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WASHINGTON STATE BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

For the first time in many years the current expense fund of the city of Chehalis is now on a cash basis.

At the close of business June 30, the two banks of Pullman had resources of \$1,663,760 and deposits of \$1,409,861.

Two typhoid fever cases at Walla Walla have been traced to a spring near the power plant on the Walla Walla river.

The 11th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities is to be held in Seattle September 3 and 4.

The ninth annual Skagit county excursion to the western Washington experiment station at Mount Vernon will be held this week.

Fire last week in the Y. W. C. A. building at Yakima drove 11 young women, lightly clad, into the street and caused a loss of \$25,000.

Lewiston, Idaho, was chosen as the 1924 meeting place at the final business session of the Washington State Morticians' association at Everett.

Forty-eight owners have entered 146 horses from Everett, Vancouver, B. C., Carnation, Camp Lewis and Fort Lawton for the horse show at Seattle.

Extra Meeker, 94, of Seattle, announced that he would stump the state for Coolidge this summer and fall, working independently of the state committee.

Contrary to the general belief, southeastern Spokane county will have a fine wheat crop. It is reported that some 50 bushels to the acre wheat may be threshed.

Rebuilding the sawmill and box plant of the Yellow Pine Box and Lumber company near Winesap, recently destroyed by fire with a loss of \$120,000, is under way.

Charged with the murder of his wife, Pearl Conner, 34, who dropped from sight under mysterious circumstances two months ago, Richard Conner, 37, was arrested at Tacoma.

In the second bad grain fire of the season standing grain on more than 600 acres was destroyed in the Fields gulch region, 12 miles north of Prescott, in Walla Walla county.

C. W. Sorrells and his son, John, were drowned in the Okanogan river two miles below Malott when the team they were using to move logs fell into the river, pulling the men in.

Louis L. Kennedy, 50, sustained a crushed pelvis, causing his death soon after, when the wheel of a combine passed over his body on the Robert G. Kennedy ranch near Walla Walla.

Preliminary steps toward formation of a tri-city manufacturers association, with manufacturers of Kelso, Longview and Rainier as members were taken at a meeting in Longview.

Rains in several sections of eastern Washington and northern Idaho with other favorable weather conditions enabled firefighters to bring under control many blazes in those sections.

Younger & Israel of Dayton have purchased the Turner warehouses at Whetstone, Delany and Turner from B. M. Turner, who will operate the Pacific Coast elevator warehouse system.

Unanimous endorsement of initiative measure No. 52, the Bone power bill, was voted in the closing session of the annual convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor at Olympia.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the entire cut of Lantz's sawmill, six miles from Lincoln, across the Spokane river. The lumber burned totaled nearly 3,000,000 feet and was of the best grade.

Rose Stover, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stover, Bunker Hill precinct, 15 miles west of Ephrata, is dead as the result of a fall down a 60-foot cliff near her home in Grant county.

National forests in western Washington are declared by State Forest Fire association officials to be completely free of fire. Cool weather and frequent showers are preventing the spread of fire.

E. D. Miner, age 70, pioneer of the northwest, shot himself in the head with a .32-caliber revolver on the Inland Empire highway, five miles west of Colville, and died while being taken to a hospital.

Goose Lake, located in the Columbia national forest in Skamania county and known as a fishermen's and hunters' paradise, has again become so void of water that the lake has been closed to fishing.

One lot of turkey red wheat, 900 bushels, was sold last week for \$1.25 net f. o. b. Eureka. William Struthers, Eureka flat farmer, made the sale to the Jones-Scott company. This was the record price for the season.

About 25 county clerks from the various counties of the state, the greater number accompanied by their wives, attended the convention at Mount Vernon of the Washington state county clerks' association.

Martin Zoncha, engineer, and Henry Adi, fireman, were killed and other employees narrowly escaped death when a donkey engine at camp No. 2 of the Independence Logging company in northwestern Lewis county blew up.

Action to test the validity of withdrawals of signatures from initiative or referendum petitions, upon request of the signers, after such petitions are in the hands of the secretary of state, was filed with the state supreme court.

Ned Crofoot, 4-year-old son of J. E. Crofoot, while playing with matches, started a fire that destroyed a big farm on the Crofoot ranch near Okanogan with a large quantity of hay and all farm harness and implements.

A proposal to have stricken the divorce cases to be filed 30 days before trial was voted down at the annual convention at Seattle of the Association of Superior Court Judges of Washington.

Approximately 1,200 men in Washington are under the parole system and are earning an average of \$72 a month. J. Howard Shattuck, state parole officer, told sheriffs and peace officers at their annual state convention at Yakima.

The federal trade commission complaint against the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export company, charging an attempt to monopolize the lumber export business of the Pacific coast, was dismissed by the commission without prejudice.

Forty-four carloads of lambs were shipped to the Chicago market Friday by four Yakima sheepmen. Waechter Bros. loaded 22 cars at Toppenish; Pete Agor, four at Naches; A. Matson, nine at White Swan, and H. O. Kohler, eight at Cle Elum.

Indian ponies running wild invaded the ranch of Walter Hall near Wiley City, who fired at them with a shot gun with disastrous results. One pony was killed by the shot, and another so maimed that it had to be killed. Warrants were issued for Hall's arrest.

The 27th annual convention at Yakima of the state sheriffs' association, was enlivened by a suggestion by Senator D. V. Morthland that perhaps one of the most potent retarders of juvenile crime would be for the state to give the power of spanking to sheriffs.

Oregon and California are discriminating against Washington in directing tourist traffic up the Columbia river highway instead of north to Seattle and then over the Washington passes. Stephen Chadwick, Seattle attorney, told members of the Lions club at Wenatchee.

Walter J. Robinson of Garfield, manager of the Washington Wheat Growers' association, declared in a statement at Spokane that he will file for the democratic nomination for governor, "unless some candidate interested in the farmers' problems with a possibility of being elected" enters the race.

A complaint charging conspiracy in restraint of trade and alleged unfair price-fixing was filed in federal court at Seattle against more than 20 prominent commission merchants under the name of the Seattle Produce association by Cornelius Hughes, special assistant to the United States attorney-general.

Sheep creek, the best fishing stream in Stevens county, was closed to fishing, together with all its tributaries, by J. W. Kenney, superintendent of game and game fish, on request from F. E. Pape, state forester, on account of the fire hazard. It will be opened again as soon as a rain makes conditions of risk more favorable.

With returns nearly complete, the June gasoline tax report announced by Fred J. Dibble, director of licenses, showed sales of 13,342,145 gallons of gasoline, while the returns yet to come in are expected to make June the banner month so far in the history of the gasoline tax on quantity. At 2 cents a gallon the collections will be \$266,842.90 for June.

Shot to death as he lay in his bunk at Trafton, twenty miles north of Everett, the body of Frank Saurrol, 26, section foreman of the Northern Pacific, was discovered by one of the section hands. In an adjoining room on a bunk lay the body of Frank Martellotti, 40. Beside the bed on the floor was an automatic revolver, which it is believed Martellotti first used to kill Saurrol and then himself.

Henry W. Leach of Yakima was elected department commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of Washington and Alaska at their convention in Bellingham. Other officers elected were William Downey, Seattle, senior vice-commander; Dr. O. R. Austin, Aberdeen, junior vice-commander; R. B. Parcel, Washougal, chaplain (re-elected); Dr. O. H. Near, Yakima, surgeon, and Fred Sands, Pasco marshal.

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