

## SHERIFF SAVING TAXPAYERS' MONEY

Twenty-Seven Go To Pen; Not One Cent Spent For Trials.

One source of leakage of the taxpayers money has been plugged up by efficiency in the sheriff's office of Umatilla county. This is shown by an interesting article which appeared in the East Oregonian one day last week, which stated that no less than twenty-seven offenders had entered pleas of guilty before the circuit judge and received their sentences without one cent of cost to the county for trials. The article follows. It is reprinted in the Press for the purpose of giving local publicity to the efforts put forth by a capable official in administering the duties of his office:

"Taxpayers of Umatilla county have been saved several thousand dollars this year through the work of the sheriff's office. Although over 27 men have been sentenced to the penitentiary since the first of the year, not one cent has been spent for trials, every one of the 27 having entered pleas of guilty before the circuit judge.

"During the month of July thirty seven men were arrested by the Umatilla county sheriff's office, six of that number were sentenced to the penitentiary, to serve a total of twenty-seven years in the state penitentiary. Jail sentences on minor charges totaled 480 days, while the fines assessed on various charges amounted to \$2,150.

"While 37 persons were placed under arrest by Sheriff Tom Gurdane and his deputies during the month, altogether 48 persons saw the inside of the county jail and were served meals there. Part of this latter figure includes those prisoners whose terms extended into July.

"Four men were jailed on charges of drunken driving during the month one was arrested for larceny by bailee; three drunk on a public highway; two for investigation; seven for sale of liquor two for burglary; one for insanity one for unlawful possession of an automobile; two for assault and battery; one for criminal assault; four for forgery and five for larceny of an automobile.

"Two men were arrested at Dillon, Montana this month in connection with a swindling game played by them on an Echo merchant.

"Methods used by the sheriff's office in getting the prisoners to plead guilty have been the simplest and not one prisoner has gone before the court or left the jail with a grudge against any of the officers.

"Under existing methods of court procedure, it is oftentimes necessary for a prisoner to wait weeks and even months before he can stand trial. But if the prisoner pleads guilty when he knows that he is guilty he begins his sentence immediately."

## Idaho's Grand Old Man Ex-Governor Hawley, Dead At the Age of 82

James H. Hawley, 82, ex-governor, "Idaho's grand old man," died at 2:25 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the family residence, in Boise. Death was due to chronic heart disease. For the past few months Mr. Hawley was ill at his home, suffering at periods several sinking spells, the last of which occurred about two weeks ago. He was governor of Idaho in 1911 and 1912.

The deceased was among the few surviving pioneers of the early settlement days of Idaho and probably no man in that state was more widely known and liked or more universally respected.

His life's history was interwoven with the development of the state of his adoption. He was among the first to assist in the encouragement of mining. A lawyer by profession, he was instrumental in the formulation of the fundamental law of the land and of the constitution of the state.

He was active in public life and was elected a member of the house of representatives of the 1870-71 territorial legislature and to the senate of the 1874-75 session. During the period from 1879 to 1883 he filled the position of district attorney of the second judicial district, and from 1884 to 1887 he was United States attorney for Idaho.

Deceased is survived by four sons—Edgar, Jess and James H. Jr., all of Boise; Harry Hawley of Washington, D. C.; two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Tucker and Mrs. Reilly Atkinson, both of Boise.

Flags at the state house were dropped to half-mast when news of the death of the late Mr. Hawley was announced, while that tribute was also paid to his memory by many business houses in Boise.

## Washington Boy Is Chosen By Edison

A bespectacled 16-year-old boy who finds marine biology an interesting hobby was selected as the protégé of Thomas A. Edison.

Chosen first out of a field of competitors from the 48 states of the Union and the district of Columbia, Wilbur S. Huston of Seattle, Wash., will spend the next four years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the school of his choice, with all expenses paid by the inventor.

Unassuming and self-confident, Huston met the announcement of his success with no outward show of emotion and looked somewhat embarrassed when the other 48 youths lifted him to their shoulders and cheered lustily.

There was stiff competition for first honors in the test, the judges announced, and four additional scholarships of tuition were accordingly awarded.

James Seth, Santa Fe, N. M.; Bernard Sturgis of Butler, Ind.; Charles H. Brunissen, West Redding, Conn., and Ivan A. Getting, Pittsburgh, will receive the extra scholarships.

