

# OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A county unit of the Oregon division of the National Farmers union will be set up at McMinnville.

A bill to authorize J. C. Tenbrook, mayor of Astoria, to bridge the Columbia river at Astoria was signed by President Hoover.

Sam H. Baker, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon State Bankers' association at the 25th annual convention in session at Grants Pass.

Orville Rigby of Cottage Grove probably will be the winner in the contest for the largest strawberry. He picked one recently that had a circumference of six inches.

Henderson Bates, 93, of Grants Pass, was in a dentist's office for the first time in 30 years. He came in to get the dentist to fix up his 61-year-old son with a set of "store" teeth.

Estimating the Rogue River valley apple and pear 1930 shipment total in the neighborhood of 5000 cars, County Agent Wilcox predicts the largest fruit crop in the history of the valley.

Reconstruction of the outside plant of the West Coast Telephone company at Lakeview will start next month. Replacements and additions to the wire systems will cost about \$12,000.

A pair of valuable black foxes were found poisoned, presumably from rattlesnake bites, in their pen at the Bar Y black fox farm on Coyote creek, about 12 miles from Glendale, by their owner.

With all danger of frost at an end and with crop conditions fairly well established, indications are that Hood River valley will harvest an excellent crop of most tree fruits, especially apples and pears.

Harry W. Poole of Klamath Falls has announced that he will accept the appointment on the state game commission made by Governor Norblad to succeed M. F. Corrigan of McMinnville, removed.

Several farmers of the Summit Hill district, Marion county, are considering the installation of a lighting plant after many unsuccessful efforts to interest an electric light company to run a line through the district.

Keeping time with other lines of business, the lawyers of La Grande have agreed to close their offices at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon during the months of June, July, August and September of each year.

An excess of spring rains caused the Lane county strawberry crop to be below normal this year, and the peak of the season has already been passed, according to officials of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.

C. C. Hulet of Myrtle Point was elected master of the state grange at its meeting in Redmond recently to replace George A. Palmeter, who refused the post after having been named master for the eighth year.

Plans for the rigorous grading of dried prunes throughout the northwest and for an advertising campaign to market the superior product of northwest orchards were laid at a meeting of prune growers at Eugene recently.

State prohibition department operatives participated in 114 arrests during May, according to a report by George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed aggregated \$9110, with jail sentences totaling 832 days.

The Clatsop county court has adopted a resolution opposing the plans for the creation of a highway improvement district to construct a modern highway from Vernonia through the Nehalem valley and Hamlet to the coast.

### THE MARKETS

#### Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.15; soft white, western white, \$1.02; hard white, northern spring, western red, \$1.00.

Hay—Alfalfa, new crop, \$18.50; valley timothy, \$20.50@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22.50@23; clover, \$17; oat hay, \$16; oats and vetch, \$16.

Butterfat—28@31c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.75.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.75@11.25.

Lamb—Good to choice, \$7.75@8.75.

#### Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, western red and northern spring, \$1.02; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.12.

Eggs—Ranch, 14@24c.

Butterfat—34c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$11@11.50.

Hogs—Prime light, \$11@11.25.

Lamb—Choice, \$8@9.

#### Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$10@10.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$9@11.

Lamb—Medium to good, \$8@9.25.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Little celebrated the anniversary of their 52 years of married life at their farm home near Medford.

Smoking is taboo at the well which is being sunk at Fat Elk oil dome in the Coquille valley. A depth of 1400 feet has been reached, and it is stated that gas is present in sufficient pressure to ignite at the mouth of the casing.

Banks of the state of Oregon and their stockholders affected by the intangibles and excise taxes will pay to the state this year taxes in the amount of between \$225,000 and \$250,000, and between \$300,000 and \$350,000 next year.

An increase of 25729 pounds of milk and 1169.6 pounds of butterfat was made last month by the 40 herds on test in Yamhill county by the Dairy Herd Improvement association, according to the monthly report of Douglas Dickie, tester.

