

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

THE MARKETS
Portland
 Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, 70c; soft white, western white, 66c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 63c.
 Hay—Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, 14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$13.50@14.
 Butterfat—24@27c.
 Eggs—Ranch, 14@24c.
 Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.15.
 Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.25@9.50.
 Lambs—Good to choice, \$6.50@7.00.

Seattle
 Wheat—Soft white, western white, 66c; northern spring, hard winter, western red, 64c; bluestem, 65c.
 Eggs—Ranch, 12@24c.
 Butterfat—29c.
 Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.50@8.50.
 Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.50@9.65.
 Lambs—Choice, \$6.50@7.
Spokane
 Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.50@8.25.
 Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.00.
 Lambs—Medium to good, \$5@6.

Official census figures for Astoria give the city 10,349 inhabitants.
 Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed two buildings in the business section of Harrisburg.
 W. L. Johnson, a pioneer of Ashland, has celebrated his 93d birthday. In spite of his advanced age he is still active.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson A. Bartlett of Ontario celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family reunion recently.

The Union Pacific system formally dedicated the new \$150,000 two-story union station to the city of La Grande at an impressive ceremony recently.

The year of 1930 has been a good year and when the state total of building permits is issued, Klamath Falls is expected to be second to Portland.

Astoria's police department has found a new use for confiscated moonshine. It is mixed with kerosene and used in the radiators of the police cars.

Floyd B. Moffit of Lostine has moved a house from Enterprise and set it up on his Lostine property. It was loaded on wagons and hauled by teams.

Two robbers appeared as uninvited guests at a wedding party in Klamath Falls, and after holding up seven persons, escaped with about \$3 in cash and three watches.

Seventy-five pounds of tin foil has been sent to the Shrine hospital in Portland from the Redmond grade schools, 28 pounds of which was collected by the first grade.

Southern Pacific officials have authorized the beginning of their \$200,000 development plan of filling in their property on the west side of Lake Ewauna, at Klamath Falls.

The Newport chamber of commerce and the city council are petitioning the state highway commission to definitely locate the Oregon Coast highway through the city of Newport.

Fifty acres of strawberries are to be put out on the Mike Syoboda farm a few miles east of Scio, according to W. J. Turnidge, who has recently leased the farm for a term of years.

Beautification of Pilot Butte park at Bend has been included in the state highway program of work for the unemployed. Besides burning dead trees, unsightly boards are to be removed.

Taxpayers of Oregon will be called upon to pay \$6,842,949.09 toward support of the state and its various activities in 1931, according to the tax levy promulgated by the state tax commission.

The millage tax in Baker next year will be 46.1 mills as compared with 47.6 mills this year. The reduction was effected despite the reduction in assessed valuation from \$27,053,907 to \$26,650,139.

Owing to the fact that kippered salmon is in much greater demand than the fresh or canned variety, the Empire packing plant near Marshfield, has installed equipment to kipper 1000 pounds per day.

The Prouty Lumber & Box company mill at Warrenton which has been shut down for some months, will be reopened about January 15, according to George Byers, office manager. The mill will give employment to about 150 men.

Mail to the Beaver creek section of Lincoln county is now routed from Toledo to Bayview over an old dirt road, the mail carried at present being required to use a four-horse team to get the light hack back and forth every other day.

Wild blackberries, large and luscious, are ripening up in the hills of Garfield, about four miles from Estacada. The berries were found on vines sheltered from frost and warmed by the winter sun on clear days.

A new kind of dog and cat food has been placed on the Astoria market. It is manufactured by the Columbia River Packers' association from scrap fish, cereals and vegetables. Fish, thrown away ordinarily, are used.

Forgetting that his car was in gear, Louis Kirk of Banks attempted to crank it. It started up, ran into Kirk and knocked him down, and then circled about the street and into the front of the Banks confectionery.

More than 30,000 automobiles visited Champoux park during the year 1930, according to a letter received by the Marion county court from Albert Tozier, custodian. Tozier estimated that 120,000 persons entered the park. Of this number 731 came by steamboat.

The market for the small lumber mills of the Cottage Grove section has been bolstered during recent weeks by the demands of the Standard Seasoning society, which has had sufficient bridge plank and structural timber business to keep 13 of these outlying mills operating part time.

