

History of Local Names

LOWELL—Amos D. Hyland, who came from Lowell, Maine, in the fifties, established the community and secured a post office, of which he was the first postmaster. He named the place for his former home. He was a successful stock raiser and an energetic and hard-working man. He brought up a family of 14 children.

DEXTER—Dexter post office was established in the early seventies and was first called Butte Disappointment. This name is said to have been derived from a local landmark, which was so named by the pioneers who got lost in the neighborhood about 1853. Samuel Handsaker, the postmaster, had the name changed because the old name was inconvenient, but no one in the vicinity knows why he selected the name Dexter.

BLUE RIVER—Blue River is remarkable in color and is well-named. The Blue River mine was found in 1863, and the stream was undoubtedly named about that time. Large stamp mills were installed but the ore was low grade, and the mills have not been operated for some years. Blue River post office is located near the mouth of Blue River where its waters flow into the McKenzie.

NATRON—Natron is the name of the native carbonate of sodium, or mineral alkali. Natrolite is a hydrous silicate of aluminum and sodium common in cavities in basalt and other igneous rock. It is generally of a white color and transparent or translucent. Natron station is said to owe its name to those substances. Richard Koehler, of Portland, for many years an official of the Southern Pacific company, states that some natrolite was found near the station, and it was planned to name the place on that account but owing to a mistake the name Natron was selected.

OKARIDGE—This name was selected by Major R. L. Edwards, a right-of-way agent of the Southern Pacific company. It describes accurately the topography and surrounding timber cover. The post office was established about 1912.

COBURG—Coburg is said to bear the name of a well-known Lane county stallion. A blacksmith by the name of Thomas Kane operated a shop where Coburg is now located, and because the horse was brought to his shop to be shod, applied the name to the incipient community.

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MANY ATTRACTED BY SUNSET TRAIN PAGEANT LAST WEEK AT EUGENE

The town of Springfield migrated, almost completely, to Eugene the latter part of last week for the big Sunset Trail celebration which was held there Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The celebration was probably the biggest ever held in Lane county and attracted visitors to Eugene variously estimated at from 25,000 to 75,000. At any rate, everyone agreed that the crowd which witnessed the pioneer parade Friday morning was the biggest ever gathered in the county.

The Sunset Trail pageant itself was a remarkable success, financially as well as artistically. Fifteen hundred persons participated in it, and after there were as many as 1000 on the stage at Hayward Field at one time. A pictorial representation of the Three Sisters was used as a background for show. The Sunset Trail was divided into eight episodes, each of which merged into the following one. It portrayed the history of Oregon from the earliest days of the Maya civilization down through the days of the Indians and the explorers and the pioneers to the present, and then ahead to a conception of the future. It was directed by Mrs. Smith of Portland. According to Hugh Rosson, business manager, \$27,000 was spent in the production of the Sunset Trail, and the 20,000 people attending on the three nights brought the gate receipts to approximately \$30,000.

An interesting and impressive portrayal of the life of the pioneers was the Pioneer parade Friday morning. A great number of authentic relics were displayed. Nearly every vehicle in the parade was drawn by either oxen or horses, one of the most impressive of which was an old-time logging outfit drawn by five teams of oxen yoked together.

An air circus was held at the Eugene airport Friday and Saturday afternoons, which attracted more than 20,000 spectators. Major G. H. Eckerson, local aviator, attracted more attention than any other flyer in the event. The civic and industrial parade Saturday morning attracted great crowds. Among the entries in this were those of the Springfield Mill and Grain company and the Booth-Kelly lumber company.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information

F. L. Kent, who has served for many years as crop statistician for Oregon of the United States department of agriculture, has been promoted to the position of traveling truck crop specialist of the department and will have Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah as his territory.

Hood River citizens laid aside business for a couple of hours recently to dedicate the city's new \$250,000 municipal water system, which is now affording users in the corporate limits and orchardists whose homes are along the pipeline with 4,500,000 gallons of water per day.

Fire originating in the Oregon hotel at Chiloquin destroyed the hotel and the adjoining Brown building. Damage was estimated at about \$35,000. Efforts of firemen and volunteers prevented the flames from spreading to other buildings. Patrons of the hotel escaped, but lost their belongings.

