

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Cottage Grove is to have a shingle mill in operation within two months.

Bids for the construction of the new state normal school plant at Ashland will be opened in Salem, November 12.

County assessors from all sections of Oregon met in Salem Saturday to discuss tax ratios for 1926, based on the valuation of 1925.

Amos Renfro, ex-representative for the Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance company, committed suicide at Garibaldi by drinking poison.

Employees of the Oregon state prison and the state prohibition department have elected to come under the protection of the workmen's compensation act.

Gold worth more than \$20 was the result of one panning at Jacksonville, where small gold mining operations are in progress on Main street by individuals.

Ed Richardson, 51, ex-ferry operator on the Coquille river, committed suicide at Coquille by crawling under the wheels of a Southern Pacific logging train.

Work on the new armory at Silverton is expected to be completed in two weeks, according to members of the firm of contractors who are building the structure.

A band of wild horses roaming on the Cascade mountains near the McKenzie pass will be rounded up soon and sold by Sheriff Taylor, according to that officer.

W. G. MacLaren of Portland has resigned as a member of the state parole board. He was appointed to the board January 26, 1923, to succeed Ira Martin of Portland.

A total of 293,343 recreationists visited the Siuslaw national forest during the past season, according to a report issued at the office in Eugene of R. S. Shelley, supervisor.

A woman and two men are thought by officers to have robbed the Echo postoffice recently when the sum of \$163 in postal funds and checks was taken from the safe.

Mistaking a small bottle of poison tablets for aspirin, Miss Jean Maddox, 17, a junior in the Roseburg high school, took several of the tablets and is in a serious condition.

Eight persons were accidentally killed during the Oregon deer hunting season that started September 30 and closed October 29 and two were killed during the pheasant hunting season.

Establishment of a department of dentistry in connection with the University of Oregon was urged in the annual report of the state board of dental examiners filed with Governor Pierce.

Four and a quarter million trout fry from the McKenzie state hatchery were distributed in different streams and lakes of the state during the season of 1925, according to a report just made by E. W. Goff, superintendent of the plant.

The community chest committee reported that the total budget set for Astoria's first community chest drive had been fixed at \$22,355. Detailed plans for an organized drive November 9 to 11 have been worked out.

Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, president of the Irvington Parent-Teacher association and music chairman of the state Parent-Teacher organization was elected state president of the association at its convention in Portland.

The Rogue River Valley Association of Ministers, which met at Grants Pass last week, voted to co-operate in handling the proposed seven weeks' revival campaign at Ashland next spring by Rev. Billy Sunday.

Fred Thatcher, 64, was killed by a blast of giant powder in camp 25 of the Booth Kelly Lumber company, 15 miles above Wendling. He was priming the blast holes in a stump when the powder was exploded accidentally.

Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner is on his way to New Orleans, where he will attend the national convention of the state tax commissioners. The convention will open November 9 and continue until November 13.

Cabbages near Cottage Grove have not been injured by the light fall frosts and those on the Taylor farm on Row river, operated by George James, are growing to mammoth proportions. One tipped the scales at 27 pounds.

Refusal to believe the testimony of George Stillwell and Joe Wilson, chief witnesses for the prosecution, coupled with the contention that the accused man's habits were such as to prevent him from committing a cold-blooded murder, were the principal reasons given by Governor Pierce for the pardoning of A. J. Weston, three times convicted for the slaying of Robert Krug in Deschutes county.

The city of Bend, under an opinion of the attorney-general, may avail itself of an act of the last legislature authorizing it to acquire 11 second-foot of water from Tumalo creek for a municipal supply. The opinion was sought by R. H. Fox, mayor of Bend.

A quarter section of land about four miles west of Weston, in the heart of some of the best wheat producing land in Umatilla county, has just been purchased by Aliek Johnson from the D. N. McDonald estate. The purchase price was given at \$19,000.

A. M. Dalrymple, warden of the Oregon state prison, left this week for Jackson, Miss., where he will attend the annual meeting of the American prison congress. Warden Dalrymple is on the program for an address. He will be absent from Salem for three weeks.

Sales by lumber mills affiliated in the West Coast Lumbermen's association as reported for the week ending October 24 again were below the summer's average, totalling only 90,899,627 feet. The report, which was for 11 mills, showed manufactures aggregating 102,952,863 feet and shipments of 58,076,881 feet.

Receipts of the Oregon state fair for 1925 aggregated \$74,699.24, as against \$56,674.50 in 1924, according to a financial report prepared by Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson, secretary of the state fair board. It was estimated that the fair board would have a balance of approximately \$20,000, after all expenses have been paid.

Emphatic denial that he had directed the sheriff of Klamath county to eliminate from the tax roll all of the unpaid taxes of the Enterprise Land & Investment company, as charged October 22 by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, was made at Klamath Falls by R. E. Bradbury, president of the Klamath irrigation district.

The Oregon state grange withdrew from the state department at Salem its petition for a constitutional amendment authorizing a bond issue in an unlimited amount for the development of hydro-electric power in Oregon under state control. There has been substituted for this, a constitutional amendment providing that the bond issue shall be limited to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of property in this state.

