsena Bey, newly appointed Albanian minister to Czechoslovakia, was assassinated here by an Albanian student, Agriabh Bebi, while he was dining at his hotel. Bebi was arrested immediately. He calmly admitted his intention to kill Tsena because he said Tsena wished to betray Albania to Czechoslovakia.

Main Shansi Army Reported Crushed.

Pekin.—The main Shansi armies which have been driving on Pekin have been crushed, but scattered bands are still in the field, some within 20 miles of Pekin, with northern forces at their heels, a spokesman for the northern alliance said.

PLANS ARE BEING LAID FOR FARM LEGISLATION

Lawmakers and Others at Work on Details of Re- lief Measure.

Washington, D. C.—Farm relief legislation is being explored in the administration, in congress and outside of governmental circles in the hope that an acceptable and practical measure can be worked out at the coming session of the house and senate.

Secretary Jardine and others in the administration are giving the subject close attention and President Coolidge has been informed that ex-Secretary Nagle of the commerce department is a member of an unofficial committee which is working out a suggested draft of a bill.

Farm relief has been the foremost subject in the conversations among senate republicans from the western agricultural states and it was disclosed that these senators, making up now only a small group variously referred to as progressives and insurgents, would invite all others from the western states to lend their aid in an attempted solution of the problem.

Some of the senators participating in the conferences are hopeful that an agreement can be reached on a bill which will be acceptable to the farmers as well as to the administration. They concede that the McNary-Haugen bill as such, with its equalization fee, is a closed issue, but they hope to work out from that measure one that can be enacted into law and afford a large measure of relief and aid to the farmers.

As yet the discussions of desirable features have reached only the most general stages, but the talk now appears to be directed at two principal items—taking up the slack between what the farmer gets and what the consumer pays for agricultural products, and creation of a board to administer a federal revolving fund.

LABOR UNION MEN TO ENTER POLITICS

Los Angeles, Cal.—Organized labor closed its annual congress here with a determination to participate actively, but not as a part, in the national political campaign of 1928.

The final admonition of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in bringing the 47th annual convention of the organization to an end, was that each member do his share in the big political year.

During its ten days of session the convention declared against communism and fascism; favored modification of the Volstead act to permit sale of "wholesome beer"; condemned the equity court in issuing injunctions in labor disputes, and took action on numerous measures concerning immigration and other problems construed to be relative to the problems of trade unions.

WITHHOLD LOAN CHANGES

President Coolidge Will Keep His Policy on Foreign Deals.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge contemplates no present change in the state department policy of extending or withholding its consent to loans by American bankers to foreign governments, although he recently considered abandonment of the practice.

This was stated officially at the White House in connection with the statement issued by Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, assailing the policy as unauthorized and opening the field both for possible scandal at home and difficulties in the conduct of foreign relations.

The president feels that the advisory contact of the state department with American bankers in such matters should be maintained, as drastic regulatory laws passed by congress might prove embarrassing to the conduct of foreign affairs. He also takes the view that the procedure is authorized by the constitutional provision placing the conduct of foreign affairs in the hands of the chief executive.

Bryan's Daughter to Run for Congress

Tallahassee, Fla.—Ruth Bryan Owen, of Miami, will enter the race for congress from the fourth district, according to advices received here. Mrs. Owen, who is a daughter of the late W. J. Bryan, ran in 1926 for the democratic nomination campaign against Congressman W. J. Sears. He has represented the district since he was elected to the sixty-fourth congress.

Lower Fruit Rate Delayed by I. C. C.

Washington, D. C.—The interstate commerce commission has ordered a 30-day delay in making effective its order reducing freight rates on California deciduous fruit destined for eastern markets.