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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The walnut crop of the Willamette valley is said to be exceptionally good this year.

Mrs. Augusta N. Bradeen has been appointed postmistress at Blitzen, Harney county.

Oregon editors will meet in Corvallis Friday and Saturday for their annual potlatch.

An advance of 3 cents per quart in milk prices was announced by Klamath Falls dairies.

In the view of oldtime residents, Lincoln county is this year witnessing the driest year on record.

The Seio berry crop is being cut short because of the continued drought and the scarcity of pickers.

A can shortage is hindering operations at the big cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.

A cut of 4.6 mills in the school budget of the Pendleton school district was effected during the school year just closed.

Construction of ten new dry kilns, making a total battery of 30 has been begun at the Shevlin-Hixon company's plant at Bend.

More than 100 students at the state normal at Monmouth passed Friday in Salem inspecting the state departments and institutions.

Five thousand dollars towards a \$15,000 fund for purchasing a permanent fairground at Klamath Falls was raised by a committee.

The plant of the Eugene Excelsior company resumed operations Monday, after an idleness of several weeks. Extensive repairs have been made.

A big picnic is planned by the Yachats farm bureau community for its big annual farm bureau picnic to be held at Yachats July 21 and 22.

Mrs. Robert Howard, aged 64 years, wife of the manager of the June Drake farm near Silverton, committed suicide by hanging herself from a rafter in a barn.

The big sawmill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Wendling was totally destroyed by fire last week and it was with difficulty that the planer and other units of the plant, as well as the whole town, were saved.

A total of 164 teachers were required to instruct the 3921 children enrolled in the Union county schools during the year ending last June, according to the annual report prepared by Mrs. A. N. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent.

Because of the damage resulting to macadam roads from the open cutout on automobiles, Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, will go before the legislature, at its next session and ask that the traffic laws be amended so as to curb this evil.

Elvie Kirby, alias James Owens, and John Rathie, slayers of Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county in 1920 paid the penalty for their crime on the gallows in the state penitentiary at Salem. Rathie was the first of the two men to mount the gallows.

A. C. Koepfen of Pendleton was elected president of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association in session in Roseburg, and Pendleton was selected as the site of the next convention.

First steps in the selection of a new president of Albany college, to succeed Dr. A. M. Williams, who announced his resignation last week, have been taken by the board of trustees.

A new resort for Clackamas county, situated on the banks of the Abernethy creek, about two miles from Oregon City, and to be known as Tamblin park, was opened to the public on Saturday night.

The campaign inaugurated several months ago by Albany college to obtain a fund for the erection of buildings on the new campus and also an increased endowment fund will be pushed actively this fall.

A union high school composed of three and a half districts has been organized by the district boundary board of Lincoln county. The high school includes lower Siletta bay and Devil's lake and Drift creek.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending July 6, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victim was A. N. Garrett, salesman, of Portland. A total of 448 accidents were reported.

Warning was issued to smokers at Bend by Fire Chief Carlson against throwing away lighted cigarette stubs near any inflammable material. The warning was given after six small fires in sawdust and dry grass had been extinguished in the south end of town near the big pine milling plants.

All of the state institutions, with the exception of the school for the deaf, probably have on hand sufficient money to handle their operations until

AW, WHAT'S THE USE



IZETTA JEWEL BROWN



Mrs. Izetta Jewel Brown, former actress, who has announced her candidacy for United States senator from West Virginia.

the close of the present biennium, according to reports prepared by the superintendents of the institutions and submitted to the state board of control.

There had been registered in Oregon up to the night of June 30 a total of 109,001 motor cars, 2425 motorcycles, 423 dealers, 8801 chauffeurs and 198,285 operators, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The total receipts from the license fees for the first six months of the year 1922 aggregate \$2,973,378.

Plans for the submission to the voters of Portland at the coming general election of a \$1,000,000 bond issue to pay for the immediate erection of a bridge across the Willamette river, near the lower end of Ross island, were made by a joint committee representing seven south and southeast Portland communities interested in the erection of such a structure.

Dismissal of proceedings before the public service commission of Oregon on the ground that it lacks jurisdiction, was sought by defendant railroads in the rate case brought by eastern Oregon farm interests in an attempt to obtain a lower rate on alfalfa hay shipments to western Oregon dairymen. Commissioners McCoy, Corey and Kerrigan denied the motion for dismissal.

On account of the unusual season which has brought on both the cherry and the loganberry crop at the same time, pickers for these fruits are at a premium in Dallas. Many fruit growers are endeavoring to get their crops harvested short-handed and are working overtime in order to save the fruit, which ripens faster than it can be picked.

Billions will soon be superseded by trillions in other countries than Russia, if the printing press is not soon replaced with the slower but more healthful minting machine, says the Nation's Business. After having a sample fair, Vienna announced that the value of business transacted was thirty billion crowns. That is impressive to folk who still confine their conversation to millions and who do not recall promptly that the crown has fallen from its old value to four hundredths of a cent. Even so, the Austrian crown of today, when turned into our gold dollars, shows \$14,250,000 as the volume of business done by the Vienna fair, and such results are decidedly encouraging.