## Camas Creek Route

Engineer Ward and 10 men are surveying for the location of a highway down Camas Creek, from Ukiah to the north fork of the John Day river. The new road is to be a standard forest highway with 16 feet of surfacing, 22 feet over all and wider on the curves.

## THE NEW BUICK LINE IS POPULAR

Model For 1930 Is Proving To Be a Big Magnet for Many Buyers.

Hundreds of persons have visited the showrooms of the Howard Automobile company in Portland every day during the past week to see the exhibit of the entire 1930 Buick line of automobiles, according to information received by local zone officials. The Oregonian. The exhibit here is said to be, by far, the most successful presentation of a Buick line ever held in Portland, judging from the voluntary approval that has been voiced by the thousands who have already examined and ridden in the new cars.

Evidence that women are playing an increasingly part as buyers of motor cars was revealed by the number of feminine motorists who visited the Portland new Buick display. Howard officials report that not only were these women vitally interested in the colors and lines of the cars, but in the mechanical exhibits as well.

In addition to the new lines of the Fisher built bodies, which elicited considerable commendatory praise from the onlookers, features on the new Buick particularly liked were the four-wheel internal expansion Servo brakes, semielliptic rear springs, non-glare windshield, longer wheel bases, thermostatically controlled radiator shutters and more powerful motors. Marked attention was also devoted to the fact that Buick had lowered the prices on all three series materially.

"In all my experience in the automobile business I have never before seen such a fine public response as that which greeted the 1930 Buick," declared Claud A. McGee, zone manager, who has been connected with various departments for more than 21 years. "Reports that we have received from our dealers throughout the state of Oregon and in southern Washington indicate that the same enthusiastic condition prevails elsewhere."

Additional power has been built into the Buick by increasing the bore in the 40 series to 3 7/16 inches with a 4 1/4-inch stroke, permitting a piston displacement of 257 inches. The larger engine used in the 50 and 60 series of cars has a bore of 3 3/4 inches and a five-inch stroke. With a piston displacement of 331 cubic inches, this engine develops 99 horse-power.

In hill climbing ability all models have proved approximately equal in power. The same models carrying the identical 450-pound loads were used in a test on a 1400-foot hill presenting an 11.6 per cent grade. The series 40 and 50 cars reached the peak of the hill at a speed of 26 miles per hour or better from a 5 M. P. H. start closely followed by the series 60 car travelling at 25 miles per hour or better.

The top road speed on all models in excess of 70 actual miles per hour is obtained at slower engine speeds than were possible with previous models, due to the increased piston displacement, explained McGee.

## Tex Rankin Will Use Small Plane In Flight

Linking Mexico and Canada by air by a dawn to dusk hop in a tiny airplane, Tex Rankin, one of the outstanding figures of American aviation, will attempt a 13-hour non-stop flight Sunday.

In announcing plans for the flight, which will start at Vancouver, B. C., and finish in Agua Caliente, B. C., (Baja California) it is disclosed by Rankin that he hopes, unless he hits a constant head-wind, to make the jump in 13 hours.

Making the international leap over the Pacific west the more spectacular and interesting, it is pointed out by aviation enthusiasts, is the fact that Rankin's "ship" will be an extremely small one. He purposes using a Great Lakes 2T-1 biplane powered with a 90 horsepower American Cirrus engine.

Technically, it will be the longest non-stop flight ever attempted by a light aircraft in the "Miscellaneous Aircraft Performances" class of the National Aeronautical association.

## Do You Know—

Dirty or worn out spark plugs often cause trouble which is blamed on the carburetor. It is an easy matter to clean the plugs by filling the lower part with alcohol or equal parts of ammonia and water and allowing it to stand for a few seconds. Then rub the carbon from the insulator, wipe the plug dry and clean sparking points with emery cloth.

## Oregon Gains Settlers July Makes Good Record 80 New Families Come

July, just closed, saw more than twice as many families located in this state, investing twice as much money in property, than did July of 1928, according to official announcement of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce.

"The story of Oregon is being spread more and more," commented W. G. Ide, manager, smilingly, "and as it spreads it can only rebound to our advantage."

Eighty new families came during the month, compared with 27 for the corresponding month of last year. They invested \$369,850 as against an investment of \$118,652 recorded for the same month last year. They bought 3658 acres of land, as compared with 921 acres. And 51 families wrote the state chamber to say they were coming, planning to invest \$174,250, as against 27 that promised to come during July, 1928, with \$49,000 ready to invest.

