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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander

Ask Him Another

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Lightning Wednesday started nine fires in the Umatilla national forest. Seven were in the Heppner area and two in the Asotin.

Claud Blann, Prineville farmer, was instantly killed last week when he took hold of a live wire at the Wagner ranch near Prineville.

The moulds were filled and fire started for the first time Saturday at Ashland's new industrial plant, the Clay Products company.

The first of the new bean crop of Columbia county to be received at the Barbey Packing company's cannery at Rainier was canned last week.

The hay harvest in the Tule Lake region of Klamath county is now in full swing and the crop this year is estimated at 70,000 tons, the largest ever grown.

Bears are on a rampage again, the latest report coming from Waldport that Lee Doty has lost four goats. Mr. Doty finally killed the bear, which dressed 217 pounds.

Viola Caroline Merritt, 19-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Merritt, was killed instantly when she fell from the fire escape of a Medford apartment house.

The postoffice at Swan, in Klamath county, has been discontinued, due to lack of patrons in the district. Residents of the district now receive their mail in Klamath Falls.

The dates for the Pine Valley fair have been fixed at Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24. Preparations are being made for the best fair ever held in Pine Valley.

Roseburg last week was the newspaper capital of Oregon with editors there from all parts of the state to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Editorial association.

The state land department turned over to the state treasurer during the month of July a total of $118,113.36, according to the report of G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association will forward to growers this week checks aggregating 125,000, bringing total returns on the 1926 tonnage of apples and pears to $2,520,000.

One hundred and sixty dollars is the postage bill on one box of apples which left Ontario recently for Memphis, Tenn., by air mail to be on display at the Apple Dealers' convention.

Although the Klamath Falls potato yield will probably not average as high as last year's mark—120 sacks per acre—the total crop which will be harvested this fall will be in the neighborhood of 1000 cars.

Carl Nelson, connected with Tittle Brothers, road contractors, was instantly killed near Tillamook, Saturday, when a large rock, dislodged by a slide, struck him on the head. Nelson was a student at O. A. C.

J. A. Hills of Toledo last week brought in to market a crate of lettuce which many mistook at first glance for cabbages. One head alone weighed three pounds, and all were solid and of perfect, sweet quality.

Methods of application of sulphur dust to combat the disease of brown rot of Italian prunes was demonstrated at Ed Allen's prune orchard, northwest of Forest Grove, by O. T. McWhorter, Washington county agent, last Monday.

The Pacific highway cement bridge at Gold Hill over Rogue river will be officially opened for traffic on or about August 15, according to County Engineer Rynning. The bridge proper is completed and ready for acceptance. It cost $63,000.

Forty acres of wheat burned near Helix last week when a combine backfired and ignited the grain. The wheat belonged to Louis Muller, extensive wheat grower. Two mules, a barn and 30 tons of hay burned on the farm of L. L. Mann.

Establishment of an inter-denominational school of religious education at Monmouth has been the purpose of the Polk county religious council, which met last Monday, according to Mrs. Inez Miller, chairman of the executive committee. If the plans are adopted by the national council at Chicago, the school will open at Monmouth about October 3.

Oregon's general fund had a total of $411,289.69 to its credit on August 1, compared to $1,648,865.81 on August 1, 1926, according to a statement prepared by State Treasurer Kay. Receipts credited to the general fund during July amounted to $682,171.34, with disbursements during the same period totaling $707,772.54. Cash in the state treasury, principally credited to special funds and not available for general state expenses, totals $5,381,393.41, compared to $5,886,075.02 a year ago.

The harvest season is somewhat backward at Sweet Home this year. At Liberty, Lebanon and other nearby places the binders started last week. The grain has been ripening faster than the binders can care for it during the last few hot days.

Attendance at the Multnomah county fair at Gresham has surpassed and broken every previous record in the history of the event. Until the present year the attendance record for any one day was slightly over 10,000. Thursday more than 16,000 people passed through the turnstiles.

A. A. Schramm, cashier of the Corvallis State bank, will become state superintendent of banks on September 1, succeeding Frank C. Bramwell, whose resignation becomes effective on that date. Schramm was the unanimous choice of the state banking board at a meeting in Salem.

Installation of a $15,000 water system in the town of Sprague River was announced last Wednesday by the Sprague River Townsite company. Water supply will come from a deep well. At present the lumber town depends upon private wells for its domestic water supply and is without fire protection.

Building permits during the first seven months of 1927 show that construction work in Eugene in that time has amounted to more than a million dollars, according to a report at the office of W. H. Alexander, city building inspector. The total for the period is $1,082,000, compared with $1,545,500 in the same period in 1926.

Members of the state highway commission have agreed upon H. B. van Duzer of Portland as chairman of the commission for the coming year, according to announcement made at the state highway department in Salem. Formal election of Mr. van Duzer will follow at the next meeting of the commission in Portland, it was said.

A definite expression favoring the organization of the prune growers of the state of Oregon along lines proposed by the committee of nine, recently appointed at Corvallis to formulate a prune marketing system, was given at Roseburg last week at a meeting of growers' representatives of all prune growing sections of Douglas county.

