

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Snow plows placed on the McKenzie highway last week have cleared the road of snow although ground along the highway is still covered.

Velmo Sylvester, 23, of Clackamas, died Sunday from injuries received several days ago in her home when she fell over backwards in a chair.

Data compiled by County Assessor Boley show the 1927 assessed valuation for Washington county as \$24,864,029 compared with \$24,610,540 for 1926.

Immediate construction of telephone lines connecting Reedsport and the Umpqua river coast guard station was authorized by Captain P. M. Clark last week.

Mrs. Daniel Pearson, 72 years old, was probably fatally burned at North Powder last week when gasoline she was using in cleaning a comfort exploded.

La Grande was selected without opposition for next year's convention of the state federation of labor, which adjourned its meeting in Corvallis last Friday.

Ed Enegren of Coos river made his second trip to Coquille in 36 years recently. He has lived all that time on A. C. Rogers' ranch, 27 miles from Coquille.

Elmer Antin, 18, student at the Knappa-Svenson Union high school east of Astoria, was instantly killed when a water tank exploded in the school yard.

Fire, sweeping from the proscenium at the top of the stage to the balcony, practically destroyed the Whiteside theater in Corvallis, with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

More than \$20,000,000 was spent last year to run the city of Portland. The department of commerce says so in a compilation of financial statistics for municipalities.

An issue of \$45,000 in Bend school notes, bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest, was sold last week to the Central Oregon bank of Bend at par with a premium of \$191.80.

Lester McAnish, 31, was killed last week east of Alceel, when a shotgun charge penetrated his chest as he was crawling through brush near a river, in quest of ducks.

Franklin F. Korell, republican, was elected representative for the third congressional district of Oregon, in a special election held in Multnomah county last week.

W. J. Bowen Jr., Lakeside rancher on Ten Mile lake, brought in four male coyote hides to the county clerk at Coquille last week, receiving \$72 bounty from Coos county.

Clark Richardson, 74, Maupin rancher, was killed and his brother George of Portland was injured when their auto upset on the Ochoco highway 20 miles east of Prineville.

The power and light plant owned and operated by the Peoples West Coast Hydro-Electric corporation at Florence will be moved to Cushman, three miles distant, soon.

One hundred three-year-old holly trees have been presented to the university of Oregon at Eugene to form a memorial hedge to the late president, Prince L. Campbell.

The plant of the Oregon City Foundry company, one of the oldest industries in the city, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin last week. Loss was placed at \$55,000.

Final figures on enrollment on the campus of the University of Oregon at Eugene, and at the medical school in Portland, total 3069, it is announced by Earl M. Pallett, registrar.

Oregon's deer hunting season, which started September 10, officially came to a close last week. Officials at the state game commission characterized the season as the most successful in history.

The TH Taylor statue will be completed by July 1 of next year and will be unveiled at the Pendleton Round-up in September, according to an announcement made recently by Chas. H. Marsh.

With the re-rolling of a short section of state highway between Echo and Pendleton finished, all re-rolling work this year in the La Grande division is completed, according to state highway department officials.

More than 75 per cent of the students of the University of Oregon are members of some church, or have a church preference, it was announced in Eugene by Rev. H. W. Davis, director of United Christian work on the campus.

Huge masses of jellyfish have been washed upon the north beach of the Umpqua river within the past week. The mass of jellyfish is 20 feet in width and about 2 feet in depth and extends several yards along the ocean frontage.

Butter produced by the Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy association, with headquarters in Astoria, took two first prizes and one second in the Twenty-first National Dairy Exposition at Memphis, Tenn.

Newt Madden, prominent turkey grower of the Hermiston region of Umatilla county, was elected permanent director of the turkey marketing situation at a meeting attended by about 60 growers last week.

The remaining assets of the First National bank of Bandon have been transferred to the Coos Bay National Investment company and preparations are now under way toward making the final dividend to creditors.

There were 937 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending October 20, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. No fatalities were reported.

Damage to the walnut crop of Yamhill county is being lessened by the removal of scores of silver squirrels, accomplished by the forces of Ira N. Gabrielson, leader in Oregon of rodent control for the United States biological survey.

Fifteen persons were killed and 387 injured in motor vehicle accidents in Oregon in September, according to a report prepared by T. A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state automobile department. There were 2474 accidents in the month.

Completion of arrangements for the construction of a five-story \$200,000 hotel in Baker was announced last week. Construction will commence as soon as possession of the ground is secured. The building is to be completed by June 1.

Seed potato growers took much interest in the sixth annual Umatilla county potato show held at Weston last week. Exhibits were larger and better than at any previous show. More space was devoted to single farm displays than ever before.

