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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

There is now 40 feet of water at the entrance of the Columbia.

The Albany fruit juice factory has closed a successful season.

Scarcity of skilled labor is keenly felt in the district around Baker.

The season for killing deer in Hood River county will open August 15.

Free mail delivery for the city of Klamath Falls is to be installed immediately.

This year's prune crop in Polk county will be exceptionally large and of good quality.

The president has nominated Elisabeth Thompson to be postmaster at Nyssa, Oregon.

An ordinance prohibiting card playing in pool or billiard halls is now in effect in Portland.

Work on the Portland auditorium which is under construction is now progressing rapidly.

Warden Minto of the state prison dismissed J. Frank Humphries, farmer of the institution.

Cos Bay saw its first circus last Friday when the Cooper Brothers' show exhibited there.

The Polk county educational board

has elected Floyd D. Moore for supervisor of rural schools.

Marshallfield was chosen by the Oregon grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, as the 1917 convention city.

Six convicts escaped from the flax camp of the Oregon prison, located five miles northeast of Salem.

Lebanon is to have a summer swimming pool with a competent man in charge for the rest of the summer.

A movement has started in Corvallis with the purpose of providing gymnasium quarters for women and men.

After teaching in the Salem schools for 22 years, Miss Emma Kramer, principal of the McKinley school, has resigned.

Rev. "Billy" Sunday opened the campaign to keep Oregon dry, in speaking in the Portland Ice Hippodrome, Tuesday night.

The 25th session of the Great Council of Oregon, Improved Order of Red Men, is to convene in Portland August 15 and 16.

Ira Wimberly, who was nominated for postmaster at Drain by President Wilson, has been a resident of that city for 25 years.

The flour mill at Prairie City has changed hands. O. G. Trester having purchased the interest of Dr. V. C. Belknap and R. C. Reese.

Many conflicts and duplications in the road laws of the state are pointed out in a 64-page pamphlet just issued by State Engineer Lewis.

During the first six months of the operation of the prohibition law only 1058 permits to ship in liquor were issued to Polk county people.

Installation of new machinery at the plant of the Bend Water, Light & Power company, to care for the increasing demands of the town, is completed.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Salt Lake City, will pay the Sutherland beet growers 50 cents a ton more than the contract price of \$4.75 for their crop this season.

Rev. Robert Booth, veteran Methodist minister, celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday anniversary in Roseburg at the home of his son, J. H. Booth, of Roseburg.

Found guilty of that clause of the

law which prohibits intoxicating beverages at public gatherings, Jack Travers, of Cascade Locks, was fined \$100 at Hood River.

Chris Lassen, held at Oregon City for a week in the county jail as a suspect in the San Francisco bomb outrage, was committed to the state hospital for the insane.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Miss Margaret E. Howatson, of Portland, a member of the industrial welfare commission to succeed Miss Bertha Moores, resigned.

Reviewing the road expenditures of Multnomah county the first six months of the present year it is found that there was expended for labor \$122,759 and for materials \$101,729.

Portland will have a Fourth of July celebration next year. Preliminary steps for the event were taken at the final meeting of the committee which managed this year's ceremonies.

On the farm of Chester Ralph, on R. F. D. 2, Dallas, is a freak apple tree. The tree is now bearing fruit half grown and at the same time is in blossom for the second time this season.

Miss Esther Carson has been appointed secretary to Governor Withycombe, to serve during the temporary absence of George Palmer Putnam, who is with the troops on the border.

The condition of the Oregon boys at the border is in every way satisfactory, according to L. B. Rhodes, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has recently returned to Portland after a visit of several weeks in the various troop camps.

Seven thousand acres of the rich bottom land of Butter creek will constitute a new irrigation district if the petition to be presented to the Umatilla county court at the next session is allowed.

Three thousand people attended the barbecue given on the bay beach at Newport to celebrate the raising of the first \$25,000 of the \$100,000 bonus to be given to help build a railroad into the town.

Engleider C. R. Broughton of the Southern Pacific lost his right foot, and Frank Lane, his assistant, was also injured in an accident at tunnel seven, on the Willamette-Pacific railroad near Marshfield.

The receipts of the state industrial commission for the month of July—\$93,956.61—were the highest in the history of the commission, according to a report issued by the commission covering its condition at the close of business on July 31.

The car shortage on the Southern Pacific in the Willamette valley continues to increase daily, according to reports received by the Oregon Public Service commission, and the closing of lumber mills is foreseen unless speedy relief is afforded.

Wheat quotations soared to a new top record for the season in Portland Saturday when \$1.14 was bid for blue stem at the Merchants' exchange. Quotations on other grades of wheat ranged from that figure down to \$1.07, which was offered for red Russian.

Services of J. C. Cady as superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary flax plant were terminated by the state board of control over the protest of Governor Withycombe. R. Crawford, of Portland, has been named to take charge of the harvesting of the flax crop.

Holding that the local ordinance closing theaters on Sundays is in violation of section 2135, Lord's Oregon Laws, commonly known as the Sunday closing law, Judge H. H. Belt, of the circuit court, lifted the Sunday lid from the moving-picture business in

Dallas.

The Hughes campaign in Oregon was opened at a spirited rally held in the old Baker theater in Portland. James E. Watson, candidate for United States senator from Indiana, and for many years a republican leader in the national house of representatives, was the speaker.

What will be one of the most important meetings of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, the California White Pine association and the Western Box Manufacturers' association ever held will be in Bend August 9 and 10. It is expected that fully 100 pine manufacturers will attend.

