

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

New buildings of modern type are being erected on the Benson Pheasant farm west of Silverton.

The laying of the superstructure for the \$100,000 Sacred Heart academy in Klamath Falls has begun.

Voters of Linn county at the coming election will pass upon the question of an increased county tax levy.

Rain interfered with the Lincoln County fair, keeping the crowds away and hurting the fair financially.

County sheriff and county clerks of the state held two-day conventions in Pendleton Friday and Saturday.

The recent rains have stopped harvest work in Walla Walla county, and if it continues much damage will be done.

Residents of upper Hood River valley plan a vote on the proposition to increase the district's special road tax.

The rains of the past few days have damaged the evergreen blackberry crop of Lane county to a large extent.

Fully 50 per cent more potatoes will be available for shipment out of the Deschutes valley this fall than last season.

Irvin S. Cobb left Bend Thursday after a three weeks' hunting and fishing trip. He will travel east to the Oregon Short Line.

Gooley Sun, aged 7 years, was killed almost instantly at Salem when an auto truck in which he was riding was struck by a moving train.

Principals of the high schools of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties met Saturday in Redmond to adopt the 1920 interscholastic gridiron schedule for Central Oregon.

T. E. Harold, who escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem in 1912 and was captured in Idaho a week ago, was returned to the prison. He has two years of his sentence yet to serve.

Decision of sawmill companies between Reedsport and Powers to reduce wages was abandoned after a conference with officials of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

The Crown-Willamette Paper company has purchased approximately 2100 acres of spruce timber land in Clatsop county from H. E. Noble of Portland, the consideration being \$213,500.

Not a single fire started in the timbered district of western Lane county during the past summer, according to a report by Carl V. Oglesby, supervising warden of the Western Fire Patrol association.

Discovery of a hybrid prune, the "New Oregon," which experts declare will revolutionize prune growing in the entire northwest, was announced at a banquet of prominent Oregon nursery men.

The candidates' campaign pamphlet, which will be printed and mailed to the voters of Oregon prior to October 17, is being compiled by Secretary of State Koser and will contain approximately 50 pages.

After five hours of deliberation a jury at Salem returned a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Lena Steiger, 65 years old, charged with conspiring with Jesse Mullinix to murder her husband last March.

Thomas A. Hayes of Portland filed with the secretary of state petitions of his candidacy for United States senator from Oregon at the general election to be held in November. Mr. Hayes will make the race under the independent banner.

Plans for the extermination of the alfalfa weevil, an insect which already has caused considerable damage to the alfalfa crops of the Pacific coast, were discussed at a meeting of prominent western entomologists held in Salem.

Five political parties will be represented on the ballot at the general election in Oregon on November 2, according to the certification of names and information regarding nominees and measures prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Communication has been received at the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, from Morningside college, Sioux City, Iowa, to the effect that the college will send a debate team on a tour of the Pacific coast next spring, and asking a contest with O. A. C.

After working on the books of the defunct Jacksonville bank for six weeks, State Bank Superintendent Bennett filed his report with the circuit court, showing assets of \$217,527.18 and liabilities of \$319,000, with an estimate that the bank will be able to pay 25 cents on the dollar.

Fear that Mr. and Mrs. Jessie E. Tuck of Redmond may be lost, without provisions, in the Grizzly basin country at the foot of Mount Jefferson, prompted the departure of a large search party from Sisters. No news from the missing couple has been received for the past three weeks.

The Wasco county circuit court has dismissed the action brought by Silas Moody to enjoin the state highway commission from constructing a public highway across land connecting up the Columbia river highway in eastern Oregon with the new state bridge recently completed over the Deschutes river.

The first pay checks covering the armory drill pay period of six months for the Fifth Infantry, Oregon National Guard, were received at the adjutant-general's office in Salem from the war department at Washington. The checks aggregate \$4,140.79, and cover the period from January 1 to June 30, 1920.

Diamond lake, one of the famous beauty spots of the Pacific Northwest, may be included in the boundaries of Crater Lake park if the bill now being prepared by the National Parks association passes congress, according to word received by W. F. Ramsdell, forest supervisor of the Umpqua reserve.

Marion county will have an agriculturalist. This was decided at a meeting of the Marion County Community federation, when a proposal from Oregon Agricultural college was accepted. The college will provide the man. The county will raise \$4000 and the state contribute \$2000 of the \$6000 necessary to establish the office.

Sacramento was chosen as the place for holding the 1921 meeting of the Pacific Coast Gas association at the closing business session of its convention in Portland. Officers elected were: President, W. H. Copus, Portland; vice-president, Henry Bostwick, San Francisco; secretary-treasurer, W. M. Henderson, San Francisco.

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist conference was formally opened in Portland by Bishop W. O. Shepard with more than 30 ministers, a large number of laymen and a few visiting women in attendance. Thirty-five missions and churches were presented by the delegates from California, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Alaska.

