

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

About one-third of the new paving laid between Mehama and Stayton has been completed.

Mrs. Melvina Willis celebrated her 99th birthday anniversary in Cottage Grove last week.

With 76 names on the membership list, Junction City has taken definite steps to form a commercial club.

Rain that fell in La Grande last week brought relief to farmers and lessened forest and grain fire hazards.

Two alleged moonshiners and three large stills were captured at Brightwood by Clackamas county and state officers.

Lightning started 25 new forest fires in the Crescent district and did damage to lumber mills estimated at \$100,000.

Contract for the construction of a new public school at Sprague river was awarded to Bottomley & Kiefer, Klamath contractors.

No bids have yet been received in Portland for handling the air mail service on the Pacific coast, according to Postmaster Jones.

More than 50 farmers and agricultural specialists made up the fifth annual farm crops excursion held in Union county last Tuesday.

The tug Coquille of the Knappton Towboat company was sunk on the Columbia river when she rammed into a log raft she was towing.

Joseph Bawer, who has the distinction of living in Salem longer than any other man, observed his 86th birthday anniversary last week.

Four horses were killed by lightning and two homes were hit in the Baker district last week. Half severely damaged the crops in the field.

The work of surfacing with crushed rock the 25 miles of uncompleted road in the national forest between Prairie City and Unity started July 25.

The Salem city council, by a vote of 7 to 6, last night reported favorably on an ordinance providing for head-on parking in the business district.

Lacking but a month of being 81 years old, Charles A. Williams, one of the best-known Grand Army men in Oregon, died at his home at Gladstone.

Miss Margaret Tynan of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Nurses' association, which closed its convention in Portland last week.

Portland ranks third on the Pacific coast and 12th in the United States as a port based on the tonnage of goods handled in foreign commerce.

F. P. H. Aton, a resident of Salem, told of how he was treed by a buck deer while fishing on the north fork of the Santiam river, six miles east of Mehama.

All children 12 years of age and under will be admitted free to the Multnomah county fair to be held in Gresham throughout the week of July 28 to August 2.

Fires in Portland during June caused the death of two men and piled up a financial loss of \$217,238, according to the monthly report of Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

Reedsport is shipping fish by water this summer. One cargo of 3000 cases of shad and chinook salmon went to Astoria last week on the gasoline schooner Roamer.

Sales of public lands, including fees and commissions, produced \$12,501.45 in Oregon during the quarter ending June 30, 1925, the interior department announced.

A \$1,000,000 theater, the finest of the circuit of 24 operated on the Pacific coast, will be erected in Portland at once by Ackerman & Harris, theater operators.

A contract for construction of a million-gallon water storage reservoir has been let by the Cottage Grove city council to Godard & Randall at a price of \$16,706.05.

The Oregon hop crop of 1924 has been cleaned up by the purchase of the three remaining lots in the state. It is estimated, there were 75,000 bales in the total 1924 crop.

Heavy fog, coupled with cooler weather, aided in subduing the fire which in the last few days has burned over several acres of old logging 2 1/2 miles south of Sandy.

The variegated cutworm, epidemic over sections of western Oregon and the cause of severe damage to truck gardeners and farmers has appeared in the Hood River district.

Threshing of the Hood River valley's wheat, oat and barley crops is now in full swing. A separator is now engaged on the crop of Rev. William A. Sunday, who has the largest acreage of grain in this section.

Fatally burned when kerosene used to light a fire in the kitchen stove exploded, G. H. Wigmore, 45, fought the blaze until his ranch home was saved, but died as a result.

O. E. Brooks, manager of the Black Cherry association, announced that the association members netted 14 cents a pound on one car of black cherries sold in the Chicago market.

Bids on an eight-story hotel, to cost \$190,000 exclusive of land, and to be erected at Klamath Falls, will be called within 30 days by the Stage Terminal and Hotel company of Oregon.

Following a protest received from the Amity Commercial club, the public service commission suspended the proposed new tariff of the Amity Mutual Telephone company for a period of 30 days.

Harvesting of cherries has been completed in Union county with a yield of about 15 to 20 per cent normal. Cows shipped two cartons of fruit this year compared with 12 car loads in 1924.

The worst electrical storm in Bend's history occurred last week and was accompanied by a near cloudburst which also came close to breaking all records. The rainfall amounted to half an inch.

The huckleberry crop in Union and Wallawa counties is not of much consequence this year, according to reports arriving at La Grande. Huckleberries are ripening and many pickers are in the hills.

Judge John C. Kendall refused to grant an injunction against the city of Marshfield council, preventing the progress of what is called the Mill slough drainage system, which will be a sewer system as well.

Eight hundred acres of land in the fertile Tule lake section are over-run with army worms. The ravages of the pest are on the increase throughout Klamath county and fields of second-growth hay are being stripped.

Tourists are visiting Crater Lake National park in greater numbers than ever before in July, according to figures given out by C. G. Thomson, superintendent. Up to July 17, 5385 autos bearing 18,392 persons had entered the park.

