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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The car shortage is hampering mills in the Willamette section.

The Linn County Fair association has designated October 6 as Salem day.

The harvest of the first peppermint crop in Klamath county will begin in a few days.

Eastern Linn county has produced the largest and best crop of huckleberries in many years.

The enrollment of Pendleton schools for the coming term shows an increase of 65 students over last year.

The seventh annual exhibition of the Wheeler County Fair association will be held at Forest September 23.

A movement has been launched by Medford post, American Legion, to obtain an armory for that city.

Gravenstein apples are now being gathered in Lane county, but the crop is much shorter than in former years.

The Pacific Coast Gas association will hold its annual convention in Portland the third week in September.

Fred Champagne, a resident of Roseburg, was instantly killed near Drain, when he fell between moving freight cars.

Work on the new ferry boat to ply across the Willamette at Harrisburg on the Pacific highway will begin soon.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society will be held in Eugene during the latter part of November.

Mrs. A. L. Mauldon of Monroe shot and killed herself. She was the mother of five children and was about 40 years of age.

Astoria salmon packers are considering the advisability of not making a fall pack, owing to the poor market for the product.

Four cases of smallpox developed at the state training school for boys last week, and the institution now is under strict quarantine.

Because of an insufficient supply of asphalt two of Marion county's paving plants have suspended operations at Aumsville and Mt. Angel.

The annual Columbia county fair has been set for September 22, 23 and 24.

Construction has begun at Oregon Agricultural college of the first unit of the women's dormitory.

A movement is under way to have the Jackson county courthouse moved from Jacksonville to Medford.

Clyde Fisk and E. Goodchild of Eugene have been fined \$50 each for having deer meat out of season.

A new sawmill of 60,000,000 feet yearly capacity will be constructed 20 miles northwest of Lakeview.

With the opening of school only a month away, 75 Linn county school districts have not secured teachers yet.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has gone to San Francisco to attend a meeting of the National Traffic association.

During the first 15 days of August 229 fires were "picked up" by the forest patrol planes leaving the Eugene base.

Tourists at Crater lake report that for a week or two a large cougar has prowled around nightly in the vicinity of the hotel.

The reserve on Huckleberry mountain, west of Lost Lake, has been opened by the national forest service to huckleberry pickers.

A course to fit young men for intelligent farm management will be given at Pendleton high school under provisions of the Smith-Hughes act this year.

Christian Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Johnson of Astoria, who has been missing for several months has been located in an insane asylum at Lima, Peru.

The Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Rogue river has been opened to traffic, cutting off one of the worst pieces of road in this part of the state.

Jack Rathie, one of the men under indictment at Pendleton for the murder of Sheriff Taylor, has been identified as John Laffenbean by the sheriff of Power county, Idaho.

Shot and fatally wounded by a robber who attempted to hold up his store, John N. Thompson, 55, a Portland grocer, died on the walk in front of his store Friday night.

Educators from all parts of the state are expected at Hood River August 25, when the second annual conference of vocational agriculture will be held at the Hood River high school.

W. H. Sales of Mohler has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate 3000 acre-feet of water from Foley creek for the development of power in Tillamook county.

During the week of September 6 to 11 County Agent G. W. Kable will conduct a poultry culling demonstration in Corvallis for the information of the poultry raisers of Benton county.

An attempt is being made at Pendleton to connect the murder of F. D. Jennings and his wife, near Bancroft, Idaho, to Neil Hart and Jim Owens, the murderers of Sheriff Till Taylor.

The gasoline shortage, which for a time threatened to halt many of Oregon's industries, has improved during the last two weeks, according to W. A. Datzel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures.

Portland is the ninth city in the United States in the amount of its postal savings and leads all of the cities west of Chicago, the postoffice department has reported. Portland's deposits are \$1,744,734.

The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association has filed with the public service commission a petition asking for a physical connection between the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric at Forest Grove.

Three men were killed instantly and three seriously injured when a truck carrying 12 men bumped into a slowly moving passenger train at Imbler. The dead are Lloyd Larsen, Wayne Keown and Clarence Larsen.