The tentative budget of Coquille city expenditures for 1928, as drawn up by the budget committee, calls for \$1364.15 more than was budgeted in 1927, or a total budget for the year of \$21,685.84, of which amount \$18,965.84 is to be raised by taxation.

All commercial chicken yards were banished from Medford last week, when the city council passed an ordinance limiting any citizen from keeping more than 50 chickens and providing that all chicken pens must be at least 30 feet from neighboring property.

Oregon City will soon have a new bus line operating between the downtown business section to the Mountain View district, it was announced by City Manager J. L. Franzen, who is preparing a franchise. A. Rinkes of Willamette is to establish the line by November 1.

Waldport's last "better road" election, which carried by more than two to one, will have to be repeated, owing to an error in the manner the election was called and conducted. Little doubt is held locally but that it will carry again along with the new proposed charter.

Nearly 1000 head of fat steers were shipped in one day recently from Seneca, on the high plain of Grant county, a spot which a few years ago was one of the bleakest, coldest and most isolated in the United States, says Seymour Jones, state market agent, in his weekly bulletin.

Six of the biggest timbers ever brought to the city of Cottage Grove arrived over the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway for use as stringers in the construction of a bridge at the Anderson & Middleton mill, Latham. The sticks are 90 feet in length and splendidly proportioned.

Petitions have been filed with the Lane county district boundary board for the consolidation of a number of school districts in Lane county. Davis and Thurston seek to become one district, and Union, Liberty and Laurel Home, in the Junction City section, are asking to be united.

Oregon's prune crop has sufficiently distinct demand from that of California, and the crop here is so short this year that packers are already prorating their orders for certain sizes, and it is predicted that the Oregon crop will be sold before the 1928 crop comes on, packers reported.

The board of regents of state normal schools authorized the building committee to proceed with the landscaping of the grounds for the Eastern Oregon normal school in La Grande. Nothing was said at the meeting in Salem recently as to when actual building operations would get under way.

Disposition of the remainder of the money received by Douglas county from the government as its share of the Oregon and California land grant tax refund was made at Roseburg by the county court. Of the sum originally received, \$450,000 in round figures was apportioned to various school and road funds some time ago, leaving a balance of \$1,022,147 unexpended. The court has gone on record as stressing the need of a new courthouse and jail and now appropriates \$200,000 for their construction.

E. T. MEREDITH



A recent portrait of E. T. Meredith of Iowa, former secretary of agriculture, who is mentioned as a possibility for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

WASHINGTON FIRE LOSS SHOWS DECREASE

Olympia, Wash. — With a total of 980 fires in the state outside of national forests, as against 1151 last year, total forest fire loss was only \$75,340 for 1927 as against \$240,476, as shown by the report of State Forest Supervisor George C. Joy, just completed.

Division of the loss gives timber killed \$6375; logs destroyed \$27,930; logging equipment destroyed \$31,018, and losses to settlers and others \$10,017.

Lightning accounted for 219 fires, an unusually large proportion, while smokers are blamed for 156; railroads 102; campers 91; brush burning 64; incendiaries 55; berry pickers 43; donkey engines 19; logging locomotives 14; other lumbering operations 36; while 155 are ascribed to miscellaneous causes.

LINDY ENDS TOUR

Reaches New York After Journey Around United States.

Mitchell Field, N. Y.—Colonel Chas. A. Lindbergh swung down out of the air Sunday, completing a 22,350 mile tour of the country, in his Spirit of St. Louis, just one minute ahead of his schedule time.

He greeted questions as to his future plans with a smile and a shake of the head. "I haven't any," he said, and his expression indicated his pleasure at once more being a free agent, with no fixed schedule driving him on daily.

"Where can we see you tomorrow?" a reporter asked. "Why, I don't believe that's going to be necessary," he replied. "I feel that I have won the right to drop out of the public view for a while."

Northern Railroad Merger Hearing On

Minneapolis, Minn.—The government's hearing of evidence on the application of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads for authority to consolidate their properties as a new corporation was opened here Monday. The name of the proposed consolidated system would be the Great Northern Pacific railroad.

173 Eggs Laid in as Many Days.

Omaha, Neb.—Norfolk, world's champion egg laying hen, climbed to her roost Saturday without laying the usual egg of the day and her record now stands at 173 eggs in as many consecutive days.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.21; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, hard winter, \$1.18; northern spring, western red, \$1.16.

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

Butterfat—45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 37@45c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9@9.35.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.00@11.50.

Lambs — Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.75.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, northern spring, \$1.20; western red, \$1.19; bluestem, \$1.25; dark northern spring, \$1.33 1/4; dark hard winter, \$1.33 1/4.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.
Butterfat—50c.
Eggs—Ranch, 45c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.40.
Hogs—Prime, \$11.40@11.50.

