

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The walnut outlook is most encouraging, according to W. H. Bentley, manager of the Dundee Walnut association.

Sixty bushels of wheat to the acre is the result of the harvest on a tract of land in the Tule Lake district of Klamath county.

The first contribution to the Florida relief fund at Bend came from a farmer with a large family. He gave five boxes of apples.

Professor Drill of Oregon State college is in possession of several glass balls found on the coast and presumably washed from Japan.

The ancient carrier that has been called the "Galloping Goose" has been taken off the railroad between Willamina and Grand Ronde.

Hordes of ducks and geese threaten to consume a large part of the wheat and barley crop of Cox Brothers at Tule lake, Klamath county.

Arlington has a good many up-to-date buildings, which have been added to by the new garage of Snell & Lemon, with the latest in equipment.

The Siltoos Rod and Gun club has been organized and a meeting of Eugene and Portland sportsmen interested was held at Ada recently.

The Oregon state horseshoe champion pitcher is Henry McGrew, 20, of Woodburn, who attained this honor recently at the Washington county fair.

Teachers who smoke cigarettes will not hold their jobs in the Eugene schools, according to a resolution adopted by the Eugene board of education.

A carload of Klamath pumice has been shipped to San Francisco to be tested as to its commercial value as a material in certain types of construction.

Threshing operations have been somewhat delayed in the Willowa section during the past week, due to two heavy rains which fell during the past few days.

Rate reductions representing an annual saving of \$90,000 to domestic and commercial lighting customers have been made by the California-Oregon Power company.

W. M. Dickerson of Bend has in his garden a squash vine that has borne seven squashes whose total weight is 163 pounds. The largest squash weighs 22 pounds.

Fire of undetermined origin did thousands of dollars' damage to the two-story frame building occupied by the J. C. Porter general merchandise store in Newberg.

The Marmot school district has purchased a bus to transport the children of the district to the Sandy school, which is consolidated this year with Marmot and Firwood.

Ashland voters will pass judgment on three proposed city charter amendments in November. One change increases the term of councilmen from two years to four years.

The graydiggers, a pest of the farmer despite the war that has been waged on them this summer, have in places around Sweet Home devoured entire crops of potatoes.

Miss Florence Conner of Hibbard creek, Baker county, killed a 200-pound bear near her home recently with a .39-calibre rifle, bringing the animal out of a pine tree.

About 60 relatives and friends called at the G. A. Krigbaum home in Estacada recently for a family reunion and to offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Krigbaum on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Because of the crowded condition of the Marion county jail Sheriff Bower has been compelled to take over four cells in the city jail. There are now 34 prisoners in the county jail, with normal accommodations for 30.

Fire started by two hunters destroyed a large donkey engine, skyline and other logging equipment owned by the Westwood Lumber company at Ripple. Hard work by a large crew of men saved the camp of the company.

Plans are under way for the shipping of 400 head of dairy cows from Coos county to Gazelle and Bakers field, Cal., by James T. Jenkins, county commissioner. The stock is largely grade Jerseys and a few Holsteins.

Milton's new \$25,000 municipal hydro-electric plant was set in operation for the first time last week. The plant is rated at 1250 horsepower and this, with the old plant, rated at about 600 horsepower, will be able to furnish light and power for residents of Milton-Freewater and the surrounding district. In eight years the original plant paid for itself and also pulled the city of Milton out of debt. In 1920 Milton owed over \$110,000, but this was reduced to \$23,000 at the time the new plant was started.

Nineteen owners of curb gasoline pumps in Astoria were ordered by a writ of mandamus to remove them. The writ was granted to six complaining gasoline filling station owners.

Linn county voters will vote on a 2-mill levy to raise \$60,000 with which to match state and federal funds for the construction of the Santiam highway to the summit of the Cascades.

There are approximately 187 widows in Seaside, according to a recent unofficial census made at a local hotel, with an estimated 13 "grass" widows within the city limits, making the surprising total of 200 widows of the "sod" and "grass" variety.