Raymond Walsh, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh of Svensen, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother Cecil, aged 13 years. The boys were playing soldier at the time with their father's shotgun.

Purchase by the government of 322 acres near Hillsboro for \$37,000 cash as a site for a huge radio station is indicated in negotiations which have been pending for some time with the owners of the Fred Ford farm.

Geographical location and the expense of conducting district office boards were the chief reasons assigned by the shipping board for its refusal to make Portland a shipping board district, according to a telegram received by Senator McNary from Admiral Benson, chairman of the board.

Five hundred and six persons were injured, due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending August 26, according to a report filed by the state accident commission. William Kilberg, logger, of Cocharan, and James J. McKenna, logger, of Twin Rock, were killed.

Employees of the Sheelin-Hixson company and the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company, of Bend, who were on the payroll of the two corporations during the first six months of the present year, have received \$42,000 in bonuses, representing 5 per cent of their salaries during that period.

Predictions of railroad extensions to the south, connecting Bend with Lakeview and Klamath Falls at an early date, were made and pledges of assistance in securing federal aid for the development of the Benham Falls irrigation project were given by United States Senator George E. Chamberlain in an address given before the Bend Commercial club.

HERE'S SOME NEWS
ITEMS TO HELP
FILL UP THE
PAPER



DOESN'T THE EDITOR WEAR DIAMONDS AND LIVE IN A MARBLE MANSION?

A pavilion constructed especially for the display of automobiles, trucks and tractors will be erected on the new Linn county fair grounds at Albany by the Albany Automobile Dealers' association. It will be 250 by 75 feet in size.

With a delegation of 150 citizens of Eugene, and a total of about 2500 persons from Corvallis, Albany and the surrounding community, the town of Glenbrook celebrated the opening of the new mill of the Alsea River Lumber Co.

Waverly Golf club, Portland, was awarded the 1921 championship meet of the Pacific Northwest Golf association. It was announced by J. A. Swallow, chairman of the tournament award committee. The meet will be held next June.

Mrs. Winnie Braden, manager of the Oregon Industrial exhibit in Portland, has been named by Governor Olcott to arrange the Oregon display and exhibit at the northwest reclamation and irrigation congress to be held at Seattle September 17 and 18.

Approximately \$3,000,000 has been paid out by the Astoria banks during the last few days in cashing fishermen's checks. Some of the purse seiners' craft are reported to have received more than \$30,000 each for their catches during the season.

Hood River growers and shippers are again increasing their estimates on the 1920 apple crop. Fine growing weather of the past few weeks, it is declared, will increase the tonnage to 70 per cent of last year's yield, when 2,000,000 boxes were harvested.

The interstate commerce commission has denied the application of the Oregon Electric company for permission to charge increased passenger fares between Portland on the one hand and stations south of Tualatin and west of St. Marys on the other.

Fruit acreage in Marion county for the year 1920 has increased materially when compared with previous years, while there has been a reduction of several hundred acres in the grain area, according to a report prepared by Ben F. West, county assessor.

Because of the increasing habit of the laboring class in taking lengthy vacations during the summer months there will be a shortage of workers when the peak of the harvest is reached in Oregon, according to C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service with headquarters in Denver, has notified the Baker county chamber of commerce that he will be in Baker during October to inspect the Powder river land and irrigation project.

Sale of the government's big spruce production plant in Lincoln county, including the Alsea-Southern railroad, the big mill at Toledo and a tract of more than 12,000 acres containing three-quarters of a billion feet of lumber has been consummated by the Spruce Production corporation, the sale price being \$2,400,000. The purchasers are eastern capitalists.

The transplanting of goat glands to the human body has been successfully performed in Portland in 34 instances, in all of which the patient has been made fully ten years younger in vitality and general good spirits. This was announced following a series of experimental operations performed by Dr. M. G. McCormick, the experiments covering a period of ten months.

