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Oregon News in Brief

Turnovers by the state land board to the state treasurer during August aggregated \$106,481.98.

Violent death claimed four Portland residents Friday—two by drowning, one by suicide and one by accident.

A permit was issued for the erection of a \$50,000 auto stage terminal hotel in the business district of Roseburg.

Up to August 29 the amount of fines paid to the county and state for law violations in Tillamook county was \$1410.29.

With a view of restoring water transportation on the Willamette river as far south as Salem, J. E. Exon, C. Blum and James L. Bacon have leased from the Portland Navigation company the boat Northwestern.

The Southern Pacific company has a shortage of 599 cars, according to a report filed with the Oregon public service commission.

Otis Bipp, 34, of The Dalles, was killed at the West Fork logging camp of the Oregon Lumber company, his head being crushed by a log.

Despite the favorable season the pear crop in the Willamette valley apparently will not supply the demands that are being made upon the growers.

Ministers of all Methodist Episcopal churches in Oregon will come to Portland Tuesday, September 11, for the 71st session of their annual state conference.

The drill, engine and heavy machinery for Cottage Grove's proposed oil well have arrived and nearly all of it has been hauled to the crest of Mount David, where the derrick already has been constructed.

Corvallis suffered fire damage of from \$75,000 to \$85,000, and only the shifting of the wind saved the city from a real conflagration. The fire burned down trunk power lines, leaving the city in darkness.

The Winano Mineral Springs corporation has applied for a license for a 100-horsepower project on Salt Creek, in the Cascade mountains in Oregon. The power will be used to light the Winano springs resort.

Fires of importance this season in Oregon's green timber took their toll of forests last week in two localities—the headwaters of the west fork of Scappoose creek along the Columbia-Washington county line, and in the Big Creek area south of Knappa.

Prizes Offered to School High Pupils

The Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution are offering a series of prizes totaling the sum of fifty dollars to the pupils of high schools of the state of Oregon for essays on the subject: "The Causes Which Brought About the American Revolution." There will be three prizes awarded: \$25 for the best, \$15 for the second, and \$10 for the third best essay, respectively, written by pupils of the high schools of the state.

The conditions governing this essay contest are: The essays must not exceed twenty-five hundred words, must be written on one side only of the paper and accompanied by a statement from the writer's teacher that the writer is a pupil in a high school of the state of Oregon.

The essay must be signed by the writer and his or her postoffice address, including county, must be given. The essay should be forwarded to H. L. Bates, chairman of the committee, Forest Grove, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than February 1, 1924.

In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by consideration of: Originality; accuracy of statement; manner of treatment; orthography, syntax and punctuation; neatness and legibility.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by the chairman of the Essay Committee.

The Idaho Power company has been granted a license by the federal power commission for a transmission line in Baker county, from Gypsum to Lime.

Monthly reports of the Portland police auto theft and vice squad show that the latter organization collected for the city \$11,577 in fines during August.

As a result of the flax harvest, now at its peak, there is a labor shortage at the Oregon state penitentiary, John Smith, warden of the institution, has announced.

With a program of speeches, after a picnic lunch in the Dufur city park, the first completed unit of The Dalles-California highway in Wasco county was formally thrown open last week. The road connects The Dalles and Dufur.

Bedding charges of \$1 a stock car and \$1.50 for double-deck cars, in effect on northwest railroads, are attacked in a suit filed with the interstate commerce commission last week by the Northwestern Livestock Shippers' Traffic league, William Pollman, president; the Cattle & Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, Mr. Pollman also being president, and the Portland Livestock exchange, Leo Gholson, president.

Grain Association Officials

Want Mortgaged Wheat

A. H. Lea, manager for the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' Association was a business visitor in Sherman county last week in the interests of the grain association.

His chief mission in Sherman county was combing out the tangled threads of the mortgaged wheat problem. The association has reached the decision that it will handle all mortgaged wheat of its members, either on its regular contract provision, by which the growers get a usual 75 per cent advance—if this advance is sufficient to meet the amount of the mortgage; or on modified agreement for a direct sale of the special lot of wheat if sold at once, which the proceeds, less proper reduction for overhead charges, etc. are turned over to the mortgagee and the mortgagor, as their interest in it may appear. The grower's have received, or will receive shortly a notice to this effect.

The association may agree to the sale of the wheat locally, in which case the growers must pay to the association 2 1/2 cents a bushel as his proper share of the association's overhead charges. The grower must also pay the local buyer's commission.

If the grower of mortgaged wheat and the association cannot reach an agreement on such a basis, and the wheat is sold without the association's consent, Mr. Lea stated that the association will begin action to enforce the terms of the contract which provides that any grower violating its terms shall pay 25 cents a bushel to the association as punitive damages.

Mr. Lea also said that a number of banks operating in the wheat growing section, which hold wheat growers' paper secured by wheat, take the position that the grower must make his own decision as to how the matter shall be handled. It is understood that the wheat country are handling mortgaged wheat in practically the same way.

