

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers

Teachers from all sections of Marion county gathered at Salem Friday in annual convention.

The Oregon caves in Josephine county were visited during the last season by more than 10,000 tourists.

A movement is being launched at Ashland to beautify the Pacific highway by planting roses along the fences.

Due to recent legislation by congress the state of Oregon will receive for the years 1923-24-25 federal road aid to the amount of \$2,995,892.

The run of chinook salmon in the Umpqua river, which is now practically at an end, was very light this season and very few silversides have been caught.

Led by the city planning commission, all forces in Pendleton are working toward a union depot for the Union and Northern Pacific railroads in that city.

An annual prize of \$25 in gold has been offered to the student at Oregon Agricultural college excelling in forensic work for the year, by Jacob Reichart of Corvallis.

Reports received at Salem from rural districts indicate that the recent rains have not injured the prunes, and that picking has been continued without interruption.

Discontinuance of the dual election board system, whereby ballots are counted while polls still are open, was recommended by the Multnomah county grand jury in a report.

Ruby Dollar, an 18-year-old high school girl, was shot and almost instantly killed at Ashland by Earl Barnard, one year her junior, while playing with a loaded revolver.

An incipient cyclone in the vicinity of Irving, north of Eugene, tore down farm fences, blew limbs off trees and overturned the station building at Ross, on the Oregon Electric line.

Girl students at the Klamath county high school must hereafter wear the uniform dress adopted by the student body last year or present a satisfactory excuse for non-compliance.

The grand jury at Klamath Falls indicted J. W. Siemens and John Siemens Jr., his son, for alleged fraud in connection with failure of the First State and Savings bank, which closed last January.

William von der Hellen, of Medford and Eagle Point, was awarded the contract for construction of the Eagle Point irrigation district canal between Big Butte creek and Eagle Point on a bid of \$140,000.

Vaughan & Bester, who own and operate a sawmill at Acme, on the lower Siuslaw river, soon will build a logging railway several miles long up Hadsell creek, to bring fir logs down to their plant.

Evergreen blackberries, which grow wild in great profusion in most parts of Clatsop county, are now in their prime and hundreds of persons are engaged in packing them both for sale and for domestic use.

The largest tax remittance to be received at the office of the Linn county tax collector covering taxes due on the second half of the year was turned over by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. The amount was \$11,215.32.

By a vote of 35 to 27, with 21 of the delegates absent, the Oregon state federation of labor, in session at Salem, adopted a resolution urging amendment of the Volstead act so as to permit of the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer.

Marguerite Stark, 13-year-old Portland girl, was proclaimed winner of the silver loving cup offered by the Oregon Farmer for the boy or girl scoring the highest number of points on any project at the state fair at Salem. Miss Stark scored 100 points in canning.

The secretary of state has turned over to the state treasurer \$607,931.02, representing the net receipts of automobile registrations for the six months ending September 15. The money will be used in paying a part of \$784,000 in interest due on highway bonds October 1.

The Oregon pear crop considerably exceeded the earlier estimates, reports F. L. Kent of the department of agriculture. The heavy spring drop did not prove to be as serious as anticipated. Indications are that the total 1922 pear shipments will amount to about 1650 carloads.

Seining for salmon is the subject of discussion on the lower Coquille river, where it is held the practice is not approved by the sporting element, who believe the river eventually will become a poor fishing district if seining is allowed. Fishermen and cannerymen who profit by taking salmon hold an opposite view and the question is likely to be settled by the state legislature at next winter's session.

Pear-picking and shipping will continue in Medford and vicinity for a month. So far 1035 cars of pears have been shipped from here to the eastern markets and the canneries. Apple shipping has just begun, only six cars to date having gone east.

O. L. McIntire, for the last two years employed as an instructor in the Kentucky state school for the deaf at Danville, was appointed superintendent of the Oregon state school for the deaf at Salem, to succeed A. S. Tillinghast, who has accepted a position in Missouri.

With ten inches of snow on the ground, Crater Lake Lodge is practically snowbound and was officially closed Saturday, when the entire force of employees returned to Medford. According to the lodge management, the patronage this season has been the largest in its history.

Two truck loads of young trout were sent from the state hatchery near Vida on the McKenzie river, to the new state hatchery at Oakridge, on the upper Willamette river. The trout number about 200,000 and will be left in the ponds at Oakridge until the close of the fishing season in the fall of 1923.

