

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

WINE blackberries, large and luscious, are ripening up in the hills of Garfield, about four miles from Estacada. The berries were found on vines sheltered from frost and warmed by the winter sun on clear days.

A new kind of dog and cat food has been placed on the Astoria market. It is manufactured by the Columbia River Packers' association from scrap fish, cereals and vegetables. Fish, thrown away ordinarily, are used.

Forgetting that his car was in gear, Louis Kirk of Banks attempted to crank it. It started up, ran into Kirk and knocked him down, and then circled about the street and into the front of the Banks confectionery.

More than 30,000 automobiles visited Champeo park during the year 1930, according to a letter received by the Marion county court from Albert Tostler, custodian. Tostler estimated that 120,000 persons entered the park. Of this number 781 came by steamboat.

The market for the small lumber mills of the Cottage Grove section has been bolstered during recent weeks by the demands of the Standard Seasoning society, which has had sufficient bridge plank and structural timber business to keep 15 of these outlying mills operating part time.

The oldest residence now standing in Lebanon was badly damaged by a fire which caught from an overheated stove. The rear part of the house was built by Rev. T. L. Woodward in 1852, when he took up the land as a donation land claim. The main part of the house was built in 1852.

The problem of removing a group of houses from deep center field in the baseball park at Bend was solved recently when fire of unknown origin razed the structures. Baseball team managers and fans have been attempting to find some means of getting rid of the houses for the past ten years.

As proof of the fact that things grow "bigger and better" in Oregon, Ell Fellows in the Highland district near Beaver creek, 13 miles east of Oregon City in Clackamas county, displayed two turkeys, one weighing ten pounds and the other six. They were turned over to the state chamber of commerce.

The November report of the cow-testing association in Tillamook county shows a decided slump in the production of milk and butterfat. The report shows that milk production for the 107 herds was 1,062,301 pounds, which is 448,299 pounds less than for the previous month. Butterfat showed a decrease of 26,075 pounds.

Because of a technicality in the Oregon school laws, it will be necessary to hold the Medford school bond election again. It was announced by E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent. The law requires that the first notice be published 15 days before the election, and that neither the publishing date nor the election day count.

That the non-skid blacktop on the Columbia highway in Hood River county is dangerous in cold weather is daily attested by the number of wrecks occurring on that section. The snow fills and packs hard on the rough surface, and with a frost becomes a glaze of ice, and it is stated that with this condition prevailing, automobiles can scarcely keep the road.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dooley, believed married longer than any other couple in the state, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary recently. Married in Chicago, they crossed the plains to Auburn, Baker county, 1862, the scene of the first gold discovery in Oregon. Dooley is a builder, and the original owner of the old Dooley Mountain road, which bears his name.

Losses in merchantable timber, logs and logging equipment due to forest fires in Oregon during the past season, were the lowest since 1916, according to Lynn F. Crommiller, state forester. With a record of 1200 fires in forested areas during the season, covering 52,670 acres, losses amounted to \$75,697. In 1929, 1472 fires burned over 238,235 acres, the loss for that season amounting to more than \$1,500,000.

According to L. D. Wilcox, county fruit agent, in connection with the southern Oregon experiment station at Talent, there are 36,000 acres of titled land in Jackson county, of which 36,000 acres are under intensive irrigation. Livestock and their products are valued at \$1,645,000 annually. Fruit is valued at \$6,000,000 annually. The total annual income from all other sources, such as grain, poultry and vegetables, including the above values, is set from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Ellis Graves of Upper Highland, near Oregon City, with a crew of men, has started cutting piling on his place for shipment to Japan. The piling is trucked to New Era, where it is dumped into the Willamette river and rafted and towed to Portland.

Seven persons lost their lives as the result of fires in Oregon during December, six of whom were children under eight years of age, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. Property destroyed by fire had a value of more than \$1,000,000.

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FRENCH IN RACE FOR SEA HONORS

Would Wrest Passenger Trade From British.

