

### OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eight Salem canneries will start operations June 1 on gooseberries. The strawberry crop will follow.

Fire insurance agents of Eugene have effected a temporary organization and will organize permanently at the next meeting.

The state board of control has awarded contracts for a new dining room and ice plant at the state home for the feeble-minded.

La Grande has no fear of a water shortage this summer. The two new wells and the Beaver creek supply are furnishing 3,842,400 gallons daily.

A site has been purchased and work will start soon on a new army at Baker, to cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000, the money to be raised by popular subscription.

T. M. Gerow, Eugene architect, is designing plans for a new school gymnasium and auditorium at Marshfield. Bonds amounting to \$70,000 will be issued to finance the building.

Dedication of the Lane county cottage at the W. C. T. U. Children's Farm Home at Corvallis will occur June 19. The building has been completed and will soon be furnished.

Albert W. McDermid, 42, of Seattle,

a steeplejack, was killed at Baker when he fell from a smokestack on the Oregon Lumber company mill 75 feet to the roof of the engine room.

The organization of a Reedsport Merchant's Protective association is definitely under way. Heavy losses have been sustained by the merchants through improper placement of credit.

There will be a new Church of Christ building erected at Sweet Home in the near future. The officers already have had the blue print made. This will be quite an improvement to the town.

Grain operations on Tule lake are seriously curtailed by high water in the 96,000-acre basin, and as a result the annual crop will be below that of last year, Klamath County Agent C. A. Henderson reported.

The interstate commerce commission designated Portland as one of three western cities in which hearings on western livestock rates will be held within the next two months by the commission's examiners.

Between 700,000 and 800,000 baby chicks were shipped by Salem baby chick hatcheries during the last year, according to figures prepared in Salem recently. This year's shipments will exceed 1,000,000 baby chicks, it was said.

The city of Ashland has filed with the state engineer an application for permission to construct the Reeder gulch reservoir for the storage of 800 acre-feet of water in Jackson county. The estimated cost of the project was \$350,000.

Portland is suffering from an epi-

demic of measles, according to figures contained in the weekly report of the state board of health for May 21. This shows Portland had 194 cases of measles. In the remainder of the state were 122 cases of measles.

Assurance that a station of the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers' association will be established in Eugene was made coincident with the announcement that Lane farmers controlling more than 100,000 hens have signed up with the organization.

Grading of the athletic field at the Rainier Union high school was begun last week by John L. Brooks of St. Helens. The work of putting the field into shape will be completed by August 1. It is claimed for the field that it will be one of the best in Columbia county.

Actual construction work on the new nurses' home at the Oregon state hospital will get under way within the next two weeks, according to announcement made in Salem by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution. It will cost approximately \$150,000.

Construction of ten miles of logging railroad at an estimated cost of \$100,000, will be undertaken immediately by the Shaw Bertram Lumber company of Klamath Falls. It was announced. The logging road will tap timber holdings of the concern in the Squaw Flat district, 40 miles east of Klamath Falls.

Within two or three weeks motorists may again pass entirely around Mount Hood on the Mount Hood loop. That was the news H. B. Van Duzer of the Oregon state highway commission received from the commission's snow removal crew.

Improvement of the Chilolquin-Klamath agency road became a certainty with the receipt of word from J. H. Scott, state market road engineer, that the state highway commission had designated the thoroughfare as a market road.

Eighty fires in Oregon, outside of Portland, during April, resulted in losses aggregating \$234,410, according to reports filed with Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal. The largest single loss for the month was represented in the destruction of a general store and contents in Wasco county, with loss estimated at \$75,000.

Eight automobile fatalities reported from Portland during the four weeks ending April 23, 1927, were twice as many as occurred in that city during the corresponding period a year ago. Portland has been the scene of 42 fatal motor accidents during the 52 weeks ending April 23, as compared with 49 during 52 weeks ending April 24, 1926.

The student body of Linfield college at McMinnville by a vote of 146 to 87, refused to uphold the honor council, a student organization, which had voted for suspension of two students charged with violation of the honor council's rules against smoking. The students also by a vote of 173 to 64 voted for repeal of the rule against smoking.

