

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Steelheads have begun their run up the Umatilla river from the Columbia.

Spinal meningitis claimed two more victims in Klamath Falls with the death of two boys, aged 7 and 10.

Citizens of Sumpter turned out en masse and donated their services in repairing the highway leading into the city.

Logs will be rafted from the Sluslaw river to Coos bay to save railroad freight charges by the Stout Lumber company.

Salem's annual blossom day festival was observed Sunday. The fete was two weeks ahead of any previous observance of the occasion.

The state highway commission meeting has fixed April 10 at New Grand Ronde for the hearing on the Salmon river improvement district.

The annual conference of the Southern Oregon Seventh Day Adventist church was held for three days in the new church edifice of that denomination at Medford.

Sheep shearing started Monday in the central Oregon country. The first shearing was in Crook county and it is expected that shearing will continue until at least June 20.

Investigation of an alleged defective sewer at Salem showed that it was blocked with moonshine mash. The officers were notified and an effort is being made to determine the source of the trouble.

Coos county will have a baseball league this year, which will open May 2 and close the season after playing the twelfth game July 18. Members are North Bend, Coquille, Marshfield and Bandon.

The south jetty being constructed on Coos bay has been damaged to a considerable extent by rough water, which has broken down rocking and washed out piling, 200 yards going out in one section.

Business and professional men of Eugene have announced a state-wide celebration to be held at Eugene August 19 and 20 in honor of the completion of the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific.

Sale of logs on the Columbia river totaled 30,000,000 board feet last week, according to John T. Douglass, manager of the Columbia River Loggers' Information bureau, setting the highest sales record of two years.

Contract for grading of eight miles of highway between Corvallis and Philomath on the Corvallis-Newport road was let by the state highway commission to the Slate Construction company of Albany for \$36,439.

United States Senator McNary presented to President Coolidge the name of Justice John L. Rand of the Oregon supreme court as a candidate for appointment to the federal circuit court of appeals at San Francisco.

Two hundred physicians of the state gathered in Portland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to attend the annual conference of the city and county health officers and the annual meeting of the state medical society.

Influenza cases declined throughout the state the last week, only 172 being reported as against more than 200 the week before, according to the bulletin of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health.

The state highway department has announced that special load restrictions in effect on certain state roads for several months would be removed April 1. After that date the maximum load limit prescribed by law again will be effective.

The Home Telephone & Telegraph company of southern Oregon in its annual report filed with the public service commission shows profits of \$29,894.58 on its operations for the year 1925. The company operates in Medford and vicinity.

Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden of Bandon sentenced Dr. James Wheeler of Gold Beach to 60 days in jail, a fine of \$150 and revocation of his automobile license for one year, on Dr. Wheeler's plea of guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated.

The state supreme court has affirmed the convictions of C. H. Owens and Chester C. Kubli, who are under sentence of not to exceed three years in the state penitentiary for aiding and abetting W. H. Johnson, cashier of the Bank of Jacksonville, in the misapplication of funds of the institution.

Several hundred Finnish residents of Astoria gathered at the Captain Robert Gray Junior high school and unanimously adopted a resolution expressing their approval of the action of school authorities in compelling the resignation of Paul Siro, 14, as president of the school student body after Siro had openly declared himself as favoring communistic principles.

Refunding of outstanding bonds of Oregon irrigation districts through the issuance of state bonds as a solution to the present financial dilemma now faced by irrigation projects in this state, was suggested by State Treasurer Kay, a member of the state irrigation securities commission, at a conference at Salem.

There are 3251 radio sets on the farms of Oregon. It has been disclosed by a recent survey by the department of commerce. That the radio is nearly as popular as tractors is shown in the report that there are 5771 tractors on 5455 Oregon farms. The total number of farms in the state is 58,908, an increase of 5702 since 1920.

Unless tax receipts increase materially the state treasurer on April 10 will be compelled to draw from the various state depositories a large amount of money to defray current expenses of the state government. The shortage of funds is due, the state treasurer said, because of interest due from the state on April 1.

Minor alterations in the hospital at the Oregon Soldiers' Home are contemplated by the State Board of Control, as a result of an inspection made. The large number of aged men suffering from infirmities requiring hospital attention has made a rearrangement necessary in order that more beds may be provided.