Motor vehicle registration fees during the period January 1 to May 31 aggregated \$6,727,925, as against \$6,969,220.87 for the entire year of 1928. Receipts for May of this year were \$291,360.90 as against \$255,933.62 in May last year.

While wading through the pools of Cannon beach at low tide a few days ago, H. H. Pregge was gripped by the ankle and found himself in the grasp of a baby octopus. The youngster, measuring 24 inches from tip to tip, was put on display in a pan of ice water in a store window at Cannon Beach.

E. H. Strohmeier, well-known Central Point rancher, spent his Fourth of July in attendance upon a family of 22 Duroc Jersey pigs which arrived the night of the 3d. Fifteen of the piglets survived the independence day festivities and Mr. Strohmeier figures that 15 in one farrow is a pretty good mess of pork.

Residents of Bangor, west of North Bend, and separated from the main city by Pony Inlet, will have city water soon. Arrangements are being made to extend the mains to Bangor, where there is a resident population of more than 1500. The main will be laid this summer by the Oregon-Washington Water company.

An unusually heavy crop of excellent quality alfalfa hay is being harvested at Cove, with the second crop making good growth. Winter wheat is heading and promises a good crop. Spring sown grains and corn are making good growth and looking fine. Cherry picking is scheduled to begin July 15 to 20, with a much heavier crop than that of last year.

The Pacific northwest has started to harvest a wheat crop of 92,612,000 bushels. This estimate was issued by L. F. Kent, statistician for Oregon of the United States department of agriculture. The crop is not as large as that of last year or the year before, but it is slightly better than the average crop. It also is larger than grain men anticipated a few weeks ago.

The largest parade of veteran organizations ever held in Oregon, state championship junior baseball league playoff, and dedication of Salem's new airport, are among the outstanding events scheduled in conjunction with the annual state convention of the American Legion to be held there August 8 to 10, inclusive. A government airplane squadron will be there to participate in the airport dedication program.

Three small whales explored Yaquina bay recently. They came into the bay alongside of the steamship Robert Johnson, and ran abreast of the ship a mile above the Newport city dock as the Johnson turned to head into port. The whales capered about as if they had performed a pleasant duty. Later, when the dredge Michie headed out to sea, the whales followed, keeping alongside of the dredge just as they came in alongside the other boat.

Cascara bark shipments are going to the east from the coast section around Marshfield but many gatherers are holding for an advanced price. Seven cents a pound has been paid this year, but the peelers are certain the price will advance. Some of the buyers find that great care must be exercised in receiving consignments. They sometimes find a stovepipe joint hidden in the sacks, filled with rock. Quite frequently they find bark not properly dried which has molded.

That \$1,000,000 will be spent by the government paving the rim road around Crater lake, preliminary work and surveying to start this year, was the information given out at Medford recently by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior.

A new building for the union high school at Florence is being planned, according to E. J. Moore, Lane county school superintendent. The district probably will be bonded. Wendling is also planning to erect a \$20,000 school building, the superintendent reports.

The French Monoplane "Yellow Bird" and Its Stowaway



The Paris-bound monoplane Yellow Bird crossed the Atlantic, making a safe landing in Spain, the three aviators being Armand Loti, Jr., Jean Assolant and Rene Lefevre. Arthur Schreiber, 22, of Portland, Me., was a stowaway, the first on a transatlantic plane in the history of aviation. Jean Assolant said the extra weight of the boy had been the cause of their failure to reach their objective—Paris.

State prohibition officers participated in 72 arrests for violation of the liquor laws during April. Fines of \$10,350 were imposed and jail sentences aggregated 410 days. The officers destroyed 7372 gallons of mash, 790 gallons of liquor and seized 12 stills. Three automobiles were confiscated.

Miss G. Dean, teacher in the Perry Christian high school at Perry, was burned severely and a boy critically injured when a large heating stove fell upon him. Miss Dean lifted the hot stove with her bare hands. She then carried him several blocks to his home, and refused aid until he had been attended.

Unfavorable weather has made the season backward in farm work and vegetation around Cove. Spring seeding is practically completed. Winter wheat, which is in excellent condition, is being pastured by sheep and cattle. Continued cool and cloudy weather has held back fruit and all varieties, with cherry blossoms just beginning to open.