A committee of the Minnesota legislature, composed of W. I. Nolan and W. I. Norton, representatives of Minneapolis, and J. T. McIntosh and John I. Levin, senators of St. Paul, were in Salem last week conferring with members of the Oregon Industrial Accident commission with relation to the operation of the Workmen's Compensation act, now in effect in this state.

The special election called at Ashland on initiative petition to vote for the city to issue \$100,000 bonds for the purchase of Buck lake, 35 miles east, as an auxiliary water supply, defeated the proposition by a vote of 833 to 60. A \$100,000 bond election to conserve the waters of upper Ashland creek for auxiliary water supply, held September 19, carried 4 to 1.

Willamette valley hop growers report that the Oregon crop is about 90 per cent harvested and saved, notwithstanding the recent exceedingly heavy rains. It is believed there will be scarcely any loss in the remaining 10 per cent in the yards. The clusters have been free from lice and mold. The Oregon crop this season will aggregate about 50,000 bales.

The continued fall rains have done great damage to the Oregon prune crop. Allowing for exaggerations in reports, which are usual when a crop is in danger or injured, prune men nevertheless believe that this year's crop has been cut down one-half. If this is true it will mean a loss of about \$3,000,000 to the prune growers of Oregon. There were prospects in the spring of a crop of \$9,000,000 pounds of dried prunes in the state. The estimate was cut down to 60,000,000 pounds when the June drop came and now the rain damage has reduced the crop probably to 30,000,000 pounds.

O. R. Hartwig of Portland, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, was nominated to continue in office at the state federation convention at Pendleton. Davis Ellis of Portland was nominated for vice-president and W. E. Kinsey, incumbent, was nominated for secretary-treasurer. Nominations for the executive board were as follows: Portland, Arthur Brock, J. C. Jensen, J. E. Starr; Salem, L. J. Simeral; Astoria, M. M. Lorntsen; Pendleton, Charles Keane and Sandy McClain; La Grande, H. T. Dodd; Baker, Alex. Sewell; Bend, C. H. Baker. These nominations will be referred to all local unions affiliated with the state federation, to be voted on by referendum within 30 days. The new officers will take office March 4. Portland was named as the place for next year's state federation convention. No date was set.

Personal investigation of devastation of forests along Oregon scenic highways has convinced Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, that the conditions are even worse than originally reported, according to a letter prepared by the engineer and submitted to Governor Olcott.

Patent has been received by the State of Oregon for 16,664.60 acres of Carey act land, reclaimed under the Central Oregon Irrigation project in central Oregon and located in the vicinity of Bend, Redmond and Powell Buttes, according to information received by the state engineer.

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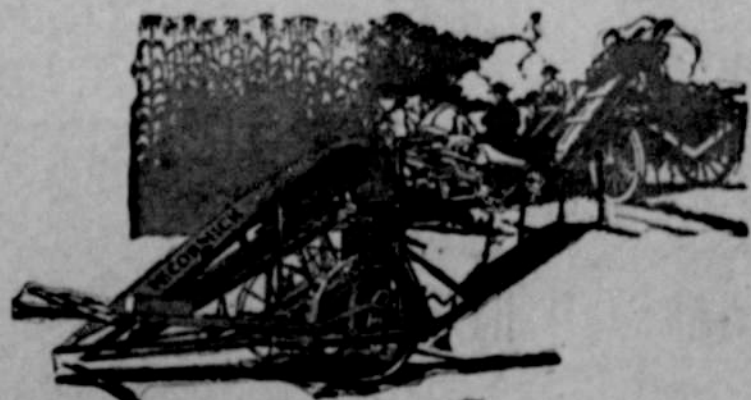
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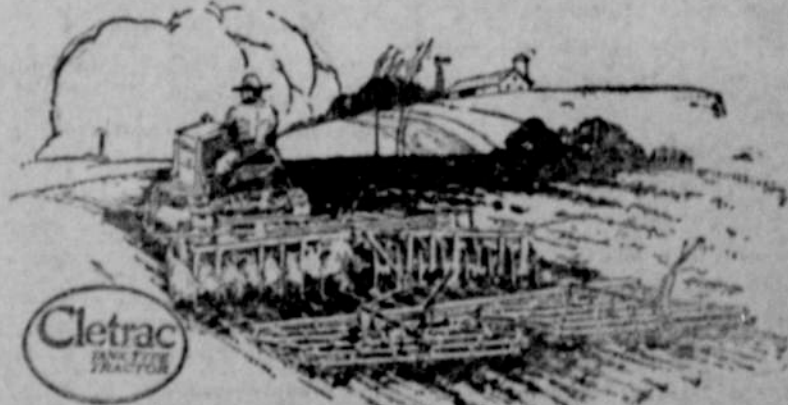
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