

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Mrs. Clara Houston has been named treasurer of Klamath county to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Vera Moser.

A \$2000 fountain in the sunken garden of the McMinnville city park will be built this winter from the Fred L. Soper memorial fund.

The Idaho Light & Power company, operating in the eastern part of Baker county, is establishing a line from Richland to Robinette.

The valuation of personal property in Oregon is \$17,553,560, according to an inventory conducted at the request of the state board of control.

During the past week there were shipped out of Medford four cars of canned pears billed to Chicago, while another three cars were shipped to England.

A total of 71,500 persons used Deschutes national forest during the past summer, compared with 68,700 in 1926, according to R. L. Fromme, forest supervisor.

The Burke Canning company, which has plants at Portland, Astoria and Gold Beach, is seeking a location for a fish cannery and storage point on Coos bay.

Plans have been prepared by the city engineer and the chamber of commerce committee for the first of several public landings for the Astoria waterfront.

Rabies in a dog, the first found in Marshfield in many years, was declared by examiners to have been the trouble with a fox terrier killed by its owner last week.

A levy of approximately 10.28 mills, to yield a total of \$13,714.99 on the basis of the last valuation, will be collected from Forest Grove property owners for 1928.

The total assessment roll of Marion county for the year 1927 is \$41,334,200 as against \$39,771,900 in the year 1926, according to figures compiled by the county assessors.

Sherwood is to have a potato and onion show November 19. Growers of such products in Clackamas county will be represented and compete for the prizes offered.

Plans to proceed at once with construction of a modern grandstand on Pacific university's athletic field at Forest Grove have been approved by the college athletic council.

This fall has been unusually early for the return of the sheep flocks to the Stanfield section from the mountains, because an early rainy period was experienced during September.

Due to the lack of warm weather during the past summer, the Clatsop county honey crop for 1927 is only 29 per cent of that for 1926, according to Herman Ahlers, county bee inspector.

October marriages fell short of the record established in September in Coos county when 27 marriage licenses were issued by Robert Watson, Coos county clerk, as compared with 29 in September.

The Shedd's Masonic and Eastern Star lodges are making plans for construction of a building large enough to accommodate their membership. They have outgrown the hall they are using at present.

The next highway bridge constructed in Clatsop county will be named for Senator A. W. Norblad if a resolution passed by the Oregon Beavers association is accepted by the state highway commission.

Exports of wheat, flour, lumber and general cargo from Portland for October represented a combined value of \$11,885,429 and in October, 1926, the volume of foreign commerce had a total value of \$10,892,693.

A meeting to discuss the abandonment of the Broadmead-Airline branch of the Southern Pacific railroad in Polk county has been postponed from November 15 to December 1 by the public service commission.

Designation of The Dalles-California highway between Terrebonne and Bend as one of the state's arterial, or through routes, was announced in Bend recently by C. W. Wanzler, state highway division engineer.

Tear gas, used effectively in the world war and since then adopted in many places to the task of quelling mobs, will be added to the defensive equipment in the hands of guards at the Oregon state penitentiary.

The Pacific Power & Light company has purchased the distributive system of the Fossil light plant and will extend its high-power system from Condon to Fossil, a distance of 20 miles. Fossil will then have a 24-hour light service.

Saturday was a red letter day for the Owyhee community, when visitors from all parts of Malheur county came for the county council meeting of the Parent-Teacher association and for the dedication of Owyhee's fine new school building.

The number of building permits issued in Portland for October, 1927, and their valuation was somewhat less than for October, 1926, but greater in value than for September, 1927, the permit division of the city building inspector's office announced.

Portland's total deep-sea commerce the first 10 months of this year exceeds that for the entire year 1925 and is greater than for the first 10 months of 1926, the record year in port history. It now appears that the 1927 total deep-sea trade will set a new high record.

Revenues of the state corporation department during the fiscal year, July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, aggregated \$396,774.34, or an increase of \$3207.38, when compared with the receipts for the previous 12 months, according to the annual report completed in Salem recently.