Prices on Pacific coast cranberries were raised by the Pacific Cranberry Exchange at Astoria from \$3.50 to \$4 a box, or \$12 a barrel, f. o. b. the marshes. This price is considerably under that of eastern berries. There has been a larger movement of western cranberries this year than ever before in the history of the industry. The western crop this year will amount to more than 150 cars and is of exceptionally fine quality.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: John J. Mell, Portland, \$12 a month; Mary Drake, Portland, \$30; Francis M. Rich, Portland, \$18; Carrie M. Foster, Forest Grove, \$30; William Hannon, Madras, \$18; Martha A. Riser, Forest Grove, \$30; John W. Prentiss, Selma, \$12; Alvin S. Kleasmith, Oregon City, \$12; Frank Pierce, Sandy, \$12; Mary A. Mack, Eugene, \$30; Leon B. Huff, Marshfield, \$15; Helea H. Hayles, \$20; William J. Hodgson, Burns, \$18; Fannie E. Taylor, Milwaukie, \$30.

A malignant form of bird cholera is responsible for the epidemic which is devastating countless flocks of ducks in the Tule lake country. This was the opinion expressed by George Tonkin, United States game warden for California, and Dr. Rudolph Snyder, inspector in charge of the United States bureau of animal industry for California, following a two-day inspection of the Tule lake district. The two federal game officials estimated that there are now at least 50,000 dead ducks in Tule lake, with thousands still dying daily of the disease.

James Wilcox and Ellsworth Kelley, convicted in the circuit court at Salem for the murder of John Sweeney, guard, during a break at the Oregon state penitentiary on August 12, were sentenced to be hanged in the execution chamber of the institution on January 8. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Kelly. Tom Murray, third member of the trio engaged in the break, previously was convicted of first degree murder and was sentenced to be hanged on December 18. All three of the cases will be appealed to the state supreme court, according to the defense counsel.

Hearing on the proposed formation of the Umpqua highway improvement district was held at Elkton by officials of the state highway commission. All sections of the proposed district were represented, approximately 500 persons attending. The proposed district represents the first effort in the state to take advantage of the law enacted by the last legislature providing for creation of inclusive improvement districts with state and federal aid. The definite projects for which the district is desired are the improvement of approximately eight miles of the Roosevelt highway from the Coos county line to Reedsport and the 52-mile highway from Reedsport, on the Pacific highway, westward through Scottsburg and Elkton, to Drain.

The BULL'S EYE

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Set him down by the seaside, however, and let him hire one of those hut arrangements on the beach known as bungalows, and he will enjoy himself for hours hanging up pictures and curtains, and fixing up shelves and brackets that are too small to hold anything, and would collapse if they were not. The rest of the time he spends trying to light the patent stove. But he is quite happy.

It is truly astonishing how people who grow ferocious about the lack of accommodation in modern houses, can spend two weeks or more in quarters not much larger than the kitchen in the house they have left. They may be grumblers at home in rainy weather, but when it rains at the seashore they cheerfully step up the cracks in the roof and walls with bits of newspapers, and they sit and sniff camphor and say how awful it is to think that this time next week they'll be back home.—Pearson's Weekly.

Bells in Early Days Served as Town Clock

In Holland and Belgium, about the middle of the Fifteenth century, when timepieces were rare, and the people were much more dependent upon the town clock for knowledge of the time of day or night, it became a custom, as a preliminary signal, to precede the striking of the hour by a short automatic chiming on three or four small bells hung in the clock tower.

As this town and that sought to surpass its neighbors, the bells were increased in number and the musical scale of tones and half tones thus became complete. Brief melodies began to be heard at the hour and the half hour, and with the addition of still more bells came, at these divisions, whole tunes played upon three or even four octaves of bells. All this playing was automatic.

Then came the adoption of the keyboard, similar to that of the organ, with each key representing a bell note and readily responding to the art of the accomplished musician. Soon pedals were devised to play the heavier bells.

Thus, in the course of two or three centuries, was developed the carillon.

"First" Roads

There probably will be all sorts of rivalries and disputes in the near future over the question of precedence among American railroads, just as there were a few years ago over the date and identity of the first steamboat. It seems not unlikely that the honor will have to be divided and distributed according to the interpretation of the term. The first road on which vehicles ran on rails was perhaps that on Beacon Hill, in Boston, in 1807. The first road to employ steam power seems to have been the 27-mile stretch built by the Delaware & Hudson Canal company in 1827 from Honesdale to Carbondale, Pa. The first road to carry passengers was probably the Baltimore & Ohio, which in May, 1830, began running from Baltimore to Ellicott's mill, 15 miles, by horse power.—New York Herald-Tribune.

Force of Habit

"Is he an experienced poker player?" "Well, I'll tell you something about him, and you can judge for yourself. He was a member of a Saturday night poker club. He was invariably present at the club meetings, and his luck was invariably the same.

"One night he got to the clubrooms a little late, to find that the club had been raided, and looking through the keyhole of the locked door he saw chairs overturned and the whole room in a turmoil. Unable to get in he slipped his pay envelope under the door and came away."—Exchange.

Don't Touch the Baby

Four-year-old Miss O'Neil, says W. D. Coombs, had been taught, in answer to her questions, that little babies were brought in beautiful flowers. It was noticed she watched closely all the flowers in the garden, and upon being asked what she was so intently watching, she said, "I am looking for a baby flower."

A few days after she came from the garden very much excited, and led her mother to a large rose, where a large bumble bee was busy gathering honey. "Oh, look, mamma," she said, "the rose has brought us a colored baby."—Los Angeles Times.

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