Paris.—The efforts of French shipbuilders to wrest ocean passenger service honors from British and German rivals are producing an impressive fleet of luxurious liners from the greatest shipyards of the nation.

No less than nine major-sized vessels are now nearing completion, while several smaller but transoceanic craft are also under construction. The 21,000-ton liner George Philippar, just completed at St. Nazaire for the Messageries Maritimes, designed for speed and luxury to and from the Far East, has just been launched. It is of the type of the Felix Roussel, likewise completed in the St. Nazaire yards, and which slid down the ways 24 hours after the George Philippar.

A third liner, also of the same type as the above mentioned, is the Aramis, under construction in the St. Nazaire yards. It will be launched in 1931. These three vessels, equipped with Diesel motors, will ply from European ports to the shores of the China sea.

In Mediterranean shipyards, at Ciotat, near Marseilles, two more smaller liners are being constructed for the same company, the Marshal Joffe and the Jean Laborde, both destined for service to and from Madagascar.

The cabin liner Champlain, nearly completed at St. Nazaire for the French line, will be of the same type as the Lafayette, and be on the New York run. It will be launched next year.

The South Atlantic Steamship company, better known to the French as "Chargeurs Reunis," recently announced the completion of the ultra-luxurious and speedy Atlantique, to be launched early this year. It will be used between Europe and South America.

The Paquet company will launch two steamboats (turbine liners), the Djenné and the Koutouba during this year. Both will serve the West African coast as far south as Sepeleg.

Housing Problem Acute; Build Flats in France

Paris.—The city of Paris and the republic of France have both turned landlords and are busy constructing imposing new apartment houses in and around Paris.

Before 1935 it is estimated that nearly 100,000 new apartments will be completed, but already experts are predicting that the housing crisis will be just as bad. Apartments in Paris are at a premium.

Under a law sponsored by Louis Loucheur, 5,651 apartments comprising two, three, four and five rooms were placed under construction and will be ready for occupancy at the end of next year. Before the Loucheur law went into effect the various departments of the city of Paris had already started construction on 17,508 apartments which are now being finished and occupied.

In all it is estimated there are 55,000 apartments now under construction either by the city or the state, and 45,000 will be started soon.

Monkey Horse Thieves Vex Japanese Hill Folk

Nikko, Japan.—Mischievous wild monkeys which live in the mountains around this historic town are worrying villagers by raiding fields and poultry yards.

The worst depredations are reported from Fukushima Prefecture, where, according to villagers, the monkeys are chasing horses into the hills.

Kinichi Sato of Zaitenwaka reported that while cutting hay his horse disappeared. He gave chase and saw the pack animal in a distant valley with a monkey leading him into the hills.

The Japanese mountaineers, pious Buddhists, seldom have molested the wild monkeys, but now they threaten war unless an anti-theft law can be agreed on.

Giant Snake Takes First Meal in Three Months

Paris.—The giant boa of the Jardin des Plantes museum took his first meal the other day after being captured some months ago in the forests of Borneo. The snake was taken prisoner as it finished swallowing a young deer in a single meal. For months the snake digested its one meal and refused to eat until its three months' digestion was ended.

Absentee Mexicans to Lose Their Citizenship

Phoenix, Ariz.—Mexicans living in the United States or other countries for a period of more than ten years who have not received special permission from the Mexican government to remain away that long, will lose their citizenship, according to a circular issued by the Mexican consulate at El Paso.

Woman Spends \$10 Bill She Had Saved 43 Years

Damascus, Va.—When a Damascus woman handed a \$10 bill to a clerk in a Bristol store he stared in amazement. The bill was printed in 1887 by the Treasury department for the First National Bank of Abington, Va. It was in good condition, the woman explaining that she had been saving it "for a right good while."

Bobbed-haired women in Zerbau, Silesia, are subject to special municipal tax.

Miss Kathleen Hoehling, 23-year old Chinese young woman, is the first woman of her race to pass the final law examinations in London. She expects to practice in Singapore.

