

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Salem's new \$300,000 public market was formally opened last week.

The Western Douglas County Fire Patrol association was formed at Marshfield recently.

The quarterly institute of Columbia county teachers was held at the John Gumm school in St. Helens last Saturday.

Fruit growers of the Sherwood district held a meeting last Saturday to form an organization for their mutual assistance.

The Union county court, in regular session last week, authorized the expenditure of \$8281 for maintenance of market roads during 1928.

The Marshfield city council raised the infantile paralysis quarantine last week when a convened meeting was informed the danger had passed.

The state Baptist convention will meet in Eugene in July and the advisory committee of the First Baptist church already is making plans to entertain.

The state forester reports that Columbia county during the last forest fire season suffered the greatest loss of any county in the state, the total being \$81,467.

Drilling has been resumed at the Leeper Dome oil well west of Sutherlin and it is understood the work will continue until the hole has reached the 4000-foot level.

Ellis Dement, formerly mayor of Myrtle Point, was re-elected president of the Coos and Curry Fair association at the annual directors' meeting held in Myrtle Point last Saturday.

With a representative gathering of Oregon editors, the tenth annual Oregon Newspaper conference was held at the school of journalism of the University of Oregon last week.

J. Lewis, Corvallis attorney, has been appointed by Governor Patterson a member of the state parole board. He will succeed W. L. Jackson of Albany, whose term expired recently.

An order to create a Marion county law library was issued by the county court recently. This is being done under the authorization of a law passed at the last legislative session.

Persons in charge of the defunct Lane County State bank at Florence state that savings deposits will be paid in full and commercial depositors may receive 80 per cent of their claims.

A sample census of farm crops in 35 representative school districts of Lane county has been taken preliminary to the farm economic conference to be held in Eugene the last of the week.

The Tillamook county court has authorized the construction of a new drawbridge over the Tillamook river west of Tillamook. The work will be done by the county, starting immediately.

The Hood River city council has authorized the street committee to obtain an option on acreage in Paradise farm, just west of town, which may be developed later as a municipal airport.

Because he drove off the municipal dock at North Bend, which was unprotected by any barrier, his car dropping into 30 feet of water, Roy Hise of Albany is suing the city for \$5996.30 damages.

Immediate construction of the north jetty of the Umpqua river is made possible by the acceptance by the secretary of war of an offer of \$30,000 from the commissioners of the Port of Umpqua.

The Coos Bay water company has served notice on the cities of Marshfield and North Bend that it soon would appear before the public service commission and ask for increased rates for its water.

According to the last school census, there are 5565 children in Union county between the ages of 6 and 20, a gain of 11 over last year's census. La Grande's census shows 2786, a gain of 30 over last year.

Twenty claims of sheep growers who allege they have suffered loss of sheep through killing dogs have already been filed with the Linn county clerk at Albany since January 1. The claims aggregate \$677.

Congressman Korell has nominated Gordon W. Underwood and Fred A. Tholin of Portland for appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis, subject to entrance examinations, filling two vacancies from the Portland district.

Organization of a central Oregon baseball league, with seven teams tentatively listed, took place at a meeting Sunday in Redmond. Teams signed up in the league are Redmond, Prineville, Madras, Bend, Eagles, Sisters, Powell Butte and Culver.

Widening of the Caves highway out of Grants Pass is to be started immediately, equipment having arrived for the work. This work was started a year ago and will be completed by the opening of tourist season.

A fruit-picking device, modeled after the blood vein system of the human body, which is claimed to increase the speed of the picker 50 per cent, has been invented and perfected by Dr. C. A. Bueckler of Medford.

While climbing a stairway to his room in Bend Monday night, Joseph C. Carter, 71, lost his balance and plunged head first to the floor below, suffering a fractured skull. He was an old pioneer of the county.

Herbert Henne, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Henne, living east of Salem, shot his right eye out with an arrow last Thursday evening. The boy was experimenting with a new bow, which he had just made, when it "backfired," the arrow piercing the right eye.

A bright outlook for Baker county was seen at the annual meeting of the Baker county chamber of commerce, attended by 400 persons, in Baker recently. Improvement in the livestock and sheep industry and better farming generally contribute to the good feeling.

Value of exports from the Oregon customs district during 1927 was placed at \$78,724,565, a gain of \$302,527 compared with 1926, and import values of \$14,343,115 represented an increase of \$623,050 over the 1926 period, new high marks being established for both.

Plans are under way to establish a course in banking in the Eugene public schools, it was announced. The city council of parent-teacher associations is sponsoring the movement. The course, if established, will be in cooperation with the Eugene banks and the clearing house association.

Oregon is destined to become the largest linen yarn producing region in the world, according to Martin Fawcett of New York city. Mr. Fawcett made this statement after a careful investigation of the local flax industry and the quality of the finished product.

A high power radio station will be established in Marshfield within 30 days. This was announced by Mrs. Thelma Cullen of Eugene. Mrs. Cullen and H. H. Hanseth will move the apparatus now at Eugene to the new nine-story Marshfield hotel building, nearing completion.

Victor C. Pollenius, general manager, announced that the Hood River Apple Growers' association will make a cash distribution of \$150,000 on the 1927 apple and pear pools the latter part of the month. The co-operative association in December forwarded to members checks aggregating \$225,000 and January distribution reached \$150,000.