A number of Hood River recreational enthusiasts have launched a campaign to have a small unnamed glacier, on the north side of Mount Hood, between the lower reaches of Coe and Eliot glaciers, called Stryker glacier. The name is proposed in honor of Dr. Stanton W. Stryker, Portland Mazama, who lost his life on Coe glacier, Sunday, July 17.

Nurserymen in Oregon falling under the federal quarantine on currant and gooseberry bushes due to blister rust infection have been urged by the department of agriculture to make early application for fall and spring shipping permits. Inspection in Oregon counties, including Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill, will be made only from September to October 31.

Although there were 256,884 children of school age in the state this year as compared with 252,050 last year, the apportionment of the irreducible school funds increased from $1.53 per capita in 1926 to $1.56 in 1927. This was announced by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, who prepared the checks payable to the various counties. A recapitulation showed that in 1925 there were 248,849 children of school age in the state, with an apportionment of $378,273.50, or $1.50 per capita. The apportionment increased in 1926 to $385,636.50, and in 1927 to $400,739.04.

Appropriations authorized by the last legislature, but which, because of the financial crisis confronting the state, will not be drawn upon, aggregate $777,750, according to State Treasurer Kay. These include $215,000 appropriated for construction and operation of the Eastern Oregon normal school at La Grande; $319,750 appropriated for the construction and operation of a new tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles; $130,000 for a nurse home at the State Hospital for Insane, Salem; $90,000 for use in connection with the construction of a proposed new state office building; $15,000 for the administration of the so-called "blue blank" law, and $7500 authorized in connection with the newly created office of budget director.

BIG WIND TUNNEL TO TEST AIR LAWS

New Aeronautical Laboratory to Help Designers.

Pasadena, Calif.—If it isn't handy to do scientific experiments on an airplane rushing through the air at 100 miles an hour, then rush the air 100 miles per hour past the stationary plane. Such in brief is one plan of the new aeronautical department of the California Institute of Technology. Thanks to the munificence of the Guggenheim foundation, its elaborate aeronautic laboratory, now rapidly approaching completion, promises to aid in bringing aeronautic design into the domain of exact science.

The new plant includes a large wind tunnel, wide enough to admit a small airplane. Powerful motor-driven blowers deliver a blast of air into one end of the tunnel and withdraw the same air from the opposite end. The blast thus makes a continuous circuit within the building like a well-regulated tornado. The airplane, however, as far as the experimenters are concerned, is traveling at high speed—admitting that motion is purely a relative matter.

In the wind tunnel a variety of problems on shape, size and thickness of planes, wings, rudders, etc., will be tested, both in the interest of stability as well as lifting power and speed. Preliminary calculations on the form and directions of curved lines and surfaces are running into the most abstruse mathematics, some of which lead to conclusions not readily tested in common flying practice. Whence comes the aid of the laboratory.

In the earlier days of aircraft it was thought that the frontal exposed parts of an airship should be sharp or slim tapered. A pointed prow, fine piano-wire supports and extra thin planes were favored. Actual practice on the contrary has shown that a properly shaped strut of considerable width may actually offer less resistance to the air than a knife-edge or a wire. Apparently the old-fashioned billy-owl is not so badly designed after all.

The new air laboratory of the institute will include equipment for more research and general engineering design and will enjoy the co-operation of some of the best builders of mail and passenger planes now in service. Both American and German experts will direct research operations.

Totem Pole Reported Floating Down River

Usk, B. C.—The report that a mysterious totem pole carved with a human figure is floating down the flooded Skeena river has been received by Harlan I. Smith, Canadian government archeologist here.

Mr. Smith, who is engaged in preserving ancient totem poles and making outdoor museums of them, has checked up on his collections and finds no exhibits in this region missing. A call was issued immediately to all persons along the Skeena river below Vanarsdol to look out for the traveling pole and, if possible, to rescue it and notify Mr. Smith.

Federal authorities now protect Indian monuments, Mr. Smith points out, so that it is unlawful to take such an object without permission or to mutilate or destroy it.

The Jacksonville Times-Union tells of a man driving a flivver on an ocean beach when a racing car doing 100 miles an hour passed him. He thought his car had stopped, jumped out to crank it up and was thrown 40 feet onto the sand and his auto, without a driver, took a salt bath.

Flies' Wings Used to Get Heat of Stars

Washington.—Carrying an instrument so delicate that it is believed it could measure the heat of a match 5,000 miles away if no atmosphere intervened, Dr. Charles G. Abbot, acting secretary of the Smithsonian institution, has started for Mount Wilson, Calif., to continue the measurement of the heat of the stars.

The instrument, so frail that flies' wings are used in its make-up, is described as an improved radiometer, ten times more sensitive than the one used by Doctor Abbot in 1923 when he made the first determinations of the heat spectrum of ten of the brighter stars other than the sun in the history of astronomy.