While it is known that there is some dissatisfaction among members of the association here, Mr. Lea believes the dissatisfaction is not serious and that a frank discussion of their grievances and problems with officers of the association will be beneficial.

Mr. Lea also stated that there will soon be a membership campaign in eleven wheat producing states, under a national organization committee, with an advisory committee to include representatives from banking, business and professional organizations, to assist in conducting the campaign.

The plan is to sign up two-thirds of the American wheat production to be marketed by the farmers' cooperative agency. The change will not disturb the operation of any of the state associations, the present marketing structure to continue to handle the pooled wheat on the basis of state organizations selling through a national marketing agency.

An amended membership contract will be used, providing for the marketing of the entire crop produced by the member through the cooperative organization, but with a restriction in its becoming effective until two-thirds of the total production in eleven chief wheat growing states is signed up. The campaign will be put under way immediately in all of the states where marketing organizations have been formed, with the possible exception of two where the membership already approaches the two-thirds goal which has been set by the national organization. In these states the membership work will be intensified, but may be continued on the former state unit basis.

Wm. J. Brown, president of the American Wheat Growers' Association, in a published article, recently said "whenever the organized farmers control 65 per cent of the production of the country, and are financed to hold that percentage for a fair price, they will get it, for the country will have to have it. That is the underlying principle upon which we are working."

The Willamette river claimed another victim, when Peter Whitney, 33, manager of the Albany store of the Hauser Bros. line, was drowned, three miles below Harrisburg.

Alton Covell and his father, Dr. Fred Covell, are in the county jail at Coquille, each suspected of the murder of Mrs. Covell at their country home, five miles south of Bandon.

The new sawmill erected at Westfir by the Western Lumber company, where Colonel George H. Kelly and associates are preparing to establish a large lumber plant, is in operation.

A total of 4501 loans have been authorized by the world war veterans' soldiers' bonus and loan act, according to a report filed with the governor. These loans amounted to \$11,241,350.

During the year 1922 there were a total of 527 permits issued to individuals and corporations operating automobiles and trucks under the jurisdiction of the public service commission.

The special election held in Warren for the recall of W. C. Wickline, mayor, and E. E. Myers, city commissioner, proved to be a fizzle. Both the officers were re-elected by a large majority.

W. L. Kuser, until recently superintendent of the state training school for boys at Salem, has been offered a similar position in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania offer carries a salary of \$5000 a year.

Sawdust Fed to Cows to Make Milk

According to W. H. Gibbons, in charge of the Portland office of forest products, the United States forest service is to continue at the forest products laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin, its largest forest products research branch, the experiments in the production of cattle feed from sawdust.

Previous work of this character has been done on sawdust from eastern species. Now, Mr. Gibbons said, sawdust produced in coast mills is to be given a thorough trial by the forest service. Arrangements have just been made whereby the Duluth-Oregon Lumber Company of Portland will supply the laboratory with fifty sacks of Douglas fir sawdust. This shipment after being converted into cattle feed by the laboratory, will be used in feeding trials at one of the large eastern experiment stations.

Experiments so far conducted by the forest products laboratory indicate the sawdust of coniferous wood can be converted into a wholesome cattle feed. A preliminary feeding trial, using a product prepared from eastern white pine, was conducted in cooperation with the Wisconsin college of agriculture with favorable results.

With the sawdust feed representing about twenty-five per cent of the ration, the cows maintained their production of milk and showed an appreciable increase in butter fat production. A decided increase in weight was noted during the period in which they were fed the treated sawdust.

Notice for Publication

U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. August 20, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that Ralph Fouts, of Condon, Oregon, who, on June 21, 1920 made H. E. 021804 and on January 11, 1922, made additional H. E. No. 021805, for E3, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/4; Sec 29, N1/2E1/4, Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Weed, United States Commissioner, at Condon, Oregon, on the 6th day of October, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: H. M. Shull, George L. Wing, A. E. York, Edgar Kirk, all of Condon, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly, Register.

Notice of Executrix Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, made on the 13 day of September, 1923, in the matter of the estate of John Sherman Hastings, deceased, the undersigned, the executrix of the Last Will and testament of the said John Sherman Hastings, deceased, will sell at private sale, in one parcel or in sub-division as shall be best for the interests of said estate, to the highest bidder upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and subject to confirmation by said Court, on or after Saturday, the 13 day of October, 1923, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said John Sherman Hastings, deceased, in and to the real property hereinafter described, and all the right, title and interest which the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise, acquired of, in and to that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Sherman and State of Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-six (26) and the North Half (N1/2) of Section Thirty six (36) in Township One (1) South of Range Seventeen (17) East W. M. in Sherman County, Oregon.

Terms and Conditions of Sale: Part cash and the balance of the purchase price to be evidenced by promissory note of the purchaser secured by mortgage on said real property.

All bids or offers must be in writing and left with W. C. Bryant attorney for said executrix, at his office in the City of Moro in Sherman County, Oregon, or may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the above mentioned Court at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of the sale. The above described property will be sold as a whole or in subdivisions and bids must be made and will be received and considered accordingly.

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Susie Ida Hastings, Executrix.

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