

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pandon proposes to have a golf course ready by 1928 on which visitors to that beach city may play.

Complete renovation of the Forest Grove postoffice will be under way within a few days, it was announced recently.

Dale Drew, 21-year-old son of Chas. Drew, prominent Klamath rancher, was drowned at Lost River dam, 18 miles south of Klamath Falls.

Lane county's bonded indebtedness is now \$1,531,700, \$136,890 having been recently paid off with Oregon and California land grant tax refunds.

Establishment of a new postoffice at Beaver Marsh, in Klamath county, is announced by postal authorities. William Zumburne is postmaster.

The Baker County Cow Testing association has completed organization and the new tester, Leroy Wright of Klamath county, has begun work.

The plant of the Capital City Bedding company of Salem was destroyed by fire last week, with a loss estimated at \$30,000, partially covered by insurance.

Oregon's filbert crop will be light, possibly less than half a crop, while the walnut crop will be large, according to growers who met last week at Dundee.

Dedication of the new Crooked river bridge crossing the Crooked river canyon in the extreme southern part of Jefferson county will take place Friday, July 15.

Arrangements are being made for the Sandy pioneer and early settler's picnic, which is announced for July 31 at the Robert Konrad grove, on Bluff road near Sandy.

While engaged in stringing wire on a power line near Jacksonville, J. H. Harrington of Ashland was killed when he accidentally came in contact with a 2200-volt wire.

Ike Barker, 55, of Mapleton, who had been employed at the W. H. Dandy sawmill at Junction City died in a Eugene hospital following an automobile accident on Lake creek.

Ground was broken last week for the construction of an \$18,000 exhibit building on the Klamath county fair grounds. The large structure will be completed by September 1.

Building permits at La Grande for the first six months of this year show an aggregate construction figure of 0763,715, a higher total than for any one year in the city's history.

James R. Nuunamaker, 73, owner of one of the largest aggregate holdings of Hood River valley orchards, dropped dead last week while sitting in his automobile talking to a neighbor.

The appointment of George Alexander of Hillsboro as state prohibition commissioner to succeed William S. Levens, effective July 15, was announced by Governor Patterson last week.

A special election will be held in Boardman July 16 for the purpose of voting on increasing the corporate boundaries of the city, and taking in the school and other property to the Columbia river.

Charter of the McKenzie river lodge of Masons, organized in Eugene some time ago, was presented last Saturday night. Several grand lodge officers were in attendance to conduct the ceremonies.

Connie J. Grabb of Baker was elected president of the Oregon State Elks association without opposition at the final session of the 1927 convention held in Baker last week. Astoria was chosen as the 1928 convention city.

With the heaviest traffic on the highways in the history of the state there was not a single fatal traffic accident over the Fourth of July holidays in Oregon, according to T. A. Raffety, chief of the state traffic squad.

Sixty-one different varieties of wheat were inspected at the Umatilla county grain nursery north of Pendleton last Monday, when the annual field day of the county grain growers was held. D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the experiment station at Moro, and George R. Hyslop, head of the farm crops department at Oregon Agricultural college, explained the results obtained in the development of new types of grain and the benefits of certain types of fertilizer.

The cherry crop in the Ashland section is exceeding all expectations, according to officials of the local Fruit and Produce association, who stated that instead of only one car for shipment to the east, the crop will total several cars.

With a program that has attracted poultrymen from southern California and northern Washington, as well as from all parts of Oregon, the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Poultrymen's association was held in Corvallis last week.

Water is now being released from the McKay reservoir for irrigation purposes in the west end of Umatilla county. Only the normal flow of McKay creek has been released but it is now planned to utilize 350 acre feet a day.

Fire of unknown origin caused an estimated damage of \$50,000 to the M. & M. department store in Medford last week. The loss was due mainly to water and smoke. The blaze raged for an hour in the basement before it was brought under control.

Water has been turned into Ashland's new equalization reservoir, although it will be several days before the reservoir will be filled for use. This is part of Ashland's new water system, for which \$400,000 bonds were approved at a recent election.

Two hundred and seventy-eight vessels of a combined net register of 925,973 tons entered the Oregon customs district direct from foreign ports during the year ended June 30 compared with 294 vessels of 653,195 tons that entered direct the preceding year.

The Coos river consolidated school district, one of the richest in the state for its class, is considering an innovation for accommodation of its five teachers. It is proposed to dispose of a tract of 11 acres, purchased when the consolidation was made, and build them a home.

Jackson county will not have a fair this year, the directors of the Jackson county fair association have decided, because of the lack of finances, due to defeat of the proposed mill tax for the support of the fair and the county court's inability to advance any funds for the purpose.

Northwest wheat and flour shipments combined, the latter being reduced to wheat measure, amounted to 55,415,865 bushels for the 1926-27 cereal year. For the 1925-26 season they were 41,923,571 bushels, during the 1924-25 period they were 37,021,957 bushels and in the 1923-24 season they reached 79,658,233 bushels.

