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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

With the appointment of two dogcatchers Linn county has begun an offensive against the owners of unlicensed dogs. The county has been divided into two districts.

Fifty fires in Oregon outside of Portland during February resulted in losses aggregating \$383,548, according to reports filed with Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner.

The grange hall at Eagle Point was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, with a loss, estimated by officials, of \$5000. This is the second grange hall destroyed by fire in a year.

The closing of the bass fishing season between April 15 and July 1 is a measure to protect the future supply of fish, declares Matt Ryckman, superintendent of state hatcheries.

The 1930 Oregon state fair will be held September 22 to 27 inclusive, according to announcement made at Salem by Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson, secretary of the state fair board.

Umatilla county pioneers will hold their 35th annual reunion at Weston Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, it was announced as a result of a meeting of the Weston Commercial club.

Steel towers of the United States geological survey river gauging station at The Dalles will be lighted from now until April with oil-burning beacons as a guide for aviators flying at night.

Explosion of gas fumes from an oil stove wrecked a small building at the rear of a Bend garage, and caused hundreds of people to believe that dynamite had been discharged near the center of town.

Ground has been broken at La Grande for the construction of a new \$5000 country club house on the course near there. Other improvements are also under way and a beautiful golf course is anticipated by fall.

Frank W. Gerrish, who was employed as saw filer at the Pelican Bay Lumber company, Klamath county, the past six years, was crushed to death by a large pulley which collapsed. One of the pieces hit Gerrish.

J. W. Wisdom celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary at Baker recently. He came to Baker in 1862 and is one of 11 persons now living who came there at that time. He operated a drug store there for 50 years.

The 2 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson was drowned at the A. H. Park ranch north of Redmond, by falling into a stream. He was playing with other children when they removed the top from the stream.

Corvallis will celebrate the Fourth of July in the old-fashioned way under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. There will be a 500-gun salute at sunrise and a continuous program throughout the day of old-style sports.

A vicious rooster attacked Mrs. Gussie Stephenson on a farm in the Griffin creek district near Medford, and its beak punctured her eye ball. Physicians removed the eye. Mrs. Stephenson was feeding chickens at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing, who live on a farm near Marcola, became the parents of a son who weighed 13 9/10 pounds. Authorities at the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene, where the child was born, say it is the heaviest on the hospital records.

Lane county road crews have started work on widening the road over Mapleton hill between Rainrock and Florence, which is now the only route to Florence. The road is being put in condition for spring and summer travel, which is expected to be heavy.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.20; soft white and western white, \$1.09; hard winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.07.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$21.50@22 per ton; valley timothy, \$20.50@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.50@24; clover, \$18; oat hay, \$17; oats and vetch, \$18.50@19.

Butterfat—\$4@39c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@24c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.25; Hogs—Good to choice, \$10@11.25; Lambs—Good to choice, \$9.75@10.50.

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white and western white, \$1.11; hard winter and northern spring, \$1.10; western red, \$1.09; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.21.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@29c.
Butterfat—\$9c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$11@12; Hogs—Prime light, \$11.25@11.35; Lambs—Choice, \$9@10.

Spokane
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.75@11.50; Hogs—Good to choice, \$11@11.50; Lambs—Medium to good, \$9.50@10.

Secretary Hurley has approved an allotment of \$25,000 for Yaquina bay and harbor, where dredging will be undertaken immediately to provide for an entrance channel over the ocean bar 20 feet deep and also a channel 18 feet deep from the entrance to Yaquina.

Blasting of a stump under city feed lines of the Pacific Power & Light company lines on the heights near the Wilson reservoir blew out a pot-head insulator and burned out a lighting arrester at the power plant, leaving Hood River without electricity for an hour and 40 minutes recently.

Employment conditions in Lane county are showing improvement, according to Frank L. Armitage, superintendent of the United States employment bureau at Eugene. There is a fair demand for logging camp and sawmill workers, he says, and there is some demand for building workers.

