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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Under construction since March 4, the Crooked river bridge, spanning a basalt walled gorge more than 300 feet in depth on the route of The Dalles-California highway in southern Jefferson county, was opened to general traffic Sunday.

A. C. Dixon, general manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, of Eugene, an authority on western lumber conditions, has been appointed a member of the national committee on wood utilization, which has its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Another new record for the Willamette river level was set at Eugene when a mark of minus .7 feet was reported by the observer. This is the lowest mark recorded since the start of taking of the measurements a number of years ago.

Two hundred and fifty head of cattle are reported to have died in an alarming epizootic, which for two weeks has been depleting herds near Corbett, Damascus, Troutdale, Boring, Gresham and Springfield. The disease is diagnosed as hemorrhagic septicemia.

The Jackson county court has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of forest firebugs to be coupled to the \$500 offered by the state for the same purpose. The action was taken following the setting by an incendiary of six fires on Evans creek.

An average of one deer a week is being killed on the highways of Oregon by reckless auto drivers, according to E. F. Averill, state game warden, who has given game wardens instructions to arrest drivers for reckless driving when the responsibility appears to rest with them.

The reclamation bureau is hurrying to completion plans for the drainage system of the Warm Springs division of the Vale irrigation project, and will advertise for bids as soon as the courts have approved the contract entered into between the Vale irrigation district and the secretary of the interior.

Receipts from timber sales in the Deschutes national forest for the 1926 fiscal year were surpassed by those of only one other forest in Oregon—the Crater. Timber sale receipts from the Deschutes forest for the past year total \$101,454.54. Receipts from similar sales in the Crater national forest amount to \$215,973.76.

Negotiations on the part of Bend for the past two years to obtain water from Tumalo creek for a domestic supply ended when the city became owner of rights to six second feet. The supply was secured from the Tumalo irrigation district, the city trading 9 1/2 second feet of Deschutes water and paying \$25,000 for the Tumalo rights.

Papers were served on members of the public service commission at Salem in a suit filed in the United States district court in Portland to restrain the commission from enforcing an order placing the valuations of the Coos and Curry Telephone company at \$844,537.

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for rate-making purposes. This order was issued by the commission on April 1, 1926.

Voters of the state of Oregon at the general election in 1928 will express their attitude on the question of repealing the 18th amendment to the federal constitution, according to an initiative petition filed in the offices of the secretary of state at Salem. The petition was filed by the World War Veterans' league, of which F. O. Mercer of Portland is president.

The state game commission at its next meeting in September probably will be asked to adopt two measures to protect game fish in Oregon, according to E. F. Averill, state game warden. One measure would prohibit the use of salmon eggs in catching rainbow trout in Diamond lake and the other would make unlawful the smoking and salting of trout.

Pensions have been granted the following Oregon claimants: Patrick M. Hennebery, Portland, \$50; Fred W. Bowen, Roseburg, \$40; Emmet J. Fay, Reedsport, and Lesmie K. Hale, La Grande, \$30; Fernando Fergonia and Thomas L. Parker, Portland and Utley N. Beckley, Silverton, \$25; John A. Paterson, Charles Thompson and Oliver Jones, Portland, Stephen A. Clark, Warren, and Arthur Grimstead, Waldo, \$20.

Bids for the construction of approximately 41 miles of road and one bridge will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland Thursday, August 26. Projects for which bids will be opened follow: Benton county—Alsea mountain-Philomath section of the Alsea highway, 6.13 miles of grading. Benton and Lincoln counties—Eddyville-Blodgett section of the Corvallis-Newport highway, 16.7 miles of broken stone resurfacing. Jefferson county—Rubble masonry parapet wall construction in Ogden park on The Dalles-California highway near Terrebonne.

Lake county—Draws valley-Lakeview section of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, 16.1 miles of broken stone surfacing. Tillamook county—Wheeler-Brighten section of the Roosevelt coast highway, 2.86 miles of grading. Jackson county—Bridge over the Rogue river on the Pacific highway at Gold Hill requiring approximately 440 cubic yards of excavation. Invald Lien, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Ylen of Canby, was killed while blasting stumps. Fees in the Columbia county clerk's office for July amounted to \$624.10, an increase of \$170 over July, 1925. Final surveys have been made preparatory to beginning construction of the new \$300,000 theater at Klamath Falls.

Approximately 300 men are reported to be fighting 11 forest fires on state and national timber land in Jackson county. The entire Cascade national forest, lying east of Eugene and comprising 1,023,519 acres has been closed to smokers. John Lynn, 30, died at a Salem hospital of injuries suffered in an explosion while blasting stumps near Sublimity. About 100 delegates from 28 Oregon counties attended the annual convention of the Oregon Title association at Astoria.

Boardman ranchers who planted wheat are highly elated over the heavy yield which is running from 40 to 60 bushels per acre.

Plans for the North Morrow county fair are nearing completion. September 3 and 4 are the dates set and it will be held at Boardman.