The state highway commission left Portland last week for a tour which will take them along the Roosevelt coast highway from its northern end to Yaquina bay. The commission last month made a tour of the southern end from Coos bay to the California line.

Harvesting operations began in the Freewater district with many outfits in the fields. Reports indicate good yields. Sam Ingle, who farms extensively in the Walla Walla river district east of Milton, has finished 150 acres which averaged 43 bushels to the acre.

Sixty signatures to a petition asking that the Drain-Reedsport highway be made into a state highway, to connect with the Pacific highway at Drain and eventually with the Roosevelt highway at Reedsport, were obtained at a meeting held in Drain recently.

The extent of state aid that may be expected by the Tumalo irrigation district and other similar projects in eastern and central Oregon, probably will be determined next month when the members of the state securities commission will make a personal inspection of the lands under development.

Consideration of various proposals looking to the elimination of many legal complications and at the same time simplify court procedure in this state to the advantage of clients, courts and attorneys occupied the attention of members of the Oregon judicial council at a meeting in Salem last week.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Edna B. Welker, Portland, \$20 a month; Phinis A. Sloan, Portland, \$18 a month; Sarah Paul, Grand Ronde, \$30 a month; Samuel T. Hardman, Cottage Grove, \$12 a month; Albert J. Ramey, Bend, \$15 a month; Samuel L. Butler, Goble, \$12 a month.

R. H. Kipp, manager of the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce, will hold a series of conferences with the prune men of Douglas county relative to co-operative marketing in this year's crop. Conferences are being arranged in Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Dillard, Sutherlin and Oakland.

The prune market, which has been poor for the last three years, will be good this year, and there will be a strong demand for fruit of all types throughout the year, according to C. A. Tonneson, executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen, which held its 23d annual convention in Portland last week.

Ten railroad corporations posted bonds with the Marion county clerk in the amount of \$65,000 following appeal to the supreme court of the decision of the Marion county circuit court dissolving an injunction restraining the public service commission from enforcing an order reducing freight rates on grain, grain products, potatoes and onions approximately 15 per cent.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Orlo Gillet, former teacher and athletic coach at Union High school No. 1 was at Pleasant Hill Sunday visiting friends. He is employed at the Terminal hotel in Eugene for the summer months.

Wayne Overholser, a Union High school graduate at Pleasant Hill has taken a contract as agent for the "Circle of Knowledge," a condensed encyclopedia and was at Pleasant Hill the fore part of the week taking orders for the book.

The board of directors of the Pleasant Hill public school met the fore part of the week and prepared the budget for the coming year. Mrs. Edith Hay and Mrs. Doble Phelps, teachers of the school were present at the meeting and ways to improve the school from a material and educational way were discussed.

For the next three weeks Rev. W. A. Elkins, pastor of the Christian church will be at American Lake. The pulpit will be filled on August 2 by President Sanderson of Eugene Bible University, on August 9 by Mr. Handaker of San Diego, California, and August 16 by David Eugene Olson of Eugene.

As Sunday August 2 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Christian church at Pleasant Hill, special services will be held. W. L. Bristol will give a brief history of the church and its founders, the choir will give some special music and President Sanderson of Eugene Bible University will give the sermon.

Miss Bertha Manning is packing her household goods planning to make her home in Springfield in the future.

Poultry Demonstration Prof. H. E. Cosby of O. A. C. poultry extension department gave a poultry culling demonstration at the ranch of E. B. Tinker, Wednesday, at 9:30 A. M. The ladies of the auxiliary who came to the demonstration brought their basket dinners and spent the afternoon at needle work. Prof. Cosby and O. S. Fletcher were guests of the ladies at dinner.

The Christian Endeavor society will give an ice cream social Saturday night, August 1. Everyone is invited to attend and bring their pocketbooks. The Pleasant Hill choir will meet Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phelps.

Roy and Moyd John leave this week for Santa Clara to work on the threshing crew with Ernest Schenk. Mr. and Mrs. Webb of Tuscon, Arizona were at Pleasant Hill the last part of last week.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

THURSTON NOTES

Last Thursday evening Mr. Price from Eugene had his car wheeled on the corner near the high school which resulted in his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weaver moved their household furniture to Marshfield last Sunday where they have bought in a wrecking house.

George Wilfan has laid off some of his logging crew.

Mrs. Blanton is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Kenna.

Clifford Coesler, Loren Edmiston, Flossie Herrington and Hazel Edmiston motored to Triangle Lake last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Taylor and son Herbert from Eugene motored out to Thurston ednesday.

Mrs. Alberta Weaver underwent a very severe operation at Pacific Christian hospital last Monday. She is getting along well at last reports.

Miss Flossie Herrington spent the week-end with Hazel Edmiston.

Miss Maude Edmiston returned home from Pendleton where she has been attending school, last Saturday. Miss Ethel Harris from Brooks is visiting at the Russell home.

Little Edna June Yarnell has the whooping cough.

Roy Edmiston plans to start the farmers thrasher machine next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morgan who have been visiting in Washington the past month are expected to arrive home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumm who have spent the past several months in Washington are visiting their daughter Mrs. Ira Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rizzie have purchased a new Chevrolet car.