One man was overcome by smoke and died shortly afterward and 25 persons escaped in their night clothing in a fire which destroyed the Tourist hotel, garage and restaurant at Clatskanie recently. Owners estimated the damage at \$20,000. The fire originated in the kitchen from an oil heater.

Some dairymen in the Shedd vicinity are beginning to sell their poorer cows, fearing that the market for their beef may not be as good in the fall as at present. During the last few months it has been hard for dairymen to make a profit after paying feed bills and help. Some have been compelled to lower wages. Help is plentiful this spring.

Stockholders of the Linn County Fair association have voted to cancel their stock and the unsecured creditors have canceled their claims or will do so, leaving a mortgage as the sole obligation outstanding against the institution, all conditional upon the taking over of the fair by Linn county, President J. J. Barrett, of the association, has announced.

Claus Christiansen, Toledo farmer, narrowly escaped death recently when he was attacked by a Jersey bull he was cleaning out a manger. The bull charged from behind, ramming one horn completely through Christiansen's right thigh, and with his victim impaled on his horn hurried Mr. Christiansen high overhead and into an adjoining alleyway.

A new use for the oft-despised dairy product, buttermilk, was found when it recently was utilized to hold a fire in check until the McMinville fire department arrived. As no water was available, buckets of buttermilk which were to have been fed to turkeys were poured on the blaze until the city fire department arrived. The blaze was extinguished with little damage.

State highway engineers are preparing for changes in the Roosevelt highway on the Denmark-Port Orford route for a distance of some miles. A change of routing in Port Orford is to be made to offer a better view of what is ahead for a distance of six or seven blocks. Near Denmark contractors are erecting gravel bunkers and assembling machinery for widening the highway and surfacing.

Fertilizing his field of potatoes resulted in a western Lane county farmer realizing a return of \$231.40 from an investment of only \$5.75, County Agent O. S. Fletcher reported. As a means of experimentation, the farmer left a small part of the field unfertilized. The portion on which superphosphate was used yielded an increase of 9616 pounds of potatoes per acre, or 178 per cent more than the other plot.

Seaside, the terminus of the Old Oregon trail and the western end of the Lewis and Clark journey in 1905-6, will be the scene of a celebration commemorating the start of the first wagon train across the continent along what later was to become the famous Oregon trail, according to plans made by the Seaside chamber of commerce. A "Covered Wagon Centennial," celebrating the journey of the first wagon train in 1830, will be promoted for Seaside this summer.

Sixty cows in herds belonging to members of the Union County Cow Testing association produced 40 pounds of butterfat during February, according to Hans Seifers, official tester, who says there has been heavy culling of inferior cows. The test included 576 cows. Star, a grade Jersey from the herd of Ernest Kohler, had the best record, being credited with 80.1 pounds of butterfat and 1271 pounds of milk. This cow was high last month with 84.3 pounds of butterfat.

Governor Norblad raised the gate of the Vale irrigation diversion dam at an impressive dedication ceremony at Harper recently, turning the water into the main canal for the first unit of 4000 acres. The Vale project is the first government project to have water in Malheur county, where the immense Owyhee undertaking also is under construction. The dedication was an epochal event and all the county, as well as Ontario and Nyssa, joined with Harper and Vale to celebrate.

RUSSELL DENIES CHARGES



Brig. Gen. John M. Russell.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti.—Brig. Gen. John Russell, high commissioner, has filed with the Hoover commission a lengthy refutation of all charges of dictatorship made against him in the recent hearings on conditions in Haiti.

HALTS JOB SELLING IN SOUTHERN STATES

President Announces Practice
Has Been Stopped.

Washington.—President Hoover has announced his purpose of completing the housecleaning which he commenced a year ago in the southern patronage situation. Commenting on a recent report of a senatorial committee, Mr. Hoover pointed out that the incidents dealt with were not recent and that all federal officials known to have engaged in improper practices had either resigned or been removed. The president said that he had asked the Department of Justice to consider the senate committee's report.

