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In the cases of 125 persons arrested for alleged violation of prohibition laws of the state in Multnomah county during the first six months of 1924, the office of District Attorney Myers has obtained 102 convictions.


Sam A. Koser, secretary of state and Carl Gabrielson, at the head of the state motor vehicle department, left Salem Monday for Salt Lake City to attend the annual convention of secretaries of state, state auditors and traffic department officials.

The driest early summer conditions ever experienced in southern Oregon are being felt this season with practically no rainfall during the month just ended. The Rogue river has dropped to the lowest stage ever seen and smaller streams throughout the country are at late fall stages. Some have practically dried up. During June only .09 of an inch of rain fell.

Alotments for rivers and harbor improvements under the act of congress, approved June 7, announced by the war department for this fiscal year, include in Oregon: Coos bay, \$663,000; Coos river, \$3000; Yaquina bay and harbor, \$21,000; Clatskanie river, \$6500; Willamette river, above Portland, and Yamhill river, \$18,900; Columbia river and tributaries, above Celilo falls to the mouth of the Snake river in Oregon and Washington, \$4000; Columbia and lower Willamette river, below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland \$637,000.

In compliance with a decision reached at a meeting of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board, Governor Pierce signed a proclamation modifying materially the embargo regulations adopted following the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in California. The new order removed the requirement that fruits and vegetables shipped into Oregon from California be fumigated and took the ban off greenhouse products. The order also allowed sheep from California to move through Oregon and the embargo was removed as it related to wool and hides offered for shipment into this state.

**BILL BARBER SAYS**



ACCORDING TO REFORMERS THE RISING GENERATION IS SINKING.

## Wheat Harvest in County Shows Effects of Bad Growing Season

The wheat crop so far harvested this season in Sherman county indicates about half the yield of an ordinary crop year and will be considerably under what is usually termed a bumper crop. Three factors are responsible for this condition, the most important of which is extreme lack of moisture during practically all of the growing season to which must be added the unusual week of cold freezing weather in April followed by the usual hot weather that, this year, came earlier than expected.

As near as can be estimated at this time, the average yield to the acre will not exceed eight sacks although several fields will have larger acreage yields for small areas. There are reliable reports current from widely separated parts of the county that numerous fields of wheat will not be harvested at all and some of these will not even be in condition to be used for pasture to tide over the winter lack of feed for horses and cattle on the farms.

The unusual crop condition of the farming section of Oregon is also affecting the fortunes of the stock and sheep men who depend upon government forest reserve pasture in the mountains. Several scouts for these interests have been in Sherman county the past two weeks trying to locate abandoned wheat fields that have a water supply where they can bring their stock from the mountains for early fall and winter pasture. These scouts report that the hot weather that visited Sherman county in June also, because of lack of snow in the mountains, have turned the grass pastures of the mountains into brittle dust and that the water supply usually so plentiful in the mountains is rapidly falling and, in fact, in numerous instances is now entirely gone.

## Branding Nuts With Electricity

Tattooing a lemon, aiding a stout woman to melt the all-too solid embonpoint, shaving electrically—these are a few of the latest uses of electricity. The most recent application of electricity to industry is in the marketing of fruit and nuts with the grower's trade mark branded by automatic electrical machinery. With the current taken from an ordinary lamp socket, the branding device is installed next to the grading belt in the packing house. The fruit to be marked rolls from the belt to a miniature escalator, which carries it over electrically heated steel dies.

These dies are kept at a temperature that will warm the natural wax in the peel or rind of the fruit and when the surface has been thus prepared, other dies, taking ink from a ribbon, imprint the desired mark.

## Man Not-Work's Servant

Work was made for man and not man for work. Work is man's servant, both in its results to the worker and the world. Man is not work's servant, save as an almost universal perversion has made him such.—Holland.

## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The state training school for boys at Salem now has the largest population in its history, 179.

A total of \$88,846.20 was turned over to the state treasurer by the state land department during June.

