

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The first vacation Bible school ever held in Baker opened last week at the Calvary Baptist church with about 70 pupils in the several departments.

Harvesting of Bing and Tartarian cherries is now under way in the Freewater section and producers expect to ship about 125 cars this year.

Central Oregon's first motorcycle traffic officer began work this week. He is Herbert Hamilton, formerly of Prineville, and will work out of Redmond.

Reports received from the rural districts around Salem indicated that last week's rain proved detrimental to the cherries, which have been ripening for the past week.

Strawberry picking for commercial purposes came to an end in the Lash Center district last week. Most of the growers are doing much better than they expected.

A trainload of 24 cars of lambs moved out of Douglas county last week for San Francisco. Fourteen of the cars were loaded at Roseburg and 10 at Oakland.

Curtis Payton, graduate in sanitary engineering at Stanford university, has been employed as sanitary inspector by the Marion county child health demonstration.

Construction work on the new bridge over Sutherland creek at Sutherlin was completed last week and the bridge, which is a most substantial affair, is now open for traffic.

Baker's city commission has unanimously passed an ordinance taxing the telephone company 25 cents per month for each pole which stands on public property in Baker.

The cherry crop now being harvested in The Dalles district is said to be the biggest in the history of the industry. Irrigated orchards are now yielding six to eight tons to the acre.

Packing of strawberries is practically at an end in Salem's canneries, although some hill berries are still coming in and barreling of the product is proceeding at the rate of 100 barrels a day.

The 16th annual Southern Wasco County fair opens at Tygh Valley on Thursday, August 30, and continues for three days. It is expected to be the biggest fair ever staged in Wasco county.

The flying field of the Valley Air Service, northwest of Forest Grove, on the Gales Creek road, has been leased by the chamber of commerce of Forest Grove for municipal landing field.

The Coos county chamber of commerce will co-operate with the Oregon state chamber of commerce in its program to bring settlers to Oregon, it was announced at a meeting held at Coquille recently.

Work was rushed on the new aviation field at Swin and was completed July 1. This is the first airport in Clackamas county and much interest is taken in the project, which is for forest protection.

The haying season at Sweet Home is open. It commenced the last part of the week here. Many of the farmers are confronted with a problem for the winter's hay supply, as the crop is turning out light.

A sawmill on Comer creek three miles north of Marquam in Marion county was burned down last week with a loss estimated at \$5000.

Cannery shipments of strawberries in Clackamas county was finished last week. The season, according to the growers, proved fair. The raspberry and loganberry picking has been started and the various canneries of the county will continue their activities for some time.

Hundreds of Medford children participated in the city's first doll buggy parade policed by Boy Scouts, held recently. Many girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 10 wheeled their flower-decorated buggies containing all kinds of dolls and some buggies with cats and dogs.

A district meeting of county agents was held in Pendleton last week, with agents from Umatilla, Wasco, Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Baker and Morrow counties present. Problems of mutual interest were discussed with the state county agent leader and specialists from Oregon State college.

According to R. G. Fowler, Jackson county agent, the grain crops in the Central Point district are coming on fine with the recent cool weather to assist in the filling of the grain. Fall-sown wheat that was downed by recent storms, by careful harvesting may be reclaimed with light losses.

During the month of May there were 40 herds, with an enrollment of 652 cows, tested, according to the report of the Columbia County Cow Testing association. The production was 491,155 pounds of milk and 18,429 pounds of fat, an average of 753 pounds of milk and 29.79 pounds of fat.

The Oregon Electric Railway company has sought permission from the public service commission to discontinue its bus service between Woodburn and West Woodburn. Trains on the Woodburn-West Woodburn line were discontinued more than two years ago, because of insufficient patronage.

Several California puncture vines have been found last week in the stock yards at Ashland by county Agent Fowler. Burrs of this vine get to be extremely hard and the sharp projections will puncture car tires or cows' stomachs. This is the first time that the pest have been reported in southern Oregon.

North Bend and Marshfield, through their councils, have agreed to a 20 per cent increase in water rates for the Oregon-Washington Water company, which a few months ago purchased the Coos Bay Water company system and asked the state public service commission for an advance of 48 per cent in rates.