"Under instructions to the various departments of the government," said Mr. Hoover, "a system has been established by which these reprehensible practices have been absolutely stopped and the system of purchase and sale of appointments, so far as it existed, has been ended."

In reviewing progress in placing methods of dealing with patronage in the South on a higher plane President Hoover indicated that the best spots had been in South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi, where Republican national committeemen have been ignored by the administration and new organizations set up to make patronage recommendations.

"Such conditions are intolerable to public service, are repugnant to the ideals and purposes of the Republican party, are unjust to the people of the South, and must be ended," said the president.

"If these three states are unable to initiate such organization through the leadership of men who will command the confidence and protect the public service, the different federal departments will be compelled to adopt other methods to secure advice as to the selection of federal employees."

Farm Board Stops Wheat Buying at Minneapolis

Chicago.—Buying of wheat by the Farmers' National Cooperative association, a farm board subsidiary, was stopped on order from W. C. Kellogg company manager. Mr. Kellogg explained the move, saying:

"Withdrawal of the corporation from the cash market at Minneapolis is only temporary. All storage space now available to the corporation has been utilized. Until it has time to acquire more storage facilities the corporation will stay out of the cash market. When more space is available the corporation intends to resume its buying of cash wheat."

Lets 50 Animals Starve; Michigan Farmer Fined

Grand Lodge, Mich.—Convicted by a jury of allowing more than fifty animals, including horses, cattle and sheep, to starve to death on his farm during the winter, Justice John C. Nichols of Charlotte was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of cruelty to animals.

3,000 Women Ironworkers Strike Copenhagen.

Three thousand organized women workers of the Danish iron industry went on strike for higher wages. This is the first female strike in Denmark.

Win Five-Day Week Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo.—A five-day week and a wage increase of 25 cents a day were concessions that brought an end to the strike of building craftsmen here.

Fire Razes 394 Houses; Several Die Teheran, Persia.

Several lives were lost and many persons injured in a fire reported from Banharjuz on the Caspian sea, in which 394 houses were destroyed. Figures as to the number of casualties varied.

Eugene Marriage Bill Beaten Victoria, B. C.

The provincial legislature in session here turned down a bill designed to compel presentation of medical certificates with each application for a marriage license.

MINERS OUST HOWAT, ANNUL KAN. CHARTER

Executive Board Dropped
by Parent Body.

Indianapolis.—Expulsion of Alexander Howat, district president, and the executive board of the Kansas district miners' union, and revocation of the charter of the district were authorized by vote of the delegates attending the convention of the United Mine Workers of America.

Howat was one of the promoters of the rump convention of miners at Springfield, Ill., which formed a new "United Mine Workers" organization under the leadership of men opposed to John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America.

Voting of authorization to Lewis to revoke the charter of the Kansas district No. 14, and to establish a provisional mine union government for that district, came after William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an address at the convention here had definitely given his support to Lewis and the international union.

The resolution adopted charged that Howat in collusion with John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Frank Farrington, former president of the Illinois mine district, and others combined in a "general conspiracy to destroy the United Mine Workers of America."

The delegates rejected a resolution which would have deprived Lewis of the power of appointing field organizers.

It was regarded as another victory for the Lewis administration. Efforts have been made at recent conventions to take this appointive power away from the president and each has met with defeat.

The delegates upholding Lewis concurred in a report of the constitution committee, urging nonconurrence in a resolution which would have provided for the election of field organizers instead of appointment.

U. S. Business Group to Discuss Grain Dispute

Washington.—The differences between the grain trade and the federal farm board are likely to be aired at the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce to be held in Washington, April 30 to May 3.

A tentative place on the convention program, it was said at the chamber offices, has been given to consideration of policies and practices of the farm board.

Spokesmen for the grain trade have been striving for several months to get the chamber to take a definite stand against the board in its differences with the commission men. Prospects of action by the chamber at the convention have encouraged opponents of the board, it is understood. The chamber's policy at present is one of "watchful waiting."

