

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

More than 1500 persons from 29 different states and foreign countries attended an annual get-together meeting held at Salem.

More than \$24,000,000 was spent in Oregon by the federal government during 1926 it has been revealed by figures made public.

Judge Eakin at Astoria dismissed 66 cases and threatened to throw out 65 others unless the persons interested appear within 30 days.

An increase of 40 per cent in the use of water meters in Baker between 1912 and 1926 is shown in a report by the city water department.

A mysterious explosion in the home of Oscar Maki at Astoria demolished the cook stove and wrecked everything in the kitchen at the time.

Mrs. Mae Wadley, 44 years of age and mother of six children, committed suicide at her home near Hazel Green in Marion county, by drinking poison.

Willard Galloway, wanted by Lane county authorities to serve out a sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$250 for a liquor law violation, was arrested in Los Angeles.

The steam lumber schooner Mary E. Moore struck on the breakerwater at the mouth of the Coquille river and sank in 150 feet of water about two miles off shore.

During the past year a total of 1,300,000 pounds of pyrotol, converted government explosive, was purchased in Oregon through offices of the various county agents.

Work will begin at once on logging off a tract of timber land four miles southeast of Rainier, which is reported to contain approximately 4,000,000 feet of standing timber.

R. L. Fromme, supervisor of the forest, reports that there are 527 miles of trails and "ways" in the Deschutes national forest that were constructed at a cost of \$24,367.

Six hundred and seventy cases of influenza were reported in the state last week, according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer.

Louis E. Loudon, 24, who burned a home in Marshfield with the expectation of obtaining insurance money, was sentenced by Judge Kendall to three years in the penitentiary.

Governor Patterson named John L. May, Jacob Kanzler and Harold C. Jones, all of Portland, to represent the state on the national army and navy preparedness committee.

Methodist pastors from all eastern Oregon points from Pendleton west, were in Hood River Saturday and Sunday to attend the second annual mid-year institute of the Epworth League.

Dorothy Pult, 16, narrowly escaped death when the Robert A. Pult farm home near Bend was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. Flames were sweeping across her bed when she awoke.

Freight rates on fresh berries in sugar shipped from Oregon and Washington points to Los Angeles for canning were ordered materially reduced in a decision by the interstate commerce commission.

Harry N. Burnside of Corvallis, a private in the Oregon national guard, has been appointed to West Point military academy upon recommendation of his regimental commander, the war department announced.

Henry T. Barker of Payette, Idaho, has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate waste water from the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation district for the irrigation of 40 acres of land in Malheur county.

The state supreme court affirmed the decree of Judge Walter Evans of the Multnomah county circuit court in the case of John Butchek of Portland, who is under death sentence for slaying his wife on the night of January 14, 1926.

Stormy weather has prevented much activity in the halibut fishing industry off the Columbia river since the opening of the season February 15. One boat reached the banks and fished for a short period but returned without a fish.

Two million young silverside salmon were released into the north fork of the Klaskanine river from the state fish hatchery. The fish are about seven inches long and had been in the hatchery ponds for approximately 16 months.

Edward P. Averill, state game warden, received a telegram from E. W. Nelson of the biological survey with headquarters in Washington, suggesting the necessity of reducing the number of ducks killed annually. Mr. Averill telegraphed that he would not agree to shortening the open season but would suggest that the bag limit be reduced.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: Katrina Neale, Portland, \$50; Janette Casey, Portland, \$30; John F. Smith, North Portland, \$25; Hiram Barker, Roseburg, \$65; Frank B. Lytel, Charleston, \$30.

The recent flood has done considerable damage to broccoli in Douglas county, according to G. R. Green, field manager for the American Fruit Growers for Oregon. The previous estimate of 350 carloads from that section has been cut to approximately 150.

Between 12 and 15 per cent of the 1926 Umatilla county wheat crop is still in the hands of the growers, it is estimated. This is a smaller percentage for this time of year than for many years, wheat buyers said. Prospects for the 1927 wheat crop are bright.

Sheepmen, both range and flock owners, of Union county, organized the Union County Wool Growers' association at a meeting at La Grande. S. E. Miller, Union, was elected president; T. B. Johnson, La Grande, vice-president; H. G. Avery, La Grande, secretary-treasurer.

On the ground that a school election held August 26, 1926, was illegal, 20 taxpayers of Canby filed suit in circuit court against the directors of Union high school district No. 1. Canby, restraining them from purchasing property from George Brown and building a school house on this land.