Public utilities operating in Oregon this year will contribute property taxes in the amount of approximately \$6,500,000, or 15 per cent of all such taxes paid in the state. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 in the last four years due to a revision of valuations and the increased public demands.

Total assessed valuation, with exemptions deducted, of property in Lane county is \$177,882 less than last year, according to the summary of the assessment roll of 1927, made public by Assessor Keeney. The total this year is \$39,518,038, as compared with a total on the 1926 assessment roll of \$39,695,920.

Total taxable property in Union county exclusive of public utilities is given as \$19,739,140 this year, a decrease of \$120,270 over last year. The assessment rolls show the total number of acres of land under cultivation in the county as less than last year. This year's figure is 166,475 acres and last year the count was 169,288.

The ferry Roosevelt, operating on the Roosevelt highway between North Bend and Glasgow, crashed on a piling when it went off its course during a dense fog last week and was resting on the bottom in about five feet of water. The ferry is believed to be considerably damaged and motor traffic across the bay is tied up as a result of the mishap.

By Christmas day the second major railroad construction project in the Klamath basin during the past four years will be completed. Kenneth Houser, contractor, announced that the Bend-Chemult extension of the Great Northern railroad would be finished inside of 30 days and that probably 15 days later locomotives would be steaming over the line.

A Canada lynx was killed by Alfred Gentry, government hunter, in Grant county in October, in addition to two he killed in September. Stanley Jewett, in charge of predatory animal control work, said in his October report, issued recently. There were 371 predatory animals bagged by the predatory animal hunters in Oregon in the month. Most of them were coyotes.

Seventy-four of the 600 prisoners in the Oregon state penitentiary are serving life sentences, according to a compilation prepared by F. C. Halley, deputy warden. Of the total number of convicts, 134 are serving time for larceny, 75 for statutory offenses, 74 for murder, 46 for forgery, 40 for operating a still, 16 for manslaughter and 15 for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Gross receipts from motor vehicle fuel tax under all existing laws imposed since the year 1919 up to October 1 of this year were \$17,354,739.24, according to a statement issued by the secretary of state. The motor vehicle fuel tax returned to the state during the first nine months of 1927 a total of \$2,959,812.92 against \$2,650,024.95 for the corresponding period in 1926. The increase was \$279,787.97.

Dogs in the Rock creek district, two miles west of Haines, are to be tied, ranchers going from place to place are to have their shoes disinfected and young swine to the number of nearly 1000 head are being vaccinated in an effort to prevent an epidemic of hog cholera. On the ranches of A. T. Watson, Frank Anderson and others in the neighborhood some 200 hogs are reported to have died of cholera.

The pioneer city of Jacksonville got a week ahead of itself but discovered its speed in time. All preparations for holding the city election were made, and the election machinery was started, when somebody discovered that the election, according to law, should be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday, instead of the first Tuesday. Accordingly, the election was adjourned until the proper time.

The Sterling mine near Jacksonville, closed for several years, is again in operation. Gold was first discovered on Sterling creek in 1852 and records show that \$10,000,000 was taken from the diggings in the ensuing gold rush. The Mercy hospital in Eugene is to be consolidated with the Pacific Christian hospital, creating the largest institution of the kind in the state, outside of Portland, President Sanderson of the International Bible mission, which owns both properties, has announced.

H. B. TEEGARDEN



H. B. Teegarden of Greenville, Ohio, who has been named special assistant to Attorney-General John G. Sargent.

SINCLAIR CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Washington, D. C.—A formal complaint charging Harry F. Sinclair and one of his agents, Henry Mason Day, with conspiracy to tamper with the jury which was hearing the criminal oil conspiracy charge against the wealthy oil operator and Albert B. Fall was issued by United States Commissioner Needham C. Turnage.

The government maintains that Sinclair, Day and A. Sheldon Clark, a Sinclair Oil company official, are the principals in an alleged plot which centered around detective shadowing of jurors in the recently collapsed Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy trial.

