

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The first summer session of the Southern Oregon state normal school closed last Friday.

The Oregon State Bar association will hold its annual convention at Bend late in September.

The Coos County Natal Day association celebrated its silver anniversary last Tuesday in Myrtle Point.

Dates for the Falls City community fair have been set for Thursday and Friday, September 16 and 17.

Harrisburg will furnish the queen of the Linn county fair this year. Last year Brownville had the honor.

Ernest Brannon of La Grande has been fined \$200 in justice court on the charge of killing an elk on Beaver creek.

Army engineers have approved applications by the Oregon state game commission for a dam across Gilbert river near Scappoose.

Eugene's new \$150,000 Masonic temple was dedicated last week. Hundreds of lodge men from all over the state were in attendance.

The eighth grade of the Mill City schools opened last Monday with 31 pupils enrolled, the largest enrollment in the history of the school.

Revolting of the Old Oregon Trail east of The Dalles to Blalock will start soon, it was announced by the state highway department.

Bucking horse tryouts at the Pendleton Round-up arena are under way in Pendleton in preparation for the big cowboy show opening September 15.

William C. Harris, 42, Seaside barber, was killed accidentally at the resort city when he and his son Kenneth, 14, were target shooting on the beach.

The Deschutes county fair will be held September 30 and October 1 and 2 this year, and all arrangements are being made to make it the best in its history.

Conditions have become so dry over most of the Ochoco national forest that several prominent sheepmen have secured pasturage in the vicinity of Prineville.

Two inches of snow fell during the recent storm on Fuji mountain, a high peak in the Cascade mountains above Oakridge. The peak is 7200 feet above sea level.

Placing of gravel on the hill road in Greenville near Sweet Home has been resumed. Improvement of this thoroughfare was completed as far as Alexander corner last fall.

Reports indicate that because of recent rains and the low prices being paid to growers, more than 40 per cent of the prune crop in Marion county this year will not be harvested.

The first prune drier fire of the harvest season was reported when the seven-tunnel drier belonging to G. W. Rutter, about a mile northwest of Roseburg, was completely destroyed.

Picking of late hops will be started in Lane county the first of next week. Growers state that there has been no damage to the crop on account of the rains, but rather the moisture has aided it.

Postal receipts in Portland during August, 1926, were \$243,875.62, larger by \$13,321.61 than the receipts in August, 1925, it was announced by Postmaster Jones. The percentage gain was 5.7.

Pendleton's national guard company is to have an outdoor rifle range. A site two miles west of Pendleton, selected recently by Captain Allen, has been given the approval of the adjutant-general.

The Amity unit of the Oregon Walnut Growers' exchange was organized last week with the election of president, W. R. Osborn; vice-president, T. C. Richter; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Campbell.

Klamath Falls building permits for 1926 passed the \$2,000,000 mark recently with the filing of a permit for the construction of a \$300,000 theater building this fall by the Pelican Theater corporation.

Assessor Beyers figures the taxes coming to Coos county in the tax fund bill about \$509,182. There is talk of retiring bonds with this part of the payment. The Coos river consolidated school district will get \$30,000.

Lumber mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association last week shipped more lumber than was produced, it being necessary to use up surplus stock to supply the demand, according to the weekly and comparative report of the association. The report showed that 109 mills shipped 114,486,197 feet, while production totaled but 111,111,194 feet. Orders booked for future shipments totaled 108,878,891 feet.

The contract for transporting the children from Coyote to the school at Boardman has been awarded by the directors to Mrs. Lowell Spagie.

The first steam shovel at work on the construction of the \$139,000 road from Bull Run headworks to the site of the Bear creek dam has reached the dam site, Hubert Goode, assistant commissioner of public utilities, announced.

Bidding on the contract for the construction of Hood River's new high school was the keenest ever experienced. The Anderson Construction company of Portland, with a bid of \$132,789, was the lowest on general construction.

Three and a half inches of rain in the Santiam forest has so nearly eliminated fire danger for the remainder of the year that all but three of the lookouts have been discharged for the season, according to C. C. Hall, forest supervisor.

Nine hundred and twenty-five dollars a foot is the price a unit of the north Coos river highway will cost. The county court let this unit to Patrick Hennessy of Marshfield, a strip of 2800 feet at a contract price of \$55,900 in round figures.

The rails have been joined, the golden spike has been driven and the railroad celebration is past, but last Friday marked the most important event of all, the inauguration of through freight service on the line between Klamath Falls and Portland.

Of interest to the deer hunters of Jackson and Klamath counties is the opening of the deer hunting season September 10 is the edict just made public, of Superintendent C. G. Thomson of Crater national park, that during that season no killed deer can be transported through the park or any part of it.

After the placing of nominations and offering of resolutions voicing gratitude to Klamath Falls for its hospitality, the 24th annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor came to a close last Thursday. Corvallis, by unanimous acclamation, was selected as the convention city for the 1927 convention, which will meet on Labor day.

