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## Oregon News Items of Special Interest

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Explosion of an abandoned carbide tank fatally injured Tod Foster, 17, son of Fred Foster of the Ochoco project, four miles north of Prineville.

Andy Willis of North Powder was appointed water master of water district No. 3, including Union county and the North Powder river country.

Stock fire insurance in force in Oregon December 31, 1925, totaled \$683,968,868, according to a report prepared by Will Moore, state insurance commissioner.

Jake Niebert, Stayton, reputed to be a well-to-do farmer, was fined \$50 at Albany after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to give animals sufficient feed.

Portland claims the oldest bride in America. Mrs. Mary Jane Jenny, 91, was married to George H. Goehler, 79, at the home of the bridegroom's granddaughter.

Warrnton high school won the debating championship of western Oregon by defeating Grants Pass, 2 to 1, on the subject of free text books in Oregon schools.

Arthur Coffey of Cloverdale obtained the contract for a new school building at Neskowin. Coffey's bid was \$3700. The plans call for a modern one-room school.

The first ripe cherries of 1926 were reported by W. R. Bailey, Mill Creek orchardist in The Dalles district. The cherries are ripe several weeks ahead of schedule, it was said.

The Salem city council, at a meeting there, authorized the Salem street car company to substitute busses for street cars on what is known as the Commercial-Fair Grounds line.

Salem canneries have announced that they will accept no cherries this season infected with the cherry maggot. Cherry growers will meet May 18 to discuss control of the pest.

A southbound Southern Pacific logging train of 40 cars was derailed last week in what was reported to be one of the worst wrecks ever experienced on the Weed-Klamath Falls-Kirk line.

The Oregon federation of women's clubs closed its 26th annual convention in La Grande with election of officers, making Mrs. G. J. Frankel, prominent Portland club woman, head of the state federation.

Seven thousand more automobiles are using the bridges across the Willamette river in Portland this year than traveled them last year, according to a traffic count just completed by O. Laurgaard, city engineer.

A severe electrical storm south of Baker Thursday afternoon brought death to Toney Hupprich, 44, and for a short time terrorized ranchers of the entire Bear valley section, many of whom had never seen its equal in Oregon.

Lloyd Carver, 20, "jitney" driver at the plant of the Westport Lumber company, was burned to death last week when baby clothing hanging behind a stove caught fire and caused destruction of the Carver home at Westport.

Independent fishermen of the upper Columbia river filed in the state department at Salem an initiative bill prohibiting the taking of salmon from any stream in the state of Oregon by use of fish wheels, traps, seines, trolls or trammel nets.

Another bond issue to provide funds for extension of the Eugene water mains to outlying districts is being discussed and plans are being laid for calling an election, according to Carl A. McClain, superintendent of the city public utilities.

The heavy rains of last week brought smiles of satisfaction to railway men and bankers of Portland. Freight traffic representatives almost in chorus referred to it as a "million-dollar rain," and financial men spoke of it with enthusiasm.

Operating income from the Oregon lines of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company during 1925 totaled \$4,423,789.32, according to the annual report of the corporation filed in the offices of the public service commission at Salem.

Rains on the Umatilla national forest, mixed with the snow, have done much to assure plenty of range for cattle and sheep this spring and summer, according to J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor. Grass in the low hills had been drying up before the rains.

The postoffice department notified Representative Nicholas J. Sinnott of The Dalles that the contract for delivery and collection of mail between Condon and Prairie City over the John Day highway under a new fast schedule has been awarded Louis Woldenburg of Canyon City, veteran delivery contractor.

Portland maintained its reputation during the month of April for having one of the most efficient automobile theft bureaus on the Pacific coast. Of 106 automobiles stolen in April, 104 have been recovered by the automobile theft division of the police bureau.

Units of the 162d infantry, Oregon national guard, won the best rating in the history of the guard at the recent annual federal inspection, as shown by reports of the inspecting officer just received at the office of Brigadier-General George A. White at Salem.

There are several barley fields at Sweet Home nearly ready for harvest. The stalks measure about five feet in height and the heads are well formed. This will be the earliest harvest known of here, as the grain will be ready for the reaping machines in a week or more.

The early season this year has caused numerous Deschutes county stockmen to petition more than a month in advance for permission to use the national forest lands for grazing, according to E. N. Kavanagh, assistant district forester in charge of grazing.

Oregon shipped by water 48,696,279 feet, or 18.5 per cent more inspected lumber for the first three months of 1926 than for the same period of 1925, according to the report for the first three months of the year of the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Inc., of Seattle.

General precipitation in the central Oregon country has not only relieved the great fire hazard but has materially benefited forest range conditions, according to E. F. Kavanagh, assistant state forester in charge of grazing, who is in Bend for a conference with local officials.

