

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pendleton stores were closed from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. during Round-Up week.

The store and postoffice at Robinette, near Halfway, were destroyed by fire recently.

Potato day was observed by the Parkdale growers under the direction of County Agent Marble.

The total pear shipments for the season from Medford amount to 603 carloads, it is estimated.

Twelve granges of Washington county will participate in annual Grange day to be held September 13 at the county fair.

W. L. Stewart, Talent rancher, was severely lacerated when a Jersey bull gored him. Mr. Stewart was knocked through a fence.

Several hundred exhibitors displayed their flowers at the fifth annual flower show held at Rockford grange hall in Hood River.

The replacement value of Salem's public and high schools, grounds and equipment is \$1,137,319, according to a recent appraisal.

A museum and library, the cost of which was not announced, are to be given the town of Turner by Mrs. Cornelia Davis, it was announced recently.

Fire caused by sparks in a slab pile destroyed the Lewis Brothers' lumber mill at a loss of \$5000. For a time the fire threatened the town of Prospect.

In a spirited contest, Miss Meda Dearborn was elected to rule as queen of the Malheur county fair at Ontario. Eleven other girls were in the contest.

The Willamette valley hop crop for 1930 will aggregate approximately 70,000 bales or 75 per cent of last year's yield, according to estimates made by growers.

The state board of control has been requested by Colonel W. R. Bartram, in charge of prison industries, to limit the state flax acreage during 1931 to 5100 acres.

In a single breast two hearts stopped beating when Dr. George Bean of Vale killed a chicken. The size and coloring showed that both hearts had functioned.

The south approach of the Service creek bridge across the John Day river, 24 miles north of Mitchell, collapsed under the weight of a heavy truck loaded with machinery.

Travel over The Dalles-California highway through Bend during June, July and August shows an increase of 10 per cent over the same period last year, according to the August traffic count.

A phonograph playing jazz inside the locked doors of the burning Floyd Huston home in Prineville gave fire men some anxious moments. Vibration of the blaze started the instrument.

The Woodburn Fruit Growers' Co-operative association is handling from 2000 to 2500 crates of blackberries daily. By the time the season reaches its peak it is expected to double this amount.

A valuable horse belonging to Homer Wood, hop-grower of the Independence vicinity, strayed from the pasture into the adjoining farm, near Humbug lake, got into quicksand and was drowned.

In case of extraordinary weather conditions between now and September 15, Governor Norblad may close the hunting season until October 1, but in no event will he close it after that date.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.00 1/4; soft white, western white, 85 1/4 c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 82 1/4 c.

Hay—Alfalfa, new crop, \$17.50; valley timothy, new crop, \$18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.50; clover, new crop, \$14; oat hay, new crop, \$13.50; oats and vetch, new crop, \$13.50.

Butterfat—35 @ 38c.

Eggs—Ranch, 17 @ 27c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.50 @ 8.00.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.50 @ 11.75.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$6 @ 7.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, 84c; hard winter, western red, 83c; bluestem, \$1.02.

Eggs—Ranch, 16 1/2 @ 37 1/4 c.

Butterfat—38c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7 @ 8.

Hogs—Prime light, \$12 @ 12.15.

Lambs—Choice, \$6 @ 7.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.50 @ 7.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$12 @ 12.15.

Lambs—Medium to good, \$5.50 @ 6.

Mrs. Hattie F. Noble, a pioneer educator of Idaho, died at Boise. She went to Idaho City from Portland in 1867 and taught in Idaho City for several years.

A yield of 60 bushels of wheat an acre was reported by Aage Gribakov, a farmer of the Junction City district. This was on ordinary farm land with no irrigation.

The Willamette at Salem is three feet below normal flow. The Salem Navigating company is operating a fleet of trucks while its steamers are tied up on account of the low stage of the water.

The Stayton co-operative cannery is running at full capacity these days. The beans have just about been taken care of, but the blackberries are coming in very well. About 125 women and 30 men are employed this season.

The Coquille bond issue of \$95,000 was carried overwhelmingly at a special election. Of the total \$55,000 is for improvement of the city water system and \$10,000 for a new bridge leading to the new residential district.

The evergreen blackberry crop is coming in at the cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, it is announced by Lee Turner, field manager of the association. The berries are very numerous in Lane county this year.

For self protection and in the interest of increased efficiency, members of the state traffic squad assigned to night patrol duty will hereafter travel in pairs. An order to this effect was issued by Secretary of State Hoos.

A big landslide on Siuslaw highway between Mapleton and Florence will entail an additional expense of \$100,000 and may delay the completion of the road nearly a year, H. D. Farmer, district engineer of the bureau of public roads, said.

Bids for the construction of the new state armory at Cottage Grove, will be opened shortly. The armory will cost approximately \$60,000, of which \$30,000 was appropriated by the state. The remainder will be paid by Lane county and Cottage Grove.

