

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The 12th annual sweet pea and garden show will be held at Rainier, June 30.

One hundred delegates attended the annual convention of the Oregon State Press association at Prineville.

With an abundant yield the farmers and fruit growers of Linn county are working overtime in harvesting their crops.

Well balanced labor conditions prevail in Oregon, according to a report of the Pacific division of the United States employment service.

Succeeding H. L. Plumb, R. L. Fromme, now acting public relations officer in the district office in Portland, is to be supervisor of the Deschutes national forest.

The county court of Washington county has offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of the dynamiter of the W. H. Milne house in Forest Grove.

The airplane forest fire patrol will be started in a few days, according to H. C. Miller, lieutenant in the army reserves, who will be senior officer in charge of the patrol base at Eugene.

Eastern Oregon sheep are now on the Umatilla national forest range. The forest was opened to sheep grazing June 15. Cattle and horses were permitted to enter the forest for grazing May 15.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has advised S. C. Morton, secretary of the St. Helens chamber of commerce, that St. Helens has been made a registration point for automobiles from other states.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held at Salem next October, according to a decision announced by the executive board of the state parent-teacher body.

Camp fire permits will be required in the Cascade and Umpqua national forests on and after July 1, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade forest. The rule is already in force in the Deschutes and Santiam forests.

Salem hopmen, who have examined yards all over the Willamette valley, agree that the tuggle hop crop for 1926 threatens to be a failure due, probably, to premature blooming caused by exceptionally fine weather in the early spring.

The 39th session of the Linn county pioneers convened at Brownsville. Gold bullion amounting to more than \$100,000 has been brought out from the Robertson mine, 14 miles west of Galice, the scene of Josephine county's latest gold strike.

If the Southern Pacific agrees to joint user rights of its new line south from Paunina, the Oregon Trunk will be in Klamath Falls five or six months after construction work is started, W. F. Turner, president of the Oregon Trunk announced at Bend.

Utilization of natural storage reservoir sites along the Coquille river in Oregon would make possible the production of 36,000 continuous horsepower, the geological survey has been informed by engineers who conducted a power survey along that stream.

With the strawberry season practically over Forest Grove canning companies report that 250 tons of the berries have been packed in sugar and barreled for ice cream makers and preservers, a larger amount than ever before produced in western Washington county.

Miss Edith Starrett of Salem, Charles Campbell of Dallas and Miss Leona Larrabee, head of the Latin department of Lincoln high school, Portland, will leave soon for Philadelphia where they will represent the state of Oregon at the Sesqui-Centennial exposition July 4.

The body, clad in a green bathing suit, which was washed ashore and found on the ocean beach at Marshfield, has been identified positively as that of Wilbur Elliott, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Elliott, of Newberg, who was drowned while swimming at Nehalem May 23 last.

Despite reports from some quarters that the operating lumber companies were bent on a program of curtailment, 198 mills for the week ended June 12 produced 116,147,929 feet of lumber. New business booked totaled 118,162,904 feet and shipments amounted to 122,077,569 feet.

The Oregon public service commission has requested the interstate commerce commission to reopen the case involving the proposed Central Oregon railroad development program to the end that testimony may be introduced looking to the construction of an east and west line across the state as sought in the original proceeding of the Oregon commission.

The highest price paid for Oregon range wool so far this season was at the Condon sale, when 31 1/2 cents was paid for one clip. Fifteen separate lots, aggregating 144,300 pounds, were disposed of at this sale.

The 140-acre irrigated pear orchard four miles southwest of Mosford has been sold to the Rogue River company for \$100,000, Dr. Clancy retaining this year's crop, valued at \$49,000. The new owners will take possession October 1.

Citizens of Cornelius and Gaston have sent petitions of the public service commission protesting the increase in water rates proposed by the Portland Electric Power company. Members of the commission said the proposed new tariff would be suspended pending an investigation.

There is no prospect for additional reclamation development for the next four or five years, is a statement made in a letter by Dr. Elwood Mead, United States commissioner of reclamation, to Joseph N. Teal of Portland, chairman of the executive committee of the Umatilla Rapids association.

A few hours after they had sawed their way out of jail at Prineville, Joe Hunt and Pete Jordan were captured in Juniper canyon by Sheriff F. W. Yancey and posse. Four jailbreaks have occurred during Sheriff Yancey's term of office and in each instance the prisoners have been captured.

