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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The dates for the annual Redmond potato show have been announced as October 14, 15 and 16.

A sale of Holstein cattle held in Marshfield brought excellent prices. Nineteen head sold for $13,000.

The Alsea farm bureau is planning to have a complete community fair during the week of September 20.

Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, with headquarters at Washington, inspected the Indian school at Chemawa.

Petitions are being circulated to have placed on the ballot in November the question of Sunday picture shows for Corvallis.

So serious has the housing problem become in Albany that the chamber of commerce will call a meeting to consider the situation.

Henry W. Kramer was electrocuted when he came in contact with an electric wire at the corner of Fifth and Blaine streets in Newberg.

More than 200 delegates from all over Oregon assembled at the Baptist church in Corvallis to attend the Oregon Baptist state convention.

The Oregon annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opens in McMinnville on September 22, Bishop W. O. Shepard presiding.

The fall fishing season on the Columbia river commences here Friday and the indications are that only a small amount of fish will be packed.

Robbers staged a hold-up in the Oregon Electric Railway station at the foot of Jefferson street, in Portland, obtaining $91.27 from W. J. Walton, agent.

R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, left Thursday for New York City where he will pass several days making an investigation of the flax markets.

An appropriation aggregating at least $50,000 will be sought by the state fair board at the next session for a new building on the fair grounds.

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of district [illegible] will hold annual convention in Salem Tuesday. This district extends from Portland to Eugene and along the Oregon coast.

Two new postoffices have been established in Oregon, one known as Bourne, Baker county, with Margaret S. Tabon as postmistress, and the other, Kirkford, Klamath county, Charles W. Simonson, postmaster.

The annual tournament of the National Fly and Bait Casters for 1920 has been awarded to the Multnomah Anglers' club of Portland. This is said to be the first meeting given a city west of Chicago by this organization.

Since the opening of the aerial forest patrol at Medford July 1 patrols in airplanes have been in the air 110 hours, and in that time have patroled 345,180 square miles, according to a report received by the war department.

Members of the Salem Automobile Dealers' association have under consideration institution of a friendly suit to test the validity of the motor vehicle law and determine for what purposes a dealer's license plate may be used.

The 45-acre loganberry tract of Buck Cullinan and [illegible] in the Liberty district [illegible] gross earnings of $45,113 for the 1920 season. Net returns from the tract aggregated above 13 cents a pound for the product.

In the absence of any buyers, Salem prune growers estimate that they will receive a minimum of 10 cents a pound. Based on the anticipated crop of 16,000,000 pounds in Marion county, this figure would bring the growers $1,600,000.

The first apple and pear [illegible] Hood River has been launched. Packing of Bartlett pears and Gravenstein and King apples is under way. The first [illegible] was shipped Tuesday by the Hood River Fruit company to New York.

The dehydrating plant and the cannery at The Dalles are both appealing to the women of Oregon for assistance in putting up the pear and prune crops of this season. Both plants are short more than 200 women employes, and it is feared by the managers that the crops may rot before they can be taken care of.

The United Railways of Portland has filed an application with the interstate commerce commission to discontinue service on that part of its lines between [illegible] and Hillsboro, covering approximately 112 miles. At the same time an application was received by the interstate commerce commission asking that permission be granted the Portland, Astoria & Pacific Railway company to take over and operate the line to be abandoned by the United Railways corporation.

Herbert Geis, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geis, of Portland, was drowned while bathing in the Willamette river as a result of being sucked into the huge intake pipe of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's power plant.

Americanization day, a noteworthy departure from previous state fairs, and the first to be instituted in any state in the union, will be given a place of foremost importance the week of September 27-October 2 at the 59th Oregon state fair at Salem.

Frederick E. Meizer, well known Baker boy who is a graduate of Baker high school and who graduated from the University of Oregon in 1917, has received a gold medal awarded by the faculty of the Columbia university of New York for honors in scholarship.

All records for the sale of Medford Bartlett pears in carload lots were broken when a local car sold at Chicago for $2886 or an average of $5.55 per box. The former high price, obtained in 1919, was $5 a box. Seventy cars of pears have been shipped thus far.

In the Fairview district, a little valley settlement about 25 miles south east of Coos Bay, blackleg is affecting a number of herds of cattle. The disease is said to have been principally among the younger stock, but it has gained a good hold and is said to be spreading rapidly.

The state land board has authorized Governor Olcott to enter into a contract with the government, through the forest forestry offices in Portland, for the exchange of 50,000 acres of scattered base lands in the national forest reserve for a compact body of equal area and value in the forest reserve.

The Standard Oil Company has remitted to the secretary of state the sum of $29,887.86, covering the tax on the company's sale of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of July. A statement accompanying the check showed that the company disposed of 2,984,817 gallons of gasoline and 7939 gallons of distillate during July.

Enormous quantities of dead crabs are being washed up by the tide on the mud flats at Bandon, at the mouth of the Coquille river. It is supposed that the crabs were killed by the dynamite government engineers are doing in the river. Rock in the channel on the bar is being blasted out and the concussion has probably caused the death of the crabs.

That road construction work in Oregon will be retarded in case the increase of 25 per cent in freight charges is allowed to apply to the transportation of road building material, based on the present tariff for these commodities, was the charge made by the state highway commission in a petition asking for an immediate revision of the tariff on crushed rock and other kindred materials.

