

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Building permits in Klamath Falls for September totaled \$138,315, according to the report of the building inspector.

Under the leadership of Betty Cox, local violinist, a symphony orchestra of 15 pieces has been organized at Nehalem and is practicing regularly.

The Oregon Lumber company store at Bates was destroyed by fire recently. The store was heavily stocked and the loss was more than \$50,000.

Matrimony in Lane county is in a slump; the number of marriage licenses issued in September is the lowest for that month since 1917, only 29.

Sheriff H. L. Brown of Lane county will install a low-wave radio set within a month to receive broadcasts of crime news from the Portland police radio station.

Gordon Wiley, Deschutes county youth, won first place at the county fair in Redmond for sewing. He took second place in the livestock exhibit with his Guernsey calf.

The Harrisburg grade school district finds itself, at budget time, embarrassed with a surplus of money. The new budget will be nearly a half lower than the previous one.

The Silverton Food Products company completed its long run of bean canning last week. The bean pack was started the first of August. The pack totaled more than 7000 cases.

About 300 feet of the railroad leading to the Clifton mill being constructed at Clifton, a few miles from Astoria, was demolished by a rock slide. The slide followed blasting operations.

A new automatic system for elevating sawdust from the ground up into the storage bins and also to the boiler

room has been installed at the Brownville woolen mills and is operating satisfactorily.

Ashland's fire loss for the first nine months of 1930 has been only \$1170, according to Fire Chief Baughman, who added that Ashland's fire loss in 1929 had been more than \$29,000, the largest in many years.

The Northern Lake County Chamber of Commerce has been organized at Silver Lake. It will represent the interests of Chewaucan, Summer Lake, Silver Lake and Port Rock valleys and contiguous territory.

Shooting a deer from the door of a store on a main highway is the experience of Wes Christman, keeper of the Bedrock store on the Row river road, one of the most heavily traveled roads in the Dorena section.

An additional unit to the plant of St. Helens Pulp & Paper company was started recently, and an additional paper machine will be installed as soon as construction work has progressed sufficiently to permit it.

Some of the most difficult road construction on the Oregon Coast highway will be encountered on the China Creek and Berry Creek sections, for which contract will be let by the bureau of federal roads, according to P. M. Morse, Lane county engineer.

Vernonia and adjacent territory has experienced one of the greatest building programs during the first nine months of 1930 that it has had since 1923. It is estimated that the cost of the buildings completed this year or in actual construction totals \$150,000.

Officials of the Columbia Gorge Mining company started boring a shaft at The Dalles Country club, where a 30-ft. vein of silver, assaying \$2000 a ton, has been discovered. If the volume reaches expectations, golfers will draw royalty checks rather than pay dues.

With a record crowd and a wealth of good farm and livestock exhibits, the annual Hermiston project fair was held recently.

As a direct outgrowth of a series of troubles had with fraternities in the Salem high school it is said that Representative McAllister will probably introduce at the coming session

of the legislature a bill to repeal the law prohibiting high school fraternities.

Reports from territory surrounding Pendleton indicate that wheat ranchers have had ample rain to allow for seeding their ground. As there is prospect of further rain with little likelihood that the weather will turn dry, the situation is believed to be satisfactory.

A natural gas flow was struck on the Cecil Riggs farm in the Home Gap district, a few miles from Dallas, by drillers operating for R. E. Combs of Portland. The vein was not a heavy one, but pending the arrival of Mr. Combs the well was capped and drilling suspended.

It cost George G. Elliott Jr., whose home is between Altoona and Pillar Rock, Wash., \$100 and the loss of his duck boat, gun, decoys and ducks to poach—that is to say, to hunt without a license—on the Oregon side of the Columbia on the opening day of the duck season.

Douglas county has just received a check from the federal government for \$153,475.26, the annual payment on the O. & C. grant lands. The government pays the "land grant" counties each year a sum equal to the taxes on the reversioned lands if they had been left in private hands.

With the roofing work on the new Union Pacific depot at La Grande nearing completion, main construction work will now turn to the interior of the building, which will provide spacious waiting and baggage rooms in addition to offices for system officials and clerical force.

