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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Hop growers of Clackamas and Marion counties are securing their pickers for the 1926 crop. This years' hops, from present indications, are to be of the finest quality, and harvesting will be unusually early this year.

Apprehended while attempting to steal gasoline for their car, Joe Wallace and Charles Foster, trusties who escaped from the state penitentiary Monday, were recaptured at Bly, on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Elzie Conger of Beecher Rock on the Siuslaw, about 50, met almost instant death when the car driven by W. B. Neeley in wihch he was riding struck a truck on the Junction City-Florence highway about 17 miles west of Junction City.

Eight firemen were injured, one seriously, three were overcome by smoke, and damage in excess of $100,000 was done when fire swept three floors of a brick building occupied by the Pacific Stationery & Printing company in Portland.

The public service commission denied a petition filed by residents of Lane county asking that the application of the Southern Pacific company for permission to substitute busses for street cars on the Eugene-Springfield line be rejected.

The Oregon hunter will find a great number of birds next fall when the season is open October 17 to 24, according to F. M. Brown, chief deputy state game warden. Chinese pheasants and grouse will be particularly plentiful, Brown reported.

Threshing of fall grain is virtually completed in the Harrisburg district and the outfits have gone right into the spring grain threshing. Fall wheat was the poorest it has been for several seasons, averaging only about 12 or 15 bushels to the acre.

Production of lumber by 104 West Coast Lumbermen's association mills was nearly 2,000,000 less for the week ended July 24, compared to the week previous. There was a decrease of more than 5,000,000 feet of new orders booked, and a decrease of more than 8,000,000 feet in shipments.

Dates of the various county teachers' institutes to be held in Oregon this year have been fixed tentatively by R. R. Turner, state superintendent of schools. The first will be held in Klamath Falls, starting September 2. The institutes will continue during the greater part of September and October.

To settle the question of whether or not the boundaries of Crater national park shall be extended to include Diamond lake, noted fishing resort, President Coolidge's co-ordinating committee on parks and forests will arrive in Klamath Falls Wednesday and journey to Diamond lake to hold a hearing.

Portland milling interests won a victory when the interstate commerce commission, on complaint of the Crown Mills against the Northern Pacific and other carriers, decreed that Portland mills are entitled to reach Puget sound markets on the same basis as their sound competitors now reach Portland.

Suit was filed in the circuit court at Salem by the Pacific Outfitting company and the Eastern Outfitting company with branch stores in Portland to restrain the state tax commission from collecting income tax for the year 1923 aggregating $7800. Of this amount the state alleges that the first owes $5600 and the latter $2200.

School district No. 55, Malheur county, has authority under the law to use its school funds for the transportation of its five pupils to another district or provide them with board and lodging at any place the school officials may select to send them to school, according to an opinion prepared by the attorney-general. School district No. 55 is located 65 miles from the nearest high school.

Initiative petitions filed with the secretary of state in support of the so-called hydro-electric development measure sponsored by the Housewives' council of Portland, contained a sufficient number of signatures of legal voters to warrant the measure being placed on the ballot at the general election in November, according to an opinion handed down by the state supreme court.

Oregon boosted its merchandise shipments abroad during the first quarter of 1926 by more than $3,000,000, as compared with the corresponding period of 1925, according to statistics released by the department of commerce. The exports of the state totaled $13,781,451 for January, February and March, as compared with $10,675,447 a year ago, reflecting an increased trade amounting to $3,126,004.

Petitions for an initiative measure looking to the regulation of fishing in the Columbia river east of Cascade Locks are sufficient, according to an opinion prepared by Judge McMahan of the Marion county circuit court. Suit was brought by the state of Oregon, on relation of John H. Carson, district attorney, to enjoin the secretary of state from placing the measure on the ballot at the November election.

The state supreme court adjourned Saturday night for the month of August.

Governor Pierce has returned from Cheyenne, Wyo., where he attended the governors' conference.

A total of 138 forest fires have been observed by officials of the United States air patrol at Eugene so far this season.

At a special school election Canby school district voted to unite with the union high school district by an overwhelming majority.

In a sudden fit of maniacal rage, Mrs. Inez Warren, young matron, shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Melissa Bolton, 71, at Canemah.

Astoria post of the American Legion and business men have combined to stage a drive to bring the 1927 state legion convention to Astoria.

The largest shipment of livestock to leave Heppner this season was shipped to Chicago last week and included 25 cars of cattle and 15 of sheep.