Now on display in the lobby of the Bank of Amity is a piece of bone about a foot long having the appearance of the front leg of some wild animal that was found embedded in the heart of a fir tree. The tree is believed to be about 150 years old.

Ashland will combine fireworks, merry-go-rounds and all the other amusements which go to make a hilarious Fourth of July celebration, with displays and features depicting early pioneer history in its Fourth of July program this year.

Fire destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCoy at Austin, Grant county, and burned to death their granddaughter, 7 months old. The infant was sleeping in an adjoining room and could not be reached after the flames were discovered.

After being in operation 21 years, Kimball school of theology held its final graduation ceremonies at Salem recently. Within the next few days the school will be closed indefinitely. Fourteen men and women were included in the 1930 graduating class.

A special 10-mill tax to be levied against all of the property in Roseburg is being considered by the city council to meet a bond issue of \$40,000 due in September of this year. The money derived from the bonds was used 20 years ago for the first street paving.

The 1930 strawberry crop in the Lebanon section appears at this time to be considerably short compared with other years. The warmer and settled weather promises, however, to react favorably on both the quantity and the quality of the fruit to be harvested.

The offering program of the state highway department for the year 1930 totals \$11.21 miles, according to announcement made in Salem by Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Of this total, \$38.77 miles of highway will be re-rolled, while 171.25 miles is classified as new rolling.

The Jacksonville Masonic lodge, one of the oldest lodges in the west, will celebrate its 75th birthday with appropriate ceremonies. Warren lodge was established in 1855 when Indians still roamed the southern Oregon wilderness and Jacksonville was the metropolises of the Rogue river valley.

A total of 601 companies transacting all classifications of insurance business in Oregon collected more than \$40,000,000 in premiums and fees during the year 1929 and paid losses and claims of approximately \$20,000,000. This was set out in a report prepared by Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner.

Here's a fellow who could teach Diogenes a lesson. Martin Ramsey, of Klamath Junction, lost \$412 on the Pacific highway near Ashland. E. W. Dilman, Long Beach, Cal., found it, returned to Ashland, deposited the money in a bank to Ramsey's credit. Ramsey offered Dilman half the sum, but it was refused.

More unemployed persons have been arriving in Salem during the past week than during any corresponding period for many years, according to R. J. Hendricks, census enumerator for the district. Hendricks said most of the newcomers were from California and have been attracted to Oregon by the opening of the berry season.

After a three-year fight in which thousands of dollars were spent and millions of pounds of poisoned bran mash bait spread, the extermination of the grasshopper pest on the old Tule lake bed is almost complete. At times during the three year campaign as high as 35,000 pounds of bait was used daily but this year only 1000 pounds will be used during the season on a few scattered infested places.

Jack Ferris of La Grande was named district governor of the Lions International, and his city was selected as the 1931 meeting place of the organization when the final business session of the Oregon Lions was held in Bend recently.

One of the outstanding features of the Elks-American Legion "Days of '49" celebration in Klamath Falls will be the old-time fiddlers' contest. Fiddlers from all over Oregon and the Pacific northwest have been invited to participate.

## UPPER WILLAMETTE

At the annual meeting of school district No. 1 C. E. Jordan was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Morton Bristow moving into the Trent district. Mr. Jordan will serve two years. Sam Baughman who was chairman of the school board this year was re-elected to serve a period of three years. Jesse Phelps was elected clerk for one year. It was voted by those present to instruct the school board to put electric lights in the school rooms this coming winter.

The old tradition that it will rain for the Pleasant Hill annual picnic did not hold good this year. It was a beautiful warm day last Saturday and people from all over Lane county swarmed to the picnic grove at Woodman Hall. Many family reunions were held and many friends who only meet once each year again had a good visit. A good program was given in the morning and those who did not bring their lunches purchased a cafeteria dinner served on the grounds. Ice cream was served throughout the day. The miscellaneous stand did a good business. There were two baseball games in the afternoon which resulted in favor of Pleasant Hill teams.