Oregon still has its wild and woolly sections where locomotives are unknown. A herd of cattle recently taken to Alturas from Spring valley saw a huge monster thundering toward them. They stampeded. Six cows were killed and seven maimed so they had to be butchered.

The engineering crew engaged in a survey of the Willamette river from Oregon City to Eugene, establishing the channel, reefs, width of river and distance, and mapping the curves and contours of the country, has already proceeded from Eugene to a point beyond Corvallis, surveying about five miles each day.

According to information received by the public service commission recently the Columbia Utilities company with headquarters at Vernonia, has acquired the plant and properties of the Butte Falls & Eagle Point Telephone company at Eagle Point and the Tule Lake Telephone company in Klamath county.

Crews at the plant of The Dalles Co-operative Growers started dehydrating apples which are being shipped there from the Milton-Freewater district. A minimum of 2500 tons of apples will be dried, H. G. Miller, manager of the co-operative, said. A crew of 100 women and 20 men will be kept busy 10 weeks.

Members of the Lower Columbia

Co-operative Dairy association will be paid for their September butterfat production on a basis of 43 cents a pound for grade A, 41 cents for No. 1 and 39 cents for No. 2. This price is several cents above the Portland market as the dairymen of that district receive a premium on their butterfat.

A complete sawmill in the north Silver Falls country in eastern Marion county was stolen recently and the theft was not discovered until the owner of the plant arrived to resume operations of his plant. Persons living in the vicinity of the mill said they saw men load the machinery of the mill on trucks and cart it away, but supposed that the work was being done on the orders of the owner.

Crews of the Siuslaw national forest completed the Fiddle creek road into Douglas county recently and began work on the Big creek road north of Florence. This road will connect the interior of the forest with the coast.

Although a smaller number of non-resident motor vehicles were registered this year than in 1929, figures by the state motor vehicle department show nearly \$2,000 automobiles bearing visitors and tourists to Oregon registered this year.

The new electric light plant at Oakridge has begun operations. Current is being distributed over the city of Eugene from the plant operated by diesel engines and work will be started on the hydro-electric plant above the town in a short time.

Citizens of The Dalles may expect snow-free main streets this winter, following the action of the city council in authorizing purchase of a snow blade to be erected on the front of the city truck. The blade has an 8-foot width and a 30-inch depth.

Another Record

There was a tremendous crash. Farmer Jones, who was working in one of his cowsheds, rushed out into the farmyard, and looking up at a nearby tree, he saw a small airplane lodged in the topmost branches.

"What do you think you're doing?" he asked the airman, who had, fortunately, escaped injury and was in the act of climbing down the tree.

"I was trying to create a new air record," returned the other sadly. "And you've succeeded," exclaimed the farmer. "You're about the first chap who has climbed down a tree without first climbing up."

Thunderstorms and Buds

There is a common belief that a loud thunderstorm will cause the young buds on trees to grow so rapidly that the difference in the rate of growth is noticeable even to the casual observer. Scientists do not believe that the noise of loud thunder has any particular influence on the rate of growth either in the plants or the buds. Thunderstorms are usually accompanied by rain, and if the buds come out rapidly after a thunderstorm it is due to the shower which accompanies the storm rather than the thunder.

POLICE PUT END TO ACTIVITIES OF GIRL DESPERADO

Newark (N. J.) Child Became Thief to "Help Support Family."

Newark, N. J.—A small girl fell into the hands of Newark police and with her calm admission that at the age of eleven she is adept at shoplifting and burglary, presented Newark correction authorities with a problem in juvenile delinquency.

Two weeks ago the girl was seen climbing on the fire escape of a large apartment building, in which a series of petty thefts have been reported recently, and was warned by the superintendent, James Kustura, to stay away. A few days later, when Kustura saw her climb down the fire escape from the roof and enter a fifth floor apartment he notified police headquarters. Two detectives found the girl ransacking a bureau.

Record of Burglaries.

She made no attempt to deny her guilt, but gave police a full account



Saw Her Enter a Fifth-Floor Apartment.

of her induction into the business of thieving, and readily admitted six burglaries in the apartment house.

