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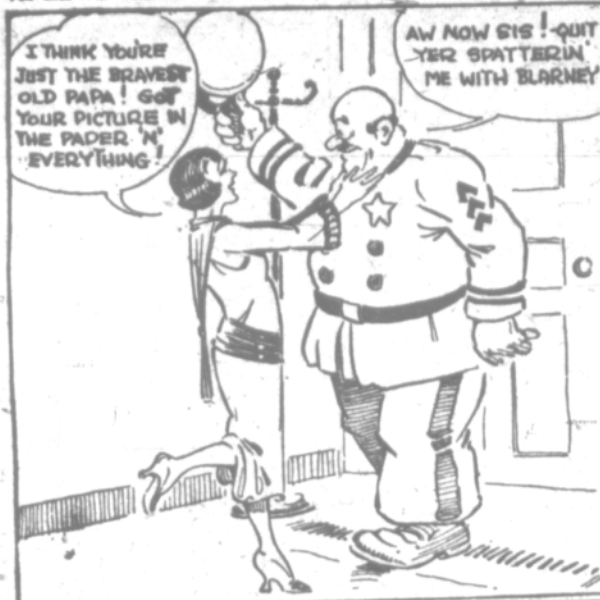
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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

A campaign for securing a county agent for Yamhill county has been begun.

Douglas county has 10,740 voters, a check of the registration books for the November election has revealed.

Frank Kernan of Reedsport was stabbed twice, at Roseburg, in altercation with O. H. Spencer, a hotel clerk.

A. L. Harrison of Klamath Falls, arising early, was astounded to meet a black bear in a residential district of the city.

Mildred Smith, 16, of Franklin, Lane county, was killed when an automobile in which she was riding collided with a wagon.

Throughout Clackamas county the walnut and filbert crop is the largest in the history of the county, according to the growers.

At a special meeting of St. Johns and Trinity Lutheran churches at Silverton recommendations for union were read and accepted.

Crater lake is now free of snow, the last fall of 22 inches having melted away, according to a report from the Crater lake national park headquarters office.

The Mount Hood Loop highway has been re-opened to traffic. Crews are still at work, making more permanent repairs to the White River bridge, damaged by flood waters.

Jack salmon have been caught in Gales creek, near Forest Grove, by local anglers. The presence of the young salmon this far from the ocean is very unusual, according to fishermen.

A co-operative well-drilling venture that is expected to place 400 acres of hitherto dry orchard land under irrigation is being organized by The Dalles-Wasco county chamber of commerce.

A rock weighing several tons on the Oregon bank of the Columbia river was moved to the Community park east of the school house at Boardman. This rock is covered with Indian hieroglyphics.

A detachment of 41 marines, in charge of non-commissioned officers, is reported as en route from the marine corps base at San Diego to Portland to establish a postal guard in and out of that city.

Claims of eight Oregon counties for taxes amounting to nearly \$3,000,000 against the Oregon & California land grant will be handled by a special unit of the general land office, according to word received.

The fine arts building now under consideration at the University of Oregon will cost \$450,000, according to plans. Of the \$160,000 required to build the first unit, \$90,000 is now on hand in the form of gifts and pledges.

Baker county's potato acreage this year was larger than a year ago, but the yield per acre was less, due in part to frost damage, according to Fred Entermille, a prominent grower. Frost damage will run from 10 to 40 per cent.

The walnut crop, the harvest of which is being completed at Silverton, is said to be much heavier than that of last season. Nuts are also said to be a great deal more free from blight and of a better grade than for some seasons past.

The assessment rolls of Coos county, after arrangement by the board of equalization, show a total valuation of \$23,997,690, of which \$12,546,510 are assessed against lands. It was stated there are 660,387,055 acres of land in the county.

H. Leighton Kelly of Honolulu, executive officer of the Hawaiian fish and game commission, who is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. L. Kelly at Oregon City, is arranging for shipping salmon and trout spawn and game birds to the islands.

The body of L. A. Winkie, employee of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at camp 34, near Wendling, was found lying face downward in five inches of water in the pump house near the camp. He had apparently been stricken with an epileptic fit.

The state supreme court increased from \$228.37 to \$21,718.52 the judgment allowed in the lower court in the suit brought by the North Pacific Construction company to recover money from Wallowa county under two contracts for road construction.

President Coolidge has approved

construction of the Vale reclamation project, the second great Oregon irrigation development to receive the official approval within ten days. The estimated cost of constructing the Vale project is \$3,590,000, making \$21,305,000 with the Owyhee project, which will be invested in Oregon-Idaho reclamation within the next ten years.

The assessment roll for Union county this year is \$19,859,410, an increase of \$494,440 over 1925. All livestock, with the exception of sheep, shows a decrease. The acreage of tillable land is more this year and timber land correspondingly less.

A truck load limit of 16,500 pounds on certain Lane county highways has been set, according to orders received from the state highway commission. The order applies to the McKenzie highway, the Willamette valley-Florence highway, and the Willamette highway.

The public service commission has ordered an investigation of the rates, charges and practices of the West Coast Power company, which furnishes electrical energy to residents of Reedsport, Cascade Locks, Clatskanie, Burns, Toledo, Newport, Gardiner and a number of other towns.

Immediate organization of the prune growers of Oregon and Washington, to the end that their product may be marketed through co-operative methods, will be undertaken by a representative of the bureau of co-operative marketing, federal department of commerce, who is to make his headquarters in Salem.

Following the filing of a suit in the federal court in Portland to foreclose a mortgage on the Mickle mills in North Portland, Lester W. David of Seattle, president of the Forest Investment company, plaintiffs in the action, was appointed receiver for the company in an order signed by Federal Judge Bean.

