

All shingle mills have started operations on Coos bay.

The state conference of the Congregational church is being held in Eugene this week.

Lester C. Rees post No. 57, American Legion of Newberg, will erect a new club building soon.

Portland postoffice did a business of \$168,196 in September this year, as compared with \$163,216 for September last year.

More than 1200 people from all parts of the world visited the women's building at the University of Oregon during the summer.

To date 80 ex-service men at Reedsport have applied for the soldiers' bonus, 70 per cent of whom want the home and farm loan.

Since April, 1920, when the first state highway contract in the county was let, Klamath county has spent \$171,389 for road work.

The Pendleton Commercial association and other civic bodies have endorsed a movement to build a \$250,000 public auditorium in Pendleton.

There are now 396 convicts housed in the penitentiary at Salem, this being the largest number in the institution at any one time since 1916.

One row of Natted Gem potatoes, dug on the ranch of Mike Merg, four miles from Bend, indicates a \$5000 crop on the ranch, for which Mr. Merg paid \$1200.

Hay grown by members of the Oregon Hay Growers' association, made up of growers of Umatilla and Morrow counties, is to be sold on the Atlantic seaboard.

There will be a student registration of over 2000 for the fall term of the University of Oregon this year, according to the prediction of President Campbell.

Hardy C. Stanton, Oregon pioneer of 1852, celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary at Roseburg last week by preparing the ground and setting out a strawberry bed.

Medford is to be the seat of the Dow Association hospital, capitalized at \$100,000. The incorporators are McMorris M. Dow, Myron G. Mordoff and Benjamin F. Lindas.

Governor Olcott, in a public letter, has urged the people of Oregon to cease their labors for a time at least Thursday, October 27, and pay tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt.

More than \$140,000 worth of Lane county property will be exempt from taxation this year on account of the old soldiers' exemption law of the state, according to H. E. Walker, county assessor.

National economy will prevent any further organization of new national guard units in Oregon for the time being, according to word received by George A. White, state adjutant-general, from the war department.

Wong Gee, an aged Chinese, was shot to death in Portland Friday supposedly by Sney Sing gunmen, in what is believed to have been the resumption of tong war hostilities between Hop Sing and Sney Sing tongs.

The new concrete pavement between Aurora and Barlow was opened to traffic last week, thus furnishing a continuous pavement from Albany to Portland, with the exception of two miles between Barlow and Canby.

The Oregon public service commission has authorized its grain inspection department, with headquarters in Portland, to establish branch bay inspection plants at Stanfield, Umatilla, Boardman, Messner, Peters, Hermiston and Irrigon.

Jonathan Bourne Jr., ex-Senator from Oregon, who has been suffering in Washington, D. C., for several weeks from a nervous collapse, now is able to take afternoon walks. Confidence is expressed by his attendants that he will soon be restored to health.

The enrollment of the University of Oregon medical school in Portland, which opened the fall term Monday, was the largest in the history of the institution. Total registration reached 152, the maximum number possible until the larger quarters are completed.

Every state in the union, with the exception of New Hampshire and South Carolina, was represented at the Salem tourist camping grounds the past summer. From the opening day, April 10, to October 1 there were 5260 cars and 21,000 persons registered at the park.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended October 6, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident department. The victim was Hatton Howe, teamster, Baker. A total of 324 accidents were reported during the week.

Because of the 6 per cent tax limitation law, the Salem city council has found itself unable to meet the demands for additional equipment in the various municipal departments. As a result the voters of the city may be asked to authorize an additional tax amounting to \$25,000.

Frank M. Warren, president of the Port of Portland, and F. C. Knapp of the Peninsula Lumber company, have been designated by Governor Olcott as vice-presidents for Oregon and members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, with headquarters in Chicago.

The world war veterans' state aid commission, in session at Salem, decided to open bids on November 30 for the sale of \$10,000,000 of bonds authorized by the voters of the state at a special election held in June. This money will be used in paying cash bonuses and making loans to ex-service men.

A public wedding at which Ben W. Olcott, governor of Oregon, gave away the bride, was staged in the presence of thousands of persons at the Linn county fair grounds at Albany. John T. Sills, member of the Albany fire department, was the bridegroom and Miss Martha Williamson, an Albany girl, the bride.

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NEW FIRE TRUCK TESTED

Aurora's new auto fire truck and chemical engine was given her initial run and test Saturday night. All painted as bright red as the rising sun, brass guards and railings aglow, with driver Stoner at the wheel, plunging and raring to go, all waited patiently for the fire bell to give the alarm. Mayor Ehlen, Fire Marshal Miller, Water Supt. Fry, City officials, business men, and women and children lined the street. A large fire was started with plenty of coal oil to hurry it along, and the run made with the siren screaming an unearthly, blood-curdling sound. No water was used; only the chemical needling the try-out. And it was satisfactory. The connections and working of the hose, being entirely new, was probably not perfect the first time, but the test proves Aurora the best fire protected town in the Northwest her size. In fact, the apparatus is exactly like that used in Portland's fire department.

Mrs. F. M. Yonkman of Minneapolis, Minn., who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Prah, of Prah Station, left for Kansas City, Mo. Saturday evening.

Mrs. G. E. Gould of Portland was the guest of Mrs. W. F. Prah, Sunday.

Consideration will be given to all problems confronting short-line railroads at the regional meeting of the American Short Line Railroad association for the Pacific northwest, to be held at Portland on October 12.

Cranberry picking in the district south of Warrenton is now completed. The crop is good and the quality of the fruit excellent. One of the best yields made was that on the Poole place, where over 1200 boxes were picked.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended for a period of six months a tariff filed by the Western Union Telegraph company increasing the rates for press messages offered for transmission over its wires.

Bids for the improvement and construction of approximately 121 miles of road and several bridges in Oregon will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland, October 25 and 26.

Pheasant hunting in Umatilla and Moro counties this year is better than in any portion of the state and hunters are flocking there and coming away with the bird limit, according to F. M. Brown, chief deputy game warden.

Governor Olcott, acting at the request of Mrs. James D. Howard, chairman of the Milledgeville (Georgia) chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has sent to the southern city a handful of Oregon soil to be used with soil from all other states of the Union in maturing a so-called Liberty tree to be planted there on November 10.

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