

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A chamber of commerce was formed at Dayton at a meeting of 36 Dayton business men.

A flagstaff, 82 feet high, is being placed at the soldiers' monument near the Pacific highway at Hubbard.

Home-grown new cabbage is being marketed in nearby cities and towns by farmers of the Grand Island district.

A large crop of apples and pears is predicted for the season in southern Oregon by Professor Brown of Oregon State college.

The Oregon Lumber company will begin construction of a loading dock transfer shed at their plant in South Baker at once.

Ninety-three arrests were made by Astoria police during the month of May and fines amounting to \$1086 were collected.

Option has been taken on a tract of 40 acres of land on Blue river for a permanent site for the Eugene Boy Scouts' summer camp.

D. E. Millard, ex-pastor of the Christian church at Medford, is the new announcer of KMED, the Medford broadcasting station.

The outlook for a much better crop of peaches than was estimated earlier in the season in the Dayton locality is reported by orchard men.

Because of the special fire hazard involved, the forest service has ordered a tract of 2209 acres near Bates in Baker county closed to smoking.

A fire in the Cartwright warehouse at Virgil destroyed 120 tons of hay belonging to Cart Haas and \$3000 worth of Southern Pacific property.

Over 2000 people attended the celebration of the completion of the Enterprise-Flora highway at Appleton near the northern end of the road last week.

With an abundance of water in the streams, ranchers of eastern Oregon are expecting bumper crops this fall. Hay and wheat are making rapid growth.

The largest rainbow trout ever taken from Pelican bay was hooked last Monday by Charles N. Coosboom, Klamath Falls architect. The fish weighed 15 1/2 pounds.

Last week was the heaviest week of the year for the Medford branch of the United States free employment bureau, 143 men and women being placed in positions.

The final summary for work in all the county cow-testing associations of the state shows that the three Coos county associations head the list in butterfat production per cow.

Sunday moving pictures won in a special election at Forest Grove by a majority of 203. Eight hundred votes were cast, the largest number in a city election for the past six years.

Opening sessions of the 36th annual gathering of the Friends church, held at Newberg, comprising Oregon, Idaho and Washington, drew an unusually large attendance last week.

Stories of jade findings at an agate beach north of Rogue river have been verified and a number of persons at Gold Beach and Wedderburn have samples picked up during the winter.

Under the direction of C. A. Malone, head of the Ashland city light department, it is planned to install a new lighting system, costing approximately \$10,000, which will provide uniform lighting.

Dr. Storey of the state board of health, assisted by Union County Health Nurse Alice Marquardt, will hold a baby clinic including infants and children of non-school age, at Cove, June 27.

The price of milk in La Grande, which has been 10 cents for many years, will be increased to 12 cents a quart, effective August 1, according to a decision reached by the La Grande Dairymen's association.

Klamath's share of O. & C. grant land tax refund for 1927 has been received by the county treasurer in the form of a check for \$7705.29. Each year the county will receive from the government the equivalent in taxes on the O. & C. grant lands which were withdrawn many years ago from the tax rolls by federal action.

Payment of \$4564 to Washington county for accrued tax claims against the re-vested Oregon & California Railroad company is requested in a letter made public from Secretary of the Interior Work to the treasury department.

A large attendance greeted the Coos county Pythian Sisters lodge at the county conclave, which was held at Bandon last week. There was a large delegation from the Coos bay cities and a number from Coquille and Myrtle Point.

One thousand dollars' worth of fireworks has been purchased for the Golden Link Fourth of July celebration at Winchester Bay when opening of the Roosevelt highway from Coos Bay to Reedsport will be marked.

All depositors of the defunct Astoria National bank and all other creditors will be given 90 days in which to prove their claims against the bank, according to official notice given out by the comptroller of the currency.

Work on reconstructing the road to the top of Pilot butte, dominant volcanic cone at the eastern city limits of Bend which was given recently to the state for park purposes, was started by a state highway department crew last week.

Losses in Portland from fires during the last month amounted to \$24,896.25, according to the monthly report of Fire Marshal Fred W. Roberts. One hundred and sixty-eight alarms were responded to, only 38 of which entailed losses.

Marion county growers will demand 8 cents a pound for cherries this season, according to a decision reached at a meeting of orchardists at Salem last week. Reports received at the meeting indicated that buyers had offered 6 1/2 cents.

The Mount Hood loop road has been opened to travel. The road, graded and oiled, is in excellent condition, highway officials declare. The Wapinitia cut-off, linking Government camp to The Dalles-California highway, is open and in fair condition.

Increasing its reservoir storage capacity in Klamath Falls to 1,750,000 gallons, the California-Oregon Power company has begun construction of a fourth reservoir to be located in north Klamath Falls, it was announced by T. W. Delzell, assistant division manager.

Because of failure of the Salem school board to keep pace with the rapid development of the vicinity, it will be necessary next year to house many grade pupils in basements and attics. During the last eight years Salem's population has increased from 17,000 to 27,000.

