

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A new American Legion post has been organized at Huntington. The name of the post was not decided upon.

The Eugene Shrine club, which has been inactive for two years, has been reorganized, and George W. Monroe is president.

Bids for the construction of a men's dormitory were opened by the building committee of the regents of Oregon State college last week.

The state highway load limit between La Grande and Pendleton, on the Old Oregon Trail, has been raised from 6500 to 8500 pounds.

Delight Phipps, well-known Medford man, has been appointed district state fire warden to succeed P. B. Lowd, who recently resigned to enter business.

Washington's birthday will no longer be a holiday at the University of Oregon. It was voted by members of the faculty at the faculty meeting last week.

Washington county had a one-day poultry school at Forest Grove last Saturday. The session was held in the Forest Grove chamber of commerce.

Jail records show that during the year 1927 there were 101 prisoners locked up in the Yamhill county jail, the largest number ever in the jail in one year.

City mail delivery was started Monday morning at Coquille. Eighty-five per cent of the patrons of the office receive their mail twice a day from two carriers.

A proposal to issue \$50,000 bonds for the establishment of an airport in Salem probably will be submitted to the voters of that city at the primary election May 18.

Tentative dates for the third annual daffodil show at Forest Grove have been fixed by the executive board of the Washington County Daffodil association for March 29 to 31.

Reorganization of the Condon band took place last week. Frank Hollen is manager, but who is to be bandmaster has not been settled. Forty sets of books have been sent for.

The new Hood River airport, dedicated last Monday, had its first accident when Gordon Mounce, a Portland pilot, lost a wheel in landing. His plane tilted and a wing was ripped.

Five boxes of Oregon strawberries, first of the season, arrived in Portland last week. Initial supply came from A. P. Anderson at Waterloo and consisted of the Oregon Plum variety.

An application of the Malheur Railroad company to suspend until June 30 its operation as a common carrier between Seneca and Burns was approved by the public service commission recently.

Herbert D. Newell, superintendent, reports that gross returns from the lands on the Klamath reclamation project for 1927 totaled \$1,181,670, an increase of nearly \$275,000 over the preceding year.

At a meeting of potato growers of Clackamas county at the Oregon City chamber of commerce rooms last week temporary officers were chosen to serve in an organization to be named at a later meeting.

Construction of a \$30,000 addition to the Willard hotel at Klamath Falls, which will make the hostelry one of the most modern and commodious in the state, is announced by W. D. Miller, owner of the property.

The price of dairy cows still remains high in the Sandy section, as evidenced at the sale of 82 head on the Vetsch farm near Horing, the largest sale ever put on in this section of Clackamas county. The cows averaged \$115 each, the two highest near \$200.

The total timber cut on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington for the calendar year 1927 was 373,694,000 board feet, with a value of \$878,739, as shown by report issued by the United States forest service. This is a decrease of nearly 45 million board feet as compared with 1926, due largely to depression in the lumber market, according to the service. The 14 national forests of Oregon show a cut of 171,884,000 board feet, valued at \$462,283.

Exactly 548 pounds of milk, with a butterfat content of 26.48 pounds, was the average production of 639 cows of the Marion County Dairy Improvement association tested during the month of February. A total of 43 herds were tested.

Carnival amusements and concessions for the American Legion state convention to be held in Medford next August will be permitted by the city council only with the approval of the local legion post, it has been decided at the request of the post.

State prohibition department operatives participated in 77 arrests in February. Fines aggregated \$9025.60, with jail sentences totaling 610 days. The officers destroyed 5199 gallons of mash, 2375 gallons of liquor and 14 stills.

The huge front street intercepting sewer has been completed in Portland and next week construction of the concrete harbor wall will be started on the waterfront. O. Laurgaard, city engineer and father of the \$2,000,000 project, announced.

The Coos county court will begin at once the laying out of a road destined to shorten materially the distance from Marshfield to Empire and the beaches, according to the assurance given a large Coos bay delegation which appeared before the county court last week.

Another ten-mile stretch of the Vale project canal will be let for construction. Bids will be opened in the office of H. W. Bashore, Vale project engineer, on April 6. Construction work on the Vale project is now under way on the 7 1/2 miles of the canal in the vicinity of Harper.

Creation of a scenic drive up Roxy Ann, the mountain four miles east of Medford overlooking the city and the Rogue river valley, and establishment of a scenic park at a cost of \$25,000, backed by the city and county, was the aim of a resolution adopted by the Medford city council last week.

The average production of the 479 cows enrolled in the Columbia County Cow Testing association for February was 553 pounds of milk and 23.81 pounds of fat. For herds of more than 20 cows, the Guernsey herd of Fred Uhlman of Scappoose took first place with an average of 736 pounds of milk and 31.63 pounds of fat.

Portland's building campaign is booming ahead in a way that promises to set a new record. The report shows that last month permits showing a total construction cost of \$1,530,340 were issued by the city. This is a gain of 55 per cent over the January permits and a gain of 36 per cent over February, according to the report.

Ellsworth Kelley, for the fourth time in less than three years, was sentenced to be hanged for the slaying of John Sweeney, guard, during a break at the Oregon state penitentiary in August, 1925. The sentence was pronounced by Judge Kelly of the Marion county circuit court, who fixed Friday, April 13, as the date for the execution.

A check for \$9.86 was received last week from the war department by Captain C. Y. Tengwald of the Medford national guard company. The sum represented the amount in the mess fund of Company G when it was ordered to Fort Stevens and federalized, at the outbreak of the world war. The transaction which required ten years, is now closed.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 8, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission last week. The victims were Victor Klotchkoff, Westport, rigger, and Walter H. Laws, Rogue River, truck driver. There were a total of 497 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

If present weather conditions prevail for the next two months, Crater Lake national park roads will be open to automobile travel by May 15, predicted John Maben, caretaker and weather observer at Crater Lake lodge. The park opened July 2 in 1927, and the latter part of May in 1926. Snowfall and total precipitation has been 100 per cent less this season than last.