The oldest residence now standing in Lebanon was badly damaged by a fire which caught from an overheated stove. The rear part of the house was built by Rev. T. L. Woodward in 1852, when he took up the land as a donation land claim. The main part of the house was built in 1862.

The problem of removing a group of houses from deep center field in the baseball park at Bend was solved recently when fire of unknown origin razed the structures. Baseball team managers and fans have been attempting to find some means of getting rid of the houses for the past ten years.

As proof of the fact that things grow "bigger and better" in Oregon, Eli Fellows in the Highland district near Beaver creek, 13 miles east of Oregon City in Clackamas county, displayed two turnips, one weighing ten pounds and the other six. They were turned over to the state chamber of commerce.

The November report of the cow-testing association in Tillamook county shows a decided slump in the production of milk and butterfat. The report shows that milk production for the 107 herds was 1,062,301 pounds, which is 448,299 pounds less than for the previous month. Butterfat showed a decrease of 26,075 pounds.

Because of a technicality in the Oregon school laws, it will be necessary to hold the Medford school bond election again, it was announced by E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent. The law requires that the first notice be published 15 days before the election, and that neither the publishing date nor the election day count.

That the non-skid blacktop on the Columbia highway in Hood River county is dangerous in cold weather is daily attested by the number of wrecks occurring on that section. The snow fills and packs hard on the rough surface, and with a frost becomes a glaze of ice, and it is stated that with this condition prevailing, automobiles can scarcely keep the road.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dooley, believed married longer than any other couple in the state, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary recently. Married in Chicago, they crossed the plains to Auburn, Baker county, 1862, the scene of the first gold discovery in Oregon. Dooley is a builder, and the original owner of the old Dooley Mountain road, which bears his name.

Losses in merchantable timber, logs and logging equipment due to forest fires in Oregon during the past season, were the lowest since 1916, according to Lynn F. Cronmiller, state forester. With a record of 1200 fires in forested areas during the season, covering 52,670 acres, losses amounted to \$79,697. In 1929, 1472 fires burned over 298,235 acres, the loss for that season amounting to more than \$1,500,000.

According to L. D. Wilcox, county fruit agent, in connection with the southern Oregon experiment station at Talent, there are 86,000 acres of tilled land in Jackson county, of which 35,000 acres are under intensive irrigation. Livestock and their products are valued at \$1,645,000 annually. Fruit is valued at \$6,000,000 annually. The total annual income from all other sources, such as grain, poultry and vegetables, including the above values, is set from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Ellis Graves of Upper Highland, near Oregon City, with a crew of men, has started cutting piling on his place for shipment to Japan. The piling is trucked to New Era, where it is dumped into the Willamette river and rafted and towed to Portland.

Seven persons lost their lives as the result of fires in Oregon during December, six of whom were children under eight years of age, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. Property destroyed by fire had a value of more than \$1,000,000.



Scene from the hilarious comedy "Reducing," starring Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, a Metro Goldwyn Mayer picture now current at the Fox McDonald

"REDUCING" IS FUNNY PICTURE AT McDONALD

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran have scored another comedy "ton-strike" with "Reducing," their latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture which opened last night at the Fox McDonald for four days.

"Reducing" has been admirably directed by Charles "Chuck" Rosner, who also wielded the megaphone for "Caught Short," the previous comedy triumph of the hilariously funny pair.

The picture pokes fun at beauty parlors in the same hilarious way its predecessor took a fling at Wall Street.

Hits Merry Pace
 What happens when the buxom Miss Dressler loads her extensive tribe aboard a Pullman, and unloads them at the Grand Central station, New York, starts the laugh ball rolling and it doesn't stop for an hour or more.

In his years as a comedy favorite on the stage of every English-speaking country, Leon Errol never found a more exacting audience than the one which one day witnessed his famous collapsing-knee capers in Paramount's Hollywood studio.

As the comical crook who heads the fun division of "Only Saps Work," Errol was going through his antics in one of the big scenes of the play.

In the sea of smiling face Errol spotted the solemn visage of a veteran stage watchman. The comedian outdid himself to make the dour face crack into a laugh. He ended with a particularly hilarious knee-collapse, and a broad grin lighted the bleak "pan" of the watchman.