Portland's export shipments and bank clearings in the month of August attested a good measure of prosperity and remarkable commercial growth of the city in plain, cold figures. Both set new high records for the month. The value of the city's exports in August jumped to \$6,126,655, as compared with \$1,455,982 in August of last year. This was an increase of 330 per cent.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: Mary E. Clark, Portland, \$30; Peter Madsen, Portland, \$40; Donald L. McPherson, Portland, \$14; Otto Heckel, Portland, \$30; Clarence Arbuckle, Portland, \$40; William A. Kuhlman, Portland, \$20; Jacob W. Peters, Portland, \$20; Samuel Poole, Portland, \$40; Benjamin F. Ulrich, The Dalles, \$40; Michael C. Smelser, Roseburg, \$50.

* combination of tramway and ca-

ble car transportation from Cloud Cap Inn, on Mount Hood, to the top of the mountain, the proposition of the newly organized Cascade Development company, has now progressed to the point where a petition for right to construct the tram and cable system has been made to the United States forest service through T. H. Sherrard, supervisor of the Mount Hood national forest.

The second move of the Oregon prohibition referendum corporation for the quashing of existing prohibition laws, this time applying directly to Oregon, was made in Salem when a proposed initiative measure was filed with the secretary of state last week for the repeal of the prohibition amendment of the state constitution and all the Oregon prohibition statutes. If the initiative petitions are successfully circulated the measure is to be voted on in the general election of 1928.

All hatching eggs, baby chicks, growing and breeding stock, transported or otherwise moved into the state of Oregon after August 1, 1927, must be accompanied by an official health certificate showing that they came from parent stock which was found to be free of bacillary white diarrhoea by the application of the agglutination test within 13 months immediately prior to the time of their transportation, according to the terms of a proclamation issued by Governor Pierce.

Formal declaration of the quarantine prohibiting interstate movement of white or five-leaved pine from seven Oregon counties and the entire state of Washington to prevent the spread of blister rust has been signed by the acting secretary of agriculture, it was announced. The restrictions will become effective on October 1. The seven Oregon counties affected are Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill. The new orders will not only bar any shipment of white pine from that area but will require a federal permit from the federal horticultural board at Washington for interstate movement of currant and gooseberry plant.

POSTAL RECEIPTS CONTINUE TO GAIN

The postal receipts for the month of August were \$655.02 according to an announcement by F. B. Hamblin, local postmaster. This sum represents a gain of 25 per cent over the corresponding month of 1925. The gain in receipts for the last three months over the corresponding period last year was 13 per cent, \$2043 being received during June, July and August this year and \$1808.38 last year. That that gain is a consistent one is shown when the receipts for the first eight months of 1926 is compared with those for 1925. A 10 per cent increase is reported for this period.

Here From California—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leply of Oakland, California spent Monday at the home of Leonard Leply.

ANTI-STREAM POLLUTION CONFERENCE IS CALLED

The preservation of the purity and beauty of Oregon's streams must now receive serious consideration if we are going to retain one of the state's most valuable assets. The detriment to life and health of the people and to the food supply that is in our streams is considerable and means should be taken to stop it or, at least, reduce it before it becomes a real menace. The question of pollution of streams in Oregon is a big problem and its solution is dependent on intelligent, far-sighted and considerate discussion of what can be done. This is the purpose of the conference to be held at the Chamber of Commerce in Salem, September 10, 1926.

Primitive society moved on when the common became too foul for endurance. There were always plenty of place to move to. Modern civilization builds more or less permanently and disposes of its waste into convenient water courses. In this way, the streams of the eastern part of the United States have been converted into nothing more than large, open sewers. Almost all of the cities of this state are dumping untreated sewage and industrial waste into nearby streams. Under this system, the magnificent Willamette River, once a source of health, pleasure, and profit, will soon lose its right to be called a river and may earn the more unpleasant title of the Willamette Sewer. A small amount of sewage is not always apparent, but an examination of the bottom of the stream reveals foul and decaying masses which are detrimental to fish life. Decaying matter uses up large quantities of oxygen and oxygen is essential to fish life and more so to the game varieties. The first indication of gross pollution is the disappearance of the game fish. There are, however, finer and more accurate tests that are used to measure stream pollution. The

amount of oxygen in the water can be definitely measured.

Of greater importance, however, is the bacterial contents of the stream. The dumping of human and animal dejects into streams gives rise to certain diseases. Analyses of water determine the presence or absence of the bacillus coli group whose normal habitat is the intestinal tract of warm blooded animals. Most of these organisms are harmless, but when they are associated with infectious germs, such as those of typhoid fever, harm results. Every stream that receives human sewage is potentially dangerous and a menace to the community. One case of typhoid fever may endanger a whole community and in these days of wide travel, start a new focus of infection miles from the original source. Water courses traversing or draining inhabited regions are always heavily contamin-

ated by human feces. Before these waters can be used for domestic purposes they must be filtered and purified, which can be done safely providing the pollution is not too great. As the pollution increases, the problem of making the water safe increases. The problem that faces Oregon today is not only a problem of old-fashioned sewage; it is also a problem of industrial waste. The extent of this type of pollution is just beginning to be understood. The movement to purify the streams of this state is a conservative movement, which touches the health and happiness of every citizen.

Visits Emerys—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coffin of Portland was a visitor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery this week. Mrs. Emery's sister accompanied them.

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