The Marion county court will ask the highway commission and federal officials to assist financially in the proposed improvement of the road over the mountains from Salem to Bend by way of Minto pass. It has been estimated that the cost of this road would be \$60,000 less than that of any other proposed road across the mountains.

Approximately 250,000 sets of passenger automobile license plates will be required to meet the demands in 1928, according to specifications mailed to various manufacturers by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. The colors selected for 1928 are a white background with black figures and letters. These colors are directly opposite those adopted for the plates now in use.

Whether wild rice, food for water fowl, will grow in the Deschutes country will be determined by next fall. It was learned in Bend with the announcement from local sportsmen that the rice was being planted in widely scattered parts of the Deschutes basin. Some of the wild rice was planted at Creswell, O'Dell and north and south Twin lakes. The results of the growth of the rice will be checked in the fall.

Fruit growers of the Rogue River valley, as well as delegations of fruit packers and others interested from other parts of the state, including the Hood river section, Portland and Eugene and from the Walla Walla, Yakima and Wenatchee districts of Washington and some from California, attended the demonstration of the fruit cleaning contrivance in Medford last week, which cleans off all the residue spray.

One of the oldest banks in the Walla Walla county, the First Bank of Joseph, closed its doors last week owing to financial difficulties. Slow paper and demands for payment of outside accounts is ascribed as the reason for suspending business.

The belief that there is oil beneath the rich farm lands in the vicinity of McMinnville is prompting plans for the drilling of four wells throughout the county, the first of which will probably "spud in" soon at a point on the Yamhill river.

Two hundred thousand pounds of wool were sold with sealed bids at the wool sale held in Condon last week. Prices ranged from 31 1/2 cents a pound to 22 1/2 cents.

Klamath county's share of Oregon and California grant land tax refund was received by the county treasurer in the form of a United States treasury warrant for \$111,855.93.

California-Oregon Power company development work in southern Oregon under construction or ordered, will entail an expenditure of \$5,000,000. This does not include a proposed further development that will mean an additional expenditure of at least another million.

With 50.87 inches of rain in Astoria since the rainfall year started September 1, that city already has 3.88 inches of precipitation over the normal rainfall for the entire year. The normal annual rainfall in Astoria, based on records extending back more than 70 years, is 76.99 inches.

Portland has been named convention city for the meeting of the National Tuberculosis association next year, according to word received from Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, who is attending the convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

Value of eggs handled by the Central Oregon Poultry Co-operative in the first year of its existence amounted to over \$25,000, it was announced at the annual meeting of the co-operative in Redmond. Verne Livesay of Plainview has been re-elected president of the Mid-state Association of Poultrymen.

One-half of the \$12,000 needed by the McMinnville chamber of commerce for the purchase of the Hunt cannery building and plant was obtained last week by a solicitation committee headed by W. L. Osborn, county assessor. After the purchase of the cannery it will be used as the receiving plant for fruit during the coming season.

Following the receipt of the supreme court decision holding that the law passed by the recent legislature authorizing the removal of the county seat to Medford from Jacksonville was constitutional, at an informal conference of Medford city officials, it was decided to go ahead with preparations for construction of the new city hall courthouse building at once.

Residents of Oregon must watch their steps a little more closely from now on, if they would escape an argument with the courts. Last Saturday 370 new laws enacted by the last legislature became effective, the 90 days since the close of the session elapsed at midnight Friday. These 370 new laws are in addition to 81 emergency measures passed at the last session already effective.

Douglas county will enjoy a reduction in general taxes of more than 25 per cent as a result of the payment by the government of the Oregon & California tax refund, it is estimated. Douglas county's share of the initial payment was the largest to be received by any county of the state, as it has more of the re-vested lands than any of the other 13 counties concerned. Douglas county's check amounted to \$1,471,640.66.

Oregon cherry growers have been invited by the United States tariff commission to send representatives to Washington, D. C., to attend the hearing June 28 in connection with the cost investigation of cherry production now being conducted under the commission's direction. Pacific coast growers had requested an increase in the present tariff rate of two cents a pound on cherries, in order that they might better meet foreign competition.