Reading of advertising is worth while.

TONS OF DOPE BOUND FOR AMERICA SEIZED

Clever Work Attributed to Secret Service.

Marseilles.—Thousand of pounds of opium and heroin are seized by customs agents here every year. Two hundred pounds of opium were taken in June, 500 pounds in August, and more than one ton of drugs ready for shipment to America was seized by police last month.

Such is the amount of dope which is smuggled every month into Marseilles, the city of vice and crime, where drug traffic, white slavery and other rackets are flourishing.

The recent discovery by secret service agents of a huge shipment of narcotics, worth millions of francs and weighing about fifteen tons on a freighter arriving from Shanghai has created a sensation in official circles and both the police and customs agents are now on their toes for an intense anti-narcotic drive.

Operate on Big Scale.

Despite the pitiless war which has been going on between the dope smugglers and the police for the last few months, and scores of reports issued by the League of Nations advisory committee on the traffic in drugs the runners are still operating on a scale which the great industrialists and even American gangsters would envy.

To this huge smuggling traffic of illicit drugs the French customs oppose a tight network of defense of customs inspectors and a special squad of "gunshoes" which has been supplied with speedy motor boats equipped with powerful searchlights. They cruise in and out of the harbor all night, but the boats of the smugglers are more powerful and most of the time they succeed in escaping the police.

Brought From Far East.

In addition to the fleet of motor boats a chain of small police stations with telephones has been installed all along the coast in Marseilles and its suburbs. As soon as a smuggling boat is seen the alarm is given to all stations and inspectors have a chance to catch the smugglers as soon as they land.

Most of the narcotics which arrive in Marseilles are brought over by freighters coming from the Far East. The drug is usually hidden in battered, much traveled cases or merely in parcels wrapped in newspapers. The smugglers also use more ingenious methods to hide the stuff.

Recently a Chinese was seen in "Cognegere," which is the main street in Marseilles, peddling pearl necklaces and individual pearls. The police became suspicious when it was noticed that the same persons appeared every day to buy pearls. This fact appealed to the imagination of a police inspector, who asked the peddler and one of his customers to accompany him to the nearest police station.

After a careful investigation the police finally discovered that the "pearls" were in reality cleverly made capsules containing several grams of cocaine.

Ocean Phones Protected Against Eavesdroppers

London.—Eavesdropping on transatlantic wireless telephone conversations may be possible, but post office authorities do not believe much confidential information has passed into strange hands.

In stressing the fact that tapping of wave lengths was possible, the officials likewise emphasized that British and American experts had evolved safety devices which make it virtually impossible for any person listening in to hear enough of a private conversation to profit by its revelations.

The officials say that the safety devices already are in use in most of the transatlantic circuits and protection for the remaining circuits is being rushed.

Ducks Die in Soap Lake Created by Themselves

Rapid City, S. D.—A lake of soap he found on a recent trip to Nebraska is described by Joe Hilton.

Hilton relates that he found a huge flock of ducks lying dead on the shores of a small potash lake in the Nebraska sand hills just over the border. The ducks had no shot wounds and their flesh and feathers were soapy.

Being somewhat of a chemist, Hilton reasoned the potash of the lake and fat oily flesh of the ducks had formed a soap. He proved this by washing his hands in the water. Hilton also believes the ducks were poisoned when they landed on the water.

Heroism Is Costly

Paris.—His heroism brought Pierre Audrade renown and a jail cell, in Paris.

After he had saved a child's life at the risk of his own, a man recognized him as one wanted for stealing \$25,000 in Marseilles.

Governor's Air Gun Exterminating Rats

Austin, Texas.—Gov. Dan Moody is ridding the Texas executive mansion of rats.

Using a small air gun he kills them with the first shot. The old mansion, dating back to the time of Sam Houston, has many hiding places for the rodents.

Following a peculiar hobby, A. E. Huebner of Dorchester, Mass., has in 33 years collected more than 900 bricks, each from some historic building razed to make room for a modern structure.