At the same instant there was a muffled scream and a warning shout. The struggle to stifle his mirth had been too much for an electrician of the overhead light crew. Rocking with suppressed laughter, he had lost his balance, and only a frantic clutch at a friendly beam kept him from falling thirty feet.

It was a triumph for the genius of Errol. "Only Saps Work" will be seen and heard at the Fox McDonald Theatre on Sunday next. It is based on one of the famous mystery-farces by Owen Davis, the distinguished American playwright.

JOHN MONTGOMERY DIES AT LEABURG TUESDAY

John G. Montgomery, a resident of the Leaburg vicinity since 1903, died Tuesday afternoon at the family home at the age of 98 years. He would have been 99 if he had lived until February 17. He was born at Abbingdon, West Virginia on February 17, 1832, and came to Oregon in 1875, settling in Union county where he made his home until he moved to Leaburg in 1903.

Five sons and two daughters survive. They are John, Jack, Rube, Will, Gett, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, and Miss Leone Montgomery. They all live in and near Leaburg.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Rev. Clay E. Palmer, pastor of the Congregational church in Eugene, will officiate and interment will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

IVAN BRENT'S PAROLE IS REVOKED ON FRIDAY

Ivan Brent's parole was revoked by Circuit Court Judge G. E. Skipworth, Friday and he was ordered to serve out his sentence of four years in the penitentiary at Salem on a conviction of manslaughter. Brent was convicted in 1929 of manslaughter in connection with the death of Kenneth Dillard in an automobile crash. He was charged with falling to stop at a stop street, exceeding the speed limit and driving while intoxicated, all of which led to the death of Dillard. His driver's license was revoked and he was paroled after his conviction, but recently he was arrested again on a disorderly conduct charge.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Poulson were called to Portland last week by the death of Mrs. Poulson's sister Friday.

Alvin Olson is confined to his bed with the measles.

The Jordan family is having the measles.

Pleasant Hill high school started Monday, January 5.

The Pleasant Hill basketball boys' team defeated the Creswell team last Friday and the Pleasant Hill girls lost to Creswell.

Henry Dickmann had the fourth finger on his left hand amputated Monday, January 5. The finger was broken and smashed several weeks ago in an auto accident but an effort was made to save the finger.

The intermediate endeavor of the Pleasant Hill Christian church elected officers Sunday. The following were elected: President, Palma Circle; vice-president, Loree Laird; secretary, Verna Wiley; pianist, Mildred Swift; treasurer, Harold McLeod; chorister, Earl McLeod.

Miss Nova Jean Wilson of Independence spent the holidays visiting with friends at Lowell, her former home town.

Miss Elizabeth Toine of Chicago, a student at Oregon State college, spent the holidays at the home of

her cousin, Mrs. J. P. Hult at Lowell. Mr. and J. P. Hult entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powers Jr. and son, Allen, Miss Florence Elliott, Miss Ruth Rydell and Miss Elizabeth Toine at dinner New Year's day.

Miss Cora John, who spent the holidays with her parents at Pleasant Hill, returned to Scottsburg where she is teaching.

Miss Erma Laird, who teaches at Bend high school, returned to Bend Saturday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Laird.

The Pleasant Hill basketball team will play Elmira Friday at the Pleasant Hill gymnasium.

At the annual election of officers at the Pleasant Hill church last Sunday the following were elected for the coming year: H. C. Wheeler, E. Y. Swift, E. P. Lattin, C. L. Williams,

Bruce Wheeler, L. E. Parks, elders; Taylor Circle, Jesse Phelps, Allen Wheeler, J. W. Wheeler, Frank Smith, E. E. Kilpatrick, E. E. Schrenk, deacons; Mrs. Maggie Stewart, Mrs. E. Y. Swift, Mrs. P. N. Laird and Mrs. C. L. Williams, deaconesses.

Mrs. Lucella Bristow spent the holidays with her nephew and family at Independence.

Visit from Waltherville—Joe Hart of Waltherville was a business visitor in Springfield Wednesday.

Thurston Man Here—Charles Hastings of Thurston was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Goes to Portland—Mrs. Clifford Wilson left for Portland Tuesday to be with her mother who is ill.

FOX WEST COAST THEATRES



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