

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The state land department during April paid over to the state treasurer the sum of \$117,692.77.

A school budget of \$54,350 was approved at a meeting of taxpayers at Cottage Grove last week.

The Rainier cannery started operations last Tuesday and it is announced that it will run steadily throughout the season.

Building permits calling for construction worth \$125,800 were issued in La Grande during April, bringing the year's total to \$671,005.

Elmer Watson, 33, was killed instantly when struck by a rigging chain while working at the Brix Logging company, near Holbrook.

Several hundred members of the Order of De Molay were in Salem last week from all parts of the state, attending the annual state convention.

Charles Steed, 65, son of a pioneer Oregon family, died at The Dalles hospital last week from spotted fever, believed to have started from a tick bite.

John C. Veatch of Portland was reappointed a member of the Oregon state fish commission last week. He has served on the commission since 1924.

Receipts at the Eugene postoffice in April this year gained 14 per cent over those of the same period last year, according to D. E. Loren, postmaster.

Trapshooters from all parts of the northwest were in attendance at Hillsboro to participate in the annual Oregon trapshooting championship tournament last week.

The steadily lessening band of Oregon pioneers gathered at the state shrine at Champeog, on the Willamette river in Marion county, in annual commemoration of Founders' day.

More than 300,000 year-old trout were planted by the Oregon state game commission during April, says the monthly report of Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries.

Glen Bowen, 34, Silverton, ex-service man, was killed instantly on the highway a mile west of Silverton when he stepped from behind a parked car into the path of an approaching automobile.

Work was completed last week by Crater national forest employes in the Innaha district near Prospect where 500 acres of burned-over land was planted with 2-year-old Douglas fir trees.

Ralph Russell, 23, was killed instantly near Cushman last week, when a dead tree fell and struck him on the head. He was employed by the Duncan Slough Lumber company as logger.

Carl Greve, Portland, was elected president of the Oregon Jewelers' association, which held its 20th annual convention in Corvallis last week. Portland was chosen as the 1928 convention city.

Mrs. Mabel Steele Endrup of Halfway, Baker county, died from injuries received in an automobile accident when the machine plunged over a 12-foot embankment on the Baker-Cornucopia highway.

Dr. Thurston Laraway, formerly a physician at Vernonia, has been appointed Douglas county health officer succeeding Dr. Richard Thompson. Miss Helen Atwood of Salem is the new county nurse.

Ashland clinched the western Oregon debating championship at Warrenton, by winning a unanimous decision over Warrenton. The winner will meet the eastern Oregon championship team for the state title.

After a shutdown of a year and a half the Anderson & Middleton camp at Culp creek will again be in operation within a few days and trainloads of logs will be coming to the company's mill in Cottage Grove.

The Western Fish Lift company, Portland, has been granted permission by the state fish commission to install an automatic fish elevator at the Oregon City falls, the work to be done under the supervision of Hugh C. Mitchell, superintendent of hatcheries. The new elevator is to be installed without cost to the commission and will not interfere with the fish way now in use at the falls.

The Oregon Agricultural college rifle team, which has just finished its season, has turned in a record of victories in 23 matches out of 29 fired. Matches were scheduled with teams all over the United States, which were recorded by telegraph.

Oregon now has 41 accredited high schools, according to the list received, following the recent meeting in Spokane of the Northwest Association of Secondary and High Schools, by E. F. Carleton, chairman of the Oregon commission on accrediting.

Official opening of the Oregon caves has been set for Sunday, May 15. A shovel has been at work all winter widening the caves highway and the state highway department has placed the road in excellent condition.

Approval by the state securities commission of a plan to construct an 18-inch steel siphon across Bear creek was requested by the Talent irrigation district in a letter received at the offices of the state engineer in Salem.

The Reedsport fishermen of the Umpqua river are anticipating one of the most prosperous shad seasons of several years. Approximately 150 fishermen with their boats and nets are awaiting May 10, the opening day.

Organization of the Lumbermen National bank of Bend, succeeding the First National bank which recently closed its doors, was announced in Bend last week. The Shevlin Hixon company subscribed 51 per cent of the \$100,000 capital stock now fully in.

For 61 years Elijah Davidson, 78-year-old pioneer of Josephine county and discoverer of the Oregon caves, has tended his trap line in the mountains surrounding William Creek valley, near Grants Pass. Last week he demonstrated that he still retains his "shooting eye," for he brought down a huge eight foot cougar with one shot.

Work was started last week on the oiling of The Dalles-California highway between Bend and Lava butte, a distance of ten miles. From the butte section, the oiling crews will be moved to the Bend-Sisters highway, where a light coat of oil is to be applied. Oiling of The Dalles-California highway in Jefferson county has been completed.

The first pheasants of the 1927 season were hatched in Pendleton last week at the eastern Oregon state game farm, and 4500 eggs are under hens and will hatch in the next few weeks. An additional 1000 pheasant eggs will be placed under incubation immediately. The hatching of wild turkeys has been successful and it is expected a large number will be released this year.