Bonds of \$37,000 were voted in Roseburg last week at a special city election. The sum will be used to construct a highway bridge over Deer creek, just inside the city limits. The present steel structure, held to be too narrow and unsafe, is to be removed and a reinforced concrete bridge the full width of the street erected.

The district about Arago on the Coquille river is growing excited over oil prospects. More than 1000 acres of land have been obtained on an oil leasing basis. The cause of the movement is a well which was drilled on a ranch in that territory to a depth of 170 feet. The owner had a fine supply of water, but in a few days it was spoiled by oil indications.

Ben Bennetson of Portland was rescued from a tunnel at the Hauser Construction company rock quarry on Coos river after being entombed for 24 hours. Bennetson was drilling a tunnel underneath a rock cliff for a big charge of dynamite when a rock slide of hundreds of tons shut off the entrance. More than 100 men worked steadily for 24 hours to release him.

Despite the fact that his horse was rammed and killed by a mad bull, George Baker, 17, escaped without injury. The horse, after being mortally wounded by the infuriated animal's horns, carried his master to safety and then collapsed. Young Baker was attempting to herd the bull into a corral on the Hyde ranch near Trent, where it had wandered from the highway, when the animal charged his horse.

Deeds to the right of way for the Roosevelt highway through the platted section of Winchester Bay were received recently by the Douglas county court, settling a controversy that has been existing for considerable time between the court and the highway commission. The Roosevelt highway was laid out at an angle through the Winchester Bay townsite, and as the county is required to furnish the right of way the cost was greatly increased.

There was a total of \$6,173,434 of state funds on hand July 1, according to a report compiled by State Treasurer Kay. Of this amount \$1,402,842.52 was credited to the general fund of the state, \$3,106,009.16 to the highway fund, \$636,334.57 to the soldiers' bonus fund, \$372,236.47 to the common school fund, \$233,454.88 to the industrial accident fund. Included in the general fund as shown in this report are \$791,467.99 of automobile registration fees which will be apportioned September 1, leaving only \$611,374.52 in this fund with which, together with between \$300,000 and \$350,000 in insurance, corporation and miscellaneous, to run the state.

A large body of high-grade ore has been reported uncovered in the old workings of the Red Oak gold mine. This property, situated below the Kubli mine on Galls creek, is an old-time producer, but has been closed down for a number of years.

M. V. Keeves of South Baker, 102 years of age, enjoyed the Baker Fourth of July celebration so much that after riding with other civil war veterans in the parade he danced to music in the park for the entertainment of the crowd during the barbecue.

TOWN AND VICINITY

In From Jasper—Mrs. M. Hills of Hills' creek near Jasper was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Fish on Lake—Dwight Kessey, Don Gillespie and Jay Scott went fishing on Lost Lake Sunday.

Has New Car—William Long is driving a new Chrysler car, purchased from William Dawson of Springfield.

Visiting Mother Here—A. Olson of Bridal Veil, Oregon, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Olson.

Visitor from Roseburg—Joe Deets of Roseburg visited friends in Springfield Sunday.

Enters hospital—Dorothy Matthews of Jasper was entered at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Returns to Portland—Darrell Sutton has returned to Portland after visiting with friends here.

Drives to Sisters—N. C. Christensen, cashier at the Southern Pacific depot, drove to Sisters over the McKenzie Pass Sunday.

Visiting from Portland—Miss Freda Lyons was a visitor from Portland at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lyons, this week.

Visiting at Astoria—Mrs. M. E. Huntly is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Pohl, of Astoria. She visited for a while at Portland.

Return from Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meisen and three children of Wendling and Mr. and Mrs. "Zip" Yarnell are back from a trip to the coast.

Returns to Portland—Charles "Doc" Jordan, brother of Mrs. Elmer Pyne, has returned to Portland after visiting over the week-end at the Pyne home here.

Mrs. Hamlin Here—Mrs. Hortense Hamlin, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin, was a visitor in Springfield Sunday while en route to Los Angeles from Portland.

Moshier is Working at Gray's—Roland Moshier is working at Gary's cash and carry store during the absence of the regular clerk, Morian Adams.

Tonsils are Removed—The 5-year old son of M. W. Severson of Seavey's hop yard underwent a tonsil operation at a local surgeon's office Saturday.

Visitors at Springs—Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were Sunday visitors at Belknap Springs.

Goes to Portland—Ralph Oaks left Monday morning for Portland. He will visit relatives there during the remainder of the summer, and probably will remain in that city to attend school this fall.

Are Visitors at Springs—Mr. and Mrs. Alva McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Chick McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. William Rodenbaugh, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd formed a picnic party which enjoyed Sunday at Belknap Springs.

