

OREGON NEWS ITEMS
OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The annual Bend flower show will be held Wednesday, August 20. Value of exports from Astoria to foreign ports during July was \$240,804.

The cost per capita for educating high-school students in Albany for the year 1923-1924 was \$84.15.

The first irrigation project in Lane county has been completed by L. C. Ables of Eugene for his 385-acre farm north of Springfield.

Construction of a ferry for use in crossing the Umpqua river at Scottsburg will be started at once by the Douglas county court.

July was one of the driest months ever experienced in Bend. There was not a single cloudy day, and only 2 of an inch of rain fell.

Building activities in Salem during the month of July were approximately 29 per cent greater than during the corresponding month a year ago.

While using a shotgun to shoot rats on his ranch home in the Columbia district near Hermiston, Charles Belcho, 75, accidentally killed himself.

The state supreme court has recessed until September 1. Most of the justices will spend their vacations at beach resorts and mountain retreats.

While July was a quiet month in the lumber trade of the Columbia river district, more than 61,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped from the river by water.

A parlor car attached to the north-bound limited passenger train on the Oregon Electric line caught fire between Salem and Donald and was destroyed.

Work on the North Umpqua section of the Umpqua highway is to be started at once, according to J. M. Meyers, United States engineer with the bureau of public roads.

The rainfall at Baker for the first seven months this year amounted to 1.5 inches, which is 5.27 inches below the average of 34 years in which records have been kept.

The state highway commission and Tillamook county court have filed petitions with the public service commission asking for the elimination of a grade crossing in Bay City.

Building construction was 30 per cent larger in Portland in July than in the same period of 1923, bank clearings showed a substantial increase over the same month last year, and postal receipts were 4.9 per cent greater.

Miss Emma Mina Hockenberry, 19, of Fresno, Cal., was killed and her father, M. B. Hockenberry, suffered milder injuries, when an automobile in which they were riding plunged off the Pacific highway three miles south of Salem and turned over.

There was a total of 1232 arrests resulting from the activities of operatives of the state traffic department during the six months ending July 1, 1924, according to a report by T. A. Ruffalo, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle division.

George W. Riddle, for three years commandant of the old soldiers' home at Roseburg, was removed from his position at a special meeting of the state board of control. William M. Hendershot of Portland was elected by the board to succeed Riddle.

J. R. Numamaker, known as the cherry king of Hood River, although he has less than four acres of the fruit, received a check from the Hood River Apple Growers' association for \$12,701.83, the returns from his harvest of 6072 boxes of assorted varieties.

Because of the growth of business connected with the state fair, the fair board has found it advisable to create the office of manager and has appointed J. E. McClintock of Roseburg to fill the position. Mr. McClintock has served for nine years as auditor at the state fair.

A new world's record for harvesting flax has been established at the ranch of A. E. Bradley, south of Salem who with the assistance of a patented pulper purchased a year ago has pulled more than 130 acres of the product since July 7. This is an average of more than six acres a day.

Klamath county farmers will receive 100 per cent more for their hay crop this year than last, according to reports of early sales in the district. In 1923 the new crop moved at from \$4 to \$8 a ton. The first sales this year were made at \$12.50 and \$15 is considered the present market price.

It is doubtful if there is sufficient water in Big Butte creek to supply both the city of Medford and the Eagle Point irrigation district, according to Rhea Luper, state engineer. The city of Medford is seeking to divert approximately 30 second feet of water for municipal purposes at a cost of \$400,000. The present supply of water is from Little Butte creek, but this flow is not of a quality demanded by the municipality.

Directors of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association have agreed to allow the Northwest Prune Exchange to use the trade name "Mistland" on its products. The trade label was adopted by the Oregon growers' association several years ago, and large quantities of fruit have been sold under this brand.

Protests against the proposal of the state forestry department to close the timbered districts to hunters because of unfavorable fire conditions are coming in. The protests are based on newspaper reports that the state board of forestry had been called to meet in Salem Friday to consider postponement of the opening date of the deer season.

Gravel has been laid on part of the seven-mile unit of the Roosevelt highway between Glasgo and Hauser. The grading for the entire distance is nearly finished. When this unit of the highway is finished there will be a continuous hard surface over the Roosevelt highway from Hauser to Corbin, Curry county, a distance of 83 miles.