Prof. Kurt Viesinger of Zurich, Switzerland, has invented a simple little locomotive, which he calls the hochdruckkondensationsdampflokomo-tive.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

There are a few Spanish and Mexican restaurants in New York where, if you so desire, you can get pure chili. Pure chili is a slightly green liquid with seeds in it. If you swallow a spoonful of it, you never forget it.

A few precautions should be taken before tasting it. The main thing is to have sweet oil and bandages on the table and to turn in a third alarm.

The hook and ladder companies are especially useful, as anyone unaccustomed to pure chili is likely to climb the wall, in which case it is necessary to put up ladders and unhook him from the picture molding. Just as deep-sea divers are put in compression tanks, gradually to accustom them to the lack of pressure, so it is best to give the eater of pure chili a bottle of tobacco sauce to drink before turning the hose on him. Yet, in Yucatan, I once saw a Mayan Indian eat a saucerful of pure chili, without popping an eye.

Speaking of popping, two of my favorite delicacies are popovers and waffles. A number of waffle kitchens have opened on Broadway. They are built on the plan of goldfish containers, the sheet of glass at the front being bare of curtains or anything to obstruct the view. There you see happy waffle addicts, busy with the maple syrup jugs. I always find it hard to get by them, even after a heavy meal. If they also served popovers, I should not pass.

A friend of mine has a horse for sale. It is a noble looking steed, well gaited and of incredible stamina. The only thing wrong with the animal is that his brakebands need tightening. He costs once around Central park before you can stop him. But he would make a great charger for any retired sailor, who has brought an anchor home from sea.

I believe that Will Rogers once bought a horse from a rodeo cowboy, stranded in New York. The story was that the cowboy also sold the horse to Douglas Fairbanks and Tex Rickard. It was a good horse, even cut three ways. The cowboy rode a pull-man home.

Late the other night, in the entrance to a quiet subway station, I saw two newsboys rolling dice. One of them was earnestly requesting the cubes to "come seven." I wondered if he would have the slightest interest in knowing that the ancient pyramids believed the odd numbers stood for good. Three represented Egyptian heaven, four earth. Added together they equalled seven—the entire Cosmos. There were the seven Jewels of Buddha; the seven emblems on the footprints of Vishnu. "Pytharoras, called seven" the "mystic number." But somehow I decided all this would, for the African golf players, lack any element of thrill; so I went on home.

There is a man I know in the newspaper game who always has been of a mathematical turn of mind. He used to amuse himself in his off time by working out football teams on a percentage basis of his own devising. He had more charts and figures on race horses than an official handicapper. Sometimes the horses performed mathematically and sometimes they did not. Doping winners at the race track requires money and patience as well as time.

Finally this newspaper man took up golf. He didn't take it up directly. He was led into it by miniature courses and these open country men who are doing a fifty-cents-a-bucket business. That is to say, they give you a driver and permit you to take a bucketful of golf balls for fifty cents. The newspaper man became interested. He worked out the mechanics of a swing and emptied many a bucket. He drove and he drove. Finally he got so that he was hitting the ball consistently and hitting it straight. Then he started in to investigate the figures on golf courses. At last he came to a golfing friend.

"I want you to take me out to play golf," he said. "I have investigated the thing and I know the length of the average course. I also have figured out the length of the average hole. Now I can drive 220 yards on the average; can always keep the ball straight. That will not leave me much distance to go on the other end. Two shots should always put me on a green; four shots, in the cup. But I have allowed for various lies and unforeseen circumstances. I do not expect to go around the first time in less than 80."

So the friend arranged a foursome and took him out. He got eighteen good drives, according to calculations. His score was 148. Now he spends all his time in taking golf lessons.

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Rail Cars Disinfected in Huge Air-Tight Tube

Berlin.—It's a big job to clean and disinfect a railroad train. The German federal railways have gone at the job in a big way. The carriages are run into a huge airtight cylinder, into which is pumped a strong disinfectant gas. They remain in the gas long enough to allow it to penetrate every crack and corner, so that all harmful bacteria are killed.