Two years ago, when she was nine, a girl of fourteen took her to a 5 and 10-cent store and showed her how to be a shoplifter, she said. She devised a scheme for entering apartments. She would ring a door bell, and if there was an answer she said she was looking for work, taking care of a baby. If there was no answer she tried to get to the roof and then down to the apartment.

Work for Cash.

Her object always was cash. Jewelry and other articles did not attract her.

The girl was taken to the parental home, charged with juvenile delinquency.

The girl said she was the youngest of five children and had robbed to help support the family. She told her mother she got the money by caring for babies.

Huge Shark Tows Eight Men in Boat Out to Sea

Atlantic City, N. J.—A shark that weighed 1,200 pounds and measured 12 feet 6 inches towed a fishing boat with eight men aboard nearly three miles out beyond the fishing banks off Beach Haven Crest, fought desperately for more than an hour to free himself of a noose about his neck and was not subdued until it had been harpooned 15 times and shot three times with a 22-caliber rifle.

When Capt. Tunis Bohlen, skipper of the Beach Haven Crest fishing company, and his crew towed the shark's body back to Beach Haven Crest and opened it, it yielded five bushels of mackerel, bonito and weak fish. A woman's shoe was found in the stomach.

Snake Bite Just Part of Day's Work for Him

Port Jarvis, N. Y.—As he picked huckleberries in Bear swamp in Sussex county, N. J., recently William McKean was bitten by a rattlesnake coiled beneath a bush. Killing the rattler, McKean cut away with a pocket knife the flesh around the wound above his left knee. Then, with his companions, he walked through the brush to their car and drove to Branchville, N. J., where antivenom treatment was obtained. After resting a few hours McKean returned to the swamp. He brought 70 quarts of huckleberries with him when he returned to his home.

Rare Presence of Mind Saves Railroad's Life

Whitehall, N. Y.—Ralph Wescott, twenty-five years old, of Whitehall, can tell of how he was run over by a locomotive. Wescott, a railroad employee, stepped into the path of a switch engine and was knocked down. He lay prone between the rails and the locomotive passed over him without harming him.

A California woman told a judge that her husband had lost 25 jobs in three years. If he knows about where he mislaid them, there are a lot of people who would like to engage in a hunting party.

Discovery by science that noise affects the human brain adversely affords a new angle of study for the German psychological experts who declare that American jazz is distinctly demoralizing.

WATERTOWN READY FOR BANK ROBBERS

Machine Gun Concealed at Strategic Point.

Watertown, S. D.—Bank robbers recently active in states of the North west who attempt to raid any of the three banks of Watertown will have to come to town in a war tank, for they will have to face machine gun and rifle fire. Through efforts of bank officers the police department has been provided with a machine gun and two extra magazines of cartridges for direct protection of the banks. A second machine gun will be kept at police headquarters for emergency purposes.

The machine gun used for the direct protection of the banks has been mounted at a concealed point where it commands the intersection on which the three banks are located, and in the event of an attempted bank robbery the bandits would at once be exposed to the fire of this machine gun, which in an instant could sweep clean the street corners housing the banks.

In addition to this machine gun protection, eight citizens who are expert marksmen and possess high powered rifles have formed an organization and will co-operate with the police and the sheriff and his deputies in protecting the banks.

Thus at the slightest alarm, should bank robbers appear at any of the banks, they would instantly be under a hail of machine gun and rifle bullets from which no living thing could emerge. "We are ready," said Chief of Police Olson, "to make it hot for any bandits who pick a Watertown bank to rob."

Bill to Make Poles Bathe Weekly Amuses Writer

Paris—A bill said to be pending before the Polish parliament to require Poles to bathe at least once a week has struck a distinctly unsympathetic chord in the breast of Clement Vautel, columnist of the Paris Le Journal.

"One bath every week isn't much to put up with, one must admit," he writes. "Still, we know a lot of Parisians who do not immerse themselves in the reason they say: 'We don't intend to die in a bathtub, like Marat.'"

"Bath houses are rare enough in Paris—much more rare, we should say, than those places which provide water for aperitifs. We won't bother to talk about the provinces, where a bath is the big event of a lifetime."

