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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1926

Old-time Hood River residents say the crop of acorns was never heavier than this year.

Harvest of the Tokay grape crop in Josephine county has started. It is estimated 20 cars will be shipped.

William P. Ellis, attorney for the public service commission for more than 12 years, has resigned, effective October 1.

When Mrs. W. J. Perry of Bend opened the end of an unusually large egg, she found inside an egg of average size.

A prune drier owned by Hugh Guthrie and located 3½ miles south of Sheridan was destroyed by fire with a loss of about \$12,000.

With the biggest agricultural and livestock exhibit in its history, the fifth annual Klamath county fair opened at Klamath Falls.

William R. Estes, prominent hardware merchant of Oregon City, was killed at his place of business by the explosion of an air tank.

The state irrigation securities commission certified to \$140,000 of bonds issued by the Medford irrigation district for development purposes.

A contract for the construction of a new Baptist church building at Cottage Grove has been let to H. E. Wilder, Eugene, at a price of \$17,827.

The Coelcian club and the Royal Troubadours, high school social organizations were ordered disbanded by directors of the Salem school district.

The aggregate cost of operating the Salem public schools during the coming school year has been fixed at \$344,877, according to a tentative budget.

A bolt of lightning shattered the telephone in Anton Mallar's lunch room in Sandy and stunned Jack Barnett of Sandy who was sitting at a nearby table.

Four forest fires were reported from the vicinity of Three Creeks butte, northwest of Bend, leading forest officials to believe that these fires were of incendiary origin.

Mrs. Myrtle Williams, 21, of The Dalles, who was injured when an auto driven by Gerald Wilcox of Antelope struck the horse she was riding near Criterion, died at Maupin.

Albany will hold a special election November 2 to vote on the question of repealing the tax limitation clause in its city charter restricting its general fund budget to 8 mills.

Transfer of the budget-making power of the state to the governor, and making him fully responsible, is proposed by I. L. Patterson, republican nominee for the governorship.

Pat McGinnis, who was found dead in a cabin in an isolated district 14 miles from Baker, was murdered, according to a coroner's jury verdict.

No clew to the slayer has been found.

For their heroic work in battling a forest fire on the shores of Pamella lake, in the Santiam national forest in August, Ione and Iris Hewitt of Sherwood, have been thanked by forest officials.

A \$30,000 hotel, six stories high, 100x112 feet, containing 125 rooms, will be constructed in Baker within the next year, it was announced by representatives of a group of eastern capitalists.

The state game commission has created a 2500-acre game preserve at Alford station, north of Harrisburg, on the Pacific highway. Chinese pheasants will be liberated on the new refuge this fall.

Miss Ella Nolan, 43, of Ione, committed suicide at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. Removing the drawstring from her skirt and tying it to a heating pipe in her room, she hung herself.

The Rainier Fish company shipped two carloads of the fall catch of salmon to New York Sunday and another carload was shipped to Boston Wednesday. The gillnetters, trappers and seiners report heavy catches.

Mining excitement is running high in Wallowa county following the discovery of a vein containing gold, silver and copper on Lick creek, near Enterprise, which rough assays indicate will run \$100 to the ton.

The University of Oregon has received permission to establish an extension course in the Salem high school building during the coming year. The course will feature literature, health, education and similar subjects.

The largest timber deal made at Marshfield in years was completed between the Western White Cedar company and the Stout Lumber company, involving delivery of 40,000,000 feet of white cedar logs to the Western White Cedar company within the next two years.

Work on the improvement of the channel and bar of Tillamook bay is about to begin, the powerful 20-inch suction dredge Natoma, owned by the Port of Astoria, with pontoons, pipe and all necessary equipment, having arrived at Garibaldi.

Just as it completed a jump of 15 feet from the ground to the limb of a pine tree, a cougar weighing 130 pounds, one of the largest reported slain for some time, was killed in the headwaters of Evans creek, near Salt creek, by W. Martineau of Gold Hill.

A second petition for rehearing of the cases of James Willos and Ellsworth Kelly, convicts, who are under death sentence for the part they played in the break at the state penitentiary August 12, 1925, was filed in the state supreme court by defense attorneys.

The Silver Creek Placer corporation of Merlin, Josephine county, has filed application with the state engineer covering the appropriation of water from Silver, Rawhide, Little Rawhide and Lake creeks for mining purposes. The cost of the development was estimated at \$10,000.

One thousand dollars in transportation money was appropriated by the Oregon State Fair board to guarantee the attendance of approximately a dozen uniformed drum corps and bands on American Legion and Booster day at the state fair at Salem, Friday, October 1.

Hay from only two counties in Oregon—Malheur and Baker—was considered in connection with plans for a quarantine on hay shipments from certain counties in Oregon, Idaho, California, Wyoming, Colorado and Nevada, to prevent entry into Montana of the alfalfa weevil, it is said.

The first arrest in the campaign of the Douglas fire patrol against incendiaries, who were said to be responsible for the heavy forest fire losses of the last year, was made when Floyd Finley of Elkton was brought to Roseburg charged with setting out numerous fires near his home.

The state land board has authorized Gus C. Moser, Portland attorney, and Charles Hall of Marshfield, to extract gold from black sands along the

beaches in Curry county. Under the terms of the contract the state is to receive 7½ per cent of any gold that may be extracted from the sands.

Inspectors of the Northwest Dried Fruit Packing association have sent out word that prunes in many sections of the Willamette valley are turning black at the pits, and suggests that drying be stopped, according to word received by J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.

The Inman Lumber & Development company, incorporated to carry on business at Port Orford, where it has taken a 50-year lease upon the wharf of the port of Port Orford, has started a crew of men to work preparing a camp at the proposed location of its first dam at the mouth of Rock creek, a tributary of Elk river.

Despite the heavy prune losses in Marion county, due to rains, the pack will be normal, according to W. F. Drager, Salem prune packer. Mr. Drager estimated the pack for the district at between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 pounds. Approximately 42,000,000 pounds of the pack already has been sold or is under contract.

September 23 is the last day on which the secretary of state is authorized to receive arguments and photographic cuts for publication in the voters' pamphlet for the November election, according to announcement at the state department. Printing of the pamphlets will get under way by September 28, the secretary of state said. Approximately 280,000 of these pamphlets will be printed.

Tracts of valuable timber land aggregating 18,616 acres in all have been added to Whitman national forest in Oregon by executive proclamation issued by President Coolidge. The additions to the forest, all of which were made from public land acreage now under control of the department of the interior, includes timber in Grant, Union and Baker counties abutting the

present borders of the park on three sides.

Lightning at Woodburn killed Edith, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pokorny, and Stella, 33, sister of Mr. Pokorny. Two other daughters, Elsie, 14, and Antoinette, also were struck, Elsie being burned from the knees down, and Antoinette with left foot burned. The girls had been picking cucumbers on the Pokorny farm southeast of Woodburn, and had gone under a tree when the storm became severe. A dog with them also was killed by the lightning.

The state highway commission refused to approve the boundaries of the proposed Falls City-Siletz-Newport road improvement district. The purpose of the district was to construct a highway from Falls City to Newport, via Siletz and Valsetz. The proposed road would shorten materially the distance between Willamette valley points and the coast. Refusal of the highway commission to approve the proposed boundaries of the district was based on protests received from Lincoln county officials.

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