

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The city of Coquille is gathering a fund for a new community building in that city.

The municipal tax at Hood River next year will be at least 6 per cent heavier than this year.

W. L. Jackson of Albany was appointed a member of the state parole board by Governor Pierce.

The cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association is short of help, according to J. O. Holt, manager.

Lafayette George Cornwell, said to be the oldest man in Lane county, died in Eugene at the aged of 96.

Divorces are decreasing in Marion

WHEN IN THE DALLES EAT AT Royal Cafe Open Day and Night



county, according to a statistical report prepared by Grant Boyer, county clerk.

More than 17,124,000 feet in lumber and log cargoes crossed the Coos Bay bar last week, about half of it destined for Japan.

W. M. Quenell, a logger employed at the Big Creek Logging company's camp near Knappa, was killed when a tree fell on him.

The Washington county school fair will be held at Banks, September 18 to 20, in connection with the Banks Hog and Dairy show.

Oregon's official part in the opening of the Pacific highway through Vancouver, B. C., will take place in Salem October 25.

A postoffice inspector is now in North Bend making the final survey for the establishment of a free delivery system in that city.

After a lively contest for queen of the 1923 Clackamas county fair at Canby, Miss Ruth Pressey Robinson of West Linn, was chosen.

C. BASCOM SLEMP



C. Bascom Slemp, former congressman from Virginia, who was appointed secretary to President Coolidge.

VICTIMS OF QUAKE LAND AT SEATTLE

122 Survivors of Great Japanese Disaster Arrive on the President Jefferson.

Seattle, Wash.—America opened her doors in quiet pity to the first of the victims of the Japanese earthquake when 122 pinch-faced survivors, carrying all their worldly possessions in little bundles done up in handkerchiefs, towels and bits of paper, disembarked from the mercy ship President Jefferson at Smith's Cove here Sunday.

Of the 122 who landed, six were seriously injured or suffering from exposure and shock, 25 others were caring for minor hurts and bruises and at least 25 were destitute and penniless.

Fifteen days after the greatest disaster in recent history, the men and women who lived it and suffered it and watched the great cities of Japan razed by earthquake, typhoon and fire, were unable to give any comprehensive picture of the destruction.

The destruction of the Japanese cities, the survivors related, was preceded by electrical disturbances that lighted the sky brilliantly at night—hot, humid days and an atmosphere almost stifling. On the morning of September 2 the sun rose hot and brilliant.

The first tremor came an instant before the booming of the cannon that marked noon. It was a perpendicular shock, violent and destructive. Then came a horizontal quake and the landscape was changed in an instant to one of desolation.

GOVERNOR McMASTER



Gov. W. H. McMaster of South Dakota, who reduced the price of gasoline by putting the state into the retail oil business.

Top picking in the Harrisburg vicinity will be completed this week in some of the fields a third of the crop is left on the vine too moldy for use.

The Oregon apple crop this year is estimated by F. L. Kent of the United States department of agriculture, at 6700 cars, against 4266 cars shipped last year.

The new stretch of the Pacific highway extending from Capitol street in Salem north to what is known as the Fair Grounds road was dedicated last week.

Governor Pierce has sent out a call for all tax supervising commissions in the state to meet in Salem Monday September 24, the opening day of the state fair.

With about 50 delegates and their wives present, the tenth annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities was held at Astoria.

The Blue Lodge mine, 30 miles southwest of Jacksonville, one of the largest bodies of copper pyrites in the world, has been sold by the Robert B. Towne estate to the Guggenheim interests.

The draw of the bridge over the north fork of the Siuslaw river, between Cushman and Florence, fell with a crash Saturday night just as a heavily loaded gravel truck had passed over it.

The Oregon public service commission in an order has instructed the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to extend its electrical system to provide current for residents on Alder Crest road in Multnomah county.

Conditions in Oregon during the week were favorable for harvest and threshing, says the weekly crop summary of the weather bureau. A very small acreage of small grain remains to be harvested, and threshing is well advanced.

Making a perfect score over each of the 800, 900 and 1000-yard slow-fire ranges, Sergeant W. E. Hayes of Portland, Oregon national guard, won the Leach cup at the national rifle association tournament at Camp Perry, O.

THE MARKETS

Portland: Wheat—Hard white, \$1.05; soft white and western white, \$1.04; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.02; western red, \$1.01. Hay—Alfalfa, \$16 ton; chest, \$12 14; valley timothy, \$15@16; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@22. Butterfat—4c. Eggs—Ranch, 22@27c. Cheese—Prices to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 28c; longhorns, 28c; loaf, 30c per lb. Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.25@7.75; medium to good steers, \$6.75@7.25. Hogs—Prime light, \$9.75@10.00; smooth heavy, \$8.25@9.50. Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$10@10.75; choice valley lambs, \$10@10.50. Seattle: Wheat—Hard, soft and western white, \$1.05; hard and soft red winter, western red, \$1.05; northern spring, \$1.04; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.07. Eggs—Ranch 22@27c. Butterfat—47@49c. Cattle—Prime light steers, \$7.25@7.55; medium to good, \$6.50@7. Hogs—Prime light, \$10@10.45; smooth heavy, \$8.75@9.75. Cheese—Washington cream brick, 22@25c; Washington triplets, 22c; Washington Young America, 22c; Tillamook triplets, f. o. b. 27c.

