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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Otto Eckersley, 90, one of the best known of the old settlers of the Cove section, died recently at Hot Lake.

Splendid progress is being made in the half-mile cut-off in the Dayton-Salem market road near the south city limits of Dayton.

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From 14 acres of Willamette river bottom land in the Edward Winger farm in the Pleasantdale vicinity, 910 bushels of Golden Dent corn was produced this season.

Nine hundred thousand bushels of wheat were shipped from Jefferson county recently. Many Deschutes and Jefferson county wheat ranchers received 1.13 1/2 a bushel.

The government is making a preliminary survey for a forest road to the top of Mount Emily, and Union county may cooperate by building a road from La Grande to connect.

R. C. Spink, for 17 years a resident of Clatsop and for four years a justice of the peace, has been fined \$400 and sentenced to 100 days in jail on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The Northwestern Turkey show, sponsored by the newly formed turkey breeders' association, is to be held at Oakland, December 14. Hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes are being offered.

The Lorane highway between Eugene and Lorane is being worked over extensively by the Lane county court. The surface has been badly rutted by heavy trucks hauling sawlogs and cordwood.

Angelina Romero, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Romero, was burned to death when her tent home caught fire at Klamath Falls. The child had been left at home asleep, while her parents went visiting.

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THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.29; soft white and western white, \$1.17; hard winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.15 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$23@23.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50; clover, \$20; oat hay, \$19; oats and vetch, \$19.50@20.

Butterfat—47c.
Eggs—Ranch 32@50c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25@11.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.25@10.25.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$10.50@11.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white and western white, \$1.16; hard winter, western red and northern spring, \$1.15; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.30.
Eggs—Ranch, 33@54c.

Butterfat—46c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$10.25@11.
Hogs—Prime light, \$10.30@10.40.
Lamb—Choice, \$10.25@10.50.

Spokane

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Hogs—Good and choice, \$9.50.
Lamb—Feeder lambs, \$8@8.50.

The Central Civic Council at Medford has passed a resolution protesting against removing the equipment of the old Beekman bank at Jacksonville to the museum of the Oregon Historical society at Portland.

State prohibition operatives took part in 59 arrests for liquor law violations in October, according to George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed aggregated \$7120, with jail sentences totaling 730 days.

Apparently \$20,000,000 was spent in Oregon by tourists this year, according to the report made at the opening session in Medford of the convention of the Oregon Auto Camp association by Clinton A. Ambrose of Portland, secretary.

The Mount Angel Business Men's club in preparing for the dedication of the recently completed Mount Angel-Gervais market highway in the near future. This road will cut the distance from Mount Angel to the Pacific highway to 5 1/2 miles.

John A. Simmons, 78, of Yamhill, has never had a shave in his life, it was revealed when Mr. Simmons came to McMinnville and entered the whisker contest which was held as part of the McMinnville American Legion Armistice day celebration.

Totals of 1,031,421 pounds of milk and 50,521 pounds of butterfat were produced by the 1928 cows in the 86 herds tested in Tillamook county during October. The average production per cow was 542 pounds of milk and 27.03 pounds of butterfat.

Removal of all gasoline pumps from within buildings and prohibition of additional pumps along street curbs or sidewalks are provided in an ordinance passed by the city council of Albany. The ordinance affects both private and commercial garages.

Fire which broke out in the repair shop of the Parker Jenkins Motor company at Corvallis spread quickly through the garage, ate its way into the Evans Motor company and caused between \$11,000 and \$12,000 damage to the two garages before it was brought under control.

Workers and officials of the Siuslaw national forest have had to contend with 75 man-caused fires since January 1 this year, and 11 persons have been convicted on charges of setting fires, according to a report compiled by R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the forest.

Multnomah county has remitted to the state treasurer \$312,000 of its second half taxes, aggregating \$1,028,804.60. Counties which have remitted their second half taxes in full are Jackson, \$77,156.81; Malheur, \$30,633.10; Jefferson, \$12,152.73 and Sherman \$24,870.71.

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JOHNSON GOES TO CHINA



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Washington.—President Hoover recently announced the appointment of Nelson T. Johnson, assistant secretary of state in charge of far eastern affairs, as United States minister to China.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO HURRY TARIFF BILL

Senate Refuses to Recess Before Regular Session.

Washington.—Night sessions are being held by the senate in hope of rushing to completion the tariff bill which has been the bone of contention for a long time during the special session which was called to act on farm relief and tariff.

Night sessions were forced by the Democrats in retaliation for the defeat by a vote of 34 to 31 of a resolution for final adjournment on November 23 which would have allowed a week's recess before the regular session commences. Radical as well as Regular Republicans voted against the adjournment. Angered by the failure of the Republicans to approve the resolution the Democrats put through a resolution providing for night meetings regularly for the remainder of the session.

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160 MILLION TAX CUT PROPOSED BY HOOVER

Viewed as Aid to Business Following Market Crash.

Washington.—Reductions in taxes varying from \$3.75 for a person with a net income of \$4,000 to \$18.75 for a person with an income of \$15,000 and larger cuts for those with regular incomes, will result from the administration tax cut proposal. A tabulation, showing savings for a married man without dependents, follows:

Income	Present tax	New tax	Decrease
\$4,000	5.62	1.87	3.75
5,000	10.87	5.62	5.25
6,000	16.12	10.87	5.25
7,000	21.37	16.12	5.25
8,000	26.62	21.37	5.25
9,000	31.87	26.62	5.25
10,000	37.12	31.87	5.25
15,000	118.12	99.37	18.75

In the table the first \$2,000 of income, and one-half of the income above that, is given the benefit of the earned income deduction.