The Crater national park season, which always heretofore has opened July 1, will open Friday, June 22, with the roads cleared of snow all the way to the lodge, and the lodge functioning to full capacity and indications pointing to the greatest Crater lake attendance in history.

A committee of turkey raisers of Lane county was appointed at a meeting in Eugene to look into the advisability of organizing a turkey marketing association. The committee will canvass the situation, and at a meeting to be called later, will present plans for an organization.

Work of constructing emergency landing fields along the Pacific coast air route in the southern Oregon region is well under way, according to department of commerce officials who are supervising the work. There is a movement on foot to establish a temporary landing at Gold Hill.

From present indications the south Douglas turkey market will be a busy one next autumn. Many farmers have increased their flocks several hundred this year, and all the young turkeys appear to be thriving. Plenty of green food and ideal growing conditions point to an increase this year over the \$20,000 cash income from turkeys last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Chandler of Lakeview have donated to the state 50 acres of land on both sides of the Fremont highway in Crooked creek canyon, north of Lakeview, this land to be used by the state for park purposes. The area is said to be one of the most scenic timbered canyons in Oregon. A smaller park area in this same vicinity was previously deeded to the state by the Chandlers.

More than .65 inch of rain fell in the Condon community in 36 hours last week, bringing to an end the long dry spell that was each day materially reducing Gilliam's prospective wheat yield. The rain was general over the county, and persons in close touch with crop conditions are estimating a 1,000,000 bushel yield tributary to Condon, unless excessive hot winds come later in the summer.

Approximately 100 cars of prunes in the Milton-Freewater district have been contracted by canneries in western Oregon, due to the shortage of the prune crop in western Oregon. This is said to be the first time that canneries in the western part of the state have purchased prunes in this district. The prune crop in the east end of Umatilla county is regarded as a good average one by growers.

Plans are still under way in the Rogue river valley to establish a pulp plant and paper mill at Central Point and tap the Hartman oil shale tract of timber at the head of Antelope creek tributary to Central Point with a railroad.

With a low volume of water reported in the Umatilla river, approximately 325 acre feet of water is being released from the McKay reservoir near Pendleton to care for the needs of irrigation projects in the west end of Umatilla county.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

The annual school election of District No. 1 was held at the Pleasant Hill school house Monday afternoon. Frank Smith was chosen as director.

Construction of a swimming pool at the newly established Boy Scout camp near the head of Neal creek in the Santlam national forest was started Monday by a group of Albany and Corvallis men.

A strange dog killed 20 young turkeys of L. S. Lafferty of Arago, Coos county, while he was telephoning the sheriff for permission to kill the animal. The dog returned the same night and killed 40 more.

C. P. Talent, state traffic officer, was arrested Monday at Jacksonville for an infringement of parking regulations of that city. According to report Talent parked his car on the wrong side of the street.

George Cate, Hood River youth, recently caught a fish while on his motorcycle. He rode his machine over a submerged road and when he reached high ground he found a 14-inch carp caught fast in the gearing.

State prohibition operatives participated in 127 arrests for violations of the liquor laws during May, according to a report of George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed aggregated \$8265, with jail sentences totaling 1177 days.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company cut a tall fir tree near one of its logging camps which has been transported to the Medford children's playground to serve as a flag pole. It is 200 feet long and only 18 inches in diameter at the butt.

Strawberries are yielding well and the weather continues ideal for the development of unsurpassed quality and all crops are thriving in the Dayton locality. Fall-sown grain is now at good height and heading, and fall-sown barley will soon be ripe.

Announcement was made at La Grande recently of the sale of the Home Independent Telephone company, providing telephone service through the greater part of Union and Wallowa counties to independent men residing in Oregon and Washington.

The Douglas county court has announced that bids will be received for the construction of Douglas county's proposed new courthouse on Thursday, June 28. The building is to be 140 by 80 feet in size and four stories high, with the jail on the top floor. It will cost about \$200,000.

The Sturgis placer and lode mine, four miles out from Jacksonville on Forest creek, famous for its old-time production of gold, has passed to George Maxwell, an Alaskan miner of Jacksonville, and California associates, who have commenced operation to reopen both the placer and lode diggings.

More than half the milking cows on test by the Coquille Valley Cow Testing association produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat in May. Of 1121 tested, 552 went over the 40-pound mark. The average fat production of the entire 1121 was 39.50 pounds. The high cow produced 88.1 pounds fat.

Entertaining hundreds of families from neighboring districts, Hood River observed its second annual summer fiesta. The chief feature of the festival was a children's and pets' parade, which brought out scores of children and live animals and birds all the way from canaries and pollywogs to donkeys.

Reports reached Newport recently that a large sea animal was being pounded to death on the reefs off the Monterey beach, three miles north of there. Harry H. Hines, John Olson and five other men found a small whale inshore making a desperate effort to get back to sea. They lassoed the big fish and used their cars to tow it ashore and brought it to Newport.