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

COOLIDGE AGAINST FESS'S DRAFT

President Displeased With Re-election Boom of Ohio Senator.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Fess, republican of Ohio, said after a White House call, that President Coolidge is displeased with the reelection boom being conducted in his behalf by some republican leaders, and that in a talk gave the impression he would not consent to be drafted by the republican national convention next year.

Fess intimated that the president had protested against the senator's frequent public remarks to the effect that Mr. Coolidge would be the republican nominee in 1928, by virtue of a draft.

The disclosure of Senator Fess that he had received a White House scolding for his prediction that President Coolidge would be drafted by the republicans next year was the chief topic of conversation of the president's callers. Most of them however did not desire to be brought openly into the matter. It developed that other administration leaders in addition to Senator Fess have had it made clear to them by the president that he does not wish to be considered a candidate. Those who have talked with him represent the president as concerned over the doubt expressed by some regarding his Rapid City statement.

NEW SAFETY RECORD MADE BY RAILROADS

Washington, D. C.—A new safety record for railroads, made during the first six months of 1927, was announced by the American Railway association. During that entire period only two passengers out of the millions carried on trains were killed in train accidents, which compares with 22 fatalities in the same field during the first half of 1926, 52 in the six months of 1925 and 23 in 1924. Train accident injuries during the first half of 1927, however, failed to set so good a record. The association fixed the number of passengers so injured at 776, which compares with 656 injured during the same period in 1926 and 758 during the first six months of 1925.

NEW VETERANS' PAY PLAN

Director Hines Considers Idea of Coupon Books.

Washington, D. C.—The veterans of American wars are better cared for than those of any country in the world, Director Hines of the veterans bureau declared after a call on President Coolidge. He gave the president a detailed report of his visit with the American Legion in France. Mr. Hines said he had under consideration the adoption of the French system of paying compensation to world war veterans under which coupon books are issued which may be presented at post-offices or national banks for payment periodically.

Noted Educators Attends State Meet.

Longview, Wash.—Speakers at the Washington Educational association convention here October 26, 27 and 28 will include some of the nation's most noted educators, including L. D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota; William Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana university; Ralph W. Swetnam, president of Humboldt State Teachers' college, Arcata, Cal., and E. O. Sisson, professor of philosophy, Reed College, Portland, Or.

Paris Trip Abandoned by Veterans.

Kansas City, Kan.—The national executive council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting here, voted to abandon the proposed pilgrimage to Paris next year. The nation-wide campaign to send the war mothers of America to visit the cemeteries of the soldier dead in France, at the expense of the federal government next spring, was endorsed by Frank T. Strayer, commander-in-chief of the veterans.

Marconi Lauds Beam Radio System.

Washington, D. C.—The beam system of radio transmission is the basis for all future wireless improvements, in the opinion of William Marconi, here as one of Italy's representatives at the international radio conference. Upon its perfection, he believes, will depend to a large extent the development of such widely different wireless applications as photographic transmission and radio telephony.

Bleachers Crash at Gridiron Game.

Richmond, Va.—Forty-eight persons were injured sufficiently to be taken to hospitals and a number, estimated from 15 to 50, were less severely hurt when a section of wooden bleachers collapsed at a football game here, throwing 200 persons to the ground.

ROY A. YOUNG



Roy A. Young of Minneapolis, who was appointed a member of the federal reserve board by President Coolidge to succeed D. R. Crissenger, resigned.

NEW TARIFF NOTE IS SENT TO FRANCE

Washington, D. C.—A conciliatory reply to the French note in the tariff discrimination dispute has been made by the state department.

The note pledges the United States government to re-examine for possible revision certain American tariff rates and sanitary embargoes protested by France as prohibitory.

But it points out that this government, under the law, cannot guarantee in advance, as desired by France, reduction of the protested rates and lifting of the embargoes.

In the interest of a temporary agreement, the United States has receded from its original demand for immediate concession of all French tariff discrimination against American goods and now demands elimination of new discriminations applied under the September 6 law, leaving to negotiations for a permanent commercial treaty the prior discrimination.

But, despite the more conciliatory tone of the French and American note exchanges for a temporary tariff agreement, observers here see no indications that the two governments are nearer to a reconciliation of the American equality (most favored nation) principle versus the French reciprocity demand in a permanent commercial treaty.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Judge Beatty, chief justice of Idaho when it was a territory, and United States district judge later in the state of Idaho, died at his home in Los Angeles.

A government brand will shortly be applied to all cases of fruit and vegetables exported from Italy for the foreign market as a guarantee of their quality.

Dieudonne Costes and Lieutenant Joseph Le Brix arrived in Buenos Aires in a Nungesser-Coll, completing a flight of more than 6000 miles from Paris to the coast of Africa and then across the South Atlantic to South America.

