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Oregon News Items of Special Interest

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

George W. Halter, 51, prominent rancher of Arago, was drowned in the Coquille river.

A safe in the railroad station at Redmond was blown with nitro-glycerine and \$175 stolen.

Vessels entered at Portland during March numbered 120 against 114 in March last year.

The Southern Pacific trestle at Ada between Eugene and Coos bay, was damaged by fire.

Fred Oakes, 75, ended his life at The Dalles by firing a 30-30 rifle bullet into his head.

Oregon postmasters have been nominated as follows: Klamath Falls, John A. McCall; La Grande, Ralph R. Huron.

In the first quarter of 1926 building permit totals in Bend exceeded those for any previous year by more than \$15,000.

King Bros. Boiler works of Portland was lowest bidder for the new pipe line for The Dalles. The bid was \$52,043.90.

Marshfield is furnishing a temporary airplane field in the north part of the city, where visiting planes may land this summer.

Mrs. J. A. Hills, 45, of Lowell, was killed suddenly when the family cow became frightened and trampled upon her while she was milking the animal.

The body of Roy Campbell, ex-prize fighter, aged 25, of Klamath Falls, was found in Lake Ewanna. The body had been in the lake between one and two weeks.

S. M. Tuttle of Central Point was appointed trustee of the Oregon State Horticultural society by Governor Pierce, to succeed C. B. Minton, whose term has expired.

A movement has been launched at Hood River to place a monument of native basalt over the graves of Nathaniel and Mary White Coe, the town's first residents.

William Chancy Winston, father of the broccoli industry and planter of the first commercial pear orchard in Douglas county, died at his home six miles south of Roseburg.

Boys and girls of Pilot Rock have organized what is probably the first sheep club of its kind in the state of Oregon, Fred Bennion, Umatilla county agent, has announced.

Representatives from communities along the lower Columbia river gathered at the Astoria chamber of commerce Friday night to form the Lower Columbia River Commercial Union.

The Oregon Electric railroad had an operating deficit of \$153,378 in 1925, according to the annual report filed with the public service commission. The loss was \$23,475.24 in excess of that for 1924.

The fish patrol boat Governor of the Oregon fish commission, valued at \$10,000 and only partially insured, was destroyed by fire while patrolling the Columbia river off Three Tree point near Astoria.

In an effort to stem the spread of pine beetle infestation within the boundaries of Crater National park, the government will establish a pine beetle control camp in the southern section of the park.

Fire which broke out in the boiler room destroyed the lumber mill and planing mill of the Chiloquin Lumber company, located on Sprague river near Chiloquin. Loss was placed at between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

The fiscal year of the state game commission ends September 30 and not November 30, as has been observed by the commission for several years past, according to a legal opinion prepared by the attorney-general.

A telegram from the war department indicates that German war trophies consigned to Oregon have been given priority over other west-

ern shipments and will arrive in Portland on May 4. The shipment weighs 70 tons.

The state highway commission has announced that oiling operations on a number of the macadam highways in eastern and central Oregon will be started in the near future. One oiling crew began near Arlington on Monday and similar operations will start at Bend and Pendleton April 15, and at Huntington about May 1.

Residents of Oregon, except corporations, who have paid the Oregon license fee, may operate their motor vehicles for hire or profit on the highways of Washington for a period of 90 days by filing an application with the county auditor and paying for each month one-twelfth of the regular fee, according to instructions sent out by Charles R. Maybury, state director of licenses.

Construction of Salem's proposed new \$640,000 linen mill will begin within the next ten days, according to announcement made by the directors. Machinery costing \$105,000 has been ordered and will arrive in Salem before June 1.

Influenza is declining rapidly throughout the state with the advent of spring weather, according to figures compiled by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, which showed but 97 cases. Two weeks ago there were more than 200.

One hundred acres of land near Joseph, and more than a score of acres of test plots in other points in Union and Wallowa counties, will be seeded in flax this year, according to H. G. Avery, Union county farm agent. An attempt is being made to substitute flaxseed for cereals.

Net operating revenues of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Oregon during the year 1925 aggregated \$1,415,014.06, or \$54,753.73 less than in the year 1924, according to the annual report of the corporation filed in the offices of the public service commission at Salem.

Gilliam county's pet flock of wild geese, which is growing in size, is proving a decided annoyance to farmers of the region, upon whose fields the birds are complacently fattening, according to reports from ranchers that have come into the state game commission offices at Portland.