Mrs. Walter Edmiston has bought a new piano.

Mr. and Mrs. George are enjoying a visit from their two daughters who motored in from Pendleton.

County Agent Fletcher held his demonstration of culling chickens Wednesday, July 29 instead of last week.

Maude Edmiston left Wednesday for Swisshome to visit for sometime.

Mrs. Margaret Campbell received word Wednesday that Alta Joos, who is in the hospital at Portland has had a relapse and is in a very serious condition.

Ray Nevers spent last week end at Triangle lake.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Edmiston and Mr. and Mrs. John Edmiston and daughter Maude and son James spent Sunday at Cottage Grove with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William.

See White Front Grocery for Lifebuoy Soap. Special this week.

FARM POPULATION DECLINED IN UNITED STATES

The farm population of the United States decreased approximately 182,000 during 1924, according to estimates based on a survey of 25,000 representative farms made recently by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is a drop of .6 per cent during that year, the estimated farm population on January 1, 1925 being 31,134,099 compared with 31,316,000 on January 1, 1924. This estimate included not only the agricultural workers, but all men, women and children living on the farms on that date.

The movement from farms to cities, towns and villages in 1924 is estimated at 2,075,000; the movement to farms was 1,396,000 making a net movement from the farm population of 679,000 persons, or 2.2 per cent. Births among the farm population during 1924 are estimated at 743,000 and deaths at 266,000 leaving a natural increase of 477,000 which reduced the loss due to the cityward movement to 182,000 or .5 per cent.

A similar estimate made in 1922 showed a loss in farm population of 460,000 as against 182,000 in 1924. The gross movement from farms to cities in 1922 was 2,600,000 compared to 2,075,000 in 1924, a slight increase. The gross movement back to the farm in 1922 was 860,000 compared to 1,396,000 in 1924, a very decided increase. The net movement from farms to cities in 1922 was 1,120,000 or 3.6 per cent and in 1924 679,000 or 2.3 per cent.

Two geographic divisions, the New England and South Atlantic States, showed a net increase in farm population for the year 1924, of .9 per cent and .2 per cent respectively. All other divisions showed decreases, the Mountain states leading with a loss of 2.8 per cent.

The decrease in farm population due to the cityward movement, not taking into account births and deaths, was highest in the Mountain States, 4.3 per cent, followed by the Pacific

and West South Central states. In all other divisions, except New England, the percentage of decrease due to the cityward movement was equal to or less than the average for the whole United States, 2.3 per cent. New England alone showed a gain of .3 per cent, since more people moved from cities to New England farms than left the farms for cities.

The movement from farms to cities was found to be at the highest rate in the Mountain States, 13.8 per cent, followed by the Pacific, New England, Middle Atlantic, and East North Central States in order. In the movement to farms from cities, the Mountain States again lead, with 9.5 per cent, followed by the New England Pacific, Middle Atlantic and East North Central States.

BRANDING SHEEP WITH TAR INJURES WOOL

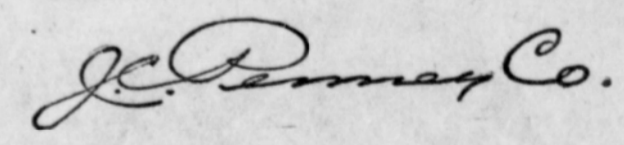
Some woolgrowers in the West have been using tar and other objectionable paints for branding their sheep. Tar softens during the scouring process and spreads among the wool fibers instead of being absorbed by the washing liquor. This injury to the wool is causing wool manufacturers immeasurable difficulty. It reduces the value of the wool, and the prejudice of wool dealers and manufacturers will result in lower prices to growers in the locality or region where such branding is practiced. There are sheepbranding fluids on the market that dissolve readily in the scouring process, and it will be to the advantage of woolgrowers as well as wool manufacturers to use such preparations.

Some ranchmen have raised the question as to whether the brand marks made from a liquid that will scour out of the wool will keep the sheep properly identified. The United States department of Agriculture has been branding thousands of its range sheep for many years, and it has found that the right kind of branding liquid is satisfactory for maintaining the identification of the sheep.



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- Fact 1—The Buyers of this Nation-Wide Institution of which this Store is a member, being constantly in the country's largest markets, assure the latest of the worth-while goods.
Fact 2—There being 40 of these Buyers, little escapes them.
Fact 3—Buying for our 676 Stores, they get every conceivable advantage.
Fact 4—Their huge orders assure standard quality merchandise at the lowest possible cost.
Fact 5—Because of this immense buying power, this Store is able to pass these advantages along to you.
Fact 6—That these advantages are real and that they are passed along to the public, you can easily determine by making Quality and Price comparisons where you will.
Fact 7—You can do this every day in the year.
Let these facts guide you!



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The Bon Ton Formerly known as Coles Restaurant advertisement with text: 'Announces that a number of changes have taken place in the way of preparing and serving meals. The restaurant will remain open evenings. Meals as usual. Short orders at all times. B. M. Joslin, Prop.'