The fact that liquor was being brought into Oregon in large quantities became known with the seizure by Sheriff Harburt of Portland of six trunks laden with whiskey. They were expressed from San Francisco. Their contents was discovered from the fact that one of them sprang a leak.

H. H. Childers, a government secret service man, has been on Cos Bay for the past few days, seeking out witnesses who would be valuable to the government in convicting S. A. D. Potter, Dick Potter, William Potter and five others recently indicted in the United States federal court at San Francisco.

Investigation of the flax acreage by members of the state board of control, Robert Crawford, the state's new flax expert, and J. W. Minto, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, developed the fact that a large percentage of the flax fields are foul with weeds and many fields will not be accepted by the board.

The stand of Attorney General Brown and District Attorney Evans that taxes collected in counties for road work could be spent as a general fund for the benefit of the entire county, taken in the case of the state, ex rei Brady, against the commissioners of Multnomah county, was sustained by the supreme court.

The recruiting campaign will be prosecuted with renewed vigor beginning the present week. Permanent stations will be opened in Eugene, La Grande, The Dalles and Portland. Five recruiting sergeants were detailed in connection with this duty. The work will be in the hands of Major Hiram U. Welch and Captains Lee M. Clark, John Hibbard and Curtis Winn.

The state highway commission has voted to make application to the federal government for \$78,000 of a highway fund to be apportioned on condition that the state raise a similar amount and \$315,000 for the Mount Hood loop, Florence-Klamath Falls, Medford-Crater Lake, Josephine caves and Prairie City-Unity highways from the Taylor bill fund, which provides \$1,000,000 for roads in national forests.

Because of the lack of sufficient vessels to carry grain, practically all of the crop of this state will have to be transported by rail this year. As a result, the public service commission fears a car shortage, and is making strenuous efforts to prevent such a calamity. It is being aided by the railroad companies operating in Washington, and efforts are being made to have the shipping public co-operate to the greatest possible extent.

Umatilla reservation farmers who need water from the Umatilla river for irrigation purposes are advised by a letter from the United States attorney to use as much as is necessary, regardless of requests to the contrary from the Pendleton roller-mills.

Eastern capital has entered the field in putting Oregon loganberry juice on the market. Men acting for easterners are making five-year contracts with growers of the Salem section at 3 1/2 cents for the first three years and 4 cents for the last two.

While armed guards stood around them in the flax fields of Mission bottom near Salem, two convicts of the state prison dashed into the brush and made their escape. This makes eight men who have escaped from flax gangs since the work started this summer.

Promptness in registering is recommended by Secretary of State Olcott that voters may get election pamphlets to which they are entitled. Registrations prior to the May primaries totaled 241,474. Since that time 6594 additional names have been received by the state department.

Two of the 346 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending August 17 were fatal. They were the cases of Asa Kellie, of Silverton, killed in logging operations, and H. C. Ramsey, of The Dalles, killed while in the employment of a light and power company.

Representative Sinnott has been notified that he will have a vacancy to fill at the West Point military academy next spring. Candidates for the appointment are to be examined at Vancouver barracks, Wash., the first Tuesday in March, next, and the successful candidate will be admitted to the academy June 14, 1917.

That food products cost the consumer more at the present time than they did a number of years ago is shown in figures compiled by O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner. Portland retail prices of June 30, 1914, as compared with the prices of June 30, 1916, prove that nearly all commodities have advanced greatly in cost.

The interstate commerce commission has given the O. W. R. & N. company until October 25 to file its new schedule of rates under the Astoria rate decision, this being only five days in advance of the date when the new rates will go into effect. All other carriers will be required to file their amended rates not later than October 1.

A series of at least 12 safety meetings, with the idea of starting campaigns for safety among the sawmill workers and owners in the state, will be begun in September by the extension department of the university of Oregon. The plan has the co-operation of the state labor commission, and speakers and exhibits will be furnished by the state industrial accident commission.

Construction of a fourth ship yard for the building of wooden ships has been announced at Portland. Contracts have been signed between the plant and M. T. Snyder, of New Orleans for the construction of three vessels. They are to be four-masted auxiliary power schooners of 1000 tons carrying capacity, and are intended for the trade between gulf ports and Cuba.

A formal request by Robert E. Strahorn for a \$500,000 bond issue by the city of Klamath Falls for stock in his proposed railway connection with Bend, Burns, Lakeview and other interior Oregon points, in addition to free right of way from Klamath Falls, 40 miles to Sprague river, and free city terminal grounds, was enthusiastically received. Sub-committees will be appointed and preparations for a special election will be made as speedily as possible.

Despite the efforts of the state public service commission and the Southern Pacific railroad, the car shortage is still acute. That the situation is peculiar to Oregon is shown by a letter received from the Washington public service commission. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Great Northern, O. W. R. & N. company and other lines report to the Washington commission that they have cars in excess of the demand and look for no trouble in taking care of shippers.

By a margin of 200,000 votes Miss Gladys Roddy, of Marshfield, was elected to represent Miss Cos Bay at her marriage at Marshfield August 24 to Eugene Lane, on the occasion of the railroad jubilee celebration, which will continue throughout August 24, 25 and 26. Miss Virginia Clarke, of Marshfield; Miss Edith Thomas, of North Bend; Miss Marvel Skeels, of Coquille; Miss Lella Wyland, of Powers, and Miss Helen Whitaker, of Myrtle Point, were named by Miss Roddy as her bridesmaids.

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