A huge delegation of Roseburg business men appeared before the Douglas county court recently asking the court to make an appropriation to be used in securing a survey of the unfinished portion of the North Umpqua road. There remains only a 22-mile section to be graded in order to open the North Umpqua road through to Diamond lake, connecting with eastern Oregon roads, and it is desired to obtain a survey in order that an estimate of cost may be secured.

Sheep shearing will be about finished in Wallowa county this week. More sheep were shorn in the uplands of Wallowa county than for years, as flockmasters have returned somewhat to old custom of shearing near the railroad.

Cutting of hay is well in progress in the McMinnville vicinity, particularly in clover fields, where the first cutting is used for hay, and a second crop is grown for seed. Warm, dry weather during May has made the crop grow rapidly.

to take the place of L. D. Garmire, who has moved to Portland, and Ernest Schrenk was elected director for three years. Jesse A. Phelps was chosen school clerk for the following year.

A wedding of much interest to the residents of the Upper Willamette valley took place at Cottage Grove Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church when Miss Thelma Wheeler of Trent became the bride of Dr. Claude H. Kime of Cottage Grove. Rev. Clive Taylor of the Christian church read the ring service in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Mrs. Kime is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheeler of Trent. She is a graduate of the Pleasant Hill high school where she was active in both athletic and dramatic circles. She later graduated from Normal and has been teaching in Cottage Grove. Dr. and Mrs. Kime left for points in Washington for a couple of weeks after which they will make their home in Cottage Grove.

William Linton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Linton of Pleasant Hill, left Friday June 15 for Gault, California, where he will spend the summer with relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Phelps left for Monmouth Sunday where she will take work in the Normal summer school preparing for her teachers life certificate.

E. B. Tinker accompanied by his uncle Fred Smith of Saginaw, Michigan, left for San Francisco, California, Friday June 15. They will visit en route with Mrs. F. B. Godbolt at Red Bluff California.

The gooseberry and strawberry harvest is about over, loganberries and Royal cherries are now being harvested. Most of the hay has been cut and some is in the shock. A slight rain fell Saturday night but not enough to damage the cherries.

The Pleasant Hill Christian church will celebrate its 78th birthday next Sunday June 24.

The annual Trent picnic will be held Saturday June 23.

Members of the Farmers Union residing in the Upper Willamette district were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. G. B. Jones, state secretary of the Farmers Union, which occurred at Independence Monday afternoon June 18. Mrs. Jones has been a very faithful worker in the Farmers Union for many years and was editor of the Union State paper. She often visited the locals throughout the state and carried enthusiasm and loyalty to the Farmers Union where ever she went. She will be greatly missed throughout the state.

THURSTON

Mrs. A. W. Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Weaver and son, Roy, who are visiting her from California, motored to Portland last Monday to visit relatives there.

The Thurston Ladies Aid gave an ice cream social last Friday evening at the hall. The proceeds go to the piano fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh and son, Harry and daughter, Ella, left Wednesday afternoon for an extended visit in eastern states. They expect to be gone about three months. Arthur Calvert is caring for their farm while they are away.

Clifford Weaver and Mrs. Mary McElroy from Salem spent the week-end at A. W. Weaver's.

Miss Ione Rhodes visited Mrs. Fern Crowe at Lorane last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McKenney and two sons from Washington, arrived last Tuesday, for a visit with relatives here.

Stanley Gray from Landax was in Thurston last Friday.

Misses Lucile Wilson and Hazel Edmiston, who are working in Eugene, spent last Saturday night at the Edmiston home here.



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FORMULA FOR DOING AWAY WITH EARWIGS GIVEN BY FLETCHER

Prevalence of earwigs throughout the county has been reported to O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent, he stated this week.

The following formula is given for destroying the pests: Sodium fluoride, 12 ounces; molasses, 2 ounces; wheat bran, 12 ounces; water 6 quarts. Dissolve the sodium in the water, stir in the molasses, add this mixture to the bran and mix thoroughly. The poisoned bran should be scattered about the ground in the evening just before dark. Scatter the bran thinly over all grass plots. More material should be applied around the walls of the house and other buildings along the edge of walks, walls, fences and curbs.

Do not sprinkle the lawn for two or three days after spreading bran.

Sodium fluoride is poisonous to human beings, and wherever small children are present care should be used to prevent them from eating of the poison bran. The same precaution should be used in regard to poultry.

The work of controlling the earwig can be aided materially by doing away with all trash piles and by eliminating as far as possible their hiding places.

Doesn't Like Reducing

Bayonne, N. J.—Leo Feuer, local "fat boy," who weighs 276 pounds, disappeared from the Presbyterian Hospital because he did not like the diet which had reduced his weight ten pounds. When he was found after

several days, his father had him arrested on a technical charge of disorderly conduct. Later he was bailed out.

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