

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The seventh annual apple show of the Milton-Freewater district was held last week.

Lane county last week received \$106,400.88 as its share of the 1926 tax on Oregon-California grant lands.

The annual run of silverside salmon is now on in the Coquille river and good catches are reported daily.

The total value of taxable property in Jackson county, including public service corporations, is \$33,149,464.93.

Announcement was made recently that the new six-story \$250,000 La Grande hotel will be formally opened on November 15.

Quarantine for infantile paralysis was lifted in Grants Pass last Friday. Only two cases have been reported the past two weeks.

The first issue of the "Siskiyou," Southern Oregon Normal school publication, is just off the press. The paper will be issued every two weeks.

Budget for the Forest Grove school district has a 3 per cent increase over the budget of last year. The total is \$55,580, requiring a levy of 19 mills.

To Medford's more than 20 miles of paved streets will be added next year five more modern streets and 11 more will be graded and graveled at a cost of \$83,000.

G. H. Neals' walnut drier near Chase Gardens, northeast of Eugene, was destroyed by fire last week. Mr. Neals' entire crop, valued at \$1500, was burned.

The open season in Oregon for angling for trout more than six inches long will close November 30 this year instead of October 31, as previously announced.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed property in a block at Oakridge and seriously endangered the entire town. The damage was estimated to be more than \$25,000.

Rocks and stick were used by Minnie Sulate, 16, of Butter creek, near Pendleton, in slaying two bobcats which attacked sheep she was herding near her home.

Damage estimated at \$60,048.85 was caused by 26 fires in the city of Portland during September, according to the monthly report of Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

Light rains the past few days have delayed threshing operations in the North Powder district. Most of the grain has been placed in the stack, awaiting threshing.

Elroy Haynes, 22, of Dayton, was wounded in the face last Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a revolver. The bullet entered his chin, destroying his left eye.

Medford started work last week in accord with a decision of the chamber of commerce directors to improve the local air port to meet the outlined requirements of the government.

Because they were considered exorbitant, the Klamath county court has rejected all bids for the construction of an isolation hospital. The lowest bid was \$4000 over the court's estimate.

The national barred Plymouth Rock egg-laying record was returned to Oregon Agricultural college experiment station at Corvallis last week when hen No. 1596 laid her 334th egg in 363 days.

Hearing of the application of the Union Railroad of Oregon to acquire and operate a line of railroad extending from Union to Union Junction, in eastern Oregon, will be held at Union November 29.

Vernon Worsted, 13, son of L. G. Worsted, a merchant of Yoder, accidentally shot and fatally wounded his twin brother George last Sunday, with a shotgun. The boys had found the gun in a warehouse and loaded it.

Determination to secure authorization and adoption of the Umatilla Rapids project at the next session of congress was voted at the annual meeting of the Umatilla Rapids association in Pendleton last Thursday.

A huge slide of rocks and earth covered the Roosevelt highway and the Southern Pacific track at Barview, between Garibaldi and Rockaway, last week, and traffic on both highway and rail line was tied up for several days.

Petro Morin, fisherman at Winchester bay, has caught eight so-called man eating sharks in his nets. The sharks, although of small size, are ferocious and did considerable damage to the nets before they were captured and killed.

James Whitford, beloved resident of the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Cottage Grove, celebrated his 100th birthday last Saturday. A cake measuring five and one-half feet across held the candles representing an even century.

Workmen grading the street at Winchester bay have unearthed the skeletons of three Indians and an elk head.

Despite a material increase in the cost of supplies and that an additional \$17,000 has been appropriated for teachers' salaries, the budget of the Salem public school will be kept within the figures of last year, plus 6 per cent allowed by constitutional amendment.

There were 20 fewer divorce proceedings filed in Oregon during the period October 1, 1925, to September 30, 1927, than during the period October 1, 1925, to September 30, 1926. This was disclosed in a report prepared by the state treasurer in Salem last week.