The Standard Oil company has announced that it would start work at once to erect a \$20,000 smudging oil tank in Medford to be available for use before the opening of the frost season. The establishment of the plant will lessen the hazard of orchard heating by providing an adequate supply of fuel oil during the smudging season.

Rushing into a burning house at Mount Pleasant, near Oregon City, on Sunday, 14-year-old Grace Olson rescued her chum, Bessie Olson, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson, from her sick bed, while flames were rapidly eating their way to the room. The mother of the sick girl had fainted with excitement at a safe distance from the fire.

Effective February 15, the load limit on the Old Oregon Trail between Baker and La Grande will be 6500 pounds, it is announced by the department officers of the state highway commission at La Grande. On the same day a load limit of 10,000 pounds was placed on the Haines-Pleasant Valley stretch of the Old Oregon Trail, excluding the city of Baker.

The Coos Veneer & Box company, at the annual meeting of its directors, announced an issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds, which would pay for the new improvements under way and others to be made at once. The new improvements include a furniture factory, addition of a fifth lathe in the veneer plant to increase the plywood output and other smaller additions.

When 18 dogs died or became ill from eating poisoned meat, citizens of Seaside were displeased. But when four Seaside children found some of the meat, the parents rose in wrath and are now offering rewards for the capture of the mysterious poisoner. Bails of ground-up beef, containing large doses of a deadly poison, have been found on many lawns of the city.

Operatives of the state prohibition department participated in 72 arrests during January, according to a report prepared by George Alexander, commissioner. Fines imposed in the cases aggregated \$7350, with jail sentences totaling 900 days.

Construction of new school buildings at Camas Valley and Ash, on Loon lake, were announced at Marshfield. Camas Valley will build a six-room structure at a cost of \$35,000, and Ash will expend about \$10,000 on a two-room building.

"ON TIPTOE"

(Continued from Page 5) camp before breakfast. We must move camp, and then we must make a start on our road out."

"I'm going fishing this afternoon," warned Grimstead.

The evening meal that night was a jolly one thanks to a large trout. Grimstead's high good humor over its capture carried all temperamental differences before it. Even the taciturn Gardiner unbent to tell an anecdote.

Burton was in the highest spirits also, for she had what she considered a very intriguing secret, which she intended to keep for the time being at least, in the hope of extracting from the situation still further amusement.

In this she was abetted by Larry Davenport himself. Now that that young man really understood the position in the social structure he was supposed to fill, he played up and became the Perfect Garage Mechanic. When his performance drew Simmin's puzzled eye Larry's happiness was complete.

"Now," sighed Grimstead comfortably, as he struggled to his thick legs after supper, "if you young people will excuse us, Ross and I have a little business to talk over."

He lighted a cigar and, followed by Gardiner, disappeared in the darkness. "Now," he demanded of Gardiner, once then were settled on a convenient log, "How about it?"

His benign good humor had fallen from him and his whole being had tautened into a hard alertness.

"It's been running without a break, and without apparent loss of energy at any time up to five o'clock," answered Gardiner.

"We've got to tie this thing down before somebody else gets hold of it," declared Grimstead. "I wonder if anybody has? He might be tied up already."

"May be," agreed Gardiner, "but I

don't think so. This seems to be his first test of the thing."

"Well, we must tie him up," said Grimstead.

"Going to buy him out, chief? You could probably get it cheap, comparatively."

"Gardiner," said the pirate, "I sometimes wonder about you."

"What do you mean?" asked Gardiner.

"I gather you think we could drive a cheap bargain with this young man. Gardiner considered his reply for a moment.

"Yes," he said finally, with conviction. "I think we could—before he gets talking with some one else."

"Of course we could, but we won't. I'll offer him the very largest share I can, or the highest royalties possible consistent with control and good business. See why?"

Gardiner shook his head.

"Well, either this is a whooping big thing, or it is a flivver. If it's a flivver it doesn't matter if we give him the whole works; it would be giving him nothing. But suppose it turns out to be a wrold beater and we've made a sharp bargain. Either he, or some one else, is going to buck. Then there's law suits, without end. If, however, we have at the very start, before the thing is proved up at all, given him a full share, then when it turns out big he'll stay with us."

"Well, young man," said Grimstead when they had returned to the fire-side, "your battery seems to be making good. There's no doubt that you have a big thing there. I don't know just how big, but it's good enough to market as it is. Ever thought of it?"

"Yes, of course. But I've never been sure enough it was going to work to do anything about it."

Grimstead cast an eye of triumph toward Gardiner.

"Well," said he, "I am considerably in the electric line myself. What would you think of taking it up with me?"

"I was going to propose it myself,

after you had satisfied yourself the thing was going to run."

"Good! Now I'm not going to insult your intelligence by trying to buy outright," said Grimstead, craftily gaining merit from his decision.

"You'd know better than that. There are two other methods. By one you would get a certain amount of stock in the company. By the other you would be paid a definite royalty. In the first instance you would have a voice in the management, and also responsibility. In the second instance you would be relieved from all troubles, but would have nothing to say."

"I see the difference," Davenport nodded. "But I don't believe I could decide as to my choice until I heard a more definite proposition of each kind. How much stock would I get, and how much royalty?"

Grimstead here showed further his qualification for chiefhood by shooting back his proposal. He had thought it all out, and was ready.

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At Eugene Hospital—Mrs. Florence Crawford was taken to the Eugene hospital Monday for treatment.

At Camp Creek—Dr. W. H. Pollard made a professional call on Camp Creek Sunday.

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