The Pleasant Hill high school graduating exercises were held Thursday night, June 12 at the high school gymnasium. The stage was banked with evergreen boughs and beautiful flowers. Eighteen students graduated. The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Claude O'Brien, salutatory, Emma Olson, class history, Francis Phibbs; vocal solo, Del Stautz; recitation, Douglas Kabler; vocal solo, Laura Hult, class prophesy, Josephine Mathews; class will, Harriet Brobham; valedictory, Laura Hult; address, President Arnold Bennett Hall; awarding Torch Honors by E. E. Kilpatrick; awarding diplomas by Harry Shelley.

The Misses Harriet Brobham, Emma Olson, Josephine Mathews and Laura Hult received the Torch Honors pins.

The graduates were Mildred A. Wallace, Hugh E. Wallace, Emma Marie Olson, Alvin W. Olson, Albert R. Mathews, Josephine Mathews, Leslie Aileen Jacobs, Alicia Camille Jacobs, Nellie L. Lorenz, Francis Phibbs, Dell L. Stutz, Laura Geraldine Hut, James Willard Waing, Harriet Brobham, Paul Brobham, Earl Drury, James Douglas Kabler, Helen Irene Carter.

Leonard Beaman has returned from Salem where he has attended school the past year. Frank Campbell spent the past week at Signal with his mother, Mrs. Lam Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrel McQuinn from Waltherville spent Monday at William Eyer's.

There was a school meeting held at the grade school building Monday afternoon. Charles Taylor was re-elected director and William Henson re-elected clerk. Mrs. Herbert Gray will teach the upper grades for the coming year and Miss Dorothy Travis from Springfield the lower grades.

Chifford Weaver and Mrs. Mary McElroy from Salem spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Edmiston and son, James, Carl Platt, Harvey Calvert, Miss Virginia Christie, and Mrs. Jennie Edmiston, attended the Rickard reunion at Benton-Lane park last Sunday. There were about two hundred members present. There were people in attendance from Bend, Condon, Springfield, Eugene, Junction City, Franklin, Deadwood, Corvallis, Monroe and Harrisburg.

Hills Creek Lumber company have closed their mill until after the fourth of July.

The Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. John Price on Thursday afternoon.

SPRAY TREES NOW WARNS COUNTY FRUIT OFFICER

Cherry trees must be sprayed now to avoid possibility of losing entire crops of the fruit later in the season according to C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. When an orchard becomes infested with the larva it is only a matter of a short while until it hatches and then it is compulsory that all of the fruit be picked and destroyed in a fire. This is the only way in which the pest can be destroyed once in the orchard.

The orchards should be sprayed once each week now and also after each rain in order to be sure that the larva does not hatch.

The formula being advocated by the county agent's office is as follows: Ten gallons of water mixed with one-half pound of lead arsenate and two quarts of cheap syrup.

From Coburg—Miss Margaret Alum of Coburg was a Monday visitor in Springfield on Friday of last week.

## Weed Killer Used Successfully On 50 Trials in Lane County

Fifty demonstrations on the use of sodium chlorate and atlatide (calcium chlorate weed killer) in controlling noxious weeds and plants conducted in Lane county last year gave widely varying results, according to County Agent O. S. Fletcher. The county agent states that while no very definite conclusions can be drawn from last year's work, he feels justified in making the following observations and recommendations.

Observations on 1929 Demonstrations

1. All spraying was done with one pound of chlorate to one gallon of water. The average amount of spray used was three pounds per square rod. Atlatide dust was used at the rate of three pounds per square rod.

2. With few exceptions, good results were obtained on the control of both Canada thistles and wild morning glory where the ground had not been plowed for a year or more before the spraying was done. It is apparent that good results can not be obtained when the ground is plowed within one year prior to the date of spraying. The best kills were obtained where there was a heavy growth of tops.

3. In every case where a good kill was obtained, the weeds were sprayed either two or three times, the sprays after the first being applied to plants that were not fully covered at first and to kill new growth.

