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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Virgil Kruschke has been appointed deputy state fruit inspector at Silverton.

Dates for Roseburg's annual chautauqua have been set for July 16 to 21, inclusive.

The 36th annual assembly of the Willamette Presbyterial was held in Woodburn last week.

Plans are maturing for the annual Strawberry Carnival, to be held in Roseburg May 27 and 28.

Wapinitia cattlemen are starting to drive their herds into the Mount Hood national forest reserve for summer pasturage.

The contract for rocking the 6.6 miles of the Shea Hill-Cascadia section of the Santiam highway was awarded recently.

Three different assay laboratories have found that the "mystery metal" of the Grants Pass country is tin, it was announced recently.

More salmon are running in the Rogue river than have been noted in the last 30 years, according to Claud Barton, licensed state guide.

Checks amounting to \$312,000 are being passed out to the Indians on the Klamath reservation. The money comes from the sale of reservation timber.

Sealed bids for the construction of ferry slips, bridge and various other improvements will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland May 24.

The public service commission authorized the Portland Electric Power company to suspend operations on approximately 12 miles of its railroad extending from Montavilla to Troutdale.

Eighty-two arrests for violations of the prohibition law were made by agents of the state prohibition department during April, according to W. B. Levens, state prohibition commissioner.

The Douglas county court has appropriated \$12,000 to be used in co-operation with the bureau of public roads on the Tiller Trail-Crater Lake cut-off road. The government gives \$7500.

Construction of a new passenger depot for Marshfield has been authorized by the Southern Pacific company. The American Railway Express company will also build a new office.

While pulling bananas from a stalk at a grocery store in Oregon City, E. Hoecker, clerk, just missed "plucking" a large tarantula, a venomous spider of unusual size. The "bug" was very much alive.

The Seaside chamber of commerce has voted to send the Seaside high school girls' band to Portland to march in the Merrykhana parade during the Rose Festival. The band has 28 pieces.

According to an official survey just completed in the Medford city school there are at present 207 little folks between the ages of 5 and 6 ready to enter school for the first time next September.

Ashland high school, winner of the western division of the Oregon High School Debaters' league, met the Mc Loughlin union high school team, eastern Oregon champions, in Eugene May 19, for the state title.

At a meeting of depositors held last week it was reported that the Tillamook County bank, closed March 19 may, if liquidated, be able to pay 60 per cent on commercial deposits and 85 per cent on savings.

Waldo Golden, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Golden of Winberry died at a Eugene hospital as a result of burns sustained when a quantity of powder with which he and other children were playing exploded.

The Lakeview district land office in southwestern Oregon, which was to have been closed June 30 under an executive order signed by President Coolidge, will be continued along with those at Roseburg and The Dalles.

Dunham Wright, noted pioneer of Baker county, has been invited to deliver the address at the dedication of a memorial tablet at Estes Park, Cal. July 4. Mr. Wright is the only person living who was present when the park was opened, in 1860.

Gilbert W. Phelps, 55, judge of the sixth judicial district, Umatilla and Morrow counties for 16 years, died in a Portland hospital last week.

Eugene will have a period of cleaning up from May 23 to 26, inclusive according to A. A. Reid, chairman of the health committee of the city council.

The Silverton community fair will be held this year on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Eugene Field building according to the decision of the fair board.

B. F. Lelsch of Marshfield will construct the Port Orford stucco high school building of four rooms for \$16,000.

Two hundred and two of the 4504 voters of Klamath Falls defeated the proposed \$300,000 bond issue which would have financed the construction of a trunk line sewage system.

Noah Baker of Newport, who took gold from the sands of the Oregon beaches 18 years ago, has returned to the same spot to make his dream come true. He is using the old-time sluice trough, and his first clean-up showed about an ounce of the yellow metal.

Salem organizations have been requested by Polk county citizens to assist in the creation of the Fall City-Valesta highway improvement district, for construction of a highway from Fall City westward to Valesta where it would intersect the Rosevelt coast highway.

Eggs twice as large as the ordinary sort are received daily from one of the hens owned by Mrs. E. W. Gustafson of Grand Ronde. They are all double-yolked and average one-fourth of a pound in weight. The ambitious hen, which is more than a year old is a Black Jersey Giant.

The state treasurer's office has received from various counties \$494,567.71 of first-half taxes, which were due May 1. There was due the state in first-half taxes \$2,613,103.43. Several counties have remitted to the treasury department in full, while two other counties have made partial payments.

The commercial fishing season on the lower Columbia river for the second week shows a considerable drop from last week's catch according to canneries near Astoria. Better results are expected when tide conditions will be favorable. About 12,000 cases of the 1927 salmon pack have been shipped.

Eighty fires in Oregon, outside of Portland, during April, resulted in losses aggregating \$234,410, according to reports filed with Clare A. Lee state fire marshal. The largest single loss for the month was represented in the destruction of a general store and contents in Wasco county, with loss estimated at \$75,000.

Eight automobile fatalities reported from Portland during the four weeks ending April 23, 1927, were twice as many as occurred in that city during the corresponding period a year ago. Portland has been the scene of 42 fatal motor accidents during the 52 weeks ending April 23, as compared with 49 during 52 weeks ending April 24, 1926.