Will H. Moore, state insurance commissioner, has prepared a public letter urging all persons having dealings with real estate agents to keep copies of any agreements they make for the purchase or sale of property.

This procedure, Mr. Moore said, would aid his department materially in bringing unscrupulous real estate dealers to justice.

The Pendleton Round-up, for many years heralded on the motion picture screen, will be the background of a special picture this year which will be built around the show by the Universal Picture corporation.

The contract permitting the motion picture concern to be on the grounds during the show was signed last week by officials of the Round-up and the corporation.

Because water in the North Umpqua is so low that the fish cannot get over the dam and fish ladder at Winchester, the Roseburg Rod and Gun club has obtained an order from the state fish commission stationing a man with a dip net at the dam to transfer summer steelheads and salmon trout from the shallow water below the obstruction to the deeper water above.

Indians of the Klamath reservation in Oregon will receive a total of \$6,000,000 as a result of four sales by the department of the interior in the last few months of ripe timber on the Trout creek, Squaw flat, North Marsh and Long Prairie units of that reservation. The contracts include approximately 1,000,000,000 feet of timber, for which the Indians are to receive exceptional prices obtained through competitive bidding.

Hearing of the suit instituted by eight railroads operating in Oregon to restrain the public service commission from enforcing an order reducing freight rates on hay and other farm products was started in the circuit court at Salem. The order was issued more than six months ago and provided for reductions in freight rates of approximately 25 per cent. The railroads are protesting the order on the grounds that it is discriminatory in that it favors shipments of farm products from Washington into Oregon.

An experiment in growing watermelons, with the object in view of ascertaining the productivity, quality and marketability of more than 20 different varieties, has been completed by The Dalles-Wasco county chamber of commerce, with results which are expected to have an important bearing on the production of melons in this district, within the next several years. All Wasco county melons are being marketed this year through The Dalles Co-operative Growers' association, with each melon stamped with the association label of "Dalco."

Three measures, one increasing the gasoline tax one cent per gallon, the second setting aside the water in the Clear Lake district for use of Willamette valley towns and the third providing for joint incorporation of 18 valley cities as a water district, will be recommended by Governor Pierce in his message to the 1924 legislature. This decision was the outcome of a trip of nearly 100 Willamette valley men to Clear Lake, in the interest of obtaining a better water supply for the central Willamette valley cities. The governor, members of the highway commission, the engineering department and various branches of the state government accompanied the party.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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NEIGHBORS

"WHO is my neighbor?" the querulous lawyer asked the Christ, and it was the simple story of the despised Samaritan which was told him to illustrate the point. It is a story familiar to most people, no doubt, a road and through a country difficult, dangerous, beset by perils. He is held up on the way, beaten, robbed, stripped of his clothing and left bleeding and broken by the roadside. Thirst and hunger and pain rack him, but the way is lonely and the travelers few.

In time a priest, educated, pious, well-fed, comfortably clothed comes down the road and hearing the groans of the unfortunate man lying by the way walks over and gazes at him curiously. "How unfortunate," he probably murmured, but the man was no friend of his, he had been a fool to take such a journey alone and unprotected. Anyway it was the business of his friends to look after him, and the virtuous priest walked on.

It was a Levite, a religious aristocrat, who came next down the road. Hearing the groans of the injured man he walked discreetly on the other side so that his ears might not be annoyed by the cries of the sufferer or his body made unclean through physical contact with him. What was unpleasant, he would avoid. He was the selfish, self-satisfied, self-complacent citizen.

It was the Samaritan, despised and socially outcast, from whom nothing should have been expected, who recognized the demands of brotherhood and whose tender heart turned toward the unfortunate man. He was a neighbor to him.

There was a letter in the mail this morning from John, asking for a loan of "three dollars." He was sick in a hospital in Hot Springs he said, and needed a few comforts not supplied by the management. He would return it when he came north in the spring.

John, you should know, is a "knight of the road" who does our house cleaning every spring. His buttons are hot all on tight, I'm afraid. Lending him money is not a wholly safe investment, but he does his work faithfully; he is loyal and honest, and just now he has fallen among thieves of a sort who have robbed him of his strength and his power to make a living. "Better send it to him," Nancy said, and I, thinking of the Good Samaritan went out and mailed him the "three dollars."

He paid it back in the spring.