Small boys who live in and around Hermiston are now making pocket money killing magpies, according to a communication received by Harold Clifford, state game warden, from Henry Hitt, well-known Hermiston sportsman. A bounty of 2 cents a head is being paid, provided by the Umatilla farm bureau and the Hermiston American Legion post.

A full season's program for Wallawa county road building work has been outlined by J. D. Walker, county engineer and the members of the county court. Work on the link of road a few miles east of town which connects the Whisky creek and Lostine-Leap market roads has been going on for the past three weeks and the grading work is nearing completion.

Sixty-five new settlers arrived in Oregon during April, bringing the total for the first quarter of the year to 157, as compared with 96 for the corresponding period of 1928, according to W. G. Idle, manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The new settlers in April purchased 4605 acres of land and brought to the state a total investment of \$251,900. Their investments represented nearly half of the first quarter total which was \$545,325, as against \$315,650 for the first quarter of 1928.

MANY FROM HERE GOING TO LEGION CONVENTION AT SALEM NEXT WEEK

Quite a large delegation from the local post of the American Legion is expected to attend the eleventh annual Oregon convention which will be held at Salem August 8, 9, and 10. F. B. Hamlin, M. B. Huntly and I. M. Peterson will attend as the official delegates of the Springfield post, while Jack Larson, William Vasby and Vern Wooley will attend as alternates. Trubert Henderson and Frank Emerick are also planning on attending, and it is possible that a number of others will be at Salem for part of the three day session.

Mrs. M. B. Huntly will attend the session of the American Legion auxiliary as the official delegate from Springfield, and Mrs. I. M. Peterson will go as alternative. A number of others from the auxiliary are also expected to attend.

The Annual American Legion convention is one of the biggest events in the state each summer. "Trail 'Em to Salem," has been adopted as the

The selection of sites for the 35 beacon lights between Delta, Cal., and Drain, Or., for protection of planes flying the night air mail, has been made by the aeronautical engineers of the department of commerce. Night flying is scheduled to start June 1.

Lewis Strong, 86, who died at Myrtle Point, is held to have been the father of dairying in Coos county. He was one of the first men in the county to milk any appreciable number of cows, encourage a creamery and sold his butterfat for 13 cents a pound when business first opened.

The newly appointed Roseburg airport commission ordered a survey of the 140-acre tract which is being held under option for purchase for aviation purposes. Umqua post of the American Legion holds the option on the tract, which the city will take over as soon as the legal transfers can be made.

An order to inspect all fish ladders and report any not in the best condition has been issued to all deputy game wardens by State Game Warden Clifford, who says the law compelling ladders to be in shape will be rigidly enforced.

slogan for the 1929 convention, which promises to carry on the tradition. In addition to the regular business sessions, there will be numerous features such as barbecues, dances, and matinees. Special events will include the dedication of the new Salem Municipal Airport Thursday afternoon, a bowling tournament on Friday, a golf tournament Saturday, and the state championship junior league baseball game.

MRS. FENTON TO CONDUCT PIANO CLASSES HERE

A class in piano for students in the Springfield district will be organized next week by Mrs. Clara Tuttle Fenton, wife of Rev. L. E. Fynton, pastor of the Free Methodist church at West Springfield. Mrs. Fenton will register students at the church parsonage Monday from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

For the past three years Mrs. Fen-

ton has been teacher of piano in the Eugene Bible university, and is qualified to give school credit for primary, intermediate and high school work students. A recent catalog of the Eugene Bible university says of Mrs. Fenton:

"Clara Tuttle Fenton, instructor in piano and teacher training. Was formerly in Houghton Wesleyan college, affiliated teacher of the National Academy of Music, musical director of the Progressive Piano school of New York, and last year received a teacher's certificate from the Columbia Conservatory of Music."

REV. DUNN TO PREACH AT UNION SERVICES

Rev. Roy Dunn, pastor of the Springfield Christian church, will deliver the sermon at the union services which will be held Sunday night at the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be "The Chief Cornerstone." A union young people's service will be held at the Baptist church beginning at 6:30.

"Lamps of the Scriptures" will be Rev. Dunn's subject at the morning service at the Christian church at 11 o'clock. Bible school will be held at the Christian ch 9:45.

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