A severe electrical storm struck in the vicinity of Coquille and Marshfield and set four or five timber fires.

The Milton Box factory which was destroyed by fire about four weeks ago, will resume work immediately.

One of the oldest women in Oregon is Mrs. Sarah Heimlich of Albany, who celebrated her 101st birthday July 4.

Building permits issued in Eugene during the month of June totaled \$207,900 in estimated cost of construction.

Chiropractors from all sections of the northwest will meet in Portland Thursday for their annual convention.

In the month of June 26 building permits were issued in Astoria, representing a construction value of \$170,825.

Lumber shipments from St. Helens for the week ending June 28 amounted to 3,500,000 feet, the largest for any week this year.

University of Oregon summer term registration has broken the record with 883 enrolled in the Portland and Eugene sessions.

Customs house collections at Portland for the year ending June 30 amounted to \$1,254,162, marking a new record for the district.

The stage men of the state of Oregon will hold a two days' convention at the New Stage Terminal hotel in Eugene July 9 and 10.

Cranberry marshes of Clatsop county are now in full bloom and give promise of the heaviest crop ever grown in that section.

An up-to-date hydraulic gold-mining plant will be installed near Foster on the South Santiam river by a company of Albany capitalists.

The \$500,000 bond issue for an auditorium to be erected on the campus of the University of Oregon carried at a special election in Eugene.

The forest fire situation in Oregon is not serious at the present time, despite the continued dry spell, according to F. A. Elliott, state forester.

Ending the long drouth, and at the same time offering temporary relief from the heat wave, two-tenths of an inch of rain fell in 12 minutes at Bend.

Receipts at the Salem postoffice during the quarter ending June 30 were \$45,240.27, or approximately \$2000 more than at the same period of 1923.

About fifteen rafts, of half a million feet of spruce each, will be brought to Portland from the Quillayute river for the Multnomah Lumber and Box company.

A total of 10,924 motor cars from other states registered in Oregon during June, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Rev. George Douglas Byers, reported murdered on the island of Hainan, near the China coast, presumably by brigands, was a graduate of Albany college.

The red spider, a menace to the hop crop, is doing considerable damage in the hop fields around Harrisburg. The bug turns the leaves red as well as the hops.

The Pendleton Packing & Provision company at Pendleton has started construction work on extensive improvements to increase the capacity and efficiency of the plant.

Nancy Gladys Scarbrough, 25, daughter of Dr. L. D. Scarbrough, wealthy retired physician and prune grower of Creswell, committed suicide by shooting herself with a rifle.

The Gladstone city council has instructed the city attorney to prepare a bill to amend the charter to allow a \$20,000 bond issue for the installation of a new water system in Gladstone.

California dairymen and farmers who lost heavily in the recent foot and mouth epidemic are appealing to Oregon for help in restocking with high producing, sound animals to restore their herds.

Net more than 20 per cent of the flax planted in Marion county this season will be pulled, according to reports received by Governor Pierce from the growers. The short crop is due to continued dry weather.

J. C. Prutzler, assistant to Dr. Elwood Meade, director of reclamation, will make an intensive study of the marketing conditions on the government irrigation projects in this state with the idea of assisting to solve some problems of farmers on the projects.

According to a statement made by A. A. Bixby, president of the Hudson Bay Creamery company, 1500 dairy cows have been tested for tuberculosis in the vicinity of Milton-Freewater and the Hudson Bay district within the last two weeks with but three reactors.

It is reported that the dam at the Fall River fish hatchery near Lapine has gone out. It is thought that about a million and a half trout fry of this spring's hatch, intended for planting in the lakes and springs of central Oregon this fall, were washed into the Deschutes when the dam gave way.

Dale Arthur, Robbie Buses and W. A. Anderson, convicts, escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem while being returned to the prison from the brickyard where they had been employed. Phillip Forester, also involved in the break, was captured by guards after being pursued for approximately six blocks.