Oregon will have a larger potato crop this year than for many years past. It will amount to about 3,000,000 bushels and would have been still larger but for the long dry spell.

As a result of the slump in the strawberry market about mid-June, Hood River growers will receive considerably less for their 104 carloads of fruit this year than last season, when 85,000 crates brought an average of \$2.85.

The state limestone fertilizer plant at Gold Hill, which has been idle the last year, has resumed with a daily output of 100 tons. The plant is being operated by Ross & Shoemaker, under contract with the state on a tonnage basis.

Government purchase of the Hahnemann hospital in Portland and its development as one of the important institutions on the Pacific Coast will be recommended by Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' bureau.

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the week ending July 13, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was D. L. Hamilton, truck driver, of Klamath Falls.

What the national forests mean to the stockmen is shown by figures for the 1922 grazing season compiled in the office of Supervisor Plumb, revealing the fact that 151,647 head of cattle, sheep and horses are allotted range on the Deschutes forest alone.

Hood River county, remarkably free from forest fires up to date, developed an epidemic of bad burns last week. The town of Wyeth was menaced by a fire three miles square and a serious burn was discovered on the ridge between Hood River and Mosier.

The menace of scabbies, which this spring was responsible for losses both in sheep and wool, is gone, so far as the three counties of Deschutes, Lake and Jefferson are concerned. There is said now to be little chance of re-infection unless from other states.

Educated along safety-first lines, coupled with painstaking and courteous activities on the part of the traffic officers employed in the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department, have combined to reduce arrests for traffic violations more than half during the past 12 months.

Fifteen million pounds of dried prunes and 2500 pounds of green prunes will be handled through Salem concerns during the present season, according to estimates made by fruit experts. The value of the crop, figured on a basis of \$40 a ton for green prunes, is approximately \$1,350,000 to the growers.

Members of the Presbyterian synod in session at Corvallis released for publication a resolution or statement of belief signed by 25 leading pastors of the state, in which they declared themselves opposed to the measure on the next election ballot directed against continuance of privately controlled schools.

In co-operation with the predatory animal department of the United States biological survey, the sheep and goat men of Lincoln county met at Eddyville Saturday to work out a plan of co-operative action with a view of eradicating the predatory animals from the sheep and goat ranges of Lincoln county.

Judge Robert Morrow in circuit court at Portland announced that he would allow a judgment amounting to approximately \$25,000 against the city of Portland in favor of five former employes in the department of public works who were deprived of their positions through an ordinance changing regulations.

The Willamette Iron & Steel company of Portland has received a contract for the construction of 9000 tons of steel pipe, 9 feet in diameter, penstocks and other equipment to be used in 8 1/2 miles of conduit to supply water to a new power plant which will be installed on the upper Clackamas river by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The contract calls for the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

The city of Portland refuses to pay the state's two-cent gas tax and will carry the matter to the supreme court if the state insists on collecting it. This announcement was made by City Attorney Frank Grant. The Standard Oil company recently submitted a bill

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Japanese to Visit Brazil, Argentina, Tokio.—A party of business men, much on the lines of that which visited America and Europe last year, will leave Yokohama for Seattle on the steamer President McKinley July 22.

principal wheat-growing counties the crop has escaped serious injury. Spring wheat and oats, especially where sown late, are being materially injured by the hot weather, but where not irrigated will need rain soon.

Forest fires along the line of the Tillamook branch of the Southern Pacific have handicapped passenger and freight service to some extent. H. J. Overturf of Bend, whose appointment as an appraiser for the Spokane farm loan bank was recently suspended, has been reinstated. Shipment of lumber from Bend during the month of June was at the rate of 30.7 cars a day, a new shipping record for the industry there. The biggest three-day celebration ever held in Union county was held at Elgin. Eighty horses participated in the races before 5000 spectators.

A. BRUCE BIELASKI



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to the city for the tax due on gasoline supplied the city. Grant bases his refusal to pay the tax on the grounds that the state has no right to tax itself or municipalities unless express provision is made for doing so through some statute.

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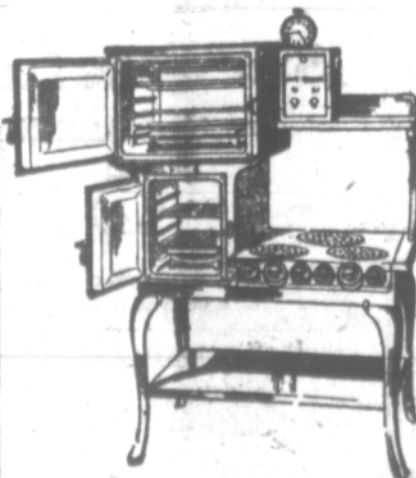
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