California lost the honor of being the only state whose waters harbor the toothsome tuna fish when a gigantic school of Albatross tuna appeared off the harbor at Newport on the way north. Not in the memory of the oldest fisherman has this variety appeared off Oregon.

The state bonus commission loans to Oregon veterans numbered 12,028, according to figures compiled by Frank Moore, secretary of the commission. Fifty-one loans were granted by the department last month, bringing the total in loans outstanding to \$28,703,625.

One of the largest squirrel hawks ever killed in northern Polk county was shot by S. D. Crawford near his farm at Spring Valley recently. The hawk had a 53-inch wing spread. When found by Mr. Crawford the big bird was sitting in the county road calmly eating a jack rabbit and paying no heed to passing traffic.

An elimination contest will be staged in Hood River to definitely decide which location in the city will be awarded the site of the new proposed federal building. Each citizen will be entitled to vote by ballot for his favored location. The chamber of commerce will favor the site securing the greatest number of votes.

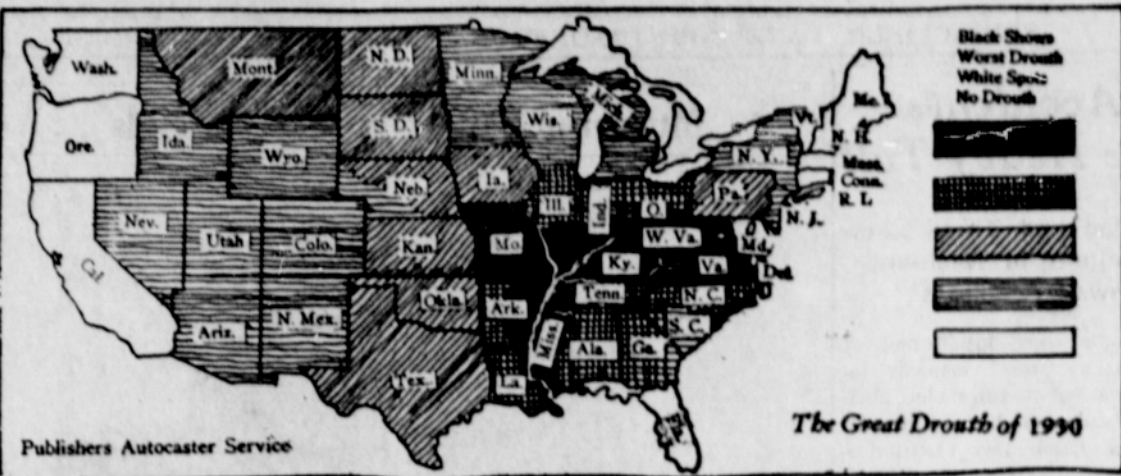
Electric rates for residential and commercial uses in Barlow, Canby, Aurora, Hubbard and Donald will be placed on a level with the new rates recently prescribed for Portland and vicinity, through a new tariff filed with the public service commission by the Molalla Electric company, which became effective September 1.

St. Mawes' Rose Ann, a purebred Jersey heifer owned by Clyde E. Robertson & Son of Forest Grove, has been awarded both a gold and silver medal by the American Jersey Cattle club for her outstanding yield in a recently completed official production test. During this test of 305 days, St. Mawes' Rose Ann yielded 628.65 pounds of milk.

The first of five large watering tanks for stock grazing in Modoc national forest has been completed by the construction crew of the forest service. This tank is made by the throwing up of a dam 840 feet long to impound water from the spring run off. The expense is carried by a special fund created out of grazing fees paid by the stockmen for the privilege of running their cattle and sheep in the forest during the summer.

Migration of butterflies in the Willamette valley, probably centralizing in Polk and Yamhill counties, similar in character to that which visited southern Oregon recently, may be expected about September 15, according to announcement made by Lynn Crone-miller, state forester. The prediction was based on the fact that approximately 90 per cent of the oak trees in Polk and Yamhill counties between Monmouth and Newberg have been damaged seriously by what is known as the oak looper.

1930 Drouth Most Serious in History



No Similar Calamity Has Been So Wide-Spread Or Done So Much Damage

(By Caleb Johnson)

The Great Drouth of 1930 will go down in history as one of the most serious calamities which ever befell the United States.

As this is written, there has been no rainfall, or none of consequence, in an area which covers nearly one-third of the United States, for weeks. There was less than half the normal rainfall for months before that. Last winter was a dry one, indeed, since December the greater part of the United States has received less than half of its normal quota of rain.

It makes little difference in some important regions whether rain comes now or not. The damage has been done.

Dr. Marvin, chief of the U. S. Weather bureau, says: "This is unquestionably the worst drouth in the history of the Weather bureau, and the bureau is sixty years old."

Never before has a drouth assumed such serious proportions as to stir the whole nation to relief efforts.