The three camps of the Oregon American Lumber company near Vernonia closed for a period of six weeks or more, depending on the fire hazard. The sawmill has a sufficient number of logs on hand to last until the camps reopen but will shut down for 10 days for repairs. The planing mill will close only July 4 and 5.

At a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday, July 10, bids will be opened on the grading of approximately 1.06 miles of surface on the Reedsport section of the Roosevelt Coast highway in Douglas county and 11 miles on the Anna Springs-Hunter hill section of Fremont highway in Lake county.

According to F. F. Wilcox, Jackson county fruit agent, Rogue river valley's fruit crop for 1928 is coming along in fine shape, with the insect pest and tree well in hand with the usual annual remedies applied.

Took Many Years to Produce Modern Bed

Included in the world's long list of human benefactors is the unknown man who first invented beds. The earliest beds—wicker bedsteads—formed of the midrib of palm leaves—are found figured in ancient Egyptian paintings. Ages ago the Egyptians either slept on their day couches, which were long and straight, sometimes possessing a back made of bronze, alabaster, gold, or ivory, and richly cushioned, or they reposed on low pallets made of palm boughs, with wooden pillows hollowed out for the head.

A recent writer reminds us that the evolution of beds in England stretches over a period of 700 years. Through-out the Thirteenth century even kings' beds consisted very largely of straw. In later medieval times people all but sat up in their beds, so high at the upper end were the long mattresses lifted on piles of cushions. After the Twelfth century beds were occasionally made of bronze and other metals, but more often of wood, carved and encrusted with ornament.

Narrow, at first, they gradually increased in size until they reached a width of four yards. In such huge beds, we are told, "parents, children and sometimes dogs, were wont to take their night's rest."

History Set Down as Work of Imagination

All histories that are not mere compilations of dates, records and statistics are works of the imagination; for the testimony of eyewitnesses is extremely fallible, especially when an event is calamitous or dramatic; and the report that we have upon the nature of any person or thing is governed entirely by the temperament of the person who gives it. People with the irresponsible imaginations of children will tell you of events in which they participated and will seem to know their fictions even when you know they are fibbing. Also it is the habit of man to engender his past and to exalt himself among his fellows whenever an occasion arises in which he can dramatize himself before an audience as the hero of an event, concerning the truth of which the audience can have no knowledge.—Burton Rascoe in the Bookman.

Cat Moans Bird

Cats and birds, like dogs and cats, are rarely friends, but when such friendships are made they are very real.

Not long ago a black cat lost a jackdaw which had been its close companion for five years, and the bird's death seemed to make life not worth living for the cat. It refused to eat and at last became so ill and weak that it was taken to the people's dispensary for sick animals at Bethnal Green.

No wonder the cat was fretting over its loss, for the jackdaw had been its daily playmate. The two had tied together and their friendly relations were so good that the jackdaw would often settle on the sleeping cat's back and both would doze in comfort.—Children's Newspaper, London.

Military Watches

In early Hebrew history, about 5,000 years ago, it was the custom of the tribes, which then lived in camps which they moved from place to place, to set a watch against surprise attacks by roving bands of robbers from the north. They divided their nights into convenient watches of about four hours each. It appears that they adopted the custom from military practices then prevailing. Military custom calls for two-hour watches as being safer because there is less likelihood that the soldier on guard will become tired, sleepy or otherwise indifferent to the importance of his task.

MOVIE NOTES

"FINDERS KEEPERS"

When the beautiful Laura La Plante becomes a Private in a man's Army, you've got the makings of "Finders Keepers"—one of the funniest films of the year. It will open at the Moro Theater Saturday night, July 7th.

The story is by Mary Roberts Rinehart and is a splendidly executed bit of entertainment. No dull moments, lots of laughs, a good share of thrills and a cast of real actors.

This picture, in theatrical parlance, "clicks," and that is, it's a great success. Everybody likes it and tells their friends with the result that canteens are continually clicking in the box office and the manager wears a prosperous look because he is filling his house and his patrons are going away with a smile, feeling that they have more than got their money's worth. In other words, everybody's happy.

And Laura La Plante is the cause. She has never been photographed better. The entire picture is an artistic creation. It is comedy on a grand scale. And if you doubt that comedy is art, just see "Finders Keepers."

John Harron is appealing in his role and adds many laughs to a mirthful film. Harron played opposite Miss La Plante in her recent picture "Silk Stockings," which, by the way, was also directed by Wesley Ruggles, a very successful trio.