F. Handley-Page, noted British airplane designer, has developed an automatic device which he asserts will prevent planes going into uncontrolled spin, most fatal of all air hazards, which causes about 50 per cent of all airplane accidents.

Colonel William B. Melish, 75, a world figure in Masonic circles and one of the best known Masons in the United States, died at his home in Cincinnati. Colonel Melish became a 33d degree Mason when he was 33 years old. He was the youngest man ever to receive that high honor in the northern jurisdiction of the United States.

Earthquake Shock Lasts Whole Hour.
Berkeley, Cal.—A severe earthquake of more than an hour's duration was recorded on the seismograph at the University of California Monday. The quake started at 8:05 a. m. and was approximately 1500 miles distant from Berkeley, according to Professor Jerry Byerly, seismologist.

Canadian Grain Records Broken.
Winnipeg—Breaking all previous records, a total of 4,356,000 bushels of grain was weighed into the elevators of the Canadian Pacific railway in one day. The previous record was made in 1925, when 3,559,000 bushels were hauled to elevators on November 20.

Schools at Grants Pass to Reopen.
Grants Pass, Or.—Grants Pass schools will open October 31, following the closing for more than a month because of infantile paralysis.

EQUALIZATION FEE BONE OF CONTENTION

Western Senators Seem to be
Divided on Views of
the Question.

Washington, D. C.—Discussions both at the White House and in the ranks of western republican senators, failed to throw much light on a solution to the vexing farm relief problem, an outstanding issue in republican party circles.

President Coolidge went over the farm relief question with Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the leaders of the newly-organized group of republican senators from the west, and at the White House it was said that Mr. Coolidge hoped for some sound legislation at this session, but that he was not prepared to discuss any new program.

The controversial equalization fee provision of the vetoed McNary-Haugen bill seems to be the stumbling block of an agreement among western republicans. All feel certain that the president has not modified his opposition to it.

This point developed sharp differences also among the western senators who had planned a meeting with a hope of reconciling their views on this provision. Senator Borah has served notice that he is opposed to it, and while Senator Brookhart of Iowa, a member of the group, was prepared also to abandon this point in a new plan, Senators Nye and Frazier of North Dakota and Senator Norris of Nebraska announced that they were not ready to give up the equalization fee as a means of raising funds to meet the cost of market surplus crops. They would listen to a substitute, they said, but added that an adequate substitute had not been put forward.

Those found guilty were Peter Dahl, Mike Goldash, Lou Gilliam, Benny Goldsmith, Edward Graham, Kenneth L. Johnston, George Kearns, Gus Korman, Stanley McClusky, Fred M. Meyers, LeRoy Mills, Ernest M. Poth, Chris Skrondahl and Dave Trotsky. The names of all of these men have been bywords in the liquor traffic of Puget Sound for several years.

15 CONVICTED IN SEATTLE BOOZE CASE

Seattle.—The jury in the second Olmsted conspiracy trial in federal court freed 25 of the defendants and convicted 15.

The testimony of Alfred M. Hubbard, dry agent, who accused various public officers of accepting bribes, was disregarded by the jury.

Those found not guilty were Captain E. L. Hedges of the Seattle police department; Sheriff William Gookins of Island county; all members of the coast guard; Deputy Sheriff Ray Murphy; Wilbur E. Dow, Seattle customs broker; all of the harbor patrolmen with the exception of Roy Mills, and various tugboat captains implicated by Hubbard's testimony.

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INDIANS WILL PROTEST

State Imposes Fishing Laws That Chafe Cowlitz Tribe.

Chehalis, Wash.—A meeting has been called to be held in Chehalis October 31 of members of the Upper Cowlitz Indian tribe of which John Ike is chief. Purpose of the gathering is to formulate an organized protest against the hunting and fishing regulations that have been imposed on the Indians as being contrary to agreements made originally with them by Governor Stevens in the early days.

The Indians are chafing under the license and license fee restriction. They feel that by previous right of possession the regulations are not fair to them. Lewis Castoma of Cinnabar is president of the council, Sam Eyley of Nesika vice-president, Peter Thomas of route 2, Chehalis, secretary.

Hawaiian Debaters Defeat U. of O.
Honolulu.—University of Hawaii debaters defeated the team from the University of Oregon here. The decision was by vote of the audience. The debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that extra-territoriality in China should be abolished forthwith."

Poindexter Will Seek Senate Seat.
Spokane, Wash.—Miles Poindexter of Spokane, ambassador to Peru, announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator here. He said he would resign his ambassadorship and enter the campaign next March.

One Family Runs Mill 108 Years.
Dexter, Maine.—A survey of the woolen mills of the country has brought to light that the Amos Abbott Woolen company here has been operating for 108 years. It has been run over that long span of years by the same family.