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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Independence Corn Show was held recently with a good crowd in attendance.

Plans are being made at Lakeview to heat the city with hot water from a hot spring near the city.

Contractors on the Owyhee project near Vale are taking advantage of favorable fall weather to rush the dam and tunnels.

The Jones hotel burned to the ground recently with all furnishings. The Engelman pool hall was badly damaged by fire and water.

During the next several weeks the state tax commission will be busy listening to representatives of corporations who seek reduced assessments.

A huge meteor exploded over the Deschutes basin recently with a blinding flash which illuminated the countryside, according to widely scattered reports.

The Farmers' bank of Weston, established in 1891, was closed recently by State Superintendent Schramm. No statement has been made regarding liquidation.

Orchardists and ranchers in The Dalles district characterized the soaking rain recently, as worth thousands of dollars. It was the best fall rain in ten years.

Steelhead trout are now entering the Siuslaw river with a rush, according to reports from that section. Silverside salmon also are being caught in large numbers.

It's springtime on the farm of Carl Plucker, in the Pendleton district, near Adams. An apple tree and his hollyhocks are in bloom. His garden is yielding ripe strawberries.

Some unusual specimens of potatoes of the Nettle Gem variety are on display at Svensen. The tubers weigh from two and one-half to three pounds each, and are of excellent quality.

The "biggest event" in the history of Washington county was the formal opening and dedication of the Canyon road at Beaverton, where the new highway intersects the Tualatin highway.

The Lakeview municipal waterworks, which was purchased by the city a year ago, made a net profit of \$10,000 during the last 12 months. The profits have been put into new pipe lines.

The state board of control has adopted a resolution granting to the Daughters of the American Revolution grounds surrounding the new building of that organization at Champeog park.

In anticipation of an accident that would threaten its water supply, Seaside has made an agreement with Warrenton whereby the systems of the two cities can be joined in case of an emergency.

Depositors in the commercial department of the defunct Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence will receive 88 per cent and savings depositors will receive 84 per cent in the final liquidation.

The car of fancy No. 1 turkeys shipped from Redmond recently was the first car of first-grade turkeys to be shipped in the United States of the 1930 crop, according to buyers from California, who bought the carload.

Two cars of southern Oregon turkeys, about 50,000 pounds, left Medford recently for the New York markets for the Thanksgiving trade. The shipment was made by the farmers' exchange there, which plans to ship a third car soon. Local turkey growers are guaranteed 29 cents a pound with a return on all over that price for top birds.

THE MARKETS
Portland
Wheat—Big Bend, bluestem, 79½; soft white, western white, 67½; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 65¼.
Hay—Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20; clover, \$14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$14@15.
Butterfat—35@35c.
Eggs—Ranch, 21@35c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.25@8.00.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$8.50@9.75.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$6.50@7.00.
Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, hard winter, western red, 68c; bluestem, 75c.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@35c.
Butterfat—35c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.75.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10@10.15.
Lamb—Choice, \$5.50@6.50.
Spokane
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7@7.25.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.50.
Lamb—Medium to good, \$5@6.

GEN. T. H. BLISS DEAD



—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss.

Washington.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the United States army during the World war, and one of the outstanding military figures in that conflict, died at Walter Reed hospital, He was seventy-six years old. Burial was made at Arlington National cemetery.

With the passing of General Bliss, America lost one of the highest ranking military strategists who guided the American expeditionary force during 1917 and 1918. General Bliss was American representative on the supreme war council and served as one of the five members of the American peace commission to Europe in 1918. He wrote the final report of the supreme council when it dissolved in 1920.

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Crime Board Adjourns; Dissension Is Alleged

Washington.—Sudden adjournment of the Wickliffe commission for ten days, making it virtually impossible for its report to be incorporated in President Hoover's message at the opening of congress December 1, gave a strong impetus to reports that the commission is split over various issues.

As it had been semi-officially announced that the so-called law enforcement body would sit in daily sessions during all of November, its decision to quit until November 24, caused something of a sensation in official circles. It was not denied by members of the commission that the purpose of the ten day cessation was to allow dissension in the ranks to simmer down and cool off.

Kills Self During Bank Examination

Topeka, Kan.—Arthur F. Miller, assistant cashier of the Topeka State bank, shot and killed himself at his home here while state bank examiners were conducting their regular examination of the bank.

Votes Public Ownership

Seattle.—Washington voters approved public ownership of power utilities by giving the district power bill a substantial majority, returns revealed.

MANY DEAD, INJURED IN AN EARTH SLIDE

Nuns, Policemen and Firemen Among Victims.

Lyon, France.—Scores of persons are dead and injured as the result of a series of disastrous landslides which demolished dozens of homes and buildings in the densely populated St. Jean district of Fourviers, a suburb of Lyon, one of France's largest and most important industrial centers.