Size of the Human Body. Authorities differ in fixing the number of square feet of the surface of the human body, there being no fixed limit owing to the variations in size. A man of 5 feet 8 inches weighing around 175 pounds has a skin surface of approximately 16 square feet. The larger men and women measure more. Some of them very much more, while some of the more diminutive bodies have a measurement as low as 10 square feet.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.50; soft white, \$1.37; western white, \$1.35; hard winter, \$1.33; northern spring, \$1.34; western red, \$1.32.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50@18 ton; valley timothy, \$18@20; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22.
Butterfat—37@38c.
Eggs—Ranch, 25@30c.
Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook: Triples, 25c; loaf, 30c per lb.
Cattle—Steers, medium, \$6@7.25.
Hogs—Medium to good, \$9.75@10.75.
Sheep—Spring, medium to choice, \$8.50@10.25.

Seattle.
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.40; soft white, northern spring, \$1.35; western white, \$1.37; hard red winter, \$1.35; soft red winter, \$1.34; western red, \$1.31; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.66.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; D. C. \$27; timothy, \$26; D. C. \$28; mixed hay, \$28.
Eggs—Ranch, 28@34c.
Butterfat—41c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.00@8.00.
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$10.75@11.25.
Cheese—Washington cream brick, 19@20c; Washington triples, 21c; Washington Young America, 22c.

Spokane.
Hogs—Prime light, \$10.00@10.75.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$7@7.50.

Hair From Elephant's Tail Worn in London

London.—For centuries the hair from an elephant's tail has been worn as a charm by superstitious natives of the East. But only recently has this ancient precaution against the evil eye penetrated to London. Now charms made from elephant hair are sold in the form of rings and bracelets. Rings may be obtained from \$2.25 upward, and bracelets cost about the same price; although those with gold spiral mounts run up to \$12.50 or more.

A very popular bracelet has a gold clasp with a portly elephant in white enamel hanging from a circle of hair; another has a strand of gold wire twisted with hair. Signet rings have the hair set in half the hoop at the back. There are also twisted rings and plain ones without the signet.

Fortress of Vincennes to Become War Museum

Paris.—The Vincennes fortress, just outside the walls of Paris, which withstood countless sieges and served as a prison for political offenders under Louis XIV and other Bourbons, is to become a war museum. It was here for long years that the "Man With the Iron Mask" is reputed to have been shut up, and against the walls of Vincennes the duke of Enghien was executed in the dead of night by order of Napoleon.

The French parliament, just before its dissolution, appropriated a sum of 2,000,000 francs for the purpose of repairing the structure and gathering together all the arms and weapons available in the history of wars.

On Trial for Alcoholism, He Calls It Radioitis

Norristown, Pa.—The "radio bug disease" played a prominent part in the case before Judge Solly of Albert M. Luden, son of a confectioner of Reading, charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The defense said the haggard look in Luden's face after he was arrested was not caused by disipation, but was the result of his being up late at night "listening in."

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under Foreclosure Execution

Notice is hereby given: That under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman county, in the cause pending therein wherein Frank C. Bramwell was plaintiff and Ruby B. Pettys was defendant, to me directed, dated the 19th day of July, 1924, upon a judgment and decree made, rendered and entered in said cause and court on the 20th day of November, 1923, in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, Ruby B. Pettys, for the sum of \$872.25, to gether with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 20th day of January, 1922, until paid, and the further sum of \$100.00 attorneys' fees, and in which said judgment and decree it was ordered and adjudged and decreed by the court that the mortgage of plaintiff, covering the following described real property, situated in Sherman county, Oregon, to-wit: Lots one (1) and two (2), and the south half of the northeast quarter of section one (1) township four (4) south, range fourteen (14), east of the Willamette meridian, containing 160.09 acres, more or less, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, be foreclosed, and that said real property be sold, in the manner provided by law, for the satisfaction of said judgment, costs, attorneys' fees and accruing costs.

Now, therefore, I will, on Saturday, the 23rd day of August, 1924, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the front door of the county court house at Moro, in Sherman county, Oregon, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described property situated in Sherman county, Oregon, to-wit: Lots one (1) and two (2) and the south half of the northeast quarter of section one (1), township four (4) south, range fourteen (14) east of Willamette meridian containing 160.09 acres more or less together with the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

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