Peach growers of the Brogan vicinity report that prospects for a bumper crop are very good. Fear was felt earlier in the season that all the peaches were killed by the heavy frosts in April, but orchardists now say that only a small percentage was injured and, barring further loss, the yield will be up to normal. There is more water in the Willow creek reservoir than there has been at any time in the past three years, so no loss from drought is expected.

A bullet accidentally fired from a gun in the pocket of James F. Toney Redmond city marshal and Deschutes county deputy sheriff, killed his 4-year-old son, James, in Redmond last week. It was believed that a knife in the pocket pressed against the pistol trigger. Toney was seated in a chair in his home, his two small sons, Bobby and James, playing on the floor, near their mother. The bullet passed between two of Toney's fingers and pierced the boy's heart.

Coinciding with the June 28 special election, a special county and city election will be held in La Grande. Petitions already are being circulated to place a measure on the ballot proposing to reassign \$398,000 in unspent road bonds for construction of new county highways, including a 21-mile road from Union to Medical Springs, and a Summerville-Elgie connection with the Toll Gate road over the Blue mountains to connect with the Umatilla county road via for east service highway.

Van Valzahs Visit—Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Van Valzah and daughter, Anne, and Dr. C. G. Van Valzah, all of Portland, were visitors during the holidays at the home of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah.

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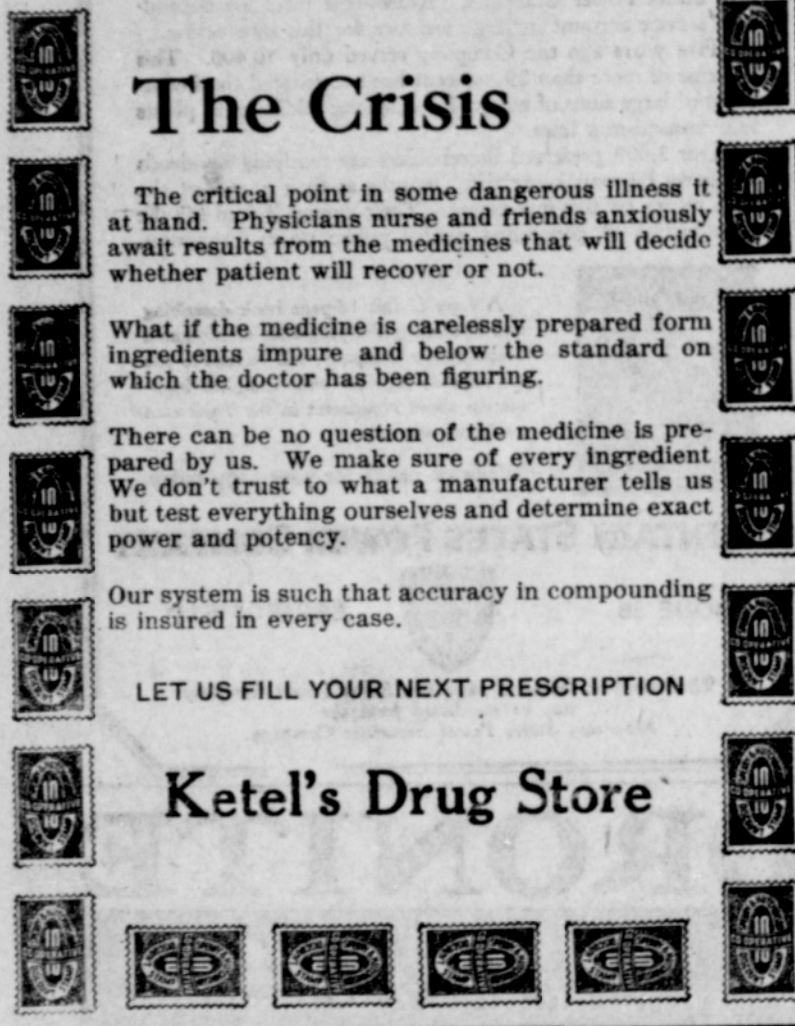
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