Among the dead were nineteen nuns and seven policemen who were caught by a second slide after the first avalanche had torn its path of destruction down the hillside on which St. Jean nestles.

The first slide was caused by the unexplained collapse of a wall of the St. Jean hospital, situated almost at the summit of the hill. Other slides occurred, halting rescue work and causing additional death.

The convent of Notre Dame De Simon, a large apartment house and two blocks of old homes, each housing several families, were destroyed by the avalanche. Among the victims were nuns who were sleeping in the convent when the hurdling earth brought the structure down about their heads.

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Live Stock Exposition Will Open November 29

Chicago.—Chicago will be host to the country from November 29 to December 6, when the International Live Stock exposition will draw to it a mammoth display of the manifold wonders of the rural world.

Extending throughout 20 acres of buildings and a large part of the adjoining pens in the Chicago stock yards, this renowned exposition will unfold to the visiting thousands an eye-filling pageant of the final products of scientific methods applied to present-day agriculture, says B. H. Heide, secretary-manager of the show.

Saturday, November 29, marks the official opening of the exposition. It will be a day crowded with events of interest to young people, with the junior live stock feeding contest, the collegiate live stock judging contest, and the opening of the 4-H club congress. Saturday evening will bring the first of the horse shows, which will continue each night, except Sunday, until the close of the exposition.

Chester (Pa.) Picking Plant Burns

Chester, Pa.—The Chester Picking and Provision company plant was swept by flames with a resultant loss estimated at \$100,000.

Drought Rates End Nov. 30

Washington.—The emergency reduction in freight rates for the benefit of farms in the drought areas will end on November 30, it was announced. The railroads made special rates on feed and feedstuffs and water as part of President Hoover's relief program.

Claim Russian Wheat Poor

Winnipeg.—The Manitoba wheat pool has issued a statement saying that Russian wheat makes much poorer bread than does Canadian wheat.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

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\$100,000 Football Funds to Help the Unemployed

Chicago.—Northwestern university has answered the plea for charity football by offering an immediate advance of \$100,000 to the Illinois state unemployment commission providing certain requests were granted for the Notre Dame-Northwestern game in 1931.

The provision, named by the executive committee of the university's board of trustees, were that the Western conference and Notre Dame agree to transfer of the game from the Notre Dame stadium to Soldier field, Chicago; that Notre Dame agree to give Northwestern the extra proceeds available by such a transfer to a larger stadium up to \$100,000, and that the south park board of Chicago rent Soldier field free of all charges for the contest.

If its offer Northwestern would take a chance on obtaining all or part of the \$100,000 from the extra receipts after it and Notre Dame received their shares of what the game would bring if played at Notre Dame's stadium.

Prospects for an Army-Navy charity football game grew brighter when Maj. Gen. William R. Smith, superintendent of the military academy, announced that the Army would be willing to meet the Navy in New York on December 6. The question of dates, however, has not been settled.

Daves Urges \$18,000,000 for the Waterway Fund

Washington.—William R. Daves of Chicago, president of the Mississippi Valley association, has asked an increase of \$18,000,000 in waterway appropriation for next year as a means of speeding up the work and at the same time relieving unemployment.

The current appropriations, he said, including a \$12,000,000 deficiency fund, aggregate \$67,000,000. The rivers and harbors act last year added new projects and increased funds will be needed, Mr. Daves pointed out.

50 Cts. Canadian Wheat Pool's Initial Payment

Winnipeg.—With the pool initial payment finally down to 50 cents for wheat, it was considered that a further cut was unlikely even though the December option closed at 65 cents, like head basis. The initial payment now stands where the Canadian banking board wanted to place it in the beginning of the season, not deeming it wise to go higher, and events have justified their view.

Men May Have Blue Mondays, Not Women

Bristol, England.—Prof. Sargent Florence, in a paper read at the economic session of the British association meeting in conference here, claims that women are not only more efficient in every walk of life than men but women have no blue Mondays and that, given equal opportunity, they always show higher intelligence.

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Rome.—The council of ministers approved a decree legalizing the Italian-Vatican City agreement under which Vatican City will issue its own money.

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JAPAN'S PREMIER IS SHOT



Yuku Hamaguchi.

Tokyo.—Yuku Hamaguchi, premier of Japan, was shot and seriously wounded as he stood on the platform of the Tokyo central station waiting for a train to take him to join the emperor at the military maneuvers at Okayama. The bullet lodged in his abdomen.

The assailant was captured by police, who identified him as Tomoe Sogaya, twenty-three years old, a member of the reactionary patriotic society, Aokusha, or "Love of Country association." The motive for the attack is unknown.

CUBA UNDER MARTIAL LAW; RIOTERS SLAIN

Havana.—Constitutional guarantees were suspended throughout the republic by President Machado. Martial law was declared and municipal police have been replaced by army and marine detachments.