Another startling chapter in the dramatic story of the naval oil leases was closed with the declaration of a mistrial in the hearing of criminal conspiracy charges of two of the foremost actors in the long drama—Albert B. Fall and Harry F. Sinclair.

A grand jury will write new history in its investigation of charges of jury tampering before the ex-interior secretary and the multi-millionaire oil operator and sportsman come to the bar of justice again for a new trial, probably in January.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Four members of the Indianapolis city council were indicted on charges of bribery.

Earthquake shocks which may have centered in the Pacific Ocean off the Santa Barbara county coast line in California, were felt from Los Angeles north to San Luis Obispo and east as far as Bakerfield.

A renewed boycott of the British by the Chinese is in full swing in Canton, presumably as an endeavor to rally popular support to the newly organized Cantonese regime under leaders of the original nationalist movement.

Evidently the victim of high altitude suffocation, Captain Hawthorne C. Gray, army balloonist, was found dead in his balloon, in a treetop at Stiles, Tenn. He left Belleville, Ill. in an attempt to break the world's altitude record for balloons.

Lorena Trickey's Plea Self-Defense.

Lakeview, Or.—A plea of self-defense and admission that she killed J. P. (Slim) Harris, will be made by Lorena Trickey, noted rodeo rider, when she goes on trial here for the murder of Harris. Harris, also a noted rider and rodeo participant, was stabbed to death here September 2, the night of the Lakeview Round-Up. Lorena, who was with him, reported that an unidentified assailant killed him.

Bootleggers Find Leak in U. S. Alcohol

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 10,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol found their way into bootleg channels last year, it was disclosed after a meeting of the alcohol advisory council appointed to co-operate with prohibition officials. As a result of the leakage, the alcohol trade has agreed with prohibition authorities to reduce the output next year from 95,000,000 to 85,000,000 gallons.

More Armed Police Enter Coal Fields.

Denver.—As additional armed state police entered southern Colorado coal fields Monday with orders from Governor William H. Adams to halt picketing of coal mines, prospects that all strike leaders would be arrested were seen here.

Coolidge Okays Cruiser Budget.

Washington, D. C.—Appropriation of approximately \$40,000,000 for cruiser construction, increasing last year's naval budget by about that amount, has been approved by President Coolidge, according to the Army and Navy Journal.

NEW ENGLAND STATES SWEEP BY FLOOD

Estimate 150 Are Dead and \$100,000,000 in Damage is Done.

Boston, Mass.—Death and destruction lay beneath swirling flood waters of more than a dozen rivers and lakes in four New England states in the wake of the most disastrous floods of this section's history.

Behind the waters is a mounting list of dead, now estimated at 150, and \$100,000,000 in wreckage. Snow has come, bringing new peril of the elements to the northern valleys where manpower is being conscripted to rehabilitate the devastated regions, and to the hills where other countless thousands, unsheltered, seek safety from the raging waters.

Food supplies in Vermont, worst hit of all, are running low. A summary of the flood toll in New England shows:

Vermont—More than half the state flood-swept, at least 125 dead, 50,000 homeless, with freshets subsiding and work of rebuilding begun.

Massachusetts—Many millions in property damage, one town wiped out, 10,000 homeless as crest of Connecticut river flood passes through Springfield.

Connecticut—Already battered to damage of millions in first onslaughts of freshets, menaced by crest of flood rushing down Connecticut river.

New Hampshire—Towns buried beneath water, landslides and northern part of state still menaced by freshets.

Rhode Island—Almost back to normal as Blackstone and other rivers subside after causing great damage.

Maine—Swept by gales as well as floods, nearly back to normal.

Barre, Waterbury, Bolton, Richmond and other towns on the Winooski river, which runs from near Montpelier to Lake Champlain, received the most savagely killing sweep of the torrents.