The others in the cast are Edmund Breese, Arthur Rankin, William Gorham, Eddie Phillips and Joe Mack.

Motor Cars and Good Roads

The farmer of today living 30 miles from a city is as close to town as the farmer 15 years ago who lived but 5 miles from the city. As a consequence, the farmer of today is as much of a city dweller as his cousin living near the clanging car tracks in the city.

The farmer enjoys the same opera, the same motion picture shows, the same schools, shops at the same stores, and frequently can reach these places as quickly as can his friend the city dweller.

With these advantages, there has been a decrease in the number of persons deserting farms to live in cities. Motor cars and hard-surfaced roads are receiving major credit for America's "return-to-the-farm" movement, evidenced last year, according to a consensus of national economists, just received by the Oregon State Motor Association. The report points out that in 1926, more than 800,000 individuals deserted rural districts for urban centers and more than a million followed the same trend during 1926; but 1927 brought a reduction to approximately 600,000.

The consensus does not discount the value of radios, phonographs, electric power, improved machinery or other important factors, but points out that the rural dweller, through transportation connections, actually has made himself an integral part of his entire state, rather than a resident of some remote, out-of-the-way spot.

"Co-ordinately, results are favorable to cities, which are dependent upon farm production for their existence," says Geo. O. Brandenburg, general manager of the Oregon State Motor Association. "Had the procession from country to city, continued, there would have been more urban unemployment, scarcity of food bringing higher prices, decreased wages and possibly an industrial slump."

"With these thoughts in mind, the value of motor cars and good roads can not be overestimated, especially in the Northwest, where population is widely scattered."

Advantage of Affliction
Do not fear the furnace of affliction. No man ever goes through the fire and keeps himself unmoved. The flames have a purifying effect. In the moment that looks darkest, when clouds hang heavily, when there is no fragrance of flowers, and the sympathy of life turns to a dismal dirge of despair, forget not that it takes the hottest fire to refine the purest gold. It requires the strongest pressure upon iron to produce the strongest steel. In the hour when things seem to be worst for you, it may be you are building your purest happiness. If you refuse to be crushed by adversity, or let any events in the external world disturb your own tranquillity of mind, you have already found the key to the gateway of happiness. The bluebird awaits you.—Dr. Henry Knight Miller, in Psychology Magazine.

Women Study Butchering
How to handle the cleaver and the saw is being taught in the new butchering course for women being given at Smithfield school of London. When the fair sex was admitted to the course that was thought to be attractive only to men, the response was beyond expectation. The young women are becoming adept in the work and enjoy their studies. The course includes instruction in the anatomy of the animals we eat, in refrigeration and preservation, and in modern butcher shop sanitation.

Why Opera Is Popular
What motivates many an opera subscriber is the same childish delight in watching wheels go round that keeps him rooted before a subway excavation or a lunchroom griddle-cake virtuoso.—Deems Taylor in Vanity Fair Magazine.

Mania for Gambling Decreasing in China

Gambling is the dominating national passion of China, and every Chinese indulges in it, whatever his age, social position, or fortune. He bets on everything—the number of seeds in an orange, the number of persons who will pass by a given point in a given time.

In five minutes the coolie will lose all the money he has saved in a month. The petty employee will do the same with his salary, and the banker with his fortune. The Chinese gambles at all times and places—during his meals, at the theater, between the acts, in trains, and in offices.

Under the empire the favorite form of gambling took a singular shape. It was as if everyone in France bet on the most successful candidates entering our big schools of learning. All China would participate in these enormous wagers. In all prefectures and subprefectures the names of the competing candidates were announced, and as soon as the results were known extra rapid couriers carried the names of the winners to all parts of the empire.

Nowadays the people limit themselves to betting on who will be chosen ministerial functionaries, and the game does not enjoy the vogue it once did.—George B. Maybon in La Nouvelle Revue, Paris (Living Age).

Ambergris in Demand for Use in Perfumes
When you tramp the margin of the sea, along the line where the waves leave seaweeds, bottle corks, and the unconsidered fotsam and jetsam which none sees fit to take away, make sure that the piece of stuff you took to be mottled soap is not a lump of ambergris. This precious substance, of which whalers dream in their ambitious wanderings about the seven seas, comes from the alimentary canal of the sperm whale or cachalot.