As a result of the severe drouth in various sections of eastern Oregon during the past few months there probably will be a noticeable decrease in the number of trout in many of the streams in that section of the state, according to the monthly report of the state game warden filed with Governor Pierce.

Four initiative measures, one referendum and three constitutional amendments referred to the voters by the 1923 legislature will be on the ballot at the general election in November, it is announced by the secretary of state. The time for filing completed petitions for initiative measures expired at 5 o'clock Thursday.

The port of Astoria has just closed its most successful year in the handling of wheat. The official records show that in the period from July 1, 1923, to June 30 of this year, comprising the grain shipping season of 1923-24, a total of 2979 cars, or 8,361,079 bushels of wheat, was received at the local elevator.

Oregon will receive another allotment of 80,000 pounds of cannon and other war trophies captured during the late world war, according to word received at the offices of the adjutant-general at Salem from the war department. Upon receipt of these trophies they will be distributed among the various counties of the state.

## Wheat Growers to Organize For National Equality and Legislation

Plans for carrying on the campaign for farm relief and for agricultural equality, along the lines of the defunct McNary-Haugen bill, will be made at a meeting to be held this week in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The meeting at St. Paul was called by George Jewett, head of the American Wheat Growers association and one of the leading figures in the American wheat growers cooperative movement. It is planned that the meeting will be composed of representatives of all organized cooperative associations, with no special organization at its head, the attitude of its sponsors being that it is to be a national mass meeting of farmers.

Herbert Egbert, prominent wheat grower of Wasco county, was appointed by Governor Pierce to represent the state of Oregon at the meeting and was also elected a delegate by the Oregon cooperative council. Because of harvest work, Mr. Egbert could not attend and in his place A. R. Shumway of Milton, Umatilla county, will attend and act. Mr. Shumway was to have gone to the St. Paul meeting any way as a representative of the Grain Growers association. He is also vice-president of the Oregon cooperative council and holds his high office in the Oregon farmers' union.

Since the defeat of the McNary-Haugen bill, it was pointed out in the call for the meeting, the farm relief sponsors who made up a state wide organization to support the bill have practically disbanded, their purpose being only to remain organized as long as the bill was a live issue in congress. It is the hope of those interested in calling the meeting at St. Paul that this will result in the formation of a nationwide farm relief group such as the one that supported the McNary-Haugen bill and that the meeting will bring to national attention that the farmers, especially of the west, are determined to continue their efforts for agricultural relief and for agricultural equality in comparison with present laws favoring labor in its relation to immigration; manufacturing interests through the tariff, and railroad earnings through present related laws.

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## Teaching Frills Has Rm to Seed

A high school in an Oregon community that is supported almost entirely by agriculture is giving only eight-tenths of one per cent of its teaching efforts to agriculture. It is giving fourteen times as much of its teaching effort to foreign languages as to agriculture. Yet this community will raise or fall according to the degree of intelligence brought to bear upon agricultural problems.

The country has been stirred from center to circumference since 1920 because of acute problems growing out of the agricultural situation. The best minds of the country have found the problems so complex that little agreement as to proper solution exists. Ought not the schools especially in such communities as are primarily dependent upon agriculture give a large part of their effort to training that will help directly in the solution of farm problems? Ought not farmers themselves solve their own problem? Can farmers ever be certain that proper measures are proposed when they originate with other than farm groups? Is our school so organized that a reasonable amount of effort is concerned with the solution of farm problems? If not, why not?

When residents of one of New York's suburbs heard that "Tim," the old horse that had pulled the engine for 12 years, was to be sold at auction and was likely to end his days before an undignified ash cart or junk dealer's wagon, they banded together and bought the horse and gave him a pension for life, which consists of a nice warm stable in the winter time and a good pasture in the summer. "Tim" was led in procession to his new stable. On the way the fire engine came clanging down the street. "Tim" bolted and ran ahead of the engine and was present at his last fire.

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