Resources of Portland's 24 commercial and savings banks rose \$6,249,942 in January and February of this year. Statements prepared by the banks, in response to call of the controller of currency and state superintendent of banks to report on condition as of February 28, showed total resources of the banks for that date of \$180,249,880. This compared with \$173,999,938 as reported for December 31, 1927.

A "gold strike" out of the ordinary was reported in Salem recently. Following the slaughter of eight head of cattle at a local packing plant butchers noticed that the animals' teeth were coated with a glittering substance resembling gold. A number of the teeth were pulled and later submitted to a Salem dentist and jeweler for examination. Both pronounced the substance pure gold. Local veterinarians expressed the opinion that the teeth came in contact with the gold as the cattle grazed in some mining district.

Clipping several minutes from the record, Chester Lamont of Astoria won the semi-annual Seaside to Astoria marathon hike Thursday night, covering the 20 miles in 3 hours 58 minutes 55 seconds. He was closely pressed by L. Puustinen of Svensen, who was but 12 seconds behind the winner, while Wayne Suokko of Astoria took third place. Mildred Leblans of Seaside won the women's hiking race from Warrenton to Astoria, hammering out the eight miles in 1 hour 25 minutes 30 seconds.



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TOWN AND VICINITY

Visit Beach—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clapp drove to Newport Sunday.

Recovering from illness—Winifred, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gravos is recovering from an illness.

Here from Drain—Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Cool of Drain visited Mrs. Grace May Sunday.

Here to Visit Brother—Hugh Kester of Portland arrived Monday to visit his brother, Dr. Eugene Kester.

Go to San Francisco—Mrs. Earl Thompson and two children left Sunday for San Francisco, where they will visit.

Visits Son Here—R. A. McLagan of Tangent spent Sunday evening and Monday visiting with his son, W. C. McLagan.

Committee Meets—The committee on entertainments for the Neighbors of Woodcraft met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Earl Dillard.

Returns from East—Mrs. Marie Brazeal returned to Springfield Monday after a visit in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Visiting Kester Home—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morrison of Portland are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Kester.

Leaves for Wisconsin—Earl Gerlach, who has been with his uncle, George Gerlach, left Monday for Manitowac, Wisconsin, where he will make his home.

Find Early Flowers—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and family drove to Fall Creek Sunday. They reported finding many trilliums, wild currants, and a few lamb tongues.

Here from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jordan arrived Tuesday evening from Portland. They are visiting indefinitely at the home of Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. Sophia Berg.

Visiting from Alaska—Mrs. Edwin Minnis, of Juneau, Alaska, arrived Tuesday to spend several days visiting friends. Mrs. Minnis has been visiting for the past three months with relatives in California and the east.

Dismissed from Hospital—Preston McPherson, employee of the Booth-Kelly company who was injured last week when he fell and hurt his leg, was dismissed from the Eugene hospital Tuesday.

Cafeteria to be Held—A cafeteria supper, to which the public is invited, will be held by the Foreign Mission society of the Methodist church in the church basement Monday evening at six o'clock.

Monday Shoppers in Springfield—Visitors in Springfield Monday were Mrs. Bud Clark of Oakridge, Mrs. Walter Wallace of Jasper, Mrs. Gertrude Howard of Junction City, Floyd Root of Mohawk, Mrs. John Travis of Thurston, Mrs. J. B. Hille of Oakridge and Mrs. J. M. Schultz of Fall Creek.

Out of Town Visitors Saturday—Among Saturday visitors and shoppers in Springfield were Eliza and James Blakley of Wendling, Mrs. C. L. Gaspey of Dexter, Ira Baldwin of Pengra, Mrs. J. G. DeVos of Goshen, J. B. Elliott and Mrs. L. E. Ballin of Creswell, George Fisher and Mrs. Julius Peerson of Vida, Mrs. W. L. Rauch of Waltherville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Portland.

Wednesday's Visitors—Out-of-town visitors and shoppers in Springfield Wednesday included Ray Brown of Fall Creek, L. H. Adams of Creswell, Charles Brewer of Fall Creek, Mrs. Bud Clark of Marcola, Mrs. W. L. Rauch of Waltherville, Alfred Hostick of Junction City, J. B. Elliott of Creswell, Mrs. Sheasley of Lowell, Mrs. Joe James of Jasper, Mrs. Everett Keeler and Mrs. Ed. Keeler of Wendling.

Spend Week-end at Salem—Miss Abbie Tomseth, Miss Josephine Cooley and Bryant Cowart drove to Salem Saturday, where they spent the week-end.

Seils Summer Home—The summer home of A. Lyons of Jasper has been sold to John Elliott, also of Jasper. W. W. Walker, realtor of Springfield, made the sale.

Visits Family Here—John Will spent the week-end here with his family. He is now employed by a harness factory in Albany.

Return from Astoria—Mrs. M. B. Huntly, accompanied by her nephew Al Pohl, Jr., returned to Springfield after visiting in Astoria a week with Mrs. Huntly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pohl. Mrs. F. J. Luebnow, daughter of Mr. Huntly, returned with Mrs. Huntly from St. Helens, where she visited relatives.

Sunday Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitney, and Mrs. Lida McGowan of Eugene were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crites.

Drive to Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner drove to Roseburg Sunday. Visits Parents Here—George Poole spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Poole. George is in high school at Lebanon, former home of the Poles.

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