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**OREGON NEWS NOTES
 OF GENERAL INTEREST**

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

Portland ranked second in building construction on the Pacific coast during June, according to building permit figures.

Loss to the docks of the Standard Oil company and the Union Oil company at Willbridge in a fire was estimated at approximately \$55,000.

Several small fires have been reported in the Stiuslaw national forest but none has spread to timber, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor.

Headquarters for the Oregon Trunk railroad have been established at Klamath Falls with J. J. Hoydar, general agent from Spokane, in charge.

The first forest fires of the season for Douglas county were reported at Roseburg, four of them being spotted in widely separated sections of the county.

Preliminary work on the paving of the Klamath Falls entrance to Crater Lake national park has been started by employes for the Warren Construction company.

The new girls' dormitory at the state institution for the feeble-minded at Salem will be constructed of concrete, it was ordered by the state board of control.

More than 7,000,000 salmon trout are ready for liberation at the state trout hatchery on Salmon creek at Oakridge, according to Charles J. Hall, superintendent.

In a timber sale conducted by W. L. Toose, Sr., register of the Portland federal land office, 5,248,000 feet of timber in four scattered tracts was sold for a total of \$9285.19.

The Mosier Fruit Growers' association has reported contracting its entire 1925 tonnage to the American Fruit Growers, Inc. Principals to the deal declined to reveal prices.

Edward J. H. Joehnk of Marshfield has been appointed U. S. referee in bankruptcy for the Coos Bay district by Judge Wolverton to succeed William E. Coleman, resigned.

Completion of the pumping plant for the new Malin irrigation district was announced by the reclamation service, and within a short time water will be pumped into the canals.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Hilsabeck, 45, was killed when the automobile driven by her husband, Delbert Hilsabeck, plunged down an embankment on the Eugene-Lorane highway near Eugene.

Loss by fire in Oregon during June, exclusive of Portland, totaled \$233,063.74, according to the report of the state fire marshal. The Dalles suffered the heaviest loss reported, \$35,000.

A rich strike of gold, which assayed at \$40.80 a ton, the highest value of gold yet recorded in the operations, has been made at the Mother Lode copper mine, 25 miles northeast of Baker.

An invasion of cutworms, advancing from field to field in large numbers like an army, is reported in the Rogue river valley south of Phoenix. Much damage already has been done in the Talent district.

Proposed freight rate increases on fruit and vegetables by carloads to Portland from California points via the Southern Pacific line, were suspended by the interstate commerce commission until November 6.

E. G. Hopson of Portland, W. B. Dennis of Carlton and G. A. Covell of Corvallis were reappointed by Governor Pierce to succeed themselves for terms of six years each on the state board of engineer examiners.

Residents of Oregon during the fiscal year of 1925, which closed June 30, paid federal taxes aggregating \$5,182,098.72, according to a preliminary summary of taxation announced by the bureau of internal revenue.

H. J. Cavanaugh, of Pendleton, was appointed a member of the pension board by the commissioner of pensions upon the recommendation of Representative Sinnott of The Dalles. He will take office immediately.

Oregon's wheat crop this year was estimated at 18,000,000 bushels by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician at Portland for the United States department of agriculture. Mr. Kent estimated this year's oats crop at 9,500,000 bushels, the potato crop at 4,950,000 bushels, the hay crop at 1,600,000 tons.

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**OREGON NEWS ITEMS
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Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Postal receipts at Portland for June exceeded those of the same month last year by 6 1/4 per cent.

The annual state encampment of the Spanish War Veterans will be held at Port Orford July 23, 24 and 25.

Linfield college will not be moved from McMinnville to Portland, trustees of the institution have decided.

The Cottage Grove city council will open bids July 20 for construction of a 1,000,000-gallon water storage reservoir.

Among the several thousand persons in the Cascade National forest over the Fourth of July week end, only eight were found violating the state and national fire laws, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor.

Twenty-four Oregon youths who recently completed courses of military training at various institutions in the state have accepted commissions as second lieutenants in the officers' reserve corps, the war department has announced.

China pheasants have become so plentiful at the state game farm just east of Pendleton that some of the birds raised this year that have attained their growth are to be released to make room for broods that are just hatching.

The Baker white pine lumber mill was damaged to the extent of \$4000 when a large engine flywheel flew to pieces, tearing holes in the roof and west side of the building. Pieces of the wheel were found on the roof and for a distance of 150 feet from the mill.

Coos county's bond election has been definitely set for July 30. The issue will be for \$280,000 to repay the state for money advanced to build roads in the county and \$700,000 for a bridge at Marshfield and to construct highways as laterals throughout the county.

The Harrisburg-Junction City five-mile sector of the Pacific highway paving has been completed. The stretch of that highway within the city limits of Harrisburg, more than a mile long, is all that remains unpaved in the state. This will be paved immediately.

Guy C. H. Corliss of Portland, attorney for the original trustees of the E. Henry Wemme endowment fund, can collect \$25,000 for attorney fees from this trust fund for protection of the fund against the suit of heirs to break the Wemme will, the state supreme court has held.

A. W. Allen, Portland druggist and for 33 years secretary of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, was elevated by unanimous vote to the presidency of that body at the final session of the convention at Corvallis. Gearhart was selected as the place of meeting for the 1926 session.

The state highway department has been engaged the past few days sprinkling the section of the Old Oregon trail between Lone Tree, three miles east of La Grande, and Union, which will be oiled. The macadam under oiling will be closed to traffic until the work is completed, probably a fortnight.

Some unfeeling man watched the banks of Pony Inlet, in the out-of-the-way portion of North Bend, until a number of young women had gone in to take their daily swim, and then walked off with most of their clothing, and a considerable amount of jewelry. The girls went home in their bathing suits.

Reports from 24 district attorneys and sheriffs of the 35 counties in the state, received by W. S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, for May, show that of 158 arrests made, 121 convictions were obtained. A total of \$29,125 in fines was assessed and \$971.90 paid. Twenty-nine stills were seized and 516 gallons of liquor destroyed.

Of the 845 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending July 9, four resulted in fatalities, according to the weekly report of the commission. Those fatally injured were Charles L. Shattuck, general superintendent, Prineville; Hugh B. McCauley, boiler shop worker, Portland; Robert Thomas, gang saw crew, Portland; James Theo Sprague, timber faller.

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