A strict censorship has been declared and all native language newspapers have been suspended.

Demonstrations against the department of education by students and feeling extending toward even higher posts resulted in several deaths and more than fifty wounded throughout the island.

Rumors that a minor uprising impending were denied by government and opposition leaders.

It was pointed out that the revolutionary spirit prevails only among the students of the University of Cuba and other institutes, whose actions in abusing a quasi-privilege of free assembly have resulted in the bloody demonstrations.

Havana is without newspapers for the first time in thirteen years. In 1917 all publication was stopped because of a strike.

As a consequence of the student outbreaks the chamber of deputies defeated a bill demanding resignation of the secretary of public instruction recently issued a decree closing the colleges until January.

High schools in Havana and all normal schools have been closed.

Boston.—Charges that Cuba is governed by a dictator who was "a tyrant, inhuman and despotic," were made by United States Senator David I. Walsh (Dem.) of Massachusetts, before the Institute of Current International Problems of the United States.

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BLACK CAT CAUSE OF ROAD TRAGEDY

Spot Where Girl Died Is Kept Green by Farmer.

Charlton, Iowa.—A tragedy of the highway in which a young woman lost her life is kept ever green in the memory of E. O. Millen, aged farmer, who lives near here, for every morning since September 14 he has placed a bouquet on the spot where Miss Agnes Smillie, of Williamson, died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

In the early hours of September 11, Miss Smillie, together with John Fuller, Lena Stewart and David McNeil, were returning home from a dance the Charlton, Gen. club. In front of Mr. Millen's home a black cat dashed in front of the car driven by McNeil. Rather than run down the cat, McNeil swerved the car and it tumbled over into the ditch. Millen heard screams, leaped himself and rushed to the roadside to give aid. He found Miss Smillie in the ditch fatally injured. He picked her up with the intention of carrying her into his home to give her aid, but she died in his arms.

On September 14 the funeral cortege bearing Miss Smillie's body passed the Millen residence on its way to Albia for burial. Mr. Millen went to his flower garden, prepared a large bouquet and placed it on the spot beside the road where the girl was injured. Every morning since he has paid the same tribute to her memory.

Woman Beggar Who Slept on Bench Carried \$2,000

New York.—Mrs. Anna Kats, sixty-seven years old, who had been sleeping for six weeks on a bench in the parkway along Allen boulevard, was arrested and arraigned before Magistrate Raphael Murphy in Tombs court.

Magistrate Murphy asked the woman, who had begged and collected tin-foil on East Side streets, if she had any money.

"Plenty," she replied, briskly, and from her worn clothing and from bundles she carried she extracted several cloth bags and dumped their contents on a desk. There were sheafs of banknotes and hundreds of silver cents, amounting to \$2,000.

The woman was held without bail for investigation and sentence. She said she had been boarding the money to enable her to return to Russia, having lost all desire to live in America after the death of her husband and three children.

Six-Foot Fossil Fish

Dug Up in Texas Canyon

Austin, Texas.—The fossilized remains of a giant species of fish, found partly exposed in the Austin formation in Grace canyon in Brewster county, has been received by the University of Texas bureau of economic geology from M. B. Arick, of Alpine, formerly assistant geologist in the bureau and now geologist for a Texas oil company.

This fish, about six feet long, was found by Dr. J. T. Lonsdale, head of the geology department of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college and consulting geologist of the university bureau, and W. S. Adkins, bureau geologist, about two years ago, and was later dug up by Mr. Arick and kept at Alpine until recently. The exact species of the fossil is not known.

Sit Down When Lost in Hills, Rangers Advise

Fresno, Calif.—When lost in the mountains the best way to find yourself is to start by sitting down.

That is the advice of United States forest rangers. They are: Sit down and think it over, trying calmly to place yourself.

Next, start traveling. Walk always down hill. Never run. Don't yell.

If caught by night, fog or storm, stop at once and make camp. Build a fire and gather plenty of fuel. If without a blanket, scoop out a hole, build a fire in it, and cover the hole with six inches of dirt, and sleep on that.

A lost boy spent three nights safely in southern California mountains this year by following these rules, the rangers say.

Stork Leaves Problem in Detroit Zoo Cage

Detroit.—The lion problem which has brought sleepless nights to John T. Millen, director of the Detroit zoo, at last has been solved. The problem was caused by the nine adult lions presenting the city with 22 little lions, whereas the zoo has accommodations for only ten of the cats. Now Mr. Millen has arranged with animal dealers in New York and California to trade in his slightly used lion cubs on new gazelles, of which the zoo is in need. Lions depreciate very little in trade-in value.

Seeking a Gas Leak, He Loses Mustache

Boulder, Colo.—M. E. Shanan has lost his mustache because he held a lighted match in a manhole searching for a gas leak.

The gas exploded, singeing off the mustache and injuring Shanan and his two companions.