Ginger Concoction Is Fatal to 3; Many Sick

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Three Ohioans are dead and 125 were suffering with a strange form of paralysis which doctors said came from drinking a Jamaican ginger concoction. Sixty-five were stricken in or near Cincinnati, 20 at Middletown, 40 at Mount Vernon.

Louisville, Ky.—About 100 more cases of the puzzling partial paralysis laid by physicians and health officers to the consumption of adulterated Jamaican ginger were reported in the state, bringing the total number of known victims to nearly 300.

N. Y. Bank Now Largest Financial Institution

New York.—Chase National bank became the largest financial institution in the world recently when its directors and those of the Equitable Trust company and the Interstate Trust company voted to merge the three banks. The new institution will have resources of nearly three billion dollars.

O. K. \$20,000,000 Fund to Pension M. E. Pastors

New York.—Development of a reserve fund of \$20,000,000 in the Methodist Episcopal church for the pensioning of pastors who have reached the age of sixty-five was recommended in a report issued by the church's national commission on the reserve pension fund.

Rockefeller, Jr., Aids Literacy Washington.

A gift of \$10,000 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for the national advisory committee on illiteracy was announced by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur. Julius Rosenberg gave the committee its initial fund of \$15,000.

Carnera K. O.'s Wiggins St. Louis.—Primo Carnera, Italian

gladiator, knocked out Chuck Wiggins of Indianapolis in the second round of their fight at the Arena.

DOYLE QUITS SOCIETY



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

London.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, who stopped writing detective stories in order to give his time to explorations in the world of spirits, has resigned from the Society for Physical Research after 36 years of active membership. He quit following a sharp clash of the views of himself and his fellow members.

AMER. FARM BUREAU STILL BACKS LEGGE

President Thompson Says U. S.
Board Needs More Time.

Chicago.—The American Farm Bureau Federation still is firmly supporting Chairman Alexander Legge and the federal farm board, Sam H. Thompson, president of the federation, said at the close of the quarterly directors' meeting held here.

Mr. Thompson and other federation officials said that there has not been sufficient time since the agricultural marketing act was enacted for the farm board to give the law a thorough test.

"At the time the measure was being considered in congressional committee," said President Thompson, "we agreed to suspend our efforts to have the equalization fee principle incorporated in it. We announced that if a better way could be found to make farm relief workable we would consider that plan on its merits."

"In the few months that the farm board has been in existence, it has scarcely had time to give a thorough test to the marketing act. This the board is entitled to."

Some of the directors indicated that there may yet be the need of adopting the equalization fee for marketing crop surpluses abroad at reduced prices, assessing the difference against the farmer, who would meet the loss out of increased domestic returns on the portion of the crop marketed at home under tariff protection.

A. J. Olsen, of Renville, Minn., president of the Minnesota state farm bureau federation, said that there was sentiment among Minnesota farmers that it may eventually become necessary to make the farm marketing act operate satisfactorily to incorporate in it the equalization fee.

President Hoover Will Make Visit to Mexico

Mexico City.—President Ortiz Rubio has announced that President Hoover has accepted his personal invitation to visit Mexico City during his presidency. President Rubio did not reveal the date of the proposed visit. He is anxious for the American President to return his visit to the United States last year.

130 Persons Killed in Movie Film Explosion

Tokyo.—One hundred and thirty persons were killed and scores injured when fire destroyed a moving picture theater at Kirin, Manchuria. The fire was caused by the explosion of a film. All the victims are believed to have been Chinese, including the relatives of several prominent officials.

Balfour, British Chief, Dead Woking, Surrey, England.

The Earl of Balfour, British statesman, died at the residence of his brother, Gerald Balfour, Fisher's Hill house, at the age of eighty-one.

Russ to Close 56 Churches Moscow.

Fifty-six churches will be converted into cultural and educational centers, workers' clubs and other institutions, it was officially announced.

26 Per Cent Huckins Guilty Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

George E. Huckins of "26 per cent" renown was found guilty in District court here of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Many Perish as Vessel Burns Bogota, Colombia.

