

### OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Max Rogers was appointed water master of Lake county to succeed S. A. Mushem, who has resigned.

Rockaway, the ocean resort on the coast between Nehalem and Tillamook bays, is to have a natorium, to cost \$70,000.

The Anderson & Middleton Lumber company camp at Rajada, was opened for operations after a two months' shutdown.

Purchase of a park site from Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, at a cost of \$6000, was authorized by the Salem city council.

Dr. L. M. Lehrbach of Roseburg has been appointed a member of the Roseburg pension examining board by the commissioner of pensions.

L. B. Moore, who for 28 years was Southern Pacific station agent at Roseburg, died at the company's hospital in San Francisco, after a month's illness.

The first apricot blossoms of spring were reported at The Dalles by orchardists. The blooms are nearly two weeks earlier than usual, due to the mild weather.

The annual cannery run on broccoli has started at Roseburg and will last throughout the season. In comparison with the huge crop of broccoli this year, canning stock is light.

Four persons were killed in Portland during February as a result of automobile accidents, according to figures compiled at police headquarters. There were 1644 accidents during the month.

One hundred mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending February 27 manufactured 96,369,318 feet of lumber, sold 99,728,021 feet and shipped 97,845,616 feet.

Members of the state board of control voted to permit the several state institutions to come under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act. The order will become effective April 1.

Officials of the state highway department are frowning on further development of fox farms along the Columbia River highway in the gorge between Hood River and Multnomah Falls, it is said.

There were 307 cases of influenza in the state last week, according to Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health. Clatsop county led the list with 40 cases and there were 22 in Multnomah.

During the past year the Pendleton Packing & Provision company of Pendleton paid farmers and livestock men \$360,000 for livestock, according to a report made by G. W. Singer, vice-president and manager of the concern.

Because Tom Smith and Ralph Piper, Sodalville men, accused him of telling falsehoods concerning a chicken deal, Jake Bewley, also of Sodalville, attacked Smith with a long-bladed hunting knife and inflicted two cuts.

The Boardman school recently presented 29 locust trees to the school grounds. Boardman school now has approximately 15,000 trees growing in its nursery, and has a standing offer to furnish trees to any school in the state.

With the completion of the Klamath Falls-Eugene cut-off drawing nearer, the maintenance department of the Southern Pacific is busily engaged in laying heavier steel in certain sections and enlarging sidings between Klamath Falls and Grass lake cut-off.

The Kings Products company plant at Salem, which has been idle for the last three years, will operate during the 1926 season. This was announced by the Robert C. Paulus company, fruit buyers and packers, which has leased the plant under contract extending over a period of years.

Mrs. W. L. Moore, who lives near Turner, filed with the state board of control at Salem a claim for \$596, which she alleged was the value of articles taken from her home by Ida Ward, Pearl Evans and Marie Hamberg, who escaped recently from the state industrial school for girls.

Charges that the rates of the Columbia & Nehalem River Railroad company are excessive and unreasonable were filed in the offices of the public service commission by the Green Mountain Logging company, Noyes-Holland Logging company and the Christenson Logging company.

The state land board has leased to A. F. Barnett, Orin Shepard and C. D. Sutherland the north end of a sand island between the St. Helens channel and the main channel of the Columbia river north of St. Helens. The island was formed by dredges pumping sand from the beds of the two channels. The lessees will use it for seining grounds.

Hundreds of new settlers are coming to Oregon this year, according to officials of the land settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and Oregon state chamber of commerce. Approximately 50 inquiries a day are being received from persons in other states interested in locating in Oregon.

A timely jump saved Sam Head of Klamath Falls from serious injury or death when two horses towing his automobile became frightened and pulled the car over a 75-foot embankment. Head jumped just as the horses and car were plunging off the road. The automobile was badly smashed, but the horses escaped injury.

Owners of 24 automobiles who have been operating on the state highways under the authority of a "rod license" tag issued by Lieutenant E. Hoff, commandant at Fort Stevens, will have to buy state licenses if they wish to leave the reservation in their machines, according to a decision by Judge J. L. Tuomala at Astoria.

The state supreme court has set March 16 for hearing a suit in mandamus filed by W. S. U'Ren of Portland to test the validity of the law making it incumbent upon circuit judges to retire from cases in which affidavits of prejudice have been filed against them. Judge George R. Bagley of Washington county is the defendant.

The old Bar HC ranch, historic early day "cattle outfit" near Goose lake, one of the first points explored by General Fremont, is to be a dude ranch. Plans to convert the picturesque location into a tourist resort have been completed by a group of prominent Sacramento business men who have taken an option on the property.

