

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

It cost Clatsop county \$452,993.14 to conduct its schools during the last year.

More than 600 persons have visited the Josephine caves near Grants Pass this year.

Figures for the year 1920 show that Linn county's dairy products were valued at \$988,460.

Six and one half miles of the Pacific highway will be paved this summer between Halsey and Shedd.

The St. Helens Ship company has secured a contract to build 60 pontoons for the United States engineer department.

Sheepmen of northern Lake county have started the dipping of more than 40,000 sheep as a preventive measure against scab.

Fines imposed in criminal cases during the month of June in Coos county totaled \$3250, the majority of which were liquor cases.

The Coos county court has made an order directing that able-bodied prisoners in the jail be placed at work on the county roads.

A crew of men has started the task of painting the state house at Salem. The cost of the work probably will exceed \$6000.

Umatilla county's wheat acreage this year is estimated at 226,000, or about the same as last year. There is very little spring wheat.

The newly organized Wheat Growers' Association of Oregon claims that it will handle one third of the wheat of the state this year.

Mary Weygandt, Hood River guide, has been to the top of Mount Hood 489 times and this season intends to reach the five century mark.

Work on the Columbia highway between Five Mile and Celilo, delayed for several weeks on account of high water, will be resumed at once.

Prices ran from 12 to 16 1/2 cents when 274,000 pounds of wool, for the most part fine staple, were bought at the annual wool sale held at Bend.

Nearly 300 tons of Royal Anne cherries have been shipped to Eastern points this season from Salem by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association.

A part of the \$100,000 water bonds recently voted by the city of Corvallis have been sold, and the work of improving the system will be started at once.

From 10 to 15 appointments of deputy fire wardens and district wardens will be made by F. A. Elliott, state forester, during the next few days.

There are still 4720 acres of state land in Gilliam county not yet sold, 11,000 acres in Grant county, 880 in Morrow, 1500 in Sherman and 213,000 in Harney.

The Federal Land bank of Spokane approved \$2,000 loans this week for the Condon National Farm Loan association, making the total amount approved to date \$439,500.

All assets of the state industrial accident commission at the close of business, June 30, 1921, aggregated \$4,923,724, according to a report prepared by the department.

The Deschutes county court refused a bid of \$8,128 on \$50,000 worth of county road bonds and decided to dispose of the county's securities by private sale as the money is needed.

Following a visit of an I. W. W. walking delegate to a construction camp on the state highway in Lake Creek valley, 64 laborers laid down their tools and walked out in a body.

More than 20,000 pickers will be needed to harvest Oregon's hop crop this year, according to estimates. Approximately half this number will be required in Marion and Polk counties.

John R. Stites and L. H. Burnett of Salem sent to Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, a 10-pound crate of Lambert cherries. The cherries were grown in Marion county.

L. M. Tucker, in charge of the recently established state fish hatchery on Hood River at the mouth of Green Point creek, has just received 230,000 trout eggs from a hatchery at Klamath Falls.

There are more than 1500 registered real estate brokers in Oregon, according to the annual report of the state real estate department. This is an increase of nearly 200 over last year.

"Grandma" Lockwood of Smith River in Coos county was tendered a reception at the community hall at that place recently in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of her birth.

Linn county, which boasts the largest boys' and girls' Jersey calf club in the world in the Shedd Jersey Calf club, and which ranks well in industrial club work along all lines, plans in a short time to have the first boys' and girls' goat club in the United States.

The Astoria water works during May did a business of \$5725.86 and collected \$8625.11.

The J. W. Demaris sawmill, 15 miles north of Prineville, was burned to the ground.

The annual convention of the North Pacific Millers' association was held in Portland.

The Salem postoffice has 47 employees and the payroll is approximately \$80,000 a year.

A total of 640 students have been registered for the summer term of the University of Oregon.

Ninety-six Sunday schools in Marion county will participate in a parade and picnic to be held in Salem July 23.

Increased activity in prune buying is noted in Polk county, with many sales reported recently at 5 1/2 cents a pound.

The new \$200,000 bridge across Youngs bay at Astoria will be completed and opened for traffic in about two weeks.

Gene LaFollette, 11 years old, was drowned in the Willamette river at Salem, while attempting to rescue his brother Paul, aged 9.

The Lebanon and Newberg canneries, formerly owned by the A. Rupert company, will begin operations within the next two weeks.

The McKenzie highway to Dead Horse hill, six or eight miles from the summit of the Cascades, is open and in fair shape for travel.

The Transfer & Livery company, recently awarded the contract, has begun the grading of 24 blocks of business streets in Hood River.

A \$25,000 breach of promise suit has been filed by Mrs. Lucille Christensen against J. B. Knight, a prominent business man of Pendleton.

Investigations have been ordered by the postoffice department with a view of appointing postmasters at Buell, Hoskins and Marquam.

Cherries in Polk county are dropping from the trees in showers, and prospects are that the crop will be less than 50 per cent of normal.

Senator McNary was authorized by the senate committee on irrigation to report favorably on his bill appropriating \$250,000,000 for western irrigation and establishing a comprehensive 20-year program of reclamation.

The state motor vehicle department has authorized an order for several thousand temporary automobile license cards which will be placed in the hands of sheriffs throughout the state for issuance to applicants pending the receipt of permanent license plates.

Business of the Hood River creamery has increased nearly 100 per cent in the last year. Figures for May, 1920, were 10,623 pounds of butterfat and for May of this year 20,004.

The selling prices for the first grade of spring packed Columbia river canned Chinook salmon have been placed at \$3.25 per dozen for one pound flats and \$2.10 for half pound flats.

Forty carloads of cherries will be shipped from The Dalles in the next three or four weeks, constituting the greatest movement of small fruits from that vicinity ever recorded.

A movement to obtain a paved highway in Clatsop county leading to the beach at Warrenton will be inaugurated at a community basket picnic to be held on Warrenton beach Sunday, July 3.

J. B. Hansen and R. S. Payne, members of an Ohio company during the Civil war, met at the G. A. R. reunion in Pendleton for the first time since they were mustered out together 56 years ago.

During the recent election salary increases voted by the late legislature were before the people for consideration in six counties and in every instance they were defeated by decisive majorities.

An effort will be made by the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' association to raise \$3,000,000 during the next several weeks for the purpose of financing the marketing of the 1921 wheat crop.

Small refining plants will be placed in operation shortly at the holdings of the Oregon Nitrate company at Sheep mountain and Stinking lake, 90 miles from Bend, announced J. H. Morton, manager.

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