"In Poland the bath is organized to become an accessory of organized democracy, somewhat like the public school and the voting booth. What a victory for the doctrine of the state! The citizen today has finally become an infant, a real ward of his government. Soon we shall all be sent to bed and ordered to stay there."

"If this thing is passed the Poles may well wish themselves back under the comparative freedom of the czars."

Sentences Topsy Negro to Sing Tenor in Choir

Paulsboro, N. J.—Instead of going to jail for intoxication in Paulsboro, whisky tenors and gin barytones hereafter may be sentenced to public duty. Precedent for this form of punishment was established when Mayor James A. Wert, in imposing a fine of \$5 on Harry Harris, forty years old, a negro, ordered him to join the choir of the Second Baptist colored church.

"They tell me you have a very good tenor voice," said the mayor, sitting as police recorder, "and I'm going to make it my business to see that it isn't wasted. Maybe a job singing in the church choir will keep you out of trouble."

"I'll try it, boss," promised the amazed defendant.

"Hard Boiled," but This Rooster Hatches Eggs

Kinston, N. C.—Edgar Trotman's barred Plymouth Rock rooster, that hatched two broods of chickens last summer, now is the proud parent of a half dozen young guineas. The rooster failed to take a joke. Trotman's act of placing the guinea eggs under him. The rooster, although a hard boiled bird, has motherly inclinations.

Cane Sold for \$30

Leeds, England.—A walking stick that formerly belonged to Charles I was sold for 6 guineas (\$30) and canes used by Lord Byron and the king of the Sandwich Isles brought only \$2.75 each at the sale of the contents of Hornby castle, property of the duke of Leeds.

Fish have a highly developed sense of hearing, says the bureau of fisheries. We would like to feel that that big trout heard what we called him when he got off our hook last Saturday.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, 89½¢; soft white, western white, 76½¢; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 72½¢.

Hay—Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$16.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.50; clover, \$14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$14.

Butterfat—34@37¢.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@33¢.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.50@8.00.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.25@10.75.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$5.50@6.50.

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, 76¢; bluestem, 87¢.
Eggs—Ranch, 30@33¢.

Butterfat—35¢.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.25.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.75@10.85.
Lamb—Choice, \$5.50@6.50.

Spokane
Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.25@6.75.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10@10.25.
Lamb—Medium to good, \$4.25@4.50.

Use of Ducking Stool Common in Old Times

The ducking stool was never in the New England colonies very common. It was used more extensively in the Southern colonies, especially Virginia. But wherever it was used it was reserved for one purpose; to reprove scolding women. In New England there were not many places where the ducking stool was especially favored, though it may be that the magistrate who ordered a woman ducked, "when the weather became more reasonable," may have given a hint as to the reason.

There is a record of a woman who was unfortunately drowned while being ducked. The ordinary practice in ducking was to submerge the duckee for about a half minute. She was then brought to the surface for air and asked if she repented; if she began again where she was when she was interrupted, she was dropped into the pond again, and this process was kept up until she promised to be good. Frequently it was surprising how much water was necessary to quench the fire of feminine tempers. The woman who was drowned had been ducked several times and finally her unaccountable silence inspired the duckers to investigate, whereupon she was found to be dead. This was considered to be unfortunate but her own fault.—Boston Herald.

Claim Definite Proof of Mother Earth's Age

Halley, of comet fame, tried to find out the earth's age by calculating the time it took the rains and rivers to wash the salts from the lands into the oceans. Geologists likewise calculated their deltas, for the Niagara to gouge out its gorge and for the geological strata to be laid down. But all such methods were defective. Like hour-glasses, neither the rivers nor the sands ran uniformly.

In uranium physicists claim to have at last found a reliable self-recording clock, says the Los Angeles Times. Disintegrating, it gives off gases and the final residue is lead, the rate of disintegration being definitely known. After three billion years an ounce of uranium would not weigh an ounce; nearly one-third of an ounce would be represented by lead. As uranium is always found associated with 306 per cent of its own weight in lead, it is easy to calculate that some three billion years have elapsed since the first lead was formed.

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