Seeding of 1200 acres of logged-off land was commenced last week by Harold Adams of Myrtle Point in a Travelair plane for the Coquille Valley Sheep & Wool company. Five tons of Kentucky bluegrass, orchard grass, alsike, rye and white clover will be sown on the 1200 acres.

Mrs. Austin E. Herrick, widow of the engineer who ran the engine and train carrying Abraham Lincoln to his inauguration, died at the home of Mrs. Lydia Bailey, her daughter, near North Plains, last week. Mr. Herrick was a friend of President Lincoln and knew him well in Illinois.

Salem has the largest farmer telephone system of any city of its size on the Pacific coast, according to C. Aller, district manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. On October 1 there were 6054 stations with a daily aggregate of 33,000 calls, or 65,000 users of the telephone.

Walnut growers of Polk county are harvesting their crops this week and unless there are some heavy frosts the work of gathering the nuts will drag along for at least ten days more. According to reports this year's crop of walnuts is lighter than that of last season, but the quality and size are uniformly better.

Articles of incorporation of one of Coos county's pioneer organizations were filed with the county clerk, Robert Watson, recently. The articles were of the Arago lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., formed almost exactly 50 years ago at Empire City, now known as Empire. The organization date was September 4, 1877.

State conventions held biennially instead of annually, with district conventions taking place in alternate years, will be put into effect by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, according to action taken at the closing session of the 22d annual state convention held in La Grande last week.

The 1927 cranberry crop on the Pacific coast is estimated at 56,000 bushels according to figures issued by the Pacific Cranberry exchange, co-operative of Astoria. The exchange has announced its opening price as \$15 a barrel or \$5 a box. This is believed to be the highest opening price for late berries on record.

Herbert Parker, rancher of the Buell district, northwest of Dallas, was killed accidentally with his shotgun last week. He was driving along a country road in a rock wagon, with a repeating shot-gun between his knees, probably looking for birds. The wagon struck a chuckhole and the gun bounced out, the hammer striking on the wagon tongue.

The bureau of public roads and the highway department have almost completed grading the right of way on Mount Hood from Government Camp east for a distance of approximately half a mile, for the parking of some 1200 cars, which, it is estimated, will be needed to take care of the winter sports enthusiasts, amateurs and on-lookers, who will take part in the activities on the mountain.

A check signed by George Washington, authorizing payment of \$70 to Dr. James Craik, has been entrusted to the care of a Salem bank by Mrs. T. Gronke of that city. The check was drawn on the United States Federal bank, and was in payment for medical services. The bank on which the check was drawn was owned by Alexander Hamilton and was one of the famous early day financial institutions.

Use of flares similar to those used by railroads is being advocated by Edward Ostrander, public service commissioner, in connection with the operation of fire busses in this state. Mr. Ostrander said the use of flares would reduce materially the accident hazard at night, and at the same time improve the service of the bus lines. Under Mr. Ostrander's proposal these flares would be set out when busses are detained at any point along the highways.

The Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers have just sent out checks totaling nearly \$250,000 to members of the association. More than 1000 growers participated in the distribution, which covers the sale of nearly 650,000 pounds of wool.

The state board of vocational education has confirmed the appointment of C. D. Adams as state director of vocational education and supervisor of trades and industries. He succeeds E. E. Elliott, who resigned recently because of ill health.

MRS. OLIVE RICKER



Mrs. Olive G. Ricker of Chicago, who was elected executive secretary of the American Bar association.

ATTEMPT MADE ON GREEK RULER'S LIFE

Athens, Greece.—The president of Greece, Admiral Paul Kondouriotis, was severely wounded by a 25-year-old waiter who attempted to assassinate him.

The president was entering his automobile in front of the Municipal building, where he had formally opened the congress of the Greek mayors.

Two shots were fired at the president. One of the bullets struck him in the head, having first passed through the windshield of the car, which was shattered in the president's face.