Mr. Eggimann Honored—Honoring his 52nd birthday, friends of former Mayor C. F. Eggimann gave him a silk sock shower last Sunday. This was declared to be something new in the way of a shower for men.

Move to Junction City—Walter Lipes and family have moved from their B street residence to Junction City, where Mr. Lipes is employed on a Southern Pacific bridge crew. They have stored their goods and expect to return to Springfield in time for school next fall.

Visits Army Associate—Arthur Clothier, former captain in the 91st division, U. S. A., was a Springfield visitor Monday morning. He called to see former Captain F. B. Hamlin, now Springfield postmaster. The two were in the same division at Camp Lewis, Washington, during the war.

Visiting from Southern Oregon—Paul Nice, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nice, returned home late last week after spending several months in Southern Oregon working on a contract highway job with his uncle.

Aged Woman Injured—Mrs. Phoebe Gray fell last Friday and seriously injured her hip. Because of her advanced age, and the fact that she has been partially paralyzed for some time, attending physicians said her condition was grave.

Bain Leaving—V. D. Bain, former superintendent of the Springfield schools, is leaving this week for Woodburn, where he has accepted a position as head of the schools. Mr. Bain visited Woodburn last week and arranged for renting a new house there.

Many Will Camp—A record attendance is expected at the camp meeting of the Methodist church members at Cottage Grove which starts July 21. According to local Methodist leaders, several families are expected to go to the meeting from here.

Visit Relatives—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lemmons of Portland visited Mrs. Lemmons' parents Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenreid, over the week-end.

Visit in Springfield—Mrs. Lizzie Rinehart, of Condon, sister of John Winzenreid, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Springfield visiting her brother. She was accompanied by her son, Bert Rinehart, and his wife.

Girl Scouts Meet
Cards for the Girl Scouts library are to be purchased, it was decided at a scout meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. Basford has returned and will resume her duties as a scout leader.

Organizations picnic
The PEO and BIL chapters of Eugene held a picnic at the municipal auto park here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan attended from Springfield.

Statistics Given In Clerk's Report

Many Facts Show in Annual Statement of Smith to Superintendent

Children attending the Springfield public schools number 774, of which 355 are boys and 419 girls. Teaching are 29 teachers, making an approximate average of 26.29 pupils per teacher. In the local district there are 838 persons of school age—between four and 20 years of age.

These are among the facts shown in the annual report to County Superintendent E. J. Moore by R. W. Smith, clerk of the Springfield school district, and approved at a meeting of the school directors last Friday evening. The report has been submitted to the county superintendent.

In connection with the general statements regarding statistics, Mr. Smith reports that there are 24 women-teaching here and five men. The estimated number of legal voters in the district is 1300. There are 1445 library books on hand, 65 having been purchased during the last year.

Financial Figures
Salient figures in the financial re-

port compiled by Mr. Smith were given by The News last week, but the final report carried many items not available at that time. It has been announced that the district has a total indebtedness of \$105,569.16, this being divided as follows: Bonded indebtedness, \$71,000; warrant outstanding, \$35,190; other indebtedness, \$379.03.

In a general statement on assets of the district, Mr. Smith asserts that the estimated value of the schoolhouses and grounds here is \$134,909. The value of furniture and apparatus is \$9500; insurance on schoolhouses and other property totals \$74,000. There are about nine acres of school grounds. The value of taxable property in the district is \$1,462,017. The amount of special district tax levied is \$30,782.72.

The male teachers, although far outnumbered by the women, have a considerably larger average monthly salary, due to the fact that administrative jobs chiefly are in masculine hands. Women teachers get an average salary of \$118.28; men, \$167.93.

Receipts Listed
Cash on hand July 1, 1926, was \$7,575.97, the report shows. Receipts for the past year are listed as follows:

From district tax, \$32,506.51; county school fund, \$8,195; state school fund, \$1,217.38; elementary school fund, \$5,009; tuition for elementary pupils, \$236; high school tuition, \$7,766; other sources, \$234.30; total, \$55,163.53.

Outstanding warrants issued during the year endorsed "not paid for want of funds," totaled \$41,070.84.

During the year the expenditures of the district ran to \$91,033. The items included; salary of superintendent, \$2400; supervisors, \$1800; principals, \$2600; men-teachers, \$1775; women-teachers, \$224,300; janitors and other employees, \$2999; supplies used in instruction, \$744.99; census enumeration, \$80; fuel, \$705.50; water, \$255.49; light and power, \$297.15; janitors supplies, \$169.91; repairs and improving grounds \$502.13; repair and replacement of equipment, \$859.51; library short term loans, \$180.44; payment on books, \$6.13; redemption of bonds and sinking fund, \$47,479.78; interest on warrants, \$2,482.38; new buildings, \$187.50; alteration of old buildings, \$8.80; paid for other purposes, \$1223.38.

Cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year was \$12,777.50.

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