Attorney H. J. Borsje, of Memphis pleaded an insurance case for the widow of J. E. Williams, winning the case and also the widow, whom he married.

Observing eight negroes with suspicious looking filled pillow slips, Julius Cohen, 13 year old St. Louis boy, notified police and \$2,000 worth of stolen goods were recovered.

Trying to duplicate a vaudeville stunt of shooting ashes off a cigar held in another's mouth, Clyde Hicks of Dallas, Texas, shot out several teeth of his friend, Jonny Sandel.

It is reported that the last of the once numerous tribe of cigar store wooden Indians in St. Louis has been stolen from the store of Louis Grotzky.

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PLAN 3-DAY MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE

New Liners to Be Faster Than Present Ships.

New York.—Three day mail service across the Atlantic ocean is not to be limited to air transport. The United States lines has placed before the Navy department plans for two new 50,000 ton liners, with a speed greater than either the Bremen or Europa can display.

These new superliners are to be equipped with catapults with which long distance mail planes can be launched from 600 to 1,000 miles at sea. Work has been going on for six months on the plans. It was learned, and they have for some time been in the hands of naval experts for special study.

Germans to Cut Time.

The new vessels, it was said, are not likely to be laid down until at least one of the 30,000 ton liners, the keel of which is to be laid at Camden, N. J., soon is nearly ready for the sea. However, should the demand for competition be met, especially for greater speed, it is understood that at least one of the 50,000 ton, high speed vessels will be started earlier than is now planned.

Coincidental with the plan to put mail in New York from Europe and Great Britain "within three days" it was also learned that the North German Lloyd, which is now operating ship to shore mail planes from the decks of the Bremen and Europa at a saving of twelve hours, is planning in the spring to cut twenty-four hours from the present schedule between New York and Bremen.

May Cost \$30,000,000 Each.

This is to be accomplished by sending a plane off the ship far out at sea, first to Cherbourg and then on to Bremen. Hitherto the plane has ended its flight at the first port of call.

The navy's interest in the new liners is due to possibility that they might find use in a national emergency as auxiliary cruisers or aircraft carriers. While it is not possible to compute the actual cost of the giant liners now, it is estimated that they will cost \$30,000,000 each.

The all air transatlantic project in which both Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways are interested is to be opened with a line between Bermuda and the United States. Representatives of the two airlines, as well as the great French airways system, have been in conference here on details of the Bermuda link and airways concessions in the West Indies and South America.

Coyote Finds Defender in Western Zoologist

Pullman, Wash.—The coyote, long the object of paid hunters and considered the enemy of stock raisers, has found a friend and supporter in Arthur Sivila, assistant professor of zoology at Washington State college.

Sivila, who believes that coyotes should be preserved through a discriminate plan instead of being destroyed, declares that the animals do more good than harm.

"The coyote serves as an important remover of carrion," Sivila declared. "He feeds primarily upon what he gets by hunting, and he never passed up a dead animal."

"A decrease in jack rabbits, ground squirrels and other rodents detrimental to agriculture. A certain number of coyotes should be permitted to inhabit agricultural territory."

And then, too, the mournful howl of the coyote is a distinct drawing card for western dude ranches.

Church to Sign Bonds to Free "Sick Sinners"

Jacksonville, Fla.—If it is the Christian duty to get a prisoner out of jail, then Calvary Baptist church of Jacksonville intends to do it.

By an almost unanimous vote the congregation decided to allow its trustees to sign bonds of jailed citizens who would make good if given a chance.

"I am not advocating that this church go into the business of bonding people out of jail," Dr. A. C. Shuler, pastor, said, "but I think the church should realize that its mission is to help sick sinners and not to nurse well sinners."

Calvary Baptist church is a corporation and owns property, and is therefore eligible to sign bonds.