Following an investigation held recently the Oregon public service commission has received a letter from officials of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company to the effect that all fire hazards along the lines of the corporation had been eliminated. It was charged that several fires had been started along the Sumpter Valley railroad through the carelessness of its employees.

Unless the county court of Wasco county obtains within a reasonable time rights of way for approximately one mile of road necessary to connect up the Columbia river highway with the state bridge across the Deschutes river, J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, will institute legal proceedings to condemn the land necessary for the success of the project. This announcement was made by Mr. Devers following a conference with members of the state highway commission in Portland.

In a report to be filed with the state board of control it will be recommended that some permanent industry be established in the state penitentiary to place it on a self-sustaining basis.

The outlet of Siltcoos lake, in the western part of Lane county, will soon be made navigable for small power boats, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest.

Oregon republicans have raised and sent east a campaign fund of approximately \$20,000 according to a statement made by Thomas H. Toague, Jr., chairman of the republican state central committee.

Approximately 40 industrial cripples receiving aid under the state industrial accident department have been assigned to various trade schools, business colleges and other institutions of learning in the state.

Conditions affecting aviation along the Oregon coast will be investigated and charted and photographs will be taken of landing points within the next ten days under supervision of the navy department.

More than 1500 members of the United Artisans from almost every section of Oregon, Washington and Idaho arrived in Salem Saturday night and Sunday to participate in the annual convention of the order.

The city water supply of Baker has been endangered by perforations of the standpipe causing a leakage of 250 gallons a minute. The holes are the result of rifle bullets, believed to have been fired deliberately.

Thirty-six aliens now receiving treatment at the state hospital at Salem will be deported to foreign ports about September 15, according to announcement made by Dr. R. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution.

The Marion-Polk intercounty bridge is badly in need of repairs and unless strengthened at an early date will be in danger of collapse, was the report submitted to the Marion county court by the state highway department.

The home farm buildings and a quantity of newly harvested grain owned by Clarence Marks, three miles east of Canby, were destroyed by fire. The loss was approximately \$15,000. Brush fires ignited the buildings.

The Dealers' Motorcar association remitted to the secretary of state \$2637.16, covering the tax on gasoline and distillate sales for the month ending August 31. The association sold 267,316 gallons of gasoline during the month.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson, probably one of the few people yet living who as a slave child was given to a bride as a wedding gift, celebrated her 87th birthday at her home in Albany Monday. She has resided in or near Albany for 67 years.

That a scenic loop highway may be built in the Three Mile-Dry hollow district in Wasco county, a petition is in circulation among the voters of the district asking the county court to authorize survey and estimate of the expense of such a highway.

From present indications Oregon citizens aspiring to political office are not going to squander money in advertising their merits through the official voters' pamphlet. Up to date not a single page of space in the pamphlet has been reserved and reservations close September 23.

Orders were issued by the Oregon public service commission authorizing slight increases in rates of the Interurban Telephone company, with headquarters at Silverton; the Estacada Telephone and Telegraph company of Estacada; and the Lebanon Mutual Telephone company of Lebanon.

The Oregon Bar association, in session at Eugene, passed a resolution demanding that the judiciary committee of the United States senate at once make a report on the bill which has been lodged with that body for eight years and which will provide for a speedier and less expensive method of administering justice by American courts.

After a formal report was received from Stephen F. Mather, director of national parks, who recently made complaint regarding the conduct of the Crater Lake hotel, Governor Olcott will call a conference of the committee named by his office recently to devise means whereby the accommodations may be improved to a degree satisfactory to the tourists visiting the resort.

Owing to a clause in one of the old game rulings numerous sportsmen have been led to believe that open season will be declared on quail some time in 1920. State Game warden Burghdoff says that such is not the case and he is explaining to all who have inquired that the 1919 session of the legislature passed a bill prohibiting hunting for these birds and only legislative action can reopen the season.