W. L. Clinton, 60, Portland, was killed instantly when his car turned over on The Dalles-California highway, 45 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The public service commission denied the application of the Coos Bay Boom company for permission to cease operations on the Coquille river.

Ladders are used to pick evergreen berries in the vicinity of Reedsport, the bushes growing 15 feet in height and covering about 20 feet square.

Halsey and Tangent gardeners are complaining about the damage done by the China pheasants by scratching

out the squash vines and other plants. Labor conditions in Salem are the best on the Pacific coast, according to a report for July issued by the United States department of labor in Portland.

Fire losses in the state of Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during July aggregated \$646,340, according to a report prepared by Will Moore, state fire marshal.

The number of inmates at the Oregon state penitentiary has reached its peak in the history of the institution. There are now a total of 592 convicts in the prison.

The Ladd & Bush bank at Salem, which is one of the oldest financial institutions in the state, has received a permit to remodel its quarters at a cost of \$50,000.

William Burch, who has been a logging contractor for a number of years, was killed instantly at the Scheider mill, near Loraue, when struck by the top of a falling tree.

Acemona has been selected as the site for a 45,000-egg hatchery which is to be operated by W. H. Thompson of Canby. Work of installing machinery probably will be started in September.

Because he used a circle of fire in timbered country to keep coyotes away from his flock of sheep at night, Frank Byrne, camp tender for Pat Reilly of Jefferson county, was arrested near Bend and fined \$25.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, plans to lose himself somewhere in the wilds of Oregon the last 10 days of August. Just where he will spend his time, or with whom, the secretary would not say.

The Valley Brotherhood of Baptists, which includes representatives from Marion, Polk, Benton and Linn counties, held its annual picnic at Santiam park, near Jefferson. More than 200 persons attended the banquet.

For having the most attractively arranged and best kept garden in a club of six, John Crosta of Yankton received the first prize in a garden inspection tour conducted by George A. Nelson, Columbia county agent.

China pheasants are unusually abundant in eastern and western Oregon and deer are plentiful in every section of the state where deer are to be found, according to E. F. Averill, state game warden, in his monthly report.

A WILD DELIVERY

"In my observations of automobile drivers, I am reminded of many bush leaguers who have been tried out for places on the big leagues and have failed in the pitcher's box," said George O. Bradenburg, general manager of the Oregon State Motor association. "In practically all instances with the pitchers, they were sent back to the 'sticks' through a lack of control. Wonderful speed they had, but no control. Now you get the point. Too many auto drivers have wonderful speed but lack control."

In analyzing the phrase as applied to auto driver, "Wonderful speed, but no control," Mr. Bradenburg pointed out that the lack of control was due to too much speed in most instances. When a car gets to a certain speed on ordinary traction as found on our highways, it is beyond control, and with our highways crossed by intersections, and vision obscured frequently by turns, there is ever a warning to be issued to the fellow with wonderful speed and too little control. Even on a straight-away, a car becomes a hazard beyond a certain speed, as blowouts, or a dozen mishaps to the mechanism of the car will result in a spill that will not only endanger the lives of the occupants of the car but of those in the immediate vicinity of the unlucky one.

Strict attention to the path of the motor car is another item that receives too little attention. Many drivers, traveling at a good rate of speed have a habit of looking everywhere but down the path of the auto. If one must look into the eyes of other occupants of his auto while talking, he should temper his speed to suit such occasions. If scenery must be enjoyed, it is incumbent upon the driver to either stop or forego the pleasures of such attractions. A misguided auto at high speed is just as hazardous to the motorist as too much speed with a lack of control is to the aspiring twirler of the big leagues.

"Wonderful speed, but no control," is an epitaph that might be written on the stone of a great num-

SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS COMING

More than 400 arenic stars are required to round out the program of the Sells-Floto circus which is billed to appear in Medford on Saturday, August 28th. This big show, long considered as the "class" of the circus world, will doubtless attract hundreds from this place.

An added attraction this year is Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, with a large number of full-blooded Sioux Indians.

Noted this year as among the performers is the famous "Poodles" Hannaford and his comedy riders. Hannaford is known far and wide as the greatest circus performer in his especial line in the world. Others whose fame is widespread are the Flying Wards, the Sells-Floto clown army, the three herds of performing elephants, included in which are the only elephants who give an exhibition of the now famous "Charleston," and said to be perfectly trained in this novelty.

There are also the 60 Liberty horses, half a hundred performing lions, tigers, leopards, polar bears and others, the programs given by each and by the mixed groups being thrilling and exciting in the extreme.

Practically two hours is given over to the performance in the main tent, and the three rings, steel arena and stages are filled with action every minute of the 120. The opening spectacle is a pageant of color and beauty and serves to introduce the 1,000 people to the audience.

Sells-Floto is the exception among circuses, being absolutely clean, and being at the same time exclusively a circus that has retained the features that make performances of this kind enjoyable to every person who attends. Two performances will be given, the first at 2 and the second at 8 p. m. Sells-Floto has not raised the price of admission from its always popular figures, another thing that has made it popular with the masses.

ber of casualties that occur on the highways annually.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

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