Application covering the proposed development of 71,363 theoretical horsepower at an estimated cost of \$4,281,750, was filed in the offices of the state engineer at Salem by J. W. McArthur, engineer for the city of Eugene. The scheme contemplates a comprehensive development of the McKenzie river over a stretch of approximately 16 miles.

The Baker county court has adopted a market road program which will call for road contracts aggregating about \$135,000 before the end of this year. The new timber canyon road over Sag hill will be constructed at a cost of approximately \$100,000, and a four-mile stretch north of Baker, in the Missouri flat district, will be graveled at a cost of about \$35,000.

Damage caused to the city of Tillamook's pavement by heavily loaded logging trucks in the last few weeks caused the city council to pass an ordinance, effective immediately, making the maximum load for all trucks and trailers in Tillamook city 375 pounds an inch of bearing tire surface, and the speed of trucks, loaded and unloaded, five miles per hour.

In all 179 persons were arrested for violation of the prohibition laws in 28 of the 36 counties in the state in January, according to a report issued by William S. Levens, state prohibition director. Of those arrested 133 were convicted. Fines assessed totaled \$29,209.99, of which amount \$12,928.54 was paid by the defendants. A total of 876 gallons of liquor was destroyed and 38 stills were seized by officers.

Special camping permits will be issued on the Tillamook highway by the national forest service, according to word received by Ralph S. Shelley, supervisor of the Suslaw forest. Heretofore camping privileges along the highway inside the forest have been free, but they have been abused so much that it was decided to require special permits and establish commercial camping grounds under proper restrictions.

Receipts from the state motor vehicle fuel tax up to February 28 of this year aggregated \$11,045,421.26 since 1921, according to a report issued by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. Taxes remitted during the month of January totaled \$191,356.17. This tax was paid on the sale of 6,327,061.7 gallons of gasoline and 62,340.5 gallons of distillate. As compared with January, 1925, the gasoline sales increased 19 per cent.

At a hotly contested special city election held at Corvallis the proposal to permit movie houses to operate on Sunday was voted down by a majority of 265. There were 2600 votes cast, the largest vote recorded in the history of the city. Other measures carried changed the system of electing the city water commission and created an enabling act which authorized a new lighting system. Bonds were voted for the purchase of a power street flasher.

Federal Judge Wolverton at Portland signed two orders canceling the right of way given Nellie, Philip and Rolland McKinney and William R. Gardner in 1919 for construction of reservoirs in Malheur county near Vale. The government brought suits to cancel the rights on the grounds that the parties had failed to comply with the terms of the contracts. The Gardner grant was to construct the Sheep Head canyon reservoir and the McKinney grant was for the Willow Creek reservoir.

## Harold Lloyd, Popular Movie Comedian, Tells of His Youth and Boyhood Ambitions

### Finally Realizes His Early Craving For A Career, In Spite Of His Mother's Objections

By Harold Lloyd  
Through Autocaster Service

In the confusion of the youthful ambitions of any American boy, it is frequently extremely difficult to outline just what he visions himself in his later days. These ideas are always shifting, and kaleidoscopic. When I was a youngster most boys anticipated themselves more as great baseball players, than presidents; great prize fighters rather than big bankers or business men.

In my own case, I think as far back as I can recall, my greatest longing was to become an actor. Frequently I have heard my mother assert that I inherited this ambition from her. Sort of prenatal influence, I would judge. In her girlhood days she aimed for a career on the stage, and did quite a bit of amateur theatrical work, but when she attempted to enter the professional field, her parents never would countenance the move. They were of too strong a religious trend.

I was only about twelve years old when I was first permitted to indulge my theatrical ambitions before an audience. It all came about in a peculiar fashion. We were living in Omaha, and with my great longing for the theatrical life, I frequently found myself drawn towards one theatre or another—usually to where the Burwood Stock company was playing.

This afternoon I was one of a crowd gazing into a window where a fortune teller was displaying his horoscope chart to the entertainment of a good sized crowd. Even as a lad this interested me, and it still does for that matter. While this performance was going on, a fire broke out nearby, and half a dozen fire engines tore past the building where the soothsayer was operating. I was too wrapped up in his chart to pay any attention to the fire, but virtually everybody else had scattered with the approach of the first engine. After several minutes I felt someone touch my shoulder and as I turned around I received the thrill of my life. It was none other than John Lane Connor, leading man of the Burwood Stock company, whom I immediately recognized, having seen him a number of times with the Burwood organization.

