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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The State bank of Coburg at Coburg, Lane county, has gone into voluntary liquidation.
The annual teachers' institute for Douglas county is to be held Thursday and Friday at Roseburg.
Robert D. Lytle of Vale was elected grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias of Oregon at the grand lodge session at Eugene.
Mrs. Tom Smith of Marshfield killed a bear which disputed her right to a cluster of huckleberries on South Cass river.
W. W. Hoover of Fossil was named successor of County Judge C. O. Butler of Wheeler county, who died at The Dalles October 14.
The Jackson County Merchants' association, composed of Medford business men favor the community chest plan to handle all city charitable work.
A freak potato vine at the home of Mrs. Susan McMunn at Quinaby has attracted much attention as it measures nine feet and four inches and is still growing.
Moonshine whisky caused the death of Orin Lacourse, 29, Southern Pacific railroad clerk. Lacourse died aboard a Southern Pacific freight train en route at Pannina.
Dr. Adix of Gresham will offer a silver cup to the junior who is selected by the faculty at the end of the year as being the most valuable student to the school.
An effort to purchase the state demonstration farm east of Roseburg and to convert it into county fair grounds will be made by the Douglas county Pomona grange.
John C. Stevens of the firm of Stevens & Koon, consulting engineers, Portland, was named by Governor Pierce to succeed Rabbi Jonah B. Wise on the state board of higher curricula.
The postoffice department has announced appointment of John Simons as postmaster at Beatty, in Klamath county, and Harlan L. Asher as postmaster at Lehman, in Umatilla county.
Large timber owners in Lane county who complained to the county board of equalization about their 1925 tax assessment and were denied a reduction, have filed an appeal in the circuit court.
Fishermen who are gillnetting on Coos bay have reported the presence in large numbers of sharks about the nets, causing much loss of time by breaking nets, and additional expense for repairs.
For stealing a calf, on which charge they were found guilty, Vannie Robertson was sentenced to serve seven years and Ralph Wheeler three years in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Duffy at Bend.
Bids for concrete sidewalks and street improvements were awarded by the Scappoose council to Parker, Schram Co. of Portland, who made the lowest bid and received the contract for \$23,994.40.
Assessed valuation of property in Portland increased \$13,678,530 within the last year. Not including the property of public service corporations, the assessed valuation of all property for 1925 is \$388,170,020.
Harold Steele, 25, shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Creesa Crane, 21, and then killed himself in an automobile four miles from The Dalles. The shooting followed a quarrel over the girl's refusal to marry Steele.
The general volume of employment offered in Oregon continues on a large scale with calls for experienced loggers leading the demand, according to the report of the United States department of labor for September.
Men and women who file suits for divorce in Oregon will have to continue to pay the extra \$5 fee fixed by act of the last state legislature, according to a decision handed down in Multnomah county circuit court by Presiding Judge Tucker.
Complaints that ducks are being shot on the Columbia river sloughs between Tongue point and Woody island by hunters who use power boats and operate by moonlight have been received from residents of that district.
After a month spent in investigating conditions in normal schools in the central states, State Superintendent Churchill has returned to Salem. Superintendent Churchill will soon leave his office to accept an appointment as head of the normal school to be established at Ashland.
A reduction of approximately \$1,000,000 in cost of government for the state of Oregon during the fiscal year 1924 was shown in financial statistics issued at Washington, D. C., by the department of commerce. The comparative figures were \$20,523,191 for 1923 and \$19,517,707 for 1924.
One of the largest transfers of Polk county timber in recent years was revealed with the recording of a deed at Dallas from the Weyerhaeuser Timber company to the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company transferring 1855.48 acres of Polk county timber to the Spaulding interests. The consideration was approximately \$112,600. The land transferred lies in the Bald mountain country, tributary to the Valley & Shasta line over which Spaulding has been logging. It contains 28,115,000 feet of timber.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Five female deer were killed in one locality in the upper Deschutes country recently, according to reports brought to Bend by hunters. Four of the does had been placed in one pile. The slayers had not touched the meat of the deer.