Reduction of alfalfa acreage, increase in pasture acreage, increase from 50 to 200 acres of asparagus land and a 100 per cent increase in other truck crops is recommended in the Umatilla county economic conference report, a survey of which has been completed by a special committee.

Plans for immediate construction of a 30-room concrete and steel wing to the present building of The Dalles hospital, at a cost of approximately \$50,000, are announced. The wing will be the first of three units to be built, which, when completed, will give The Dalles a 150-room fireproof hospital.

Four thousand acres in 35 1/2 days was the plowing record made by Prufer brothers on County Judge Weatherford's ranch near Arlington. The work was done with a tractor pulling twelve 16-inch plows, plowing six inches deep, and operating day and night. An average of 104 acres a day was made.

Five hundred college students representing every state in the union and practically every college and university in the United States, have applied for the 70 summer jobs at Crater lake national park this year, according to Richard W. Price, managing director of Crater lake lodge and affiliated concessions.

The survey of the Columbia river channel from Portland to the sea which will be ordered by the board of army engineers as soon as funds for the next fiscal year become available,

will be made on the basis of a 35-foot channel as well as a 30-foot channel at the request of Senator McNary, Major-General Harry Taylor, chief of engineers, has announced.

Hundreds of women in Oregon are wearing coyote skins around their necks under the impression that they had purchased fox furs, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Dr. Lytle says that between 5000 and 6000 coyote pelts are available in the state of Oregon annually and that many of these are put through a process that gives them the appearance of genuine fox skins.

The earliest forest closing order in the history of the district forest office has closed to smoking an area of more than eight thousand acres in the Cascade national forest on account of extreme hazard caused by slashing and dry weather. The area affected is a large timber sale tract, and the order limits smoking to designated safe areas. Such closing orders as this usually do not occur until the months of July or August.

Revenue requirements of the western railroads can be met more properly by increasing the tonnage hauled rather than through an increase in rates, according to a brief prepared by the public service commission in proceedings involving a proposed increase in freight rates on the transportation lines operating in the western district of the United States. Copies of the brief were forwarded to the interstate commerce commission.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Eugene F. Rice, Portland, \$12; Stanton L. Dobie, Portland, \$15; Frank Gibb, Portland, \$12; Thomas R. Hamer, Portland, \$12; Millford H. Broughton, Portland, \$15; Mary N. Roberts, Portland, \$30; William Riopelle, Portland, \$15; George A. Day, Portland, \$12; Carl A. Illig, Portland, \$12; Covill F. Gill, Portland, \$18; Elmer F. Butzer, North Portland, \$15; minor of Oral F. Gibson, Wasco, \$20; Minnie I. Smith, Bandon, \$20; William S. Gilbert, Milwaukie, \$12; William D. Pickett, Bend, \$15; William J. Schaffer, Multnomah, \$12; Moses Wodsege, St. Helens, \$15.

SATISFYING THE INVESTOR

Many persons believe that a great corporation cares not at all whether the little stockholder retains his interest in the company or not. That this supposition is incorrect is proven by the painstaking correspondence which Frank L. Dame, President of the North American Company, a public utility holding company, carries on with every individual who becomes an owner of stock or sells his stock. Mr. Dame is not satisfied

merely to make the stock sale; he is determined that the stockholder shall be satisfied.

Naturally, there is a great temptation to sell stock when prices are rising and there is a chance for good profit. This is no speculation. Often the holders of very valuable stock loses it in this manner and have no opportunity to reinvest in as good a security. Public utilities are not interested in developing the speculative idea. Their earnings can be more definitely predetermined than in almost any other line of business.

Every man who owns stock has a perfect right to sell but before he sells his holdings in the North American Company, it is Mr. Dame's desire that the stockholder know exactly the situation of his company, so that he will not sell something to his regret, unless he is forced to sell through unavoidable circumstances. This system of establishing direct communication between the chief executive and all stockholders sets a precedent which other corporations might well follow.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fox and daughter Geraldine and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norcross drove to Asland Sunday and called on Mrs. M. J. Frederick.

Mrs. Victor Bursell was in town on business Monday.

The interior of the Gateway service station has been repainted and now presents a very pleasing appearance in its new coat of white paint.

Guy Tex, local postmaster, is receiving medical attention following the lancing of a serious abscess on the brow bone.

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Friday Night
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Adults 35c

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Come One--Come All