More than 50 citizens of Corvallis in coveralls and old clothes, worked at the new Corvallis airport, under the direction of C. R. Briggs, Benton county agent, and legion committeeman, preparing the field for the legion air derby, held last Saturday and Sunday.

The T. L. Taylor memorial statue will be in Pendleton some time during the winter, according to announcement by A. Phinister Proctor, sculptor, who worked on the model in Rome, Italy, and Brussels, Belgium. The memorial is being put in readiness for the statue.

With almost 500 cars of onions lying in the fields, pulled, dried and ready for the topping machinery at Brooks, large crews of men, women and children have been engaged in gathering the crop into boxes ready for hauling to the dryers and to the railway station.

Committees representing various sections of Clatsop county will meet in Astoria in the near future to confer with Brigadier-General George A. White regarding the holding of a big three-day celebration in the county during the national guard encampment in Astoria next June.

The new Masonic hall, which was started this summer, will be completed about October 15. Elaborate plans are being made for the dedication. It is a two-story, fireproof building of concrete tile with a special stucco front. Its cost will be about \$12,000 completed and furnished.

Thousands of pintail ducks are dying of a mysterious disease prevalent at Tule lake, Klamath county, and an expert has been hired by the state to study and if possible prescribe a remedy for the malady, Harold Clifford, state game warden, who made an investigating trip to Klamath county, said.

W. O. Hayden, Oregon pioneer, died suddenly at the state fair grounds in Salem. He was employed as a special officer and was on duty at the time of his death. Mr. Hayden was 69 years old. He was born near Ealo, Polk county, and was the son of Judge and Mrs. Benjamin Hayden, pioneers of 1849.

Chunks of iron projected through the air by the explosion of 12 sticks of dynamite being used to break up a huge flywheel at a Bend foundry, crashed through the walls of a residence several hundred feet away, tore part of the roof off another house and damaged the iron works. No one was hurt.

A check for \$98,546.47 was received in Medford from the treasury department, Washington, D. C., as the 1923 payment to Jackson county of its share of the Oregon-California tax refund money. The check is the third received by that county and the total received from the fund to date is \$1,368,809.24.

A final decision on the Mount Hood tramway question may not be rendered by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine for a few days, it was said in Washington, D. C., recently. Confer ences are being held by him with Major Stewart, chief forester, and others, with a view to early completion of the deliberations on the matter.

A large quantity of prunes have been bought by the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association at Yakima, Wash., to fill orders that could not be filled at Eugene on account of the shortage of this crop in western Oregon. The Eugene association is also unable to fill all its orders for canned pears, and several other canneries throughout the Willamette valley will help supply the demand.

But \$60 is listed as the cost of fighting fires in the Santiam forest this year, and that was for the purchase of hose, according to C. C. Hall, supervisor. Supervisor Hall said the fire loss in the Santiam forest has been thus far the lowest in the Pacific coast district. During the season there has been no timber burned. Eight fires were extinguished before they had inflicted damage. Six were caused by tourist campers and two by lightning.

Secretary of State Hoss has announced the apportionment of \$305,203.97 in automobile license fees and \$19,154.15 in bus and truck fees among counties. The sums represent one-fourth of the fees, less administrative expenses, collected in the respective counties for the six-month period ending September 15. The bus and truck fee apportionment is made from funds collected by the public service commission on a mileage basis from the buses and trucks operating between fixed termini.

BYRD ON WAY TO FLY OVER SOUTH POLE



The South Pole, which has been hitherto only twice attained, is the objective of Commander Richard E. Byrd in the most carefully planned voyage of exploration ever made.

Commander Byrd is departing from New York in his Antarctic ship the Samson, accompanied by fifty-five volunteers, among them such heroes of the air as Bernt Balchen, Thomas Mulroy and Harold G. Gatty.

Commander Byrd is taking three planes with him. He believes the Antarctic can be conquered by the

airplane just as the Arctic has been conquered. He has also purchased for the venture an iron freighter, the Chelsea, which is in New Zealand. The Chelsea will be used mainly to transport the supplies.