Crowds rushed at the assailant, Zafios Goussios, and attempted to lynch him, but he was saved by police who hurried him off to jail.

PLACE BIG BIBLE ORDER

Million Copies to Be Printed in 22 Languages.

New York.—An order for more than a million Bibles, printed in 22 languages, has been placed by the New York Bible society, which will celebrate its 118th anniversary in December. It was announced recently.

While a majority of the Scriptures are printed in English, the society has continually available versions of the Bible in 67 languages and raised type for the blind.

Court Decision is Aid to Fall.

Washington, D. C.—The government ran into a judicial snag in its effort to prove that former Secretary of the Interior Fall was in conspiracy with Harry F. Sinclair when he granted the latter the famous Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease in 1922. Justice Suddons ruled that former Senator Chas. Thomas of Colorado need not answer one of the questions by which the government lawyers hoped to show the Continental Trading company, from which Fall got \$230,500 in Liberty bonds, was formed for the purpose, among others, of rewarding Fall for the Teapot lease.

Liner Rams Fish Boat, 11 Dead.

Boston.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Avalon was cut in two off Cape Cod with the loss of 11 members of her crew, when she was rammed by the Cosulich liner Presidente Wilson in a dense fog.

McAdoo Only an "Ex" in Politics.

Washington, D. C.—William Gibbs McAdoo insisted that he was out of politics, and dismissed the subject with the remark that he was an "ex" in this line.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—High Bend bluestem, hard white, federation, soft white, western spring, western red, \$1.20.

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

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 37@45c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.65@9.35.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.25@10.35.

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

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.24 1/2; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.24; western red, \$1.23; bluestem, \$1.25 1/2; dark northern spring, \$1.41; dark hard winter, \$1.36.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—50c.

Eggs—Ranch, 47@45c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$8.50@9.35.

Hogs—Prime, \$10.50@10.65.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00.

Hogs—Good, \$10.15@11.

FISH LICENSE FEE MEETING REQUESTED

Oregon and Washington Agree- ment Sought to Standard- ize Charges.

Olympia, Wash.—A conference between Washington and Oregon fish and game authorities to determine the non-resident license fees which shall be charged Washington sportsmen in Oregon and Oregon sportsmen in Washington was suggested by E. W. Anderson, assistant attorney-general.

Both states have reciprocal clauses in their fish and game license statutes, stating that the fee charged shall be the same as that assessed to non-residents by the other. Washington's general non-resident statute fixes a fee of \$25 for a state hunting and fishing license but excepts residents of "bordering states" under the reciprocal clause. Oregon's law fixes a resident fee of \$5 and a non-resident fee "equal to the fee required by the resident state of non-residents." The only way to harmonize the two is for officials of the two states to determine in conference whether the \$5 or \$25 fee shall be charged by both. Anderson advised State Auditor Clausen.

As to Idaho, which provides a straight non-resident fee of \$50 with no reciprocity clause, the attorney-general holds that Idaho sportsmen hunting and fishing in Washington will be required to pay a like fee.

SOVIET WILL ATTEND ARMS CONFERENCE

Geneva.—Soviet Russia, whose army is said to be the largest and best trained in Europe, notified the League of Nations that the soviets would participate in the international disarmament preparatory conference opening here November 30.

This conference is to prepare the groundwork for a great international meeting later on, when an attempt will be made to fix definitely the size of military establishments.

Although not a member of the League of Nations, soviet Russia was invited to participate. A similar invitation was extended the United States, another non-member.

MACGRUDER'S PLEA DENIED

Admiral's Request for Hearing Refused by President Coolidge.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge refused to take a hand in the controversy arising out of the recall of Rear-Admiral Thomas P. Magruder as commandant of the fourth naval district at Philadelphia for his written and verbal criticisms of navy administration.