Washington.—An early tax reduction is the administration's contribution toward a stabilization of business conditions unsettled by the stock market crash.

Definite announcement that President Hoover will back a recommendation for a cut in taxes by congress at the earliest possible date was made by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Disclosure of the administration's plan is understood to have been decided upon at a conference at the White House, in which the President, Secretary Mellon, Undersecretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills and Roy Young, governor of the federal reserve board, participated.

The proposal contemplates an aggregate tax cut of \$160,000,000, divided between reductions in individual and corporation income taxes. All income taxes would be cut by 1 per cent.

Under Secretary Mellon's plan, the reductions would be made effective on earnings of the present year, for her 23 which would have allowed a week's recess before the regular session commences. Radical as well as Regular Republicans voted against the adjournment. Angered by the failure of the Republicans to approve the resolution the Democrats put through a resolution providing for night meetings regularly for the remainder of the session.

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"Davie" Was Just Dog

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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IF DAVIE had not been along, Ethel would not have been run down by the swift moving truck. Davie and Ethel were having their morning walk along upper Broadway in the glorious sunshine. It was all over in a few fleeting moments.

Davie darted across a street, Ethel flew wildly across to save him from an oncoming truck and a moment later she lay a huddled mass of unconsciousness in the dusty street.

The usual crowd gathered swiftly, but not too swiftly for Davie to leap over and mount guard beside his beloved mistress. His great black body bristled and ominous growls and strong teeth dared anyone to touch his property.

The frightened mob hung back while a red pool grew alarmingly bigger beside the prostrate Ethel.

And still on one was brave enough to risk a life for a life until John Strange saw the situation, pulled his muscles taut and gripped Davie firmly by the jaw. The struggle lasted a breathless moment. There was a badly torn hand for John Strange, a dawning of understanding in canine eyes as if mastery had been recognized.

Ethel was carried swiftly and tenderly into the drug store on the corner to await the ambulance, and John Strange followed to get his torn hand dressed. Davie followed meekly.

John Strange, when he appeared again with his hand neatly bandaged, saw Davie's dejection and had compassion on him.

"Come on, old boy," he said, "you won't be permitted to go along with your mistress to the hospital, so you had better stay with me."

Davie felt right in with the idea, for he arose and followed Strange in his dignified dog fashion, after casting a lingering glance at his unconscious mistress.

Strange gazed ruefully down at the hand in which the dog's teeth had left a nasty gash. Unfortunately it was his working hand—that famous left hand, known so well for its cartoons.

When Davie's mistress finally did wake from her long coma she felt reasonably comfortable and happily quite uncertain as to what had happened.

"Davie," she called softly, "where's my Davie boy?"

Nurse and doctor exchanged glances. They imagined there was a man in the case who was no doubt ignorant of the fact that his sweetheart was lying in the hospital swathed in bandages.

There had been nothing with which to trace Ethel's identity and no message had reached the hospital regarding her.

"My dog," she questioned pitiously. "He is all I have in the world—my Davie."

But Davie was well cared for by John Strange and the two were fast becoming firm friends. Strange had gone to the address marked on the dog's collar and found it to be an empty house. He scanned the personal column in a morning paper regularly but decided that either Davie's mistress had not recovered from the accident or she decided to inquire into her dog's fate.

Ethel, however, was making a frantic search for Davie upon her release from the hospital, but it was not until she read a line in her newspaper that a clue was given her as to the name of the man whose courage in tackling Davie had perhaps saved her life.

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"And now," said Strange, "shall we walk up Broadway so that I can go in and get Davie? He little knows his dog eyes mean a time a great longing."

"But you hand," said Ethel softly. "He tore it badly."

Strange looked down into Ethel's eyes. "I was doing his duty—guarding his mistress," he said. "I can only get it better for it."

And so, minutes later the usual Broadway throng was amused to see a man with a dog bounding down the street and suddenly gone mad.

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KELLOGG VISITS ENGLAND



Frank B. Kellogg

St. Paul, Minn.—Frank B. Kellogg, former secretary of state, accompanied by Mrs. Kellogg, has departed for England. He will address the Fulgrim's dinner in London on November 22.

THREE MANAGERS FOR GRAIN CORPORATION

To Direct Business of \$20,000,000 Organization.

Chicago.—Three Middle Western men have been named as members of the board of managers for the newly organized \$20,000,000 Farmers' National Grain corporation, through which the federal farm board will make marketing loans to grain growers.

The announcement was made by S. J. Cottington of St. Joseph, Iowa, president of the corporation.

The men selected are C. E. Huff of Salina, Kan.; John Manley of End, Okla., and J. J. Knight of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Cottington said the farm board will meet in a few days and is expected then to approve the board of managers. Two farm board members, Carl Williams and Sam R. McKelvie, already have made known their approval of the new managerial personnel. It was understood.

A general manager of the corporation will be chosen by the board of managers working in conjunction with the federal farm board. Mr. Cottington stated.

St. Paul, Minn.—A list of 25 leaders in co-operative dairy marketing was provided at the closing session of the National Co-operative Milk Producers' association for the federal farm board for the selection of a commodity advisory committee of seven members.

The association reaffirmed the policy that co-operative dairy producers' associations have the right to market members' products in any way they find advisable.

Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde, in addressing the dairymen, declared: "It is significant that dairying is probably the best organized branch of American agriculture." He declared that the tariff pledge to the farmers had not been fulfilled and that the coalitionists, having the power to pass tariff legislation or refuse to do so, "also have the responsibility."

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