After leaving New Zealand Byrd will establish a base on the Ross ice barrier, about 1,000 miles from the pole. A self-sufficing settlement will be established here and the Samson will be sent back to New Zealand to prevent the loss of her by crushing in the ice. Byrd will establish bases from the Barrier to the Pole, 100 miles apart from each other, to be used in case of emergency.

Byrd will fly toward the Pole in his tri-motored monoplane named after Floyd Bennett.

The South Pole is on a plateau about two miles high, which makes it very difficult for an aviator as the air is very rare, and the landing speed must therefore be very great. Thus, special care must be taken to preserve the landing skills of the plane, the demolishment of which would make it difficult, if not impossible, for the flying party to return to the base.

The trip will also be devoted to scientific study, with a special mapping camera used to chart the regions explored.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

The first social event of the high school was held last Friday night at the gymnasium when the girls of the school entertained the boys as a reward for putting in the winter supply of wood. There was no program but the evening was spent renewing acquaintances and meeting the new students and freshmen. Games were played until the girls served refreshments consisting of salad, sandwiches, pickles, cake and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wooten are the proud parents of a baby daughter born Friday afternoon, October 28.

Mike Dilley returned from Idaho last Sunday. He and his brother Russel went to Idaho in July to look for work during harvest time. Russel Dilley did not return. Cecil Curtis who also went to Idaho expects to return the middle of October.

The Senior Endeavor of the Christian church of Pleasant Hill held their semi-annual election last Sunday night. The following officers were elected: President, Mary Harden; secretary, Arlene Mitchell; pianist, Helen Carter; chorister, Prentice Wheeler.

Mrs. Frank Blair of Lowell has gone to Long Beach, California for a month's visit at the home of her mother. She went in company with her brother Tom Boyd who visited in Oregon for a week.

A very pleasant surprise party was given to the A. C. Forney family at Cloverdale last Saturday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kull, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tivey, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Morgan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. and family, Harold and Frances Parks, Frank Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Roberts and family, Mrs. Harry Fishwood, Mrs. Rachel Fletcher of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Parks and family and Mrs. Forney and Ben and John Forney.

Trees Grow on Rocks
Washington, Oct. 4, (AC)—A striking feature of the great Zapata Swamp of southern Cuba are huge trees growing without any visible signs of support. This swamp includes an area of limestone that is filled with holes and covered with a variety of tropical trees.

Many kinds of trees are found growing on this limestone area, where not as much as a single spoonful of soil could be gathered from an acre. The trees make their start in small pockets and holes in the limestone. Searching for food, the roots stray about over the surface of the rocks. They finally plunge through holes to find sustenance in soil hidden deeply in the cavernous recesses of the coral stone.

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JUNE BERG, 7, PLAYS COMPLETE RECITAL; MANY HEAR NUMBERS

Playing ten numbers by memory, June Berg, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berg of this city, was presented in a complete recital at the McMorran and Washburne auditorium last Saturday evening by her instructor, Reuben Charlyle Gofreiere. A large audience heard the recital by the young musician who has had just one season's musical training.

The program included: Ripples, Brett; Minuet, Bach; Mocking Bird Song, Hawthorne; by June Berg. Patriotic Song, Grieg; Andante, Beethoven; German Song, Tschalkowsky; by Doris Greer. North Land Cradle Song, J. Gaynor; Procession in the Forest, Blake; Barcarolle, Blake; by June Berg. The Butterfly, R. Schumann; Prelude Op28 No. 7, Chopin; Tarentella, Hamer; by Doris Greer. The Happy Farmer, R. Schumann; Stady No. 1, Terry; Song at Dusk, Crammond; Will of the Wisp, Goodrich; by June Berg.

Power Man Visits—Glen Jackson, manager of the sales department of the Mountain States Power company, stationed at Albany, was here on business for the company Monday afternoon.