His interest in me was aroused by my failure to follow the fire engines. We were soon engaged in conversation, and it developed that he was preparing to change his living quarters, and I suggested that perhaps my mother would find accommodations for him at our home, inasmuch as we had a big house, and could take care of him very comfortably. It developed that he did come to live with us, and to him I owe my earliest stage training.

Through his teachings and his influence with the Burwood company, I was engaged to play in a number of stock shows, first of which was "Toss of the D'Urbervilles," in which I portrayed little Abe. In this same company was the late Frank Bacon, who also became deeply interested in me. When the stock season closed, Mr. Bacon was taking a company out for a vaudeville tour, and he offered me a part in his unit. But my mother couldn't see it that way, and insisted that I remain in Omaha and keep up my schooling.

Later we moved to Denver, which put a temporary damper on my stage ambitions. About this time I had a de-

sire to become a great prize fighter and took up amateur boxing. At sixteen I had earned my way into the semi-finals for the Colorado state championship, all unknown to my mother. But when she learned that I was boxing, she again interfered, and put the quietus on that ambition.

My interest in the stage never died, however, and when at eighteen we moved to San Diego, I had the good fortune of again meeting John Lane Connor. He was conducting a dramatic school and he engaged me as an assistant instructor.

I also played with a local stock company, but being at the awkward age where I was neither flesh nor fowl, too old for kid parts and too young for juveniles, I took to character work, and played most everything from a skeleton to an aged Chinaman. It was wonderful training. From San Diego I drifted into the motion picture business in Los Angeles.

But I must say that throughout my entire early days I had the one thought in mind—to become an actor.

### SCOUT TROOP TO HIKE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Seavey's ferry on the Willamette river will be the objective of a group of healthy young boy scouts of the Springfield Lions troop, accompanied by members of the troop committee and fathers of the boys, when they set out on the troop's first hike Sunday afternoon.

The hike will start at 1 o'clock at Fifth and Main streets. Scoutmaster W. P. Tyson and Assistant Scoutmaster C. F. Barber will be in general charge of the hike. Members of the troop committee have urged that as many "dads" of scouts as can possibly do so accompany their boys on the trip.

### ATTORNEY PETERSON TO ARRIVE HERE SATURDAY

Attorney Ira M. Peterson will arrive here Saturday to open his office in the Commercial State bank building. It was learned last night when a truck load of books belonging to the attorney arrived from Moro, Oregon, where he has been practicing law for some time.

Attorney Peterson comes to Springfield after touring all western Oregon in search of the best place for starting a law practice. At Moro he is city attorney, but has decided to leave there feeling that the field is too small.

### Instruction Car Here.

Examination of operators and trainmen of the Southern Pacific company in this district is under way today at the railroad's instruction car, which is parked on the sidetracks at the Springfield depot. The car is in charge of William Nichols, who is accompanied by J. Shakespeare, local examiner.

Miss Johnson Here—Miss Dorothy Johnson, who was here to assist Dr. Louis Albert Banks in conducting revival services at the Methodist church remained here this week to lead the children's work. Dr. Banks found it necessary to give up the local services because of poor health, and returned to his Roseburg home last Monday.

CALL AND SEE Dr. N. W. Emery on all eye, ear, nose and throat work.

Ordinance No. 405.  
An ordinance to improve the alley between Main street and North A street from 3rd street to 5th street in the Town of Springfield, Oregon, by grading and paving the same with concrete pavement.

THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Common Council of the Town of Springfield does hereby declare its intentions to improve the alley between Main street and North A street, from the east line of 3rd street to the West line of Fourth street, and from the East line of 4th street to the west line of Fifth street, in the town of Springfield, Oregon, by grading and surfacing the same with concrete pavement, the full width of the alley, 14 feet, the thickness of the pavement to be not less than 6 inches, and to be constructed according to the rules and regulations as outlined in Ordinances governing the construction of concrete paving within the Town of Springfield, Ore.

Section 2. The cost of said improvement shall be assessed to and be

borne by the abutting property benefited thereby; and there shall be included as a part of said improvement, engineer's charges incurred therein, not exceeding the sum of 5 per cent of the cost price.

Passed by the Common Council this 8 day of March, 1926.

R. W. SMITH, Recorder.  
Approved by the Mayor this 8 day of March, 1926.  
G. G. BUSHMAN, Mayor.

Is Operated On—The little daughter of D. J. Beals underwent an operation at the Pacific Christian hospital yesterday morning.

M. J. Powell is Visitor—M. J. Powell, former Springfield resident, was in town today visiting old friends. He is now living at Blackfalls, Alabama, where his children, Clarence and Ruth, are. Dell, another son, is in the U. S. intelligence department, situated at San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Powell died after the family moved from Springfield.

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