A series of meetings of the executive committee of the Cattle and Horse Raisers association of Oregon will be held in Eastern and Southern Oregon during September and October as follows: Canyon City, September 2; Burns, September 4; Lakeview, September 6; Klamath Falls, September 7; Fort Klamath, September 8; Medford, September 9; Bend, September 11; Prineville, September 12.

Preparations are now being made for poison campaigns to be carried on all over eastern Oregon against rabbits. I. N. Gabrielson, who handles the government [illegible] for the United States biological survey, has just returned from Lake Klamath and Deschutes counties, where he has outlined this season's work. From January 1 to July 31, his report shows, 6000 farmers in 21 counties were supplied with ground squirrel poison by his department.

Millions of fine chinook salmon are going to waste in Rogue river because of the inability of the two canneries to handle the offerings. The fish are coming in such schools that the boats stay out but a short time when they gather their nets and have more than the limit placed upon the deliveries. Several limits were made first 50 pounds, later, to pounds—as the fishermen threw away the small ones and delivered the larger fish, since it meant 12 cents for every pound. The last limit was made 50 pounds and the canneries are running short of cans.

At a recent meeting of the Hermiston Apple Growers' association it was estimated that the number of cars of apples to be shipped from the project this year would be 10, as against 88 last season.

Former residents of Minnesota held a basket picnic at Salem Tuesday.

Inriscot is to have a new school building. Bonds for $40,000 have been voted and sold.

The potato and wheat crops in the Deschutes valley will be unusually heavy this fall.

John M. Jones of Portland has received a recess appointment as postmaster at Portland.

Recent fires, with an aggregate loss of $6000, caused citizens of Malin to call a meeting to organize a better fire department.

The Albany cannery will be enlarged at once by the construction of a new structure, 60x90 feet, for a fruit and berry preparation room.

Henry F. McIrvin, of Eugene, who has been seriously ill for a number of months, shot himself through the temple and death followed instantly.

Vivian L. Dunten, aged 56, farmer of Camp creek, near Springfield, was stabbed to death during an altercation with William R. Elliott, a neighbor.

Records of the submarine mine target practice just completed at Fort Stevens, indicate the phenomenally high score of 98 per cent on the figure of merit.

Nine boys and two girls, whose ages range from eight to 15 years, were rounded up at Salem on charges of committing petty thefts in different parts of the city.

More than 75 per cent of the motor vehicle operators' licenses, based on a total of approximately 165,000 applications received, have been issued by the secretary of state.

For the first time in the history of the Oregon City Manufacturing company of Oregon City it closed for two weeks to allow employes and superintendents a vacation.

The demand of the Northwest Millers' association for a 48,000-pound carload minimum on grain products shipments has been granted by the Oregon public service commission.

First Lieutenant Maylon E. Scott, 77th field artillery, Camp Lewis, Wash., has been detailed as assistant military instructor at the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis.

Application has been filed with the state engineer requesting state guarantee of interest on bonds in the sum of approximately $250,000 voted by the Talent irrigation district.

Certificates of nomination in behalf of James M. Cox for president and Franklin D. Roosevelt for vice-president have been received at the offices of the secretary of state at Salem.

The prune dryer constructed at Sheridan this summer is now completed. The dryer, costing $20,000, is of 40 tunnels capacity, and is said to be the largest dryer in the state.

Just outside Corvallis is the chicken ranch of G. B. Coon, who has a pullet that has laid an egg each day for 131 consecutive days. The previous world record was for 114 consecutive days.

Coyotes are becoming common in some parts of Coos county, and an effort is to be made by residents in the post-rider districts to have the county court establish a bounty for the animals.

The hydrographic survey of the Umpqua river, which is being made by a United States coast and geodetic survey party stationed at Gardiner in charge of O. W. Swainson, government engineer, is nearing completion.

There are 408 insurance companies operating in Oregon at present, while the aggregate license fees and premiums received by the state amount to $275,000 annually, according to A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner.

Approximately 400 out of a flock of 700 sheep belonging to J. H. Hinton, stockman of Hamilton, Grant county, died recently as the result of eating lupine, a poisonous weed, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

Percy Cupper, state engineer, has assembled about 25 photographs of Oregon reclamation projects which will be on display at Seattle during the irrigation and development congress which convenes there September 16 and 17.

Refund of approximately $11,000 covering shipments of asphalt to the state highway commission during the past seven years, will be asked in a petition to be filed with the interstate commerce commission within the next few days, according to C. E. Lytle, traffic expert for the state highway department.

To meet an emergency among lumber manufacturers on Coos bay an agreement has been reached between several of the mills and the Four L's for a straight reduction of pay of 50 cents each man, this reduction to be temporary and to rule until the price of lumber products increase so that the present wage can be put into effect again.

At a convention of the prohibition party held at Salem, W. C. Hawley was nominated for the office of representative in congress from the first congressional district.

B. F. Nichols, one of the earliest of early Oregon pioneers, known to his many friends in central Oregon as "Uncle Frank," died at his home in Tumalo, aged 95 years.

The people of Condon are planning to form a stock company for the purpose of erecting a monument as a memorial to the young men of that vicinity who died during the war.

The lowest bid for the erection of a high school gymnasium received by the Astoria board of school directors is $57,085, or an increase of $3,000 over a previous bid of several weeks ago.

Work on the McKenzie pass highway from Sisters to the summit of the Cascades is completed and the road was formally accepted by Engineer Elliott of the bureau of public roads.

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