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Oregon News Items of Special Interest

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Permits are now necessary to build camp fires in the Crater Lake national forest, it is announced.

The 1927 budget for the Marshfield school district provides for expenditures totaling \$141,839.77.

A total of 272 Salem high school graduates received their diplomas at exercises held in the state armory.

Postoffice receipts in May this year at Eugene show a substantial increase over those of the same month last year.

Claus C. Jesse, 69, of Roy, was instantly killed when his auto was struck by a train of the United Railways.

Governor Pierce suffered a fractured rib when he fell while inspecting the state flax plant at the Oregon penitentiary.

Andrew Johnson, of Portland, was drowned while bathing in the Willamette river a mile and a half above Oswego.

The bridge over the Willamette at Harrisburg was dedicated in honor of John B. Yeon at an all-day celebration Saturday.

The house located on Dr. M. M. Bull's fish farm near Leaburg in Lane County burned to the ground with most of its contents.

Building permits were issued in La Grande during May for new construction valued at \$34,030. Nine permits were for new residences.

C. C. Sturtevant's store and home and the United States postoffice at Crow, 15 miles southwest of Eugene, were destroyed by fire.

Tourist travel to the Oregon Caves is increasing and already more than 700 people have registered at Grants Pass for a trip through.

Alfred Miller of Gold Beach, one of the best known pioneers of Curry county, died suddenly while on a visit to his farm on Rogue river.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association will be held at Corvallis June 21 to 24, according to announcement.

Wheat shipments from the Willamette and Columbia river district in May to foreign and domestic markets amounted to 3,026,227 bushels.

Major-General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., retired, will represent the war department at the dedication of the Astoria column at Astoria on July 22.

About 50 automobiles made the trip Sunday from Klamath Falls to Crater Lake lodge. The road to the rim is passable, but not in good condition.

T. W. Morgan, prominent Douglas county farmer, was fined \$200 at Roseburg for moving a fence from a pioneer graveyard and occupying the land.

One-third of Klamath's output of wool, 225,000 pounds, has been purchased for approximately \$67,000 by the J. Keshian company of Boston, Mass.

The body of Scott Goodall, 50 years old, was found in his home 15 miles from Telocaset. The condition of the body indicated that he had been dead about a month.

Fred Bennion, Umatilla county agent, has refused appointment as Montana state leader of county agents. Mr. Bennion decided to remain in his present position.

The O. W. R. & N. coal chutes at Messner, 2 1/2 miles west of Boardman, were burned to the ground. The chutes, pump house and all machinery were a total loss.

Clifford Elfordt, 21, is being held at Coquille in connection with the death of his uncle, William Whobrey, 40, found beaten to death on the highway near Powers.

Receipts of the water and electrical departments of the city of Eugene in 1925 reached a total of \$224,182.95 over all expenses, the biggest year in the history of the city.

Estimates now placed on the Hood River valley apple tonnage for 1926 by County Fruit Inspector Kocken forecasts a crop of 3000 to 3200 cars and indicates a yield considerably less than in 1924.

Construction has started on a new power line from the California-Oregon company giant power plant on Klamath river to Klamath Falls. The project, which will cost \$250,000, will increase the power service capacity in Klamath Falls from 15,000 to 25,000 kilowatts.

W. H. Ferguson, machine shop foreman of the Coos Bay Lumber company, Marshfield, has been awarded the second prize of \$500 in the National Lumber Manufacturers' association's waste prevention contest. Ferguson's invention was a "line and delay graphic recording device for sawmill carriages."

Sixteen thousand yards of rock were shattered near Lava butte, 10 miles south of Bend on The Dalles-California highway, when six tons of powder were discharged. The blast was heard at a distance of approximately 15 miles.

Approximately 80 of the 575 men now in the state penitentiary are serving terms for various crimes of moonshining, according to a report by J. W. Lillie, warden of the institution. The ages of most of the moonshiners range from 45 to 55 years of age.

R. R. Turner of Dallas, who was appointed state superintendent of public instruction to succeed J. A. Churchill, resigned, has assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Turner announced that there would be no changes in the working staff of the department.

J. C. Blackington, 70, of Imbler, is held in the county jail on an open charge, while officers are investigating a fire which burned his warehouse at Imbler. Estimates of loss incurred in the burning of two warehouses, a grain elevator and its contents run as high as \$100,000.

The Oregon state penitentiary May 1 had the largest population in its history, according to a report filed by J. W. Lillie, warden of the institution. There were 573 inmates of the prison on the night of May 1. It has become necessary to put two men in many cells.

A total of 156 cities and towns in Oregon were listed June 1 by the state industrial accident commission as being protected by the workmen's compensation law as to a portion of their employes. On the same date 32 out of the 36 counties of the state had applied for protection for some of their employes.