Announcement of the president's action was made by Secretary Wilbur who, after a conference with the executive in the White House, told newspaper men that the admiral's request for a personal interview and for revocation of the recall order both had been denied.

"Admiral Magruder's request to the president has been disapproved and his application denied," was the terse comment of the secretary. He added that he had nothing more to say about the matter at this time.

Wisconsin Pays High for Dead Bandits

Fond Du Lac, Wis.—Dead bandits are bringing twice the figure of bandits "on the hoof" in Fond Du Lac county. Bankers of this county have offered \$1000 cash for each dead bandit, and a mere \$500 each for members of the bank robbing fraternity captured alive and convicted. The schedule conforms to the vigilante protective plan recommended by the State Bankers' association.

Lutherans Re-elect Three Officials.

Eugene, Or.—Rev. O. R. Olson of Oakland, Cal., was re-elected president of the Pacific district of the Danish Evangelistic Lutheran church at the business session here. Rev. Carl Wilhelmson of Fresno, Cal., was re-elected secretary and Chris Pilegaard of Easton, Cal., was re-elected treasurer. Easton, Cal., was chosen as the city for next fall's convention.

Mexico Raises Ban on American Goods

Mexico City.—The Mexican government's ban on purchases in the United States was terminated November 1. President Calles ordered the Mexican Comptroller general that the necessity for it no longer exists. The ban went into effect May 31, 1927, and prohibited Mexican officials from purchasing goods for the government in the United States.

25 Bombing Planes Ordered for Army.

Washington, D. C.—Contracts for 25 bombing planes, designed to carry 2000 pounds of bombs and five machine guns, have been awarded to the Keystone Aircraft company of Bristol, Pa., the war department announced.

SEN. HARRY B. HAWES



A recent portrait of United States Senator Harry B. Hawes from Missouri.

MORROW PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

Mexico City.—Dwight W. Morrow, newly appointed American ambassador to Mexico, presented his credentials Saturday to President Calles in a formal and elaborate ceremony at the national palace. The presentation was made in the historic Sala De Los Embajadores, which was filled to overflowing with cabinet members, high military officers in full dress uniform, other members of the diplomatic corps and an unprecedented number of American citizens.

In his brief address, Ambassador Morrow announced to the Mexican government that American diplomacy in this country would be based on mutual respect. The ambassador also voiced the respect the American people have for Mexico's sovereignty, and proffered his cooperation with the Mexican government in finding "a mutually satisfactory solution of the problems with which our two countries are now faced."

Mr. Morrow characterized the issues between the two governments as "outstanding questions," and expressed the hope that "we shall not fail to adjust them."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican leader in the senate, has entered the 1928 presidential race.

Archbishop J. J. Hartly of the Catholic archdiocese of Omaha, who had been critically ill, died in Los Angeles.

Oregon State college football team triumphed over the Washington State college aggregation on a sloppy field at Corvallis last week by a score of 13 to 6.

Business in the United States slowed down during September, with industrial and trade activity smaller than usual at that season of the year, the federal reserve board announced.

Never in recent years has China been in a more chaotic condition than now. Fighting is in progress in at least six different war areas and a widespread winter of suffering and hardship appears inevitable.

Supreme Court Refuses Pescawha Plea

Washington, D. C.—The supreme court refused to review a case involving the right of the coast guard to board and search a British ship outside the 12 mile limit after it had been observed cruising within that zone. Jacob Wolite and others convicted in the federal district court of Oregon on the charge of violating the federal prohibition law aboard the Pescawha brought the case.

Lindy to Be Guggenheim Fund Advisor

New York.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, trans-Atlantic air pioneer, will officiate in a consulting capacity for the Daniel Guggenheim fund for the promotion of aeronautics, and for the time being at least, will not align himself with any commercial project. Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Guggenheim fund, announced that "Lindy" henceforth would be a member of the organization.

Governor Orders End of Picketing.