Three indictments were returned by the Lane county grand jury against Henry Bergman and Miss Harriet Weatherston, president and cashier, respectively of the Lane County State and Savings bank of Florence, who were arrested a few days ago at Birmingham, Ala., and who will be brought back at once.

Upon request of Representative Crumpacker of Portland, the house rivers and harbors committee agreed to report a resolution at the present session of congress authorizing the closing of the east Swan island channel in the Willamette river and designation of the west channel for navigation purposes.

It would be for the best interests of the fishing industry in the state of Oregon to replace W. T. Eakin and J. S. Hayes as members of the state fish commission, according to a report issued by members of the senate committee appointed recently to conduct an investigation of the affairs of the fish commission.

An additional \$52,000 has been made available with which to complete the present dredging program on Tillamook bay, where channel improvements are being carried out between the entrance and Garibaldi, according to information received by Russell Hawkins, president of the port of Bay City commission.

There were three fatalities in the state due to industrial accidents during the week ending February 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: R. T. Miller, Grants Pass, laborer; William Bilkowski, Springfield, logger, and William Broadback, ripple rigger.

Investigation of the purchase agreement between Fred Herrick, Idaho lumberman, and the forest service, covering Malheur forest timber in Grant and Harney counties, was concluded by the public land sub-committee which has been conducting it for two weeks, with prospects indicating a report favorable to Herrick.

Pendleton's automobile park will not be sold or leased and will continue to be operated as a municipal concern, it was decided at a meeting of the city council. Plans for the improvement of the park to meet individual competition includes the building of a number of cabs and construction of a community kitchen.

Approximately 40 members of the Portland chamber of commerce were guests at the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., at Salem, when the looms for the manufacture of linen cloth from flax fiber grown in Oregon were placed in operation for the first time. The visitors later visited the state flax plant at the penitentiary and the Miles linen plant.

Increases were noted in production of lumber, new orders accepted and shipments made for the week ended February 19, according to the reports received by the West Coast Lumbermen's association from 72 mills, as compared to the reports from 73 mills the week previous. Production was speeded up last week from 74,173,627 feet to 78,189,950 feet, new orders booked were increased to 69,912,020 feet and shipments were increased from 59,368,563 feet to 74,287,937 feet.

The annual report of the Tillamook County Creamery association shows a production in 1926 of 7,477,579 pounds of cheese, as compared with 6,782,026 pounds in 1925. The various factories affiliated with the association received 67,027,795 pounds of milk last year. Receipts from the sale of cheese were \$1,835,738.57 and from sales of cream \$64,523.82. The average price received for cheese was 24.54 cents per pound and the average price paid to patrons for butter fat was 54.17 cents.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Lee Clark Ill—Lee Clark is ill at his Springfield residence.

Mrs. Mason In—Mrs. Frank Mason of Marcola was a visitor here Monday.

Remodel House—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams are remodeling their residence here.

Go To Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner motored to Roseburg late last week.

Here From Cushman—Mrs. E. E. Brattain of Cushman was a visitor here Saturday.

Has Pneumonia—G. C. Richardson, resident of West Springfield, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Platt Here—George Platt, Thurston farmer, was a business visitor here Monday.

Jasper Resident Here—Miss Thelma Wallace of Jasper was a visitor here Monday.

Brewer In Town—Roy Brewer of Fall Creek was here for a short time Monday.

Visit From Creek—Mrs. D. W. Gaspey of Fall Creek was a Saturday visitor in Springfield.

Donna Woman Here—Mrs. Dick Kelly of Donna spent a part of Saturday visiting in Springfield.

Coburg Man Here—Henry Bricker of Coburg was a business visitor in Springfield Saturday.

Is Recovering—Mrs. G. W. Hobson of Springfield is at the Mercy hospital recovering from an operation.

Jasper Man Here—James Aubrey of Jasper transacted business in Springfield Monday.

Here From Grove—Mrs. Carl Estep of Cottage Grove spent a part of Monday here.

Thurston Man In—Bill Parks, farmer of the Thurston district, shopped in Springfield Monday.

Here From Jasper—Mrs. Mark Seibing of Jasper was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Here From Marcola—Mrs. J. O. Murdock, Marcola, spent a part of Monday visiting in Springfield.

