

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

An investigation will be made by the state fire marshal of the recent fire at Bend.

The census report gives Pendleton a population of 7357, an increase of 2927, or 65.6 per cent.

Issuing of \$100,000 bonds for harbor development was voted at a meeting of the Port of Portland.

Beginning July 1, clerks and carriers of the Eugene postoffice have had their salaries increased \$299 per year.

The extremely hot days in Southern Oregon recently caused many forest fires from the electrical storms in the mountains.

The Astoria city council has authorized a landing slope for hydroplanes to be constructed at the foot of Forty-second street, in that city.

Better wheat and better prices for the Linn county product constitute the purpose of a general campaign launched by S. V. Smith, county agent.

Governor Olcott appointed W. D. McCurry of Portland, to succeed Edwin A. Hatch, who has resigned as a member of the Oregon board of pharmacy.

Fire losses in Oregon for the month of June, not including the city of Portland, totaled \$258,725, according to a report prepared by A. C. Barber, state fire marshal. The fires numbered thirty-two, the most disastrous occurring at Whitney, with a loss of \$65,000.

A. M. Cannon, formerly of the Portland schools, who has arrived in Hood River to assume his duties as superintendent of city schools, has announced that B. H. Conkle, who for the past few years has been principal of the Enterprise high school, has been appointed principal of the Hood River school.

Linn county is facing a serious shortage of teachers, according to Mrs. Ida Cummings, county school superintendent, who says that of the 275 teachers needed, only five have thus far returned signed contracts.

Professor C. K. Hale, former Portland and native Oregonian, has been selected by University of Oregon executives to act as the new dean of the law school, taking the place of Dean E. H. Hope, who has resigned.

Funds appropriated for the administration of the provisions of the soldiers' educational aid act are available only to ex-service men desiring to attend an Oregon school, according to an opinion of Attorney General Brown.

Undivided opposition to any move toward the sanctioning of professional boxing in Albany by the municipal authorities has been presented by the churches of the city, in which a canvass of the congregations was made.

Recent action by the Port of Astoria authorities in reducing rates for handling and storing grain in the grain elevators of that port to one-half the rates in Portland and Seattle, may result in a rate-cutting war between the three cities.

The county court sold the old Wasco county courthouse at The Dalles to Friendship lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, for \$12,750. The lodge will remodel it—one of the oldest buildings in the city—into a beautiful lodgeroom and Pythian home.

Organization of the republican state central committee was effected Saturday in Portland with the re-election of Thomas H. Tongue of Hillsboro as chairman. Under the direction of the state committee, Chairman Tongue was authorized to appoint an executive committee of 21 members, 11 of whom shall be members of the state committee, and ten women. This executive committee will select a treasurer, secretary and publicity manager.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, a total of 21,378 industrial accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission, according to a statement just issued by the claim department of that commission. Of that number 157 were fatal accidents. The monthly average for the year was 1768.41 non-fatal accidents and 13.8 fatal accidents. The report shows that during the year the commission disposed of 1479 claims more than the total numbered received, this making an average monthly gain of 123.25 claims.

Frank M. Erickson, formerly head of the department of education in the University of Idaho, has been elected professor of education in Willamette university.

A term of from three to 20 days in the county jail awaits automobile and motorcycle speeders in Salem as the result of an ordinance passed by the city council.

According to State Veterinarian Lytle thousands of cattle from Western Oregon are being shipped into Idaho and Montana to replenish herds of those states.

C. E. Woodson of Heppner has been appointed to succeed Judge Robert S. Bean of Portland, resigned, as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

Surveys on a new road from Ukliah were agreed upon in a conference between officers of Umatilla county and delegations from Ukliah, Pilot Rock, Pendleton and Long Creek.

Douglas county realty men have met and passed resolutions refusing to sell any land to Japanese, following the visit to Roseburg of agents for a Japanese colonization scheme.

Attorney General Brown has been asked to give a legal opinion as to whether a director of an irrigation district is a "public officer" and subject to recall by the voters.

Timothy Newell, a Hood River orchardist, has invented a fruit grading machine with an automatic feeder. He has also perfected a wiping machine which may be attached to the grader.

H. G. Rimmerlin was acquitted by a federal jury in Portland for the charges made by the government of setting fire to brush in the Umpqua national forest near Gravel Ford, Or.

It cost Hans Pederson \$410,481.83 to build the Portland auditorium. The city paid him \$347,853.06 for the job. This fact was brought out at a session of the auditorium claims committee last week.

As a result of a series of almost nightly robberies and petty thieving at the Salem automobile camp ground for tourists, a night watchman will be installed to protect campers from further pilferings.

Upon the recommendation of Attorney General Brown, the desert land board of Eastern Oregon has voted to purchase and install a fish screen at the Tumalo creek dam, a few miles from Bend.

County courts in making their annual budgets of taxes should take care of mandatory levies in preference to those levies of a discretionary nature, according to Justice C. A. Johns, in a supreme court opinion.

Linn county is richer by \$75,927 this year than at this time last year, according to the semi-annual report of the county treasurer, who says that there is on hand a cash surplus of \$132,029.69 in the treasury.

Oregon dairymen want to charge \$1 per hundredweight more for milk delivered to homes in Portland than for the same milk sold to condensaries. This fact was made public by Investigator Lionel C. Mackay of Portland's legal department, who has just completed an investigation of the increased price of milk as far as Portland distributors are concerned.

The Morrow county wheat harvest is expected to begin in the country north of Lexington and Ione this week. The crop promises a heavy yield. Some fields were slightly injured by the recent hot weather, but the damage is not believed to be great.

A definite decision to proceed with the construction of the proposed Baker natatorium as long as the funds on hand will allow has been reached, and under the superintendency of City Engineer J. W. Peters active work on the excavation for the pool and building has started.

The rates, practices and service of the Bentley Telephone company are to be investigated by the Oregon public service commission on August 2, according to an order issued by the commission. The corporation serves a number of towns in Polk, Lincoln and Yamhill counties.



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