A few years ago Norwegians fishing in Australian waters found in one whale ambergris weighing approximately 900 pounds. It was worth \$125,000. By contrast, the whole production of the United States in 1922 only amounted to 44 pounds, worth about \$11,000. And not so long ago a piece of good luck befell a Spanish ship, the crew of which found 248 pounds in an Atlantic whale.

In centuries forgotten, when sperm whales were more abundant, ambergris did service in sacramental rites. The Chinese administer it medicinally. But most that is found today finds its way to perfumers, who use it as a fixative for delicate scents.

Old Water Power Site

The first water power on this continent, it is said, was built on the Piscataqua river at South Berwick, Maine, on the site of the present Burleigh blanket mills. It was in 1620 that Ferdinand Gorges obtained a grant from the English crown giving him the right to settle and develop the territory from sea to sea lying between the fortieth and forty-eighth parallels north latitude.

The grant, however, required him to develop water power, and accordingly he constructed a log dam, erected a grist mill and sent the meal to England as proof that the terms of the contract were being respected. The water power site has been in continuous use ever since and has lately come into public notice when the property changed hands.

"Hi-Jacking"
"Hi-jack" is a slang word meaning to rob by trickery or violence, especially to rob another robber or a bootlegger of his illegal wares. Just when "hi-jack" and "hi-jacker" originated is unknown. It is supposed that "hi-jacker" was first applied to a gang of hobos who preyed on men working in the harvest fields of the Middle West. Their practice was, so it is said, to halt their prospective victims with "Hi, Jack, what time is it?" The situation was followed by a blow on the head and the victim was then relieved of his hard-earned gold.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Instead of regretting yesterday get busy and prepare for tomorrow.

Twelve thousand acres of land in Lake county, Lakeview land district, Oregon, will be opened to homestead and desert land entry by qualified general service men July 13, and to general entry October 13. The tract is near the town of Paisley and the nearest railroad towns are Kirk and Klamath Falls. The lands are suitable for grazing, but precipitation is not sufficient in average years for production of grain crops.

According to F. F. Wilcox, county fruit agent, the Talent district fruit crop is coming along in fine shape, with insect pest and tree blight well under control. With the codling moth taken care of through regular applications of spray and the few evidences of blight stamped out, the season's fruit crop, especially pears, is sounding into form in a manner that looks very promising. Pear picking will begin about August 1 from present indications.

Extension of time for perfecting organization of the prune growers of the state until July 1, 1928, was authorized at Roseburg recently at a representative meeting of prune growers affiliated with the Douglas County Prune Growers' association.

Loganberry picking is on in much earnestness in the Dayton locality. Many women and children are being employed in the various fields. The weather has been ideal for the development of large, well matured fruit.

With an unexpectedly late crop of strawberries, June shows brisk buying at Forest Grove. One authority has estimated that strawberry growers in that vicinity have netted from \$60,000 to \$80,000 and a good part of this return was banked and spent there.

The strawberry season will close in the Banks yards this week. Three tons daily have been marketed from these yards from 20 days and about 300 pickers have been quartered in the town on a payroll of \$1000 a day. The average yield was about 300 tons per acre.

Miss Edith Dodge of Ashland has been declared winner of the Gerlinger, presented annually to the woman student of the junior class at the University of Oregon who has shown the greatest development in her college work.

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"Making a Good Name Better." That's the prize winning slogan in Dodge Brothers \$20,000 contest to find the best one describing the Victory Six car. C. C. Michael of Colorado Springs, Colorado, submitted the winning one by unanimous decision of the judges. Michael has been awarded \$1,000 first prize. Second prize in the contest went to F. R. Shoemaker of Erie, Pa., with the slogan "Try to Get By Without One." He received \$500. Tied for third prize, thereby receiving \$250 each, were Mrs. W. R. Price of Carson, Washington, submitted the slogan "A Phenomenal Car at a Nominal Cost" and Miss Florence M. List of Bay City, Michigan, submitted the slogan "Unequaled in Construction, Unequaled in Beauty — The Victory Six."

Advance-Rumely Combine Harvester

Farmers and all others interested are invited to inspect the No. 1 Hillside model Advance-Rumely Combine Harvesters now on display at Moro, back of Phillips Harness Shop.

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