Denver, Colo.—Governor William H. Adams of Colorado issued a demand recently that all picketing of Colorado coal mines be stopped. Fred Farrar, attorney for the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, declared "90 per cent of our miners will come back to work the minute picketing ceases."

State Institutions in Good Condition.

Salem, Or.—All of Oregon's state institutions, with the possible exception of the state employment institution for the blind in Portland, probably will have sufficient money in their legislative appropriations to carry them through until the end of the present biennium.

DRAFTING OF NEW TAX BILLS BEGINS

Proposed Reductions Range
from \$300,000,000 to
\$500,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—Drafting a new tax bill was started Monday by the house ways and means committee, with members prepared to expedite work in an effort to have the measure ready for congress shortly after it convenes five weeks hence.

The prospective work of the committee has attracted considerable attention and many members of congress, including a number on the ways and means committee, have expressed views on how large a tax cut should be made. Practically all of these have been far in excess of the indicated position of the treasury—a reduction well under the \$300,000,000 mark.

The pre-committee meeting discussions also have developed that three political factors will exert an influence on the new tax bill before it has completed its long legislative journey through the house and senate to President Coolidge. These factors are the administration republicans, the democrats and the group of western independent republicans in the senate.

Chairman Green of the ways and means committee, and other administration stalwarts have indicated that they regard a cut of \$300,000,000 as the probable maximum.

The democrats, through their tax spokesman Representative Garner of Texas, have declared for a minimum reduction of \$300,000,000 while Garner, who is ranking minority member of the ways and means group, personally has advocated a reduction of \$500,000,000, is possible.

What position the insurgent senate group may take remains somewhat undefined, although it has been indicated that it will favor a minimum reduction and application of the remainder of the treasury surplus to retaining the public debt.

NEW ALTITUDE MARK MADE BY RANKIN

Portland, Or.—Tex Rankin, flying a Waco "9"-90 horsepower biplane and carrying a full load, broke the national altitude record for OX5 planes (less than 100 horsepower), reaching an altitude of 12,300 feet before the extreme cold forced a return to earth. Previous records were 11,000 feet for full load and 16,000 feet for flight with pilot only.

At 12,300 feet the Waco was still climbing slowly in the thin air, and would have gone 2000 feet higher within an hour, Rankin believed. At that altitude, however, the feet and hands of the pilot and observers were numb with cold, making a descent highly desirable. The temperature was 10 to 20 degrees, below zero, it was estimated.

EDUCATIONAL SESSION ENDS

Mae Mark New President of Educators of Washington.

Longview, Wash.—The Washington Educational association ended its 41st annual convention here with the election of Miss Mae Mark, county school superintendent of Yakima county, as the new president to succeed V. K. Froula of Seattle; took action to seek repeal of the present teachers' retirement fund law and the passage of a new one on a state-wide basis, and based on the principle of endowment insurance; indorsed the proposed constitutional amendment for the classification of property for taxation, and recommended that there be no discrimination for or against teachers adequately educated outside the state, except where those states discriminate against Washington.

Famous Chicago Banker Killed.

Chicago.—John J. Mitchell Sr., 74-year-old chairman of the board of Chicago's second greatest financial institution, the Illinois Merchants' Trust company, died in a doctor's office in Libertyville, Ill., 35 miles from here, shortly after he had been injured in an automobile accident, which also claimed the life of Mrs. Mitchell.

Seattle Auto Death Toll 59.

Seattle, Wash.—With the death here of Mrs. Lena French, the 1927 toll of traffic fatalities reached a total of 59, or a figure equal to that for the entire year of 1926. Mrs. French was struck by a machine last Friday. Seven deaths by automobiles have been recorded in Seattle since October 1.

Harding Bodies to Be Moved Nov. 11.

Marion, Ohio.—The bodies of the late President Warren Harding and his wife probably will be removed from the Marion cemetery vault Armistice day to the new \$800,000 marble memorial, it was announced here.