That the taxpayers of Oregon next year will be confronted with a tax levy far in excess of any in the history of the state unless the legislature curbs the demand for appropriations was the opinion expressed by state officials who have received intimations of what may be expected. Besides a threatened increase of 15 per cent in the cost of conducting the state institutions for the biennium starting January 1, 1921, which will add approximately \$245,000 to the appropriations authorized at the beginning of the present biennium, several of the state departments now resort funds almost exhausted and probably will look to the state emergency board for financial relief.

Receipts from motor vehicle registrations in Oregon from January 1 to July 31, 1920, totaled \$1,392,626, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. In the state there are 94,770 motor vehicles registered.

Bids for state highway bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 were opened in Portland on Tuesday by the state highway commission. The money derived from the sale of these bonds will be used in permanent road construction work in various sections of the state.

MAJOR AXTON



Major John T. Axton of Utah, chief "sky pilot" of the army, the first chief of chaplains to be appointed.

JONES AHEAD IN WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash.—United States Senator Jones led three others seeking the republican nomination for senator in the primaries Tuesday. His nearest opponent was W. M. Inglis.

For the republican nomination for governor Roland H. Hartley was leading in the early reports and official returns it is believed will show that he has defeated his nearest opponent, Governor Hart.

The chief contest on the democratic ticket was for governor and Judge W. W. Black of Everett probably was nominated.

The Farmer-Labor party held a convention and named a full ticket, nominating C. J. France, secretary of the Seattle port commission and member of the committee of 48, for senator; James A. Duncan, secretary of the Seattle Labor council, congressman, First district; William Bouck, farmer, Second district; Homer T. Bone, lawyer, Third district; Robert Bridges, farmer, governor, and E. W. Bowles, lieutenant-governor.

California shipped 46,757 carloads of citrus fruits, valued at \$51,200,000 in the season just ended.

Production of both gold and silver declined last year according to Director of the Mint Baker.

Thomas E. Watson, once populist candidate for president, won the democratic nomination for United States senator in the Georgia primaries.

United States Senator Brandegee of Connecticut was renominated as republican candidate for that office at the state convention of the party.

Rifle strength of the bolshevist army on the Polish front was reduced by more than one-half as a result of the Polish counter-offensive, according to reports.

United States Senator Lenroot in the Wisconsin primaries won over James Thompson of Lacrosse by more than 23,000. Thompson was supported by La Follette.

Maine's population, announced by the census bureau, is 767,998, an increase of 25,625 or 3.5 per cent over 1910. The growth of the state was the smallest since the decade ending 1890.

Oliver Thomas, widely known motion picture star died in the American hospital at Neuilly, France. She was taken to that institution suffering from a slow poisoning, having swallowed a poisonous solution by mistake.

20,000 Aliens Landed in Week.

New York.—Disruption of passenger schedules was said by steamship men to be threatened by the flood of immigrants flowing into New York so swiftly that Ellis Island cannot accommodate them, making it necessary for hundreds to remain in the steerage of vessels several days. More than 20,000 aliens were brought in last week.

Seize Two Thousand Barrels of Oil.

Martinez, Cal.—Accompanied by an escort of marines, Captain E. M. Beach, commander of the Mare Island navy yard, visited the plant of the Shell Oil company here and seized two thousand barrels of fuel oil for the navy yard, following a dispute over the price of oil between the navy department and the company.

Japan To Oppose California Bill.

Tokio.—According to the Nichi Nichi, Japan's policy will be to strive to the last to prevent the proposed anti-Japanese legislation in California.

The man who married a dumb wife was not so smart. What good does it do a man to talk to somebody who can't hear? Anyway, men like to listen occasionally.

The news that the French have driven the Turks out of Aintab with great slaughter reminds one that some men take an unconscionable time in dying.

Russia has nationalized the product of its hens, presumably as an economic measure.

FINAL ALLOTMENT OF ROAD FUNDS IS MADE

Money to Be Available to States During Next Two Years.

Washington.—Final allotment of the federal road fund was announced for use in the various states during the coming two years. Of the allotment Oregon's portion will be \$1,876,162, Washington \$1,444,828 and Idaho \$1,226,050.

