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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Oregon prune week will be observed the week of December 11 to 17.

Corvallis high school claims the Willamette valley football championship.

John R. Byers of Oakridge has been named postmaster at a new office in Lane county to be known as West Fir.

The Walla Walla Railway company has authorized the construction of an extension of its line from Milton to Umapine.

Apple shipments from Hood River this year to date are nearly 100 per cent heavier than for the same period a year ago.

Clearances of export lumber cargo at the Portland customs house for November were 37,763,900 feet, valued at \$1,167,055.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon Butter Makers' association will be held in Portland December 13 and 14.

Members of the Oregon Music Teachers' association from all parts of the state met in Portland for a two-day convention.

The Oregon Growers Co-operative association of Salem will arrange 15 exhibits in connection with the observance of prune week.

Curtis L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner, died at the age of 54 in Portland, following an illness of four months' duration.

The ninth annual meeting of the Western Oregon Walnut Growers' association was held in Salem, Wednesday and Thursday.

Completion of the extension of the Oregon-Washington Railroad Navigation company's tracks from Crane to Burns is hoped for by July 1.

The labor situation in Salem is far from satisfactory at the present time, according to announcement made by the federal employment bureau.

W. E. Kyler last week sold his 320-acre farm north of Irving to John Michelbrook of Richland, Wash., the consideration being reported to be about \$70,000.

The practice of soaking or "swelling" oysters before offering them for sale, a common custom among certain dealers, has been prohibited by the state dairy and food commission.

A short course in dairy manufacturing, including butter making, ice cream making and cheese making, will be given by the Oregon agricultural college January 7 to February 2.

The new wing of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton has been formally accepted by the state. The new wing will provide accommodations for approximately 250 additional patients.

Robert Eggesham was killed and William Graham was injured, perhaps fatally, when a wagon in which they were riding plunged over a cliff on the Lake creek road between Blachly and Swiss Home.

Deschutes county's tax next year for county purposes will require a slightly less millage than that in effect for the present year. Next year's millage will be 15.65, as compared to a present millage of 15.84.

The state treasury has received from the motor vehicle fuels tax a total of \$4,667,128.48, according to a statement prepared by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. Receipts for the month of October aggregated \$220,524.83.

The Southern Pacific company has notified the public service commission that it will comply with the order issued by the commission some time ago and proceed immediately with construction on new depot facilities at Oregon City.

The Oregon supreme court has reversed an opinion handed down a week ago and holds that the organization of the Jordan Valley irrigation district was legal. In the former opinion it was held that the notices of election were insufficient.

Though the margin of profit will not be large, the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association of Salem has cleaned up its Spitzenberg apple crop at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.35 a box for extra fancies and from 61 to 85 cents for less choice grades.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Alfred Q. Desert, Silverton, \$12; Van E. Hallberg, Baker, \$12; Henry Hockenyoos, Portland, \$15; Maney Bernard, Portland, \$12; Frederick Petzold, Portland, \$12; John McPherson, Oregon City, \$12; Frank Gard, Albany, \$15.

Business on the lines of the Southern Pacific company has increased approximately 23 per cent for the year 1923 over 1922, according to a letter received at the offices of the public service commission from E. L. King, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in this state.

Bids for grading the 3 1/4-mile section of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway will be received by the bureau of public roads on December 19, according to word received in Roseburg. The government has set aside the sum of \$85,000 for the grading of this section, and is preparing to start work without delay.

The interstate commerce commission, in a letter received by the public service commission, has admitted that its valuations of properties of the Sumpter Valley railroad in eastern Oregon are incorrect. Engineers employed by the commission will be ordered to make an investigation to correct the errors.

When a car loaded with logs broke away on a heavy grade near Cochran and came hurtling toward the locomotive on which they were working, D. C. Hemminger, 29, engineer, and H. C. McKiddy, 24, fireman, jumped to escape injury, only to be killed by flying logs from the car, which struck a derailling switch.

A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, Ben Dorris and Harold Clifford, members of the state game commission, and Matt Ryckman, superintendent of state hatcheries, announced upon their return to Eugene from Coos county that they had decided to establish a new trout hatchery on a small stream just south of Bandon.

The limit placed on loads of trucks on Lane county's gravel and macadam roads a short time ago has been raised, after a large number of truck owners had protested against the limit as being so low that they would be unable to operate at a profit. The limit was changed from 300 pounds to the inch width of tire per axle to 350 pounds.

Permitted to spend Thanksgiving day with his family at Fossil, Henry D. Keyes, county judge of Wheeler county, must return to The Dalles and serve 20 days in the county jail there, in addition to paying a fine of \$250 as a result of a sentence in the justice court at The Dalles on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession illegally.

During the first 28 days in November a total of 23 fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission. This was said to be the largest number of fatalities reported to the commission during a similar period of time in the history of the department. The most deaths occurred in the logging and milling industry.

Advertisements for rock for construction of the north jetty on the Umpqua river have been sent out by Captain George Mayo, United States army corps of engineers, in charge of the first Portland district. Bids are to be opened December 27. The contract will involve about \$230,000 and the total cost of the project will be about \$553,000.

O. C. Boggs, appointed special prosecutor in Jackson county during the administration of Rawles Moore as district attorney, was removed from office through an order issued by Governor Pierce. Liquor cases in Jackson county previously assigned to Mr. Boggs hereafter will be handled by Newton W. Borden, who was appointed district attorney to succeed Mr. Moore.

Prune growers of the Umpqua valley will adopt cattlemen's methods of selling if the trip to be made this week by R. E. Holdridge and Otto Watzig of Riddle is successful. The two prune-growers have loaded all of their 1923 prune crop into a freight car and are going to Montana in an attempt to sell direct to the retailers of Butte, Great Falls, Billings and other cities.

Revision of freight rates and elimination of bedding charges sought by the Oregon Horse and Cattle Raisers' association, Portland Livestock exchange and Northwest Livestock Shippers Traffic league, will be contested by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, according to an answer filed with the public service commission at Salem. The railroad corporation asks that the complaint be dismissed.

Members of the state tax commission will meet in Salem this week, when plans will be outlined for the organization of the state income tax department. Initial income reports under the law are due before March 15 of next year. Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, under whose direction the tax will be collected, says it will require between 30 to 50 employees to operate the department. Mr. Fisher estimates that there will be approximately 70,000 income reports the first year the law is in effect.

There were nine fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending November 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included John Goss, Hood River, brakeman; William Trankle, Longton, fireman; Pasquella De Vinconzo, Linnton, laborer; Manuel Jacobo, Fort Klamath, quarryman; Lee Nichols, Penn, laborer; Herbert Smith, Portland, checker; Frank Ott, Wauna, dry kiln puller; F. C. Stevens, Portland, loader, and Fred Colclough, Estacada, brush burner. A total of 645 accidents were reported.

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