Here From Hill—Mrs. Ralph Laird of Pleasant Hill shopped in Springfield Monday.

Stevens is Visitor—Bob Stevens, Fall Creek farmer, transacted business here Monday.

Visits at Grove—Mrs. A. R. Snee visited during the week-end with her brother at Cottage Grove.

Walterville Man Here—T. W. Carney, Walterville resident, spent a part of Monday transacting business in Springfield.

Man is Fined—W. Cannon, Eugene, paid a fine of \$9 in police court here Monday, following his arrest for speeding by officer A. S. Currie.

Bicycle Stolen—Jesse Sumner reported to police Monday that his bicycle was stolen in broad daylight from in front of a local bowling alley.

Here From Portland—J. W. Streit of Portland came down Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huntly. Mr. Streit is an old-time friend of the Huntlys.

Noti Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery, Nod, were visitors Sunday at the Fred Freese residence here.

Moves to Eugene—W. B. Rivers moved this week from West Springfield to 1497 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene.

Here From Grove—Among out-of-town visitors here Monday were Mrs. A. F. Hamm of Cottage Grove and Mrs. E. J. Bollen of Creswell.

To Oregon City—Miss Billie Berg, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pyne, motored to Oregon City Sunday returning in the evening.

Mrs. Craft Here—Mrs. May Craft, who is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Trotter of Walterville, was a business visitor in Springfield Saturday.

Smith Returns—R. W. Smith, justice of the peace and clerk of the local school board, returned to his office Monday after a week spent in Portland visiting at the residence of his daughter and family.

Drive From Washington—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cooper of Elma, Washington, drove to Springfield Saturday to attend the funeral of William Cooper.

Drive From Winberry—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney of Winberry were in Springfield on business Monday. Accompanied by their family, they drove to town.

Tulley is Visitor—Merritt Tulley, former Springfield resident now living in Wallowa, was here Saturday visiting old friends.

Hattie Mitchell Sails

Hattie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell of Springfield, sailed recently from Belgium for the Belgian Congo, where she is engaged in mission work for the Christian denomination.

Miss Mitchell returned last year on furlough after spending some time in the Congo on mission work.

Expect Dr. Phetteplace

Dr. Carl Phetteplace, who has been in New York City for several weeks, is expected to return to Springfield March 5, according to word received by Dr. W. C. Rebban.

Dr. Phetteplace studied children's diseases and obstetrics at the New York Lying-in hospital during his visit in Gotnam. He came to Springfield recently from Marshfield, and established offices with Dr. Rebban in the First National bank building.

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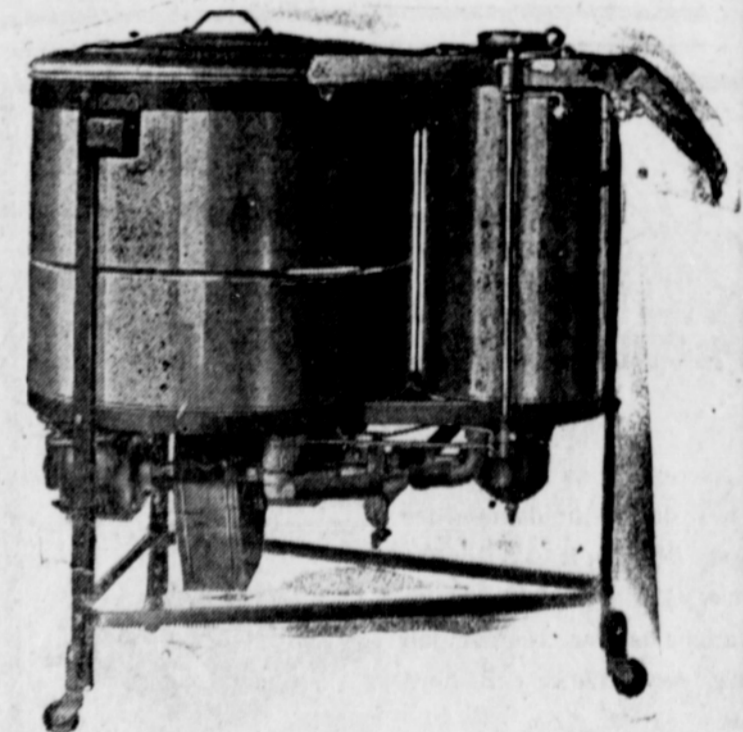
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