In regions where pastures have been burned up, water sources have gone dry and crops have failed utterly, the Red Cross is beginning active relief work. President Hoover and the Farm Board have authorized the extension of Government credit to farmers in the stricken regions on the most liberal terms. The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized reduced freight rates on livestock and cattle feed. The President has appointed a relief commission which will do what can humanly be done to alleviate distress, for in some parts of the Mississippi Valley farmer people are actually on the verge of starvation because of the loss of all their crops and their livestock because of the dry weather.

The year 1930 will be known, as one Washington correspondent put it, as "the year when Kentucky Blue Grass turned white."

Nobody is able yet to estimate the total loss to agriculture in dollars, but it will run into the hundreds of millions. The corn crop is so seriously damaged that in that one commodity alone the loss may run to a half a billion.

Nobody knows precisely what caused the drouth. It is due, of course, to lack of rainfall, but why didn't the rain fall normally in the stricken sections, not only this summer but last winter and spring? The Weather bureau sharps can't answer that question. They can only point to the record of what happened.

Added to the lack of rain, or because of it, extremely high temperatures have been experienced all summer in the country east of the Rocky Mountains.

Daytime temperatures especially were exceedingly high, with 100 degrees or higher reported from sections east of the Rocky Mountains on every day of the month from the 4th to its close. The daily maximum averaged from 94 to 98 degrees in the central and northern portions of Alabama and Mississippi, Northern Louisiana, Western Tennessee, the lower Ohio Valley, Arkansas and the greater portions of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The highest temperatures occurred the last few days of the month, when a number of stations from Arkansas northward reported 106 to 108 degrees.

Everywhere rivers, creeks and brooks are dried up or running extremely low. There is a scarcity of water for live stock and domestic uses. In the worst affected zones cattle are dying for lack of water and pasturage. In others the stockmen, anticipating what may be ahead, are selling their herds at sacrifices. In large sectors of the Eastern orchard belts, the fruit is burned to a crisp and useless for any purpose. Hay and other pasturage crops are affected, and corn has suffered marked deterioration. The damage involves every state in which the raising of grain is a principal industry.

The part of the country hit hardest is the Mississippi Valley. This area comprises Western West Virginia, Southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, Eastern Missouri and Arkansas, Western Tennessee and Mississippi and

some years, the market is in no condition to stand heavy runs—shipped because of the inability to feed them on the farm or ranch.

With swine it is different. Pigs mature quickly and the feeder can adjust his crop to his feed supply.

Advancing price will bring some compensation for the losses caused by nature, but the experience of the Corn Belt has been that no rise in prices can quite compensate for the loss of a crop.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

The Pleasant Hill high school will start Monday, September 15. The high school board will hold a meeting Friday of this week.

Prof. E. E. Kilpatrick, who has been attending U. of O. summer school finished his work last week and will enjoy a two weeks' vacation before the Pleasant Hill high school opens.

The Pleasant Hill public school opens September 22 with Mr. Sheridan and Mrs. Phelps as teachers.

Miss Irma Laird, master of the Girl Scouts of the Upper Willamette Valley, left Monday for Bend where she will teach in the high school this winter.

Several of the young folks are camping in the hop field and picking hops. Among them are Lucile Jordan, Florence Jordan, Marie Barnum and Nancy Barnum.

Jesse A. Phelps has drilled a well on his ranch. Melford Barnum re-

cently finished drilling a well on his ranch. F. F. Cooper is also drilling a well on his place. Mrs. Luella Bristol, E. B. Tinker and F. F. Cooper have installed electric pumping plants.

There has been a great deal of improving of the various ranches in the Upper Willamette district this summer. Howard Merriam has built a new bungalow for his parents and completely remodeled the house on his ranch. The Hardens have repaired and reshingled their home near the church. C. E. Jordan is painting the roof of his home. The house which is occupied by Mr. John and family on the Perry ranch is being reshingled. Frank Heigel is reshingling the barn on his ranch. C. F. Hyde has repainted both of his houses on the hill south of the highway.

Three Sunday school classes from the Pleasant Hill Christian church picked at Dilley's Riverside park last Sunday.

Rev. Claud O'Brien, pastor of the Pleasant Hill church, has gone to his home at The Dalles for a two weeks' vacation.

Douglas Kabler intends to attend Normal school this year. Mrs. Kabler is going with Mr. Kabler. Mr. and Mrs. Doana and family will occupy the Kabler home.

Mrs. Andy Olson and daughter, Emma, Mrs. O. Stutz, Mr. and Mrs. Jakeways and son Johnny, and Miss Helen Carter are picking berries at Dr. George Brown's ranch. Evelyn Phelps and Bonnie Jeanne Tinker are picking at the Swift ranch.

Tailor Leaves

Ben Terpening has closed his tailor shop next door to the postoffice and has gone to Myrtle Point where he has accepted a position with a hotel.

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