4. Good kills of Himalaya and evergreen blackberry plants were secured in a few instances where plants in full growth were sprayed after the berries had started to develop. Wild rose plants were killed in all cases observed by the county agent.

5. Fruit trees in weed patches sprayed heavily in 1928 and 1929 do not show any effects of the spray. (Note:—In some cases in eastern Oregon fruit trees have been injured by chlorate sprays and extreme caution should be used in spraying in orchards.)

6. When sodium chlorate and atlatide were used side by side on the same weed patch under identical conditions there was little difference in results obtained. Possibly there was a slight advantage in favor of sodium chlorate. Dusts were about as effective as sprays.

7. No spray or dust was 100% effective, nor are they apt to be. Evidently some plants were missed and others received light applications. Some clean-up work is going to be necessary no matter how complete the kill.

8. Even though the expense of using chlorates is comparatively heavy, farmers who have obtained fair kills state that they prefer these chemicals to cultivation and all plan to use chlorates this year.

### Recommendations for 1930

1. Results secured in Lane county and elsewhere indicate that sodium chlorate and calcium chlorate weed killer will kill practically any of the noxious weeds common in this county when used in the right strength at the right time on plants that are in proper condition for spraying.

2. Under most conditions in Lane county spraying will be found to be cheaper and more effective means of eradicating noxious weeds than clean cultivation. This is especially true in case of well defined patches of weeds that farmers want to keep from spreading.

3. Chlorates should not be applied until the weeds have attained full growth. Canada thistles should be sprayed as late in bloom as possible, just before the seeds ripen and start to scatter. Morning glory may be sprayed any time after the plants are in full bloom.

Weeds or other plants treated with chlorates should not be disturbed from the time they are sprayed until late the following spring.

5. All sprayed plants should be re-sprayed once or twice to insure treating all plants that were missed at first and any new growth that has started. Not over 70% of the available supply of chlorates should be used at the first treatment, the remainder being required for follow-up work.

6. Sodium chlorate is cheaper than atlatide, but the fire hazard is serious. Sodium chloride should never be used near buildings, wooden fences, bridges or other readily combustible structures. Where sodium chlorate is used the operators should wear rubber boots and slickers so that the chem-

cal may be removed readily.

7. On account of the fire hazard, two or more men should work together in using chlorates. Chlorates should be stored in fireproof buildings. Drums should not be open in buildings, because either sodium or calcium might start a fire years after being spilled on the floor.

Purchase of Chlorates

In order to assist Lane county property owners in their weed control work, the county agent will pool orders for sodium chlorate and atlatide. The first pool will be closed on Monday, June 23.

Atlatide is available in 50-pound, 100-pound, and 200-pound drums, while sodium chlorate can be purchased in 100-pound or 220-pound drums. Parties desiring less than a drum should arrange to purchase it with or from a neighbor.

## FARMERS TO BE SHOWN PROPER POLLINATION OF CHERRY ORCHARDS

A special tour of selected cherry orchards in Lane county where proper pollination has taken place will be made Wednesday, June 25, under the auspices of the Lane county horticultural society, with O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and C. F. Stewart, fruit inspector, as leaders.

The tour will start at 9:00 o'clock and visits will be made to the orchards of M. H. Harlow, R. A. McCornack, E. B. Fossek, and Robert Vitis. In the afternoon the tour will be extended to orchards near Santa Clara and Junction City.

Mr. Fletcher contends that with proper pollination the cherry crop of Lane county could be doubled without increasing the acreage.

## PROGRESSIVE PIANO SCHOOL OPENS SOON

Mrs. Clara Tuttle Fenton is planning on opening a progressive piano school for children of all grades on July 3, at 52 E street, opposite from the high school. Mrs. Fenton will give all personal instruction and has made arrangements so that high school credit will be granted for work done during the summer.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Fenton and their daughter, Clarice Isabelle, are moving their residence from Eugene and will live at the corner of First and E streets.

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