Payment of federal income taxes by individuals and corporations in Oregon from June 1 to 15 of this year, exceeded by \$2283.34 the payments made of these taxes for the entire month June, 1925, according to an announcement by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for Oregon.

The Central railroad of Oregon, a 16-mile line connecting Union and Cove with the O-W. R. R. & N. company road at Union Junction, will resume operations in time to move the Cove cherry crop, according to announcements by Manager Charles E. More, who has a number of workmen busy repairing the line.

The Benson Timber company, operating a camp near Clatskanie, has four rafts ready to be sent to the company's mill at San Diego, Cal., this summer and one more will be completed as soon as possible. The company, since it first began operations there in 1906 has sent 74 of these gigantic rafts composed of fir logs south.

Announcement that the Umatilla project in Oregon will be transferred to the water users shortly under a contract already approved, was made at the office of Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, shortly before Dr. Mead left Washington, D. C., on a tour of the west. The commissioner does not plan to visit any Oregon project on this trip.

Whether petitions circulated in 1924 requesting that the question of abolishing the capital punishment law in Oregon be referred to the voters at the following general election can be accepted by the secretary of state and used in referring the question to the electorate at the general election in November of this year, is the query that has been referred to the attorney-general for consideration.

The bureau of public roads will recommend that J. A. Terteling & Sons of Moscow, Idaho, receive the contract to construct the Sox section of the national forest highway in Grant county, known as the John Day-Pilot Rock highway, the company's figures being the lowest submitted when bids were opened at the offices of the bureau of public roads in Portland. The bid of the Idaho men totaled \$101,410.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: William O. Ash, Portland, \$20; Thomas G. Sefton, Portland, \$25; Fred F. Gossman, Portland, \$30; Elkin L. Quisenberry, Portland, \$30; Minnie Hensworth, Portland, \$30; Everett V. Borden, Portland, \$20; Frank L. Cameron, Portland, \$25; Frank J. Alstott, Cottage Grove, \$20; George M. Burlington, Kerry, \$25; Jay G. Woodward, Chemawa, \$30; Blandina Sanders, Scotts Mills, \$30; Harry E. Sharrow, Milwaukie, \$20.

One instructor in botany and five students in agriculture and forestry from the Oregon Agricultural college will work in the Cascade mountains this summer, studying the distribution of white pine and its relation to currants and gooseberries. One student will collect data from nurseries on currants and gooseberry cultivation, as these are host plants for white pine blight which has now been found in this state. Inspection points will be located for the State board of horticulture.

Official canvass of the votes cast at the recent primary election has been completed by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Formal commissions have been mailed to the successful candidates. The official canvass showed that Charles A. Benson and Edward Dunnigan tied for the democratic nomination for representative in the legislature for Marion county. Each candidate received a total of 33 votes. The contest will be settled by a public drawing to be held in the state department at Salem.

MILL EMPLOYEES TO HELP FISHER

Nelson Fisher Home Destroyed By Fire To Be Rebuilt; Employees At Mill Start Subscription and May Help Build Fourth

A plan to help Nelson Fisher build his house during the Fourth of July shut-down at the mill is being considered by the men of the Booth-Kelly mill. If the plan is carried out, the men would help Mr. Fisher build his new house to be erected on the site of the old one burnt down last Thursday afternoon. They would give their services during the Fourth of July shut-down at the mill. Many of the men are experienced carpenters and it is believed that a crew of men working on the house for a day could nearly rebuild the home lost by Mr. Fisher.

A subscription list has been passed around by the men of the 4L to aid Mr. Fisher who lost everything he had in the fire. A considerable sum has already been secured by this means to help Mr. Fisher and more will be coming. The business men of the town have expressed their desire to contribute their share. Several organizations are planning to contribute to the fund.

The Commercial State bank has charge of the fund being raised and anyone wishing to contribute may send their money to the bank.

The Ladies Civic club, at its meeting Tuesday night, decided to hold a benefit shower for the family.

The people of the community are asked by the ladies of the club to contribute any household articles, such as kettles, pans, dishes or any clothing such as bed clothing or wearing apparel.