Fond du Lac, Wis.—When a cow and an automobile meet on a Wisconsin highway, the cow has the right of way—unless the car owner wants to foot the bill. Alfred Ludwig collected \$410 when he brought suit against a motorist whose auto killed two of his cows and injured two others. Judge J. M. Gooding ruled that Wisconsin statutes give cows the right of way.

Diving Apparatus May Make 6,500-Foot Descent

Berlin.—Before long, man will be descending under water to a depth never thought of by Dr. Rudolf Engelmann's diving apparatus proves successful. His machine is circular in shape, 12 feet high, 51 inches in diameter and weighs 8,500 pounds. In it a man will be able to descend 6,500 feet, he believes.

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BRUNETTES WIN! SNEEZE ONCE TO BLONDS' 4 TIMES

European Physicians Discover That They Are More Immune to Head Colds.

Paris.—Gentlemen may prefer blondes, but brunettes are more immune to colds in the head.

That is the decision of a group of European doctors who have been counting the sneezes of blondes and brunettes in all the climates of Europe. The brunettes won by about four to one.

The scientists have not been so rash as to say why, but in a paper which has been submitted to the Academy of Medicine, they summarize their studies and their decision. Blondes they say, have less than half the resistance to head colds than have brunettes.

The same scientists decided again that the quantity of clothing worn has absolutely nothing to do with colds. Brunettes generally wear as little as blondes, and blonds or brunettes who cover themselves too heavily are more subject to colds than those who dress moderately.

The report of the doctors would show that head colds are far more prevalent in foggy countries than in the lands of sunshine. The fact that women in foggy countries are generally blondes, while farther south where the sun shines more the women are Latin in race and brunette in type may have something to do with the result.

Bald men are even more immune to head colds than men with heavy masses of hair, blond or brunette. Those who are accustomed to going hatless are found to be practically immune. School boys have fewer head colds now than school boys had two decades ago, when they wore fur caps, mufflers, ear muffs and were swathed in wool from chin to toes. The doctors believe head colds can be made obsolete by moderate dress.

Eight States Consume Half of Gasoline Sold

Chicago.—Eight states of the Union consume half of all the gasoline used annually in the United States, according to a survey conducted by the American Research foundation.

Latest statistics show New York leading the states in gasoline consumption with 9.1 per cent of the country's total. California is second with 8.5 per cent, and Ohio third with 6.5 per cent. Then comes Pennsylvania with 6.1 per cent, Illinois with 5.3 per cent, Michigan with 5.3 per cent, Texas with 5.2 per cent, and Massachusetts and New Jersey with 3.4 per cent each.

A study of the buying habits of motor car owners patronizing a nationwide chain of service stations revealed some interesting trends, says a bulletin covering the survey. "It was observed that there is a growing habit among automobile drivers to select gasoline to fit the particular needs of their motor."

Woman Reaches Peak of Attractiveness at 50

Chicago.—Science having stayed the hand of time in its work of etching crow's feet and wrinkles on the feminine countenance, each year added to her age merely adds to the clever woman's experience in making herself lovely.

So at least cheerfully reasons Mme. Helena Rubinstein, beauty authority of London, Paris and New York, who admits she is old enough to have personal knowledge whereof she speaks.

"Any woman with brains enough to see the advantage of doing so can clip from 15 to 20 years from her age," Mme. Rubinstein informed an audience of beauty specialists here. "Scientific knowledge of diet, exercise and grooming make the woman of today appear from one to two decades younger than her mother was at the same age, and a contemporary of her own daughter."

Fortune in Brazil Nuts Made by Minnesota Men

Excelsior, Minn.—A \$100,000 yearly income out of Brazil nuts has been developed by an Excelsior firm, according to Oliver C. Skow.

Skow was traveling for a lumber company in Brazil and explored in the state of Para, Brazil, along the Amazon river.

Realizing the possibilities he obtained backing from his home town business men and formed a company which purchased a million acres at 25 cents an acre.