Barre has 25 known dead, Faterbury 25, Bolton 17, and Richmond 10, while the state highway report places the Bolton dead at 35. It is reported a logging camp bunkhouse, with 18 men, was swept into the freshet.

Many smaller towns and villages over a widely-scattered district are still cut off from the world and have not been heard from.

DENIES CREAM RATE

Local Authorities Must Act for Their Own Interests.

Washington, D. C.—In refusing to alter the level of milk and cream rates charged in express and railroad service throughout Rocky mountain and Pacific coast territory, the interstate commerce commission laid down a precedent limiting its own authority.

Under its terms the commission will not consider any rate cases based on charges that interstate rates are so low as compared with rates on like commodities moving wholly within a state as to constitute discrimination. The finding was that the commission's power extended only to the point of protecting interstate commerce from discrimination, and that when interstate commerce rates discriminated against state traffic it is the duty of state commissioners to apply remedies. The commission's findings resulted from the complaint of the Mutual Creamery company of Utah against the western carriers.

Taft Urges Speed in Legal Methods.

Washington, D. C.—A legislative overhauling of criminal court procedure to apply more quickly punishment to law offenders was advocated as a crime deterrent by Chief Justice Taft before the national crime commission. He approved measures to induce criminals to become law-abiding citizens but added that "we must never forget that the chief and first object of prosecution of crime is its deterrent effect upon future would-be criminals in the protection of society."

Police Seeking Baseball Star.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Chalmers W. Cissel's sudden rise to fame as a \$123,000 shortstop was marred by an announcement that he is under indictment in Des Moines on charges brought by a 20-year-old telephone operator. Cissel was sold by the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league to the Chicago White Sox. He formerly played with the Des Moines Western league club.

Americans to Build Dam in Africa.

New York.—American industry, backed by American dollars, has undertaken the economic development of the realm of the queen of Sheba. A \$20,000,000 contract for construction of a dam across the Blue Nile near Lake Tsana, negotiated between the Abyssinian government and the J. G. White Engineering corporation of New York, is described as the opening step in an ambitious program for the cultural and material reconstruction of the ancient nation.

MRS. W. G. McADOO



New portrait of Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, wife of the former secretary of the treasury, and daughter of the late President Wilson.

GRANT PERMIT FOR BIG LONGVIEW SPAN

Washington, D. C.—Application of the Longview Wash., Bridge company for a permit to start construction of a bridge over the Columbia river on revised specifications was granted by the cabinet committee which considered the question.

The revised application, changed to conform with the minimum clearance requirements fixed by Secretaries Davis, Jardine and Hoover had been placed on file with Secretary Davis of the war department.

The application is the necessary routine step to carry out the requirements laid down by the secretaries at their recent meeting, increasing the vertical clearance of the bridge from 175 to 185 feet and the horizontal clearance between the central piers from 1000 feet to 1120.

The application for a permit was submitted by W. D. Comer of Seattle and Wesley Vandercook of Longview.

GOMEZ' CAREER ENDED

Mexican Rebel Leader is Captured and Promptly Executed.

Mexico City.—General Arnulfo Gomez has joined in death his companion in the recent revolutionary movement, General Francisco Serrano. The presidential office announced that Gomez was captured and executed near Teocelo, state of Vera Cruz.

Thus the attempt of Gomez, Serrano and numerous other rebel generals against President Calles and his government has come to an end. Serrano was captured and executed two days after the movement began. Gomez succeeded for more than a month in hiding in the mountains of Vera Cruz with a handful of followers.

Germany Names American Envoy

Berlin.—Dr. Frederick Wilhelm von Pritwitz-Gaffron, councillor of the German embassy at Rome, has been confirmed as successor to Baron Ago von Maltzan, late German ambassador to the United States.

Jardine Opposes Reflooding Lake.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Jardine announced he had definitely decided reflooding of Lower Klamath lake in Oregon and California was impracticable.

Woman Channel Swim Faker Fined.