Fourteen persons were killed and 346 persons were injured in a total of 2328 traffic accidents in the state of Oregon during the month of September, according to a report prepared by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Reckless driving was blamed for 1375 of the accidents reported.

The certificate of nomination of John Bell of Eugene for the office of state senator for Linn and Lane counties, to succeed Louis E. Bean, who retired from the ballot recently to accept the nomination of the republican state central committee for public service commissioner, was filed in the offices of the secretary of state at Salem.

The Jackson county court has issued a statement signed by the entire court, rescinding letters previously issued to the 18 counties coming under the Oregon and California tax refund. The letters recommended that 1 per cent of the amounts received be paid to W. H. Gore, Medford banker, for his services in lobbying for the passage of the bill.

Last week showed an increase of nearly 1,000,000 feet of lumber produced by 108 mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, compared with the record for the previous week, according to the weekly report of the association. Production last week totaled 114,162,131 feet, new orders booked totaled 110,736,078 feet, and shipments totaled 94,009,607 feet.

The work of mailing approximately 325,000 pamphlets containing the statements of political parties and independent candidates for office at the November election, has been completed under the direction of Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. These pamphlets were sent to every registered voter in the state. The cost of mailing the pamphlets was 1 cent each.

The public service commission has issued an order suspending the proposed increase in freight rates on livestock on the lines of the Southern Pacific company, Portland & Seattle Railway company, Oregon Electric and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, pending an investigation. The new rates were to have become effective November 1.

Engineers of the state highway commission are looking over an entirely new route for the Willamette Valley-Florence highway, over the mountain from the Siuslaw to the North Fork. The new route leaves the Siuslaw river two miles below Rainrock, where the highway would cross the Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific by an overhead crossing, and extends over the divide in a northwesterly direction.

A brief open season in 1929 on bull elk in a section of the Blue mountains, the first open season on elk in Oregon in many years will be recommended to the state game commission

by E. F. Averill, state game warden. The game warden estimates that there are from 1000 to 1500 elk in this Blue mountain district, embracing contiguous corners of Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Grant counties, at the headwaters of the Grande Ronde river.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: Maude S. Vance, \$30; Sven E. Rehnstrom, \$30; Lena M. Kirk, \$30; James Fitzgerald, \$40; William G. King, \$20; George C. Vandenberg, \$25; Bessie M. Harrell, \$30; Malcolm A. Ernest, \$25; Gertrude E. Gilkison, \$30, all of Portland; Sabin Alexander, La Grande, \$30; Dee Bowman, Talent, \$30; George H. Wilcox, Latourell Falls, \$40; Henry F. Whilox, Gresham, \$25; Henry T. Eoff, Independence, \$20.

C. L. Jamison of Baker has been engaged as orderly marketing director by the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, it was learned, following a meeting of Baker, Union and Wallowa stockmen at La Grande.

Protection of fish in Oregon streams from power and irrigation water intakes is the responsibility of the parties who put in the intakes, in the opinion of the fish commission of Oregon, as stated by E. L. Ballagh, master fish warden.

Methodist churches in the conferences of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana have pledged financial support to Kimball College of Theology at Salem, according to a report filed with the trustees of the institution by Dr. John M. Canse, new president, and Edward L. Mills, president of the board of directors.

A movement to popularize and perhaps commercialize the lithia water of Ashland is being undertaken. New analyses of the water are to be procured and an attempt will be made to interest capital in the construction of a health sanitarium near the city or the main lithia water springs, a few miles south of Ashland.

Four carloads of hops were shipped from Eugene by T. A. Liveley & Co., to Peoria, Ill., where they will be used in the manufacture of malt syrup, which has a large sale in the east and middle west, according to hop dealers.

The 16th semi-annual 4-L district board meeting and convention for the fir territory of Oregon was held in Eugene.

Outstanding features of the annual Oregon Reclamation congress, which convened for a three-day session at Hood River, were a proposal for a reclassification of Oregon irrigation laws, and the adoption of measures that will enable settlers on the lands of projects that have passed through periods of depression to refinance themselves.

The dried prune crop of the Willamette valley, including Clarke county, Washington, for the year 1926, aggregated between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 pounds according to a survey completed recently by Robert Paulus, Salem prune dealer. It was said that when the present orders are filled practically all of the 1926 crop will have been sold.

Fire losses in the state of Oregon exclusive of Portland, during the month of September, aggregated \$804,527, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. There was a total of 80 fires reported. With prices high, Vale clover seed growers are reaping not only a bumper crop, but a pleasing harvest in dollars and cents.

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Thomas B. Kay as state treasurer borrowed \$140,000, to meet the demands on the general fund of the state which was exhausted early in the month. Mr. Kay has estimated that an additional \$300,000 will be required before the second half taxes are received at his department in November.

Lane county's share of the Oregon and California railroad grant land taxes, soon to be received from the government, is \$1,082,573.43, according to announcement by Ben F. Kenney, assessor, who has had a man at work since July figuring out the amounts due the county and each tax levying district.

State-wide effort to reduce the number of diphtheria deaths has been launched by the state board of health, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary, has announced. To cut down the number of deaths this year, all physicians have been called on by the board to use diphtheria anti-toxin and toxin-anti-toxin.

Governor Pierce again submitted to the secretary of state revised salary claims at the Oregon state penitentiary aggregating \$1774.60, drawn against the prison revolving fund. The secretary of state previously refused to approve these claims on the ground that they should have been drawn on the salary fund.

The slogan, "See America First," is working so well that during 1925 American citizens to the number of 366,155 visited foreign countries, and this year the ships won't carry all who want to go. It takes more than a slogan to lead American people.

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