Those wishing to furnish any article may call a member of the Civic club and they will collect the contributions. Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. J. A. Valentine, Mrs. Carl Olson, and Mrs. Maude Bryan are among those who will receive the gifts.

The fire which destroyed the Nelson Fisher place started Thursday afternoon on the Carl Weber place. The exact cause of the fire is not known but Mr. Weber thinks that the fire started from his car as the first evidence of the fire looked like oil burning. The car had not been used since the day before, however.

The fire spread from the garage, belonging to Carl Weber, to the Nelson Fisher home and before it could be controlled had completely destroyed the house and all its contents except a sewing machine and four chairs. Mr. Fisher's loss was complete as he carried no insurance.

BERT SNOOK VERY ILL AT PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Snook and their daughter, Pearl, returned from Portland Tuesday from a visit at the bedside of their son, Bert Snook, who is critically ill at the Veterans' hospital in Portland. Bert Snook is a veteran of the World war and has been sick for some time at the hospital in Portland. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Snook received a telegram last Thursday saying their son was very ill and left Thursday noon for Portland, accompanied by Miss Pearl Snook.

ELKS ASKED TO MARCH WITH EUGENE HERD

Springfield Elks have been asked to march with the Eugene Elks in the parade Friday, June 25 at the Annual State Elks convention being held in Eugene June 24 and 25. The request includes all Elks in Springfield whether they belong to the Eugene lodge or not.

A program of varied events has been provided for the entertainment of the visiting Elks. Thursday the opening session will start at 1:30 with addresses and speeches. Automobile races are being held at 2:00 at the county fair grounds and a dance at the Armory at 8:00 for all Elks. Friday will open with a business session of the lodge at 10:00 A. M. and at 1:30. A ritualistic contest will be held at 2:30, followed by a parade at 4:30. The convention will conclude with a dance at the Winter Garden and 24 rounds of boxing at the Armory at 8:00 P. M.

Falls from Garage—Allen Sneed, eight-year-old son of A. R. Sneed, local merchant, fell off the roof of a garage Tuesday morning and was badly bruised.

9 SCOUTS GOING TO SUMMER CAMP

Nine members of the Springfield Boy Scouts are signed up to attend the summer camp at Blue river this summer, July 16 to 26. They are: Carrol Adams, Dean Anderson, Payton Oberkirch, Eugene Walker, George Mason, Evan Hubes, Thayer McMurray and Ralph Hughes of troop 1, and William Cox of troop 2.

The camp is under the direction of C. R. Clark of Eugene who has been at the camp for the last week, fixing it up for the scouts. Three scouts were with Mr. Clark. They laid floors for the tent houses, including the cook tent, built bunks for the beds, and built the dining tables. These tables are built family style with enough room at them for eight scouts at a time.

A pipe was laid from the spring to the cook tent, which is 18 by 24 feet large. Mr. Clark is going to the camp today to finish getting it ready. The ground is practically all prepared but there is some work yet to do.

The boys going to the summer camp are to furnish bed ticks for their bunks which are two and a half feet by six in size. The ticks may be made of gunny sacks or any convenient material. Straw for the ticks will be furnished at the camp.

The scouts will spend ten days in camp under the direction of competent scout leaders who will teach the boys the fundamentals of wood lore. There will be cooking, tracking, trailing, the construction of lean tows and other outdoor activities. Twice daily the boys will go swimming with special instruction provided. Every precaution will be taken to prevent accidents while the boys are in the water. They will be given a wooden tag to keep with them while in the water, one side of which is painted red. The tag is so constructed that the red side turns up when the boy is in the water and watch can be kept of him all the time he is swimming.

There will be three life guards on watch while the boys are in the water and, in addition, the boys will be paired off in pairs of equal swimming ability so they can keep together while in the water and watch each other.

Mr. Clark has three overnight hiking trips planned for the scouts in which they will go out one night on a circle, returning the next day by a different way than they left. Overnight they will camp in the open, making their camp according to the best scout practice.

The camp is being prepared for 120 scouts. At present there are about 60 enrolled from all over the county. It is expected that the enrollment will be completed soon. Any scout wishing to make the trip is requested to let the local scout masters know as soon as possible.

The only charge for the summer camp is a charge of \$6 a week for food. Each boy is expected to furnish his own outfit and transportation to the camp. Those who cannot arrange for their own transportation to the camp will probably have it furnished for them.

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