London.—Dr. Dorothy Cochrane Logan was fined \$500 and \$50 costs at the Mansion House police court for swearing falsely that she swam the English channel.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.24; hard winter, \$1.22; northern 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, \$9.00@9.75. Hogs — Medium to choice, \$9.00@10.25. Lambs — Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.75.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.24; hard winter, western red, \$1.22; northern spring, \$1.23; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.27½; dark northern spring, \$1.40; dark hard winter, \$1.35. Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22. Butterfat—50c. Eggs—Ranch, 45c. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.25@10.00. Hogs—Prime, \$10.00@10.10. Spokane. Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.50@9.00. Hogs—Good, \$9.50@9.60.

COMMITTEE FINDS EXCISE TAX PROBLEM

Secretary Mellon Takes Position That Levies Should Be Retained.

Washington, D. C.—The excise, or nuisance taxes, one of the most controversial factors involved in present consideration of tax reduction, will be taken up by the house ways and means committee this week.

Retention or repeal of these levies is a question over which the treasury and many congressional leaders are at odds and battle lines already have been formed for the impending fight on this issue.

Secretary Mellon has taken the position that retention of the taxes is necessary to maintain a well-balanced tax system, arguing that "it should never be forgotten that in taxation the idea to be aimed at is a broad base and low rates."

A number of senators and house members, however, contend that the levies are an inheritance from the war and that they should be eliminated from a peace-time tax structure. This group includes practically the entire democratic membership of congress and also a liberal sprinkling of republicans.

Of the group of excise taxes, those on automobile sales and theater admissions principally are contested. Both have a wide appeal and a large number of persons have requested opportunity to present their views to the committee.

Whatever the committee recommends regarding the levies it is certain that the fight over them will be carried to the floors of both house and senate, and there is every indication that before the prospective tax bill finally becomes a law the controversy will be almost as heated as that over the total of tax reduction.

DENIES MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF MERGER

Minneapolis, Minn.—Having denied the motion of the Milwaukee railway for dismissal of the Great Northern-Northern Pacific merger application, the interstate commerce commission adjourned the Minneapolis hearing, announcing that the taking of evidence will be resumed January 16 at Washington.

At this Washington hearing the Milwaukee railway will present its testimony in opposition to the northern unification and other opponents may do likewise, if they desire, according to Charles D. Mahaffie, director of the commission's bureau of finance, who has presided.

Following the Washington hearing the interstate commerce commission will hold another session in Minnesota, probably in February, to permit submission of evidence by intervenors who do not wish to go to the capital. Immediately after this hearing the proceedings will be transferred to the north Pacific coast, probably Tacoma.

QUEEN HELD PRISONER

Burcharest Reports Indicate Marie Not Allowed to Leave.

London.—Under the large type headline "Queen Marie as a prisoner," the Daily Mail prints a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, purporting to give "thoroughly reliable uncensored information" from Rumania that the Bratianu government will not allow the dowager queen and Princess Helen to leave Burcharest for fear they will join the forces of ex-Crown Prince Carol.

The dispatch says that the cancellation by Carol's abandoned wife of her plan to leave Florence, Italy, a fortnight ago, was due to the government stopping her.

Sande's Jockey Permit Revoked.

Baltimore, Md.—The jockey's license of Earle Sande, premiere rider of the American racetrack, was revoked by the Maryland Racing commission. Sande was charged with fouling Reigh Count in the Pimlico Futurity. The alleged fouling kept Reigh Count from winning, and Glade of the Greentree stables won.

Postal Business Drops in October.

Washington, D. C.—Postal business during October, generally regarded as a barometer for general business conditions, dropped off slightly, the post-office department announced. The total receipts were \$32,449,638.53, as compared with \$32,860,349.45 last month, a decrease of 1.25 per cent.

Nugent Ruled Not Trade B. by Member

Washington, D. C.—Ex-Senator John F. Nugent, democrat, of Idaho, was deprived of his seat on the federal trade commission by a ruling from Comptroller General J. R. McCarl. McCarl ruled that Nugent's term expired on September 26 last.