Production of 106 sawmills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association during the week ended May 29 totaled 114,141,620 feet, which was only \$70,659 feet less than 109 mills produced during the week ended May 22. During the week the 106 mills sold 103,498,570 feet and shipped 112,745,377 feet.

The U. S. supreme court has refused to interfere for the present in the motor transportation controversy in Oregon, but agreed to hear arguments on the subject on October 4. Pending the arguments, Morris & Lowther and other companies carrying freight by motor were denied a court order suspending a ruling by the Oregon state highway commission fixing the maximum weight of loads.

Sweeping toward the timber line across the Oregon line in the Pokemona country, a huge brush fire with a 16-mile front was burning fiercely in Siskiyou county, Cal., near the state line. The conflagration was nearly 45 miles southeast of Klamath Falls on the north side of Klamath river. Three hundred men from Hill, Hornbrook and from the California-Oregon Power company headquarters as Copco were trying to check the onswEEPING blaze.

Purchase by the Southern Pacific

Railroad company of 31 acres of property adjoining its terminal site and paralleling its main line within the city limits of Klamath Falls, from the Klamath Development company, was announced. Acquiring of the land which increased its holdings within the city limits to over 80 acres is a unit of the construction program which the Southern Pacific has started with the building of an \$800,000 terminal in Klamath Falls.

The contract for the 1927 motor vehicle license plates was awarded by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, to the Irwin-Hodson company of Portland on the basis of 12.81 cents a pair. The contract calls for 238,000 pairs of plates for passenger cars and other motor vehicles of less than one-ton capacity and 19,000 pairs of plates for trucks and trailers. The colors for the 1927 plates are the same as those used in 1926. The back ground is black with white letters and figures.

Major Lee Moorhouse, one of Pendleton's earliest residents, died in Pendleton following a four weeks' illness at his home. He had been one of the outstanding citizens of Pendleton since coming there in 1861, and probably was better acquainted with the history and development of Umatilla county and eastern Oregon than any other person. Major Moorhouse was regarded as an authority on Indian history and possessed a collection of Indian relics regarded as the most complete in this part of the state.

The enactment of a state income tax, a more equal assessment of property, federal legislation to provide a better price for farm products, enactment of a constitutional amendment for state and municipal development of water power and electric energy, readjustment of the state automobile license fees so that old machines will pay less than new ones, the improvement of highways to serve rural districts instead of large expenditures for rebuilding main highways, form the program for grange activity outlined in the annual report of George A. Palmiter, state master, at the 53d annual session of the state grange at Baker. Approximately 500 delegates were in attendance.

OREGON CLUB MEMBERS FILING FINAL REPORTS

Club members from twenty Oregon counties have filed final reports in the club office for 1925-'26, and are entitled to achievement pins announced H. C. Seymour, state club leader. The list includes more than three hundred club members, most of whom are enrolled in sewing and cooking projects. Marion county heads the list with one hundred forty seven members in fourteen clubs complete to date. Portland has the second greatest number of completed projects, and Clackamas county outside of Portland third.

Counties included in the list, the project, and the number of members to receive achievement pins in sewing are: Benton, 2; Clackamas, 64; Clatsop, 3; Crook, 1; Columbia, 7; Coos, 16; Curry, 2; Klamath, 14; Lane, 22; Multnomah, 18; Portland, 68; Shermana, 15; Wasco, 15; Washington, 15; Marion, 87; and Yamhill, 7. In cooking project Marion county had 60 club members and Multnomah 19.

"We members of the club staff consider the awarding of achievement pins as a very important duty, since it gives us a fairly good idea of who the successful club members of the state are," said Mr. Seymour. "Every active club member should wear his achievement pin. He has something to be proud of."

Nearness to market is one of the factors encouraging the flax seed industry in Oregon. An established mill in Portland producing linseed oil operates new largely on flax seed imported from the Orient. This mill offers good prices with a market practically assured. It is one of the few mills on the Pacific coast. The management has agreed to supply flax seed meal at substantially reduced rates to those farmers who actually produce the crop under contract. The experiment station is now recommending flax production in northeastern and western Oregon. Results at the Moro station are not yet satisfactory enough to warrant

recommendation in the Columbia basin.

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Announcement

Effective July 1st, the banks of Medford and Central Point will unanimously adopt the policy of making a monthly charge of fifty cents on all checking accounts of depositors where the balance is under \$50.00 at any time during the month. This rule will affect only those accounts which are subject to check, and will not apply to Savings Accounts and Time Certificates of Deposit.

In adopting a monthly service charge, the banks of Medford and Central Point are only following the policy of banks in all larger cities and most of the smaller towns of the country.

Increased cost of clerical help, supplies and other items that are necessary in conducting a banking institution make the small accounts a source of loss. Those of our depositors who carry only a small balance may find it more convenient to place their accounts in the Savings department where no charge will be made.

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