Returns on the state-wide election being conducted by the school children of the state in the selection of a state bird would indicate that the meadowlark was leading the other entries a merry race. Although in certain sections the bluebird leads, with the varied thrush carrying some of the rural precincts, the popularity of the meadowlark in the more populated sections makes this songster a favorite in the race.

At a board meeting of the Multnomah County Fair association in Gresham last week, the contract for the new fair building was let to Steel & Davis, contractors of Portland, who were the lowest bidders. Their bid was \$12,985. The structure will be a club building for the boys' and girls' club exhibits and domestic science work. It will be 70x100 feet, of concrete and tile construction, with stucco finish and cement floor.

A full month's delay in trou egg-

taking operations has been experienced by the hatchery department of the state game commission, according to the report for April just issued by Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent. Heavy snow and ice are held responsible. As yet the ice has not broken up on Diamond lake, the best source for rainbow trout eggs in the state, but preparations are being made to rush the work once the ice is gone.

Lumber shipments and orders continue well above the level of production, according to the report of 72 mills by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, for the week ended April 30. Production during the week totaled 71,977,124 feet of lumber, against 62,455,044 feet produced during the previous week. New business or orders received amounted to 76,699,151 feet, against 78,011,872 feet for the week ending April 23. Shipments of lumber for the week reported on amounted to 87,369,292 feet, as compared with shipments of \$9,714,250 feet for the previous week.

The state board of higher curricula has approved the addition of three major curricula to the college courses to be offered next year. The board also added 17 new courses, expanded 15 more and discontinued or consolidated 15 others in approving recommended changes in instructional work. Major curricula in agricultural engineering, lumber manufacture, and real estate are the new ones approved by the board, though only the last named required the addition of important new courses. All of these curricula are found in the leading colleges in this country though this is their first introduction into this state.

Berry growers in the vicinity of Canby report that frost early in the season did some damage to the blossoms and that the strawberry crop is likely to be very light this season.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association, which annually cans many tons of string beans, has announced to the growers that none but beans grown on irrigated land will hereafter be accepted, according to F. E. Price, extension specialist in irrigation and drainage at the Oregon Agricultural college.

MARKET AGENT'S REPORT

By Semour Jones, State Market Agent

There were fifty new Granges organized in the United States during the first quarter of this year, Ohio leading with 13, Washington in second place with 6; Oklahoma organized 5; Idaho, Indiana and Michigan 4 each; Colorado and Oregon 3 each; Iowa and New York 2 each; California, Kansas, Maryland and Vermont 1 each.

The Grange News of Seattle suggests; Separate milk on the farm while it is still warm. The fat will then flow readily through the machine. The temperature should be 85 degrees or more for the average separator. When the temperature is 85 degrees or less more fat is left in the

skim milk. Speed of the machine will also affect the amount of fat left in the milk.

"The reasonable view of co-operative marketing," says O. B. Jones of the Kentucky Experiment station, "is that it gets results for its members by performing services, and not by attempting to fix prices at an artificial level in disregard of actual market conditions."

The Eggsampler, official bulletin of the Co-operative Poultry Producers, Portland, tells poultrymen: "It will pay you to take good care of your eggs. Gather them often. Hold them in a cold dry place, out of drafts. Handle them carefully to avoid cracking or injury to the contents."

A Grant county veterinarian says in the Eagle that foot-rot in sheep, while annoying, is not particularly serious, and may be cured by allowing the animals to stand five minutes in troughs containing six inches deep of solution of blue-stone, one pound to the gallon of water. He says that the carbolic sheep dip, or formaldehyde six ounces to gallon of water is also good. In serious cases the crust of the sore should be broken and the pus squeezed out before treatment.

The O. A. C. advises the use of land plaster as a stimulant in corn growing, only a small amount in each hill being required.

The Oregon Farmer wisely counsels butter makers to induce their home merchants to handle only real butter and no vegetable oil substitutes, and also advises them to quit sending their money to distant mail-order houses, but do their buying as near home as possible.

Making silk out of the fiber of corn stalks is a new adventure in Illinois. It is proposed to build a \$2,000,000 plant at Peoria for that purpose. In the corn growing states the stalks are largely wasted and if they can be turned into artificial silk, as recent laboratory experiments have demonstrated, a very important industry is assured.

Co-operative effort is growing among the farmers of Canada. Recently in southern Ontario, an organization of fruit and vegetable shippers was formed for the purpose of bringing about a closer co-operation between the growers and shippers and a better understanding of the problems to be faced.

The Baker Democrat says that cattle prices are climbing and are now the highest since the war, average steers selling at 8 cents on foot and scarce, and no marketable cows to be had.

The Widow's Right "This is a grave question," said the widow as they decided where to bury the body of her deceased husband.

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