More than a score of passengers and most of the crew of the river steamer Bucaramanga lost their lives when the boat's cargo of petroleum caught fire in dock at La Dorado on the Magdalena river.

Haitian Commission Plan Ratified Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

An assembly of people's delegates ratified the plan of the Hoover commission and selected Eugene Roy for temporary president.

RUSS TOLD TO TONE DOWN CHURCH WAR

Atheistic Workers Warned
to Halt Violence.

Moscow.—Russian atheists at the opening of the All-Union Congress of Atheists declared that their propagandists must abandon the idea that religion can be exterminated in Russia overnight.

Successive speakers told the delegates, whose proceedings were broadcast, that excesses committed by atheistic workers and village officials must cease.

They warned their hearers that no attempt must be made to close churches by force, to remove church bells, to coerce peasants into joining the league of the godless, or to proclaim whole districts as "atheistic regions."

Only by peaceful argument, persuasion, and propaganda, and by scientific explanation, said Emelian Yaroslavsky chairman of the society, should members attempt to remove God and religion.

It was apparent speakers had been instructed by government to call atheist propagandists to account for excesses.

At the same time the speakers lashed out at Pope Pius for his recent denunciation of the anti-religious campaign, and for his prayers. They said there must be no slackening in the Communist war on the church by legal and peaceful means.

Under the caption, "Your blood-stained hands are too short to strangle Soviet workers," the official atheist organ, the "Godless One," printed a drawing of the pope sitting placidly on a throne while victim after victim of religious inquisition was hanged and tortured before him.

Warsaw.—The Soviet government is faced with a series of armed uprisings among peasants in the provinces and strikes among city factory workers, according to travelers returning from Moscow.

The peasant rebellions, travelers declare, are due to the high feeling against the government's program for collectivizing farm lands, while the strikes are an indirect result of the rebellions, the factory workers suffering from lack of food because of the disordered conditions in agricultural areas.

Red army forces were called out to cope with six uprisings in the past few weeks.

In the industrial cities conditions are reported severe as a result of the uprisings. Factory workers are being fed on black bread and thin vegetable soup and are refusing to go to work unless more wholesome food is provided.

Plan to Extend Barge Line to Chicago Soon

Washington.—War department officials announced plans for extending the barge transportation facilities of the Inland Waterways corporation to the Illinois river and Chicago during the next year. Actual operation of the government barges as far as Chicago will depend upon progress made on the Illinois waterway link.

"In line with the comprehensive policy of inland waterway development announced by President Hoover last fall, the government barge line is preparing for an extension of its services," the War department announced. "The barge lines now cover a total of 2,500 miles, and next year it is proposed to extend the lines to Chicago and Kansas City."

3 to 1 Vote for Repeal of Prohibition Measure

New York.—An overwhelming sentiment against prohibition is revealed in the second week's returns of the Literary Digest's nation-wide poll of 20,000,000 citizens, it was announced here.

The figures show 532,026 citizens against the present system of prohibition while 191,909 favor enforcement of the present law.

A feature of the poll is that the greater number of those polled demand repeal of the prohibition statute. Previous polls showed the greater number for modification to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

Chinese Bandits Murder 2,000; Revolt Spreading

Shanghai.—Bandit hordes in Kiangsi province have massacred more than 2,000 men, women and children in the Funn district. Reports reaching Shanghai said the wholesale slayings were committed early this month under the direction of the bandit chieftain, General Chutah. He is reported still occupying the district. Fearing further massacres, Americans, British and Japanese gunboats are patrolling the Yangtze river.

Polish-German Trade Pact Signed Warsaw, Poland.

The Polish-German commercial treaty has been signed after a five-year delay. Economic relations between the two countries are now normal for the first time since the World war.

U. S. Tax Collection Gains Washington.

Income tax collections from July 1, 1929, to March 18 were \$1,262,834,000, showing a gain of \$218,000,000 over the same period last year, the treasury announced.