One of the largest damage verdicts ever handed down by a jury in the Multnomah county circuit court was given Lew Wallace, ex-agent for the American Life Insurance company in the state of Oregon, when he was awarded \$71,170.33 in a suit brought against his ex-employers for alleged breach of contract.

The candidates' pamphlet, to be printed and distributed among the registered voters of the state prior to the general election in November, will contain between 25 and 30 pages, according to an estimate made by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The time for filing statements for the pamphlet expired Thursday afternoon.

The army aviation camp on the Eugene municipal flying field is being broken preparatory to the return of the members of the 91st squadron of the army air forces to the home station at Crissey field, San Francisco. The recent rains have extinguished all fires in western Oregon and there is no more need of the patrol.

Sixty thousand rainbow trout have been sent from the McKenzie hatchery for distribution in Linn county streams. This consignment was originally intended for the streams east of Cascadia, but the weather conditions prevented taking them there, so the trout were liberated in lakes and streams in the vicinity of Seilo.

An unusual amount of worm damage, together with small sizes and more or less "brown spot," have materially reduced the prospective 1922 commercial apple crop of Oregon, as compared with the earlier indications, is the opinion of F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician, department of agriculture, who has very recently visited the principal apple-growing districts of the state.

A mineralized tooth, more than four inches in length, found in Newberry crater by Peter Valley of Bend has been classified by United States biological survey officials at Washington, D. C., as that of a horse, probably an extinct species. Judging from the size of the tooth, central Oregon's prehistoric steed was at least three times the size of the average horse of today.

Ed Forrest of Broadbent, Coos county, is a contender for Luther Burbank's crown. Mr. Forrest has developed a Hubbard squash which seemingly has indefinite keeping qualities. He exhibited his first specimens at the Coos and Curry county fairs in 1921 and again this year exhibited the same specimens, apparently as sound as when they were plucked from the vines last year.

Completion of the Ashland-Klamath Falls road, better known as the Greens Spring road, probably will be left to the voters of Jackson county at the November election. Klamath county has voted \$300,000 in bonds to be used to complete the road from Klamath Falls to the Jackson county line, and it is estimated that it will require about \$75,000 to complete the remainder in Jackson county.

Because of the inability of the state highway department to obtain cement, work on three road-construction contracts in different parts of the state has been suspended. The contracts affected by the cement shortage include the Rex-Tigard section, paving through the city of Jefferson and the construction of a bridge over the Umpqua river at Winchester and a bridge over the Willamette river near Aurora.

United States engineers are encamped near Agness, Curry county, 20 miles from the mouth of the Rogue river, planning a pack train bridge over the Rogue to give access to the Illinois river valley and the various mining districts in that section. The bridge is to be a suspension affair, with two cables anchored to concrete piers on opposite sides of the river. The work is to be done for the forestry department. Curry county is considering an appropriation to add to the fund with the hope of making the bridge wide enough for vehicles.

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Some hen, sure. That is what we call a long distance layer. I wish Mrs. Nebelung had kept a record of the eggs laid by this remarkable hen.

NEW COMPANY PLANS RAILWAY TO YAKIMA

Olympia, Wash. — The Yakima Southern Railway company is the name of a new corporation for which papers were filed here with the secretary of state. The firm is capitalized for \$1,000,000 and its purpose is to build a railway line from the north bank of the Columbia river at or near Underwood to Yakima.

The incorporation papers were filed by John H. Hall of Portland, and the incorporators named are E. E. Lytle, Henry E. Reed and J. B. Atkinson. The principal place of business for the new company is Vancouver, Wash.

Portland, Or.—Construction of a network of rail lines through Yakima and Klickitat counties, in Southern Washington, aggregating 154 miles and estimated to cost \$7,500,000, was announced here by E. E. Lytle, railroad builder, following incorporation of the Yakima Southern Railway company at Olympia, Wash.

Plans for the newly incorporated company are the construction of a rail line 86 miles in length connecting Yakima with Underwood on the Columbia river.

Rear-Admiral Clark Dies.
Long Beach, Cal. — Rear-Admiral Charles E. Clark, who, then a captain, commanded the battleship Oregon on its famous voyage from San Francisco to Key West and later in the battle of Santiago, July 3, 1898, in the Spanish-American war, died at the home of his daughter here late Sunday. He was 79 years old.

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