These allotments are all subject to each state matching the sums apportioned to them to be spent on the same projects as are the federal funds.

The apportionment is under the road acts of 1918 and 1919, and is all that the states will receive unless the congress makes further provision.

Allotments just announced are larger than any previously made out of the federal treasury, as the law contemplated, and the states in consequence are called upon to appropriate more liberally for roads than ever before in order to receive benefits under this allotment, but the department reports that to date no state has failed to meet, if not surpass, the federal allotment, and in consequence no state allotment of past years has ever been forfeited.

5,600,000 IN U. S. PAYING INCOME TAX

Washington.—More than 5,600,000 firms and individuals are paying income taxes this year, according to figures made public by the bureau of internal revenue. These figures also reveal that practically 3,000,000 taxpayers already have paid their income taxes in full.

The bureau's statement shows that 4,900,000 persons are paying income taxes on incomes of \$5000 or less and that fewer than 800,000 of this number have not paid their taxes in full, choosing the method of payment by installments. Individual returns for incomes in excess of \$5000, including those of individuals and firms, numbered 700,000.

Nearly 350,000 corporations have filed income tax returns, but only 65,000 have paid in full.

MEXICO IS U. S. OIL HOPE

12 Per Cent of Potential Capacity Now Being Produced.

Washington.—Mexico promises to become the oil reservoir of the western hemisphere, the department of commerce declared in a review of the petroleum industry. With increased consumption in the United States likely to exhaust producing fields here within 20 or 25 years, Mexico, the statement said, "offers the most encouraging to the American oil industry, both for present production and geographical situation."

Exhaustion of 40 per cent of the producing fields of the United States, the department's review stated, has caused Mexico to take second place in oil production, although only about 12 per cent of the potential capacity of Mexican wells is being produced.

Coast to Coast Mail Started.

Chicago.—An extensive daily coast to coast mail service was begun when planes left five cities. One plane will leave each morning from New York with mail to San Francisco, one from San Francisco for New York, one from Cheyenne, Wyo., to San Francisco, one from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, one from Chicago to San Francisco every day except Sunday and one from Chicago to New York every day except Monday.

First Woman Named Commissioner.

Washington.—President Wilson appointed Mabel T. Boardman, for many years a member of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, to be a commissioner of the District of Columbia. The appointment makes Miss Boardman the first woman to be a member of the commission which directs the entire government of the district.

300 Known Dead in Italian Earthquake.

Fivizzano, Italy.—Three hundred dead already have been counted in the Italian towns and villages devastated by the earth shocks of the past few days, but many more missing undoubtedly will be added to the toll as the checking up process proceeds.

Navy Becomes Bone Dry.

Washington.—Spirituous liquors received their final and complete divorce from the United States navy in an order made public by the bureau of medicine and surgery prohibiting their issue to naval vessels for medicinal purposes.

Worrying All the Time.

Wife—Before we were married you used to send around a dozen roses every week.

Hubby—Roses every week. This week I'm going to send around two tons of coal and a rib roast.

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Tuesdays and Saturdays of Each Week

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Saturday, September 18

"Greatest Thing in Life"

Presented by D. W. GRIFFITH Starring LILLIAN GISH

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A Paramount Magazine and 1-Reel Comedy

Tuesday, September 21

"Her 5-Foot Highness"

Starring EDITH ROBERTS

Miss Roberts played in "Lasca" and "The Triflers." In this picture she proves her skill as a horse woman and ability to manage a Texas ranch.

Also a 2-Reel Comedy

Thursday, September 23—Special Night

"When Bearcat Went Dry"

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A Special 2-Reel Chaplin Comedy

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Saturday, September 25

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"True Heart Susie"

True Heart Susie, played by LILLIAN GISH, didn't wear the Paris fashions, didn't dream of a "coming out." She only loved and helped him, and waited for him to speak, when he married another—come and see what she does.

Also Paramount Magazine and Comedy

Tuesday, September 28

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