Robert Holzgang, 47, was killed instantly on the Buckley ranch near Applegate by a woodsaw, his head being cut entirely open when the saw struck just above the left eye, after it had broken loose from fastenings on the saw rig.
Fraser brothers, who are operating a mining claim on South slough, near Marshfield, had a cleanup for the first time since they took over the Chickamin Mining company holdings on contract, and had a return of \$200. They ran 11 hours for the amount.
The sheep population of Wallawa county is now less than one-fourth what it was during the days when that county was at its peak production of wool and mutton. A census of sheep now showed and being run in the county showed the number to be a maximum of \$1,500.
Hunters must not shoot ducks within a quarter mile of the Columbia river, according to a law passed by the legislature at its last session. For several years it has been unlawful to hunt geese from this strip, but this is the first year that duck hunting has been prohibited.
Business of West Coast Lumbermen's association mills in the week ending October 16 again was below the summer's average, and sales were only 95,427,965 feet. Manufacturers to take 99,081,590 feet and shipments 101,927,225 feet. New business was 4 per cent below production and shipments were 6 per cent above production.
Announcement of the appointment of a new board authorized by Secretary of Interior Work to inquire into the qualifications of settlers on the irrigation projects of Klamath Falls has been made. The members are W. C. Dalton, banker; C. A. Henderson, county agent, and Herbert D. Newell, Klamath project manager of the irrigation district.
The broodstock industry in the Umpqua valley is encroaching upon the turkey business, so that the once famous turkey center of the coast is rapidly losing the reputation which it has held for years in producing the greatest tonnage of Thanksgiving birds. This year the Thanksgiving market will find only about one-half the usual supply.
That better crops and improved prices have combined to put Oregon agriculture in its best condition since the world war, was the belief of 26 county agents, assembled for the annual extension service conference at Corvallis. Agents from practically every section of the state, in making reports of their districts, were optimistic over general farming conditions.
A meeting of the state highway commission at Elkton on October 29 to hear arguments for and against the proposed Umpqua highway improvement district has been announced. It is proposed to join 12 districts having a total valuation of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of voting a 30-mill levy to be used for the completion of the Roosevelt highway and the Drain-Reedport section of the Umpqua highway.
Deer along Salt creek in the vicinity of the Southern Pacific company's rail construction operations are tame, due to the fact that there has been no hunting allowed on that watershed for several seasons. Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade forest, has a number of photographs taken by a timber inspector on the railway tunnel construction, showing the animals in groups, evidently only 40 or 50 feet away from the camera.
Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Albert J. Rice, Portland, \$15 a month; William Fiedler, Portland, \$12; Olava P. Welch, Portland, \$30; Robert Campbell, Portland, \$18; Mary E. Conn, Portland, \$30; Floyd W. Holmes, Albany, \$15; Anna Belle Hall, Milwaukie, \$20; George F. Euston, Bend, \$18; Annie Hart, Toledo, \$20; Edward Pierce, Grand Ronde, \$18; Martin L. Kays, Braymill, \$15; John M. Bledsoe, Myrtle Point, \$18.
Efforts of the Klamath county court to increase the assessed valuation of Klamath timber, following a recent cruise of 100,000 acres, were lost when the board of equalization refused to put the proposed valuation on the tax rolls, which would have made an increase of 3.33 per cent in the county's taxable property. The equalization board held that it would not be fair to tax some timber land under the new cruise until all timber of the county had been recruised.
Banished on July 12 from Toledo by a citizen mob, five Japanese, subjects of the island empire, in separate actions have sought redress through the district court of the United States. Nine residents of Toledo, were named as defendants and of them a total of \$125,000 damages was asked. The defendants, Charles A. Buck, H. Germer, W. S. Colvin, R. A. Pritchard, Frank Sturtevant, Owen Hart, L. D. Emerson, Rosemary Schenck and George Schenck, the latter city marshal, were accused of either urging or participating in the forcible ejection of the aliens.

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