600 BUILDINGS BURN IN BERKELEY

Berkeley, Cal.—Six hundred buildings were destroyed and damage of \$11,000,000 done in the conflagration which wiped out 35 entire Berkeley blocks.

The fire, sweeping over the hills east of Berkeley Monday afternoon laid waste to the Cragmont and Mulchild-avenue districts, destroying one of the choicest residential sections of the city.

Hundreds of frenzied residents fled from the burning area as the fire swept down the slope of the hills, burned its way through the closely settled and exclusive district and eventually died down to a smoldering ring of flame, encompassing the entire area which it had devastated.

His Misinformation. They were dining at a fashionable restaurant, the Customers' Man and the Gossip. "See that man over there?" said the latter.

"Yes." "Well, he is James B. Smith from Peoria, Ill." "Indeed?" "Yes, he's just made \$200,000 in the market."

"Well, dear boy," said the Customers' Man, "you're wrong four ways." "Indeed?" "Yes—his name is Howard B. Jones."

"Yes!" "And he is from Springfield, Mass." "Yes!" "And the amount was not \$200,000." "No?" "It was \$20,000."

"Yes!" "And he lost it."—Boston Globe. The Truth Helps. "Women," observed the man who had just failed to butter a pair of steaks, "are funny animals."

"Yeah?" absentmindedly replied the fellow who was nursing along three trays. "Yeah—no, I'm out of this pot. Yeah, if you want to get away with anything, just tell them the truth because they won't believe it. I told my wife I was going to play poker tonight and she pretty near laughed her head off. She knows blame well I've gone to a lecture at the Y. M. C. A.—I'm such a darn liar."—American Legion Weekly.

Big California Forest Area Burned. San Francisco.—A total of 16,000 acres in the California national forest, of which 9000 acres were timberland, was on fire, according to a report issued here by District Forester Paul O. Readington.

Ford Petition Filed in Nebraska. Lincoln, Neb.—The petition asking that Henry Ford's name be placed on the ballot in Nebraska as progressive presidential candidate has been filed with the secretary of state.

ODD BELIEFS ABOUT STONES

All Sorts of Superstitions Rife in Certain Counties of England and Scotland.

The Blarney stone and the Stone of Beane are not the only stones which had a superstitious value in olden days. At Glamis castle, ancestral home of the duchess of York, is St. Orlando's stone, which was reputed to have the power of prophesying future events. Girls frequented the spot to discover their destiny, and many a lover went there to plight his troth.

According to tradition, some stones, called "speaking-stones," call out when a dead body is placed upon them, and raise a sound to contradict anyone guilty of swearing falsely by them.

The Liechafar, or speaking-stone at St. David's cathedral, served as a bridge across the River Alyn, and it was unlawful to carry a dead body over it. When such a crime occurred the stone is declared to have lifted its voice in protest and split in two, aghast at the indignity. There are stones that are supposed to travel from one place to another without human aid. The dancing-stones of Stockpool, in Pembrokeshire, are a well-known example. On a certain day these stones are said to meet and travel together to a favorite spot. They dance, and after the revel return and resume their usual places. Superstitions concerning healing-stones were formerly very common. In Carmarthen there are still traces of a white, soft stone that was reputed to cure hydrophobia.

At Iona an upright stone is said to confer the power of good steering upon any sailor who will stretch his arm along it.

PARROTS NOT ONLY TALKERS

Many Other Birds Have Powers of Speech, Though of Course Only to a Limited Extent.

There are many who imagine that parrots are the only talking birds; yet there are almost, if not quite, a dozen birds that can be taught to speak, says Science Sitings.

Among the talkers of the parrot tribe the African gray parrot, the white-fronted Amazon, and the double, yellow-headed Amazon parrots are, perhaps, the best talkers. With the cockatoos, the silver-crested cockatoo and the red-crested cockatoo are probably the choice birds for talking purposes.

Next to the parrots, macaws and cockatoos, the birds most easily taught to talk are the brown or common mynahs, from India. Some of these birds, it is said, are capital talkers. They are the greatest scamps in the world, and enough to wreck the morals of any bird family. One or two of them have been taught to say "hello," quite distinctly, and once in a while they take it into their heads to laugh a little.

Among the specimens of other birds that can be taught to talk, the piping crow may be mentioned. Some of these birds will readily pick up a few words of a sentence, and they are admirable whistlers, their tones being clear and sweet.

Not a Silver Lining. Just before the children, Mattie, Sadie, Sam and Lint, were to go away to school, their uncle, who was paying their tuition, called them to him. Visions of a beautiful allowance danced before the eyes of the young scholars, especially the boys.

They walked the hot and dusty mile, up hill, to their uncle's house. Dutifully they listened to a lecture of "do's" and "don'ts." Finally uncle reached into his "money" pocket. He pulled out some stamps. To each child he gave enough stamps to last all term. The boys looked chagrined. The girls giggled at the boys. All thanked him and trudged the mile to their homes.

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U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 20, 1923. Notice is hereby given that Ralph Pouts, 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, NE1/4SW1, W1/4, Sec 29, R12NE2, 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.

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