Through an issue of 30,000 specially illustrated dining car menus, the Southern Pacific company is giving unusual publicity to Portland. The menus will be distributed for use on the company's limited trains operated between Chicago, New Orleans and Pacific coast points.

Cherries in commercial quantities are on the market. George J. Henry of Freewater has sold 41 boxes of 15 pounds each of early purple variety in Walla Walla last Thursday. The shipment is about two weeks earlier than normal and fruit is of good size, full color and unusually sweet.

Skating almost continuously since Monday morning, two Seattle girls, Ethel Bessey, 21, and Billy Keyes, 19, reached Grants Pass late Friday afternoon in a state of exhaustion, completing their 477-mile roller skate journey from the Sound city in approximately 60 hours actual skating time.

The Brooks-Seaton Lumber company announced the purchase of 12,000 acres of pine timber, located 30 miles north of Bend, from the Alworth Washburn company. The purchase includes 200,000,000 feet of pine which will be milled in Bend or used by the Brooks-Seaton company in blocking up other tracts.

There are 242,000 official "native sons and daughters" of Oregon. For this is the number of births officially recorded by the state board of health since the beginning of the registration service in 1903, according to an announcement of the board. More than 15,000 little Oregonians are "tagged" by the state each year the report says.

Mrs. E. C. Saunders of Empire, born in Coos county 72 years ago, has obtained a hunting and fishing license such as are issued to pioneers. The county clerk, Robert Watson, complying with Mrs. Saunders' claim for top honors, attached a gold seal and a blue ribbon to the license, the only one of its kind that has been issued. Mrs. Saunders was the first white child born in the county.

Scottish Rite Masons attending the ceremonies at the Scottish Rite cathedral in Portland witnessed impressive, dramatic work when the 20th degree of the rite was exemplified for the first time in Oregon. The team conferring the work was headed by Clyde E. Lewis, venerable grand master. Scottish Rite Masons from nearly every city in Oregon attended, and there were several from Washington.

There has been collected in motor fuel taxes in the state of Oregon, a total of \$11,496,334.20, of which amount \$421,678.85 has been refunded to individuals and corporations exempt from payment of the tax, according to a report prepared in Salem by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. During the month of March the tax on gasoline and distillate sales in Oregon totaled \$260,378.61, or an increase of 22 per cent when compared with the returns for the month of March, 1925.

The Polk County Co-operative Prune Growers have purchased the packing plant in Dallas formerly operated by the Oregon Growers, according to announcement made by Ed. J. Himes, secretary-treasurer of the Polk county organization which has been operating the plant under lease for the past two years. The last of the 1925 crop is being packed and will be shipped to England this week, according to a statement which stated there would be some 2500 boxes in the shipment.

## UNION CHURCH

Title of Sunday school lesson: "Transfiguration and Liberation." Matt. 17. Outline—A: Transfiguration, vs. 1-13, (1) Contrasts, (2) Context, (3) Contradiction, (4) Counterpart, (5) Confirmation, (3) Coming Kingdom. B: Liberation, vs. 14-27, (1) The Mockers, (2) The Multitude, (3) The Man, (4) The Malady, (5) The Master.

In the morning service the pastor will speak on the subject: "Overlooking the Greater Values." Have you been doing this? Come to church Sunday morning and let's study the subject together.

In the evening the subject will be: "The Bible in the Public Schools." This will be a fearless discussion of one of the liveliest questions of the hour. You are invited to be present.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Preaching services both morning and evening by the Rev. I. G. Shaw.

Mrs. J. E. Weaver, S. S. Supt.; Mrs. J. O. Isaacson, Supt. of Primary Dept.; Mrs. Al Hermanson, Supt. of Cradle Roll Dept.; Mrs. G. C. McAllister, Pres. of Ladies' Circle; Bernice Shaw, Pres. C. E.; Mrs. Warner, Choir Director.

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## SOUTHERN OREGON FEATURED IN NATIONAL NEWS REELS

A thousand miles is a long distance to travel to get a moving picture of one event, but the trip made by the Pathe and International News Reel cameraman to get pictures of the Oregon Cavemen's annual ceremonial at the Oregon Caves was well worth the time. These cameramen made a continuous day and night drive from Seattle to the Oregon Caves and return May 1st and 2nd, especially to get this event for their news reel services, driving and sleeping by turns on the long journey and were well pleased with the results secured.

During February the California Oregon Power company wrote the Pathe News people concerning numerous items of a spectacular news nature scheduled to happen in southern Oregon this year, with the idea of obtaining nation-wide publicity for the various features.

Three nationally famous moving picture news reel cameramen were

on the job taking pictures of the events staged by the Oregon Cavemen at Grants Pass and at the Oregon Caves. Pathe News, International News Reel, and Fox Weekly motion picture machines recorded the various events, and the pictures taken will be shown throughout the entire country. This is one of the finest bits of publicity ever received by southern Oregon.

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