The state public service commission held a hearing in Eugene on the application of a large number of persons living in the western end of Eugene and outside the city limits for extension of street railway service on the Southern Pacific tracks which extend on Eleventh avenue west and on a county road for a number of miles.

Revival of the shale oil industry is promised for Ashland early this summer. A new 250-ton retort for melting the shale has been in experimental operation for the past seven months and it has proven capable of doing the work. When the plant gets in full operation it will have a capacity of 1000 tons daily, according to present plans.

A stream of smoke bearing a pungent odor of sulphur is coming from a fissure in the hillside near McLennon's station on the O-W. R. & N. Bend branch, railroad men report. The smoke is pouring from a crack varying in width from 4 to 20 feet. The edges of the fissure are caked with sulphur. The earth crack is less than 100 feet from the railroad tracks.

Sales of lumber reported by 104 mills to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending March 20 amounted to 115,342,905 feet. This was 14,000,000 feet below the abnormal bookings of the previous week, but was well above the normal average. Production came up during the week also, rising from 107,947,524 feet the previous week to 110,346,886 feet.

The semi-annual distribution of automobile registration fees to the 36 counties of the state, representing one-fourth of the net receipts for the six-month period ending March 15, has just been completed by Secretary of State Kozler. The amount distributed among the counties totaled \$1,120,000 and distribution was made upon the basis of the contribution made by each county to the automobile registration fund.

The senate public lands committee has reported favorably on a bill for reconveyance of Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia river, from the government to the state of Oregon. The island originally was ceded by the state to the government in 1854 with the understanding that it would be used for military purposes. The state contends that the island was not so used but was leased for fishing purposes.

Portland was announced as winner of first prize for 1925 among the country's big cities in the national fire waste contest conducted jointly by the national fire waste council and the chamber of commerce of the United States. Prizes were awarded to cities of each class on the basis of the reduction in fire losses shown during the year. Portland made the best showing among cities having populations of more than 100,000.

Seven hundred barnyard hens will soon be sitting on thousands of Chinese pheasant eggs at the two state plants at Eugene and Corvallis, according to Gene Simpson, superintendent of the plants. Prospects are good for a big hatch this year. Eggs are being laid by the pheasants earlier this season than usual. The wild turkey hens recently brought here from the south are also laying, and quite a batch of these birds is expected.

Bids will be opened by the state highway commission April 29 on the following jobs: Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, 8 1/2 miles, fly mountain section, 13.5 miles of surfacing; Alsea valley section, 10.5 miles of grading; Roosevelt highway in Lincoln county, two bridges with reinforced concrete arch over Depoe bay and Rocky creek; 1.5 miles of grading through the city of Wheeler; a section of the same highway between Hobsonville and Miami, two miles of grading, and on the same highway a bridge over the south fork of the Nehalem at Mohler.

Registration Open.

Registration books are now at the city hall and, all who have not previously registered or have changed precincts since last registering should do so before April 20. Recorder R. W. Smith announced today. The Springfield total registration is about 1500.

Thumb Cut Off.

Ray Grothe, who lives near Goshen, is in the Pacific Christian hospital today as a result of an accident yesterday in which his hand was caught in a buzz saw and the thumb severed. The hand was operated on by a local surgeon last night. Details of the accident were not available today.

Inspectors Here—R. Lyberg and E. E. McLendon, inspectors for various firms buying lumber, are at the Booth-Kelly plant today.

Go To Seattle—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard were in Seattle over the last week-end. On Monday they returned to Portland, where Dr. Pollard attended the meeting of city health officers of the state. Mrs. Pollard returned early this week.



Frederick Steiwer, G. O. P. Candidate for Senator.

Iowa Man Seeks Location—Allen C. Clinganpeel of Mapleton, Iowa, is in Springfield this week, seeking a new home in this district. Mr. Clinganpeel has relatives here and at Marcola.

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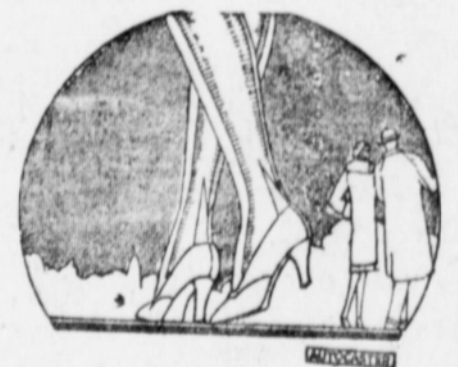


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