Peach growers of the Willamette valley met at Salem and organized what will be known as the Willamette Valley Peach Growers' association.

The hop situation near Mount Angel is not as promising from the standpoint of yield as 1925. The early or fuggle hops will not be worth picking.

Marksmen of Oregon organized the Oregon State Rifle association with Dr. J. D. Sheehan as president, at a meeting held in the Portland armory.

Francis Marion Collins, a resident of Polk county for 80 years, died at his home in Dallas after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Collins was in his 92d year.

Water shortage in the Reed and Hawley mountain and Weston mountain regions of Umatilla county is reported to be seriously endangering the crops.

Following a battle with five sharks while fishing off Coos bay, Joe and Louis Guedon of Astoria were obliged to take their 34-foot fishing craft ashore for repairs.

Work of scarifying and oiling the Mount Hood Loop highway having been completed, all the road equipment has been moved to the state highway shops at Salem.

Construction of a $10,000 prune dryer by S. A. Cummins & Sons is under way at McMinnville to accommodate the bumper crop which will be harvested, beginning August 15.

S. G. Oxborrow, who has Hood River valley's only commercial peach orchard, has started the harvest of this season's crop. His fruit is maturing earlier than in normal seasons.

Klamath Falls during July experienced the biggest building month in its history. Total building investment reached the sum of $641,435, over double that of any month this year.

Oiling operations on the Old Oregon Trail highway, between La Grande and Sunset inn, several miles west of Meacham, are now completed, according to Oscar Cutler, state highway engineer.

Money has been raised by the Enterprise chamber of commerce for the purchase of land near Enterprise to be used as a site for the proposed plant of the Black Marble and Lime company.

Fire that ignited when the combine engine backfired into spilled gasoline destroyed 160 acres of standing wheat and 290 sacks of grain and a Holt combine on the E. R. Barzee ranch west of Moro.

Growers of Evergreen blackberries are now beginning the harvesting of their berry crop in Clackamas county. According to the growers of the county, this year's crop will eclipse any in its history.

Western woolen and textile mills are in better condition than those generally in the east, declared Chauncey Bishop of the Pendleton Woolen mills, following his return from a trip through the east.

A saw mill and about 600,000 feet of pine lumber belonging to the H. M. Maughan Lumber company in Powatka Ridge, near Wallowa, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at about $17,000.

Agitation for the establishment of a landing field at Pendleton for airplanes has increased with the announcement that probably 25 or 26 airplanes would land at that city during the Pendleton Roundup.

Illegal and fraudulent procedure marked the progress of the first election held in Chiloquin, a lumber town of some 500 souls, according to a complaint registered with the district attorney's office by T. L. Snook, resident of the village, who demands a grand jury investigation.

Reclamation Commissioner Mead is authority for the statement that activity will begin in the very near future on both the Owyhee and the Vale irrigation projects, with limited funds that are available. A contract soon will be let for building a road to the proposed dam site on the Malheur river, and the cost of this road, together with sums that will be paid out for lands needed for rights of way for the reservoir site canals and other works will exhaust the present appropriation for the Owyhee. About half the recent appropriation for the Vale project will be paid out for a full half interest in the Warm Springs reservoir and the remainder of that appropriation will be spent on drainage work which is a necessary preliminary and for locating the main canal.

The convictions of W. Harrison Whitaker and George L. Jennings, arrested in Multnomah county charged with selling so-called "units of interest" in an electrical device intended for the extraction of gold from the waters of Mono Lake, California, without first obtaining a permit from the state corporation department, were affirmed by the state supreme court.

That the state highway commission intends to ask soon for bids on construction of the Roosevelt highway between the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers through portions of Lane and Douglas counties, is the belief of Lane county officials, who have been informed that a crew of state highway engineers is now working on a survey south of Glenada, on the south bank of the Siuslaw.

Bids for $40,000 worth of highway bonds were authorized by the special commission in charge of constructing the short-cut road through the Salmon river country to Otis, where 28 miles of highway will be eliminated on the road to northern Lincoln county. The commission will open the bids at its next meeting, August 4. Grading probably will start within ten days after the bonds are sold.

The water shortage in eastern and central Oregon, with the exception of districts having prior rights to the natural flows, is more serious at the present time than for many years, according to reports received at the offices of the state engineer. The most serious shortage of water for crops was reported by the Crook county improvement district and the Arnold Irrigation company, both of which are in central Oregon.

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All Farmers and Grangers are invited to come and bring their families and spend the day.

Dance at Night