The student body of Linfield college at McMinnville by a vote of 144 to 87, refused to uphold the honor council, a student organization, which had voted for suspension of two students charged with violation of the honor council's rules against smoking. The students also by a vote of 173 to 64 voted for repeal of the rule against smoking.

The Marion county court will ask the highway commission and federal officials to assist financially in the proposed improvement of the road over the mountains from Salem to Bend by way of Minto pass. It has been estimated that the cost of this road would be \$80,000 less than that of any other proposed road across the mountains.

Approximately 250,000 sets of passenger automobile license plates will be required to meet the demands in 1928, according to specifications mailed to various manufacturers by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The colors selected for 1928 are a white background with black figures and letters. These colors are directly opposite those adopted for the plates now in use.

Whether wild rice, food for waterfowl, will grow in the Deschutes country will be determined by next fall. It was learned in Bend by the announcement from local sportsmen that the rice was being planted in widely scattered parts of the Deschutes basin. Some of the wild rice was planted at Creswell, O'Dell and north and south Twin lakes. The results of the growth of the rice will be checked in the fall.

Fruit growers of the Rogue River valley, as well as delegations of fruit packers and others interested from other parts of the state, including the Hood river section, Portland and Eugene and from the Walla Walla, Yakima and Wenatchee districts of Washington and some from California, attended the demonstration of the fruit cleaning contrivance in Medford last week, which cleans off all the residue spray.

One of the oldest banks in the Walla Walla county, the First Bank of Joseph closed its doors last week owing to financial difficulties. Blow paper and demands for payment of outside accounts is ascribed as the reason for suspending business.

The belief that there is oil beneath the rich farm lands in the vicinity of McMinnville is prompting plans for the drilling of four wells throughout the county, the first of which will probably "spud in" soon at a point on the Yamhill river.

Chevrolet Motors Expands

Completion of expansion work at the Flint plant of the Chevrolet Motor Company, allowed under the recent \$10,000,000 program for enlargement, marks the accomplishment of an industrial project admittedly epochal.

With virtually no delay in operation, although taking place when a new model was being produced in response to the greatest demand in the company's history, two large buildings were erected, a third motor assembly line added, elaborate conveyor systems installed and every piece of machinery shifted to allow more space. Through this work the capacity of the plant was increased 38 1-3 per cent.

By this expansion facilities for producing motors were increased from 3000 to 4000 daily, with a flexible arrangement permitting an output of 5000 a day under stress of unusual conditions. Relative expansion took place in other departments and 2000 more employees were added to the Flint payroll, bringing the total number up to more than 12,000. The number of employees at all plants of the company is now about 32,150, an increase of 48.3 per cent over the 21,678 under pay on the same date in 1926.

"We are informed that the actual time regularly taken for a cylinder block to be unloaded from a freight car, made into a motor and loaded for shipment is exactly four and one-half hours," said Mr. Tipton of the Tipton and Manchester company of The Dalles, the local dealer organization.

"Inspection is one of the most rigid requirements at all Chevrolet plants, and despite the rapidity of the processes employed in turning out Chevrolet cars in the number demanded by a sales program of 1,000,000 units in 1927, all parts are inspected and checked 100 per cent."

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Memorials
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One Reason for High Taxes

The Saturday Evening Post commenting on the absurdity of long lists of propositions which voters in many states are forced to pass upon at general elections says:

"In one state (California) there were 28 measures on the last ballot, and one of the large cities had 11 additional measures. Though a few were trivial or even ridiculous, most were of extraordinary fiscal complexity. The voters were asked to pass upon rival measures for highway taxation and finance which the most competent legislature, employing experts and holding extensive hearings, could not hope to pass upon intelligently without months of debate. Well-informed voters reached a decision only after painstaking inquiry, while the mass of citizens, if they voted at all, must in the very nature of the case have been moved largely by such light or darkness as local and sectional prejudices threw upon the question."

"In general the voters were puzzled and benumbed by such an array of measures. One newspaper kept six men at work for months studying the question, and, of course, publishing the results. More than one educated and intelligent voter, unable to form so many opinions beforehand, took the newspaper to the polls and voted as therein instructed."

The situation in California is no exception to the rule, but general in many states.

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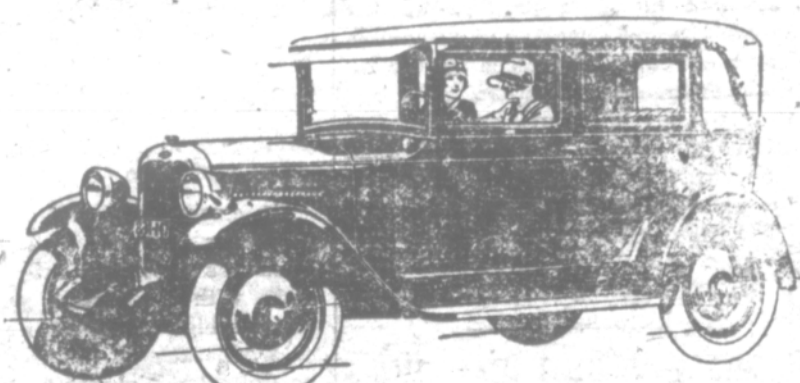
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