There has been a veritable flood of tourists along the lower Roosevelt highway, according to reports reaching the chamber. Bandon and Curry county resort hotels have been filled to overflowing, with many visitors unable to obtain accommodations. Ferries have recorded record-breaking travel. More people are beginning to discover Oregon, and, having once visited us, are planning to return.

## A Layer of Peat Is Located Near Salem

Oregon State College.—A 19-foot layer of peat was found in Lake Labish, north of Salem last week by specialists of the United States bureau of soils, working in conjunction with the college experiment station, Dr. W. L. Powers, chief of the department of soils here, has announced.

Dr. E. P. Dachnowski-Stokes, leading peat expert in the bureau of soils, who took the soundings in the bog, consisting of about 8000 acres, attributes the thick layer largely to the rapid state of decomposition in that area and the marl formations in the sub-soil which give it a fairly neutral reaction.

Dr. C. F. Marbut, chief of the United States soil survey, and recognized as the leading authority in the world on soils classification, is heading the party of specialists in their study during a motor tour across the United States. They are paying particular attention to mature and hill soils and have as one of their objects the collection of data to aid in the completion of the classification of the great soil groups of the world.

The soil surveys in the Rogue river valley will be reviewed this week and Dr. Stokes will take some tests in Klamath county before the two-weeks survey in Oregon is completed.

## Men Rushed By Plane Save Valuable Timber

Oregon forest rangers arrested two motorists for tossing lighted cigarettes from automobiles and started a drive to eliminate causes believed to have started serious fires in Oregon and Washington forests.

So serious is the situation in the Chelan national forest in northern Washington that seven men, headed by F. H. Brundage, chief of fire control, were dispatched to the forest by airplane today. Ten fires of various sizes are burning in this forest, they reported, with one of them racing over 10,000 acres of yellow pine near Chelan lake.

Although fire fighters have controlled the Deschutes forest fire near Bend, Ore., a strict watch is being maintained over campers and motorists.

## Helix Barn Burns

The barn and chicken house belonging to Udney Richardson near Helix, was burned to the ground Wednesday evening about five thirty. The barn was full of hay, and some machinery. There was also a number of chickens burned in the chicken house. The building and hay were insured by the grange.

## Harvest Hand Drowned

Apparently seized by cramps, Ben J. Ford of Columbia Falls, Montana, was drowned while bathing in the Walla Walla river near Touchet. Ford had been working on the Matt Lowden farm for seven days in the hay harvest and with another hay hand had gone to the river to bathe after dinner.

## Woman Shoots Cougar

Mrs. P. S. Hills of Big Fall Creek killed a large cougar with a .22-caliber rifle, according to word received at Eugene. She and her husband were hauling hay when they saw the tracks of the cougar in the road. Their dog trailed the cougar and treed it. Mrs. Hills brought it down with three shots.

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## Idaho Hunters Destroy 3399 Coyotes In Year

The United States biological survey has spent \$33,000 the past year in co-operative work with the grazing associations and the various counties of Idaho in predatory animal control work, according to a report from Luther J. Goldman, leader in this work for Idaho. His report shows 3399 coyotes killed, in which the hides or scalps were brought in.

Other predatory animals killed were one lion, 104 bobcats and two wolves. There were 913 horses killed for bait for this work, a total of 255,785 poisoned baits being placed in various parts of the state the past year.

For June this year there were 125 coyotes and six bobcats killed. June is the hardest month of the year to catch predatory animals, as they scatter for the hot summer months.

## Wallowa Yield Uncertain

Harvesting of the grain crops of Wallowa county is progressing well on most of the farms. Some threshing with combines on the winter wheat in the hill section has been started during the past week, but not enough has been threshed yet to tell anything about what the yield is going to be. Considerable damage resulted to the wheat crops there during the latter part of July, while the drying north winds were blowing almost daily. Some shriveled grain is found in all fields. Binding has been going on at many farms during the past week and threshing with stationary outfits will start in parts of the county during the next week.

## Prune Picking to Begin

Picking prunes will be started in the Milton-Freewater section by a few growers about August 10, it was announced, to fill some contracts, but the prune harvest generally will not be under way for another week. The crop will not be as heavy as first estimated, due to considerable dropping of the fruit. Growers and shippers of the valley met in Walla Walla Tuesday with William A. Schoenfeld, Portland, northwest representative of the United States department of agriculture, and R. H. Kipp, manager of the agricultural and marketing department.

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