The Smithsonian official also plans to visit the solar radiation observatory on Table mountain in California, where daily observations of the variations of the sun are being made in co-operation with stations in Chile and southwest Africa to determine the sun's influence upon weather conditions.

Helping Each Other

Nothing has better illustrated than the Mississippi flood, the advantages the people of this nation derive from a business structure which permits furnishing of universal service in many lines to the entire nation.

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Our people are daily appreciating to a greater extent the advantages derived from such a system.

Cosmopolitan Clippers

Another type of American socialism is illustrated by the notice of the annual meeting of the Illinois Power company, which is printed in fourteen languages and gives a new measure to the widening distribution of stock ownership. Along with the text in English, German, French, Greek, Jewish, Italian, Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Dutch, Finnish, Slovak, and Swedish went lines in Chinese. Not that the company knew so much about its Chinese stockholders, but just by way of making the notice complete, the message in Chinese was included. It is now on the records that those Chines characters drew several Chinese to the meeting, power and light users all. So cosmopolitan a group of coupon clippers invites fresh application of the philosopher's belief that "interest speaks all sorts of tongues."

Lone Red Hair on Coat Causes Divorce Action

New York.—Mrs. Ethel Quayle expects to win her divorce suit against Frank J. Quayle, hotel proprietor, by a hair—a red hair. Mrs. Quayle's hair is not red, so when she found a strand of that hue on her husband's coat lapel she hired detectives to shadow him.

According to the divorce papers she served on him, the detectives trailed Quayle and a young woman to a house in Brooklyn one evening last month. Came the dawn, and they summoned Mrs. Quayle and three autos of friends and relatives for witnesses.

The young woman with the hotel man, it is charged, had red hair.

Who Paid the Fine?

Three race-course followers arrested at Aldershot on charges of drunkenness were remanded on bail of £1 each. One of them produced a wallet containing three £1 notes and left it as security. The men did not appear on remand, and the bail was estreated. Next day the wallet was shown to the judge, who recognized it as his property. It had been stolen from him at the race meeting.—London Mail.

The Faubourg St. Germain.

The Faubourg St. Germain is an aristocratic quarter of Paris, situated on the left bank of the Seine. It was the residence before the French revolution of the old noblesse of France, many of whose stately mansions are still standing. At present it is the section of the city where the ministers, ambassadors and many of the ancient nobility have their homes. It adjoins the Quartier Latin on the east.

Eighteen years old and with five younger brothers and sisters dependent on him, a youth in Colorado underwent an operation and died during it—killed, so the doctors say, by fear that he would not recover and resume the load that he had borne so loyally. But the doctors are wrong. They say "fear" because they did not know a word that means "intense and utterly unselfish anxiety about the welfare of others," says the Baltimore Sun. It only shows that human language has not caught up with human nature.

Some men are now using brown face powder to make it appear that they are tanned, but working up some artificial blisters to make it seem that they have been boating would be more difficult.

Egyptian mummies are regarded as examples of the best arts of preservation. A mummy is a sad example of a once powerful personage who has lost his friends and his political influence.

Lowering a 16-ton slab of concrete by placing 32 50-pound blocks of ice under it is another way St. Petersburg has of letting the world know it is the Sunshine City.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is given that an execution and order of sale has been issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, to me directed and dated July 27, 1927, in a suit therein pending wherein Isaac L. Patterson, Governor of the State of Oregon; Sam A. Kozer, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and Thomas B. Kay, Treasurer of the State of Oregon, constituting the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, was plaintiff, and Ruby B. Petteys, and Frank C. Bramwell, Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, in charge of French & Company, insolvent, were defendants, and in which proceeding a judgment was rendered in favor of Isaac L. Patterson, Governor of the State of Oregon; Sam A. Kozer, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and Thomas B. Kay, Treasurer of the State of Oregon, constituting the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, plaintiff, and against Ruby B. Petteys, defendant, in the sum of $800.00 with interest thereon from the 13th day of June, 1924, at the rate of six per cent per annum; for the further sum of $100.00 attorney fees; and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the sum of $21.40, and which said writ of execution commands me to make sale of all and singular the following described real property situated in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, in Township 3 South, of Range 14 East of W. M. Also, Southeast Quarter of Section 25, in Township 3 South, of Range 14 East of W. M.

Now therefore, by virtue of said execution and order of sale, and in compliance with the demands of said writ, and for the purpose of satisfying the judgment aforesaid and accruing costs, I will, on Saturday, the 27th day of August, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate in and to the said real property, which the said named defendant, Ruby B. Petteys, had on the 22nd day of May, 1923, being the date on which the mortgage mentioned in said decree was recorded, or since had in or to the above described real property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, order and decree, with interest, costs and all accruing costs.

Dated this 27th day of July, 1927.

HUGH CHRISMAN,
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman. In the matter of the estate of Sarah McClelland, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court her final report and account of her administration of said estate and that Monday, the 15th day of August, A. D. 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon this 14th day of July, A. D. 1927.

ESSIE McKEAN, Administratrix of said estate. W. C. Bryant, attorney for administratrix.

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