

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Tillamook—More than 130 tons of evergreen blackberries have been shipped out of Tillamook to Salem canneries. Pickers have been paid \$3900 in cash, the buyers' price being \$30 per ton.

Klamath Falls — A vigorous protest will be made by the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce against discontinuance of keeping roads in Crater Lake park open this winter as in the past two years.

Medford — The wheat crop of Jackson county, now being harvested, will average about 25 bushels to the acre, according to an estimate made by County Agent Fowler, who says it is a light crop.

Eugene — The recent Oregon Trail pageant at Eugene made an estimated net profit of \$934.22, making it unnecessary for the underwriters to make up a deficiency. Receipts from the pageant proper totaled \$15,877, and expenses \$12,471.

Baker — The Baker County Chamber of Commerce has secured a purebred Rambouillet ram that will be given away the opening night of the Baker show window fair, September 6. Local sheepmen are cooperating with the chamber in the project.

Forest Grove — Reflections of improved financial conditions in Forest Grove elementary schools is shown in the call of the school clerk for payment of all outstanding warrants issued in payment of current expenses. After the call the district will have sufficient money to operate on a cash basis.

Forest Grove—Government buying of hay to be shipped to the drouth area has begun in Washington county. Truckloads and wagonloads of hay are going through Forest Grove to the railroad siding to be shipped. It is estimated that Washington county will supply 500 carloads if necessary.

40 Redmond Turkeys Killed

Redmond—A combination said to be dogs and coyotes killed 40 turkeys at the James Foss ranch, north of Redmond. The turkeys were scattered about the wheat field, being run there from their roosting place.

Carrot Shipments Increase

Ontario—Carrots are becoming one of the quantity production crops of Malheur county, about 30 carloads being shipped this year. It is the first time carrots in any quantity have been shipped from here. It is also expected that 400 carloads of lettuce will leave the county this year.

Aluminum Deposits Studied

Estacada — A large iron ore company of Duluth, Minn., has become interested in the aluminum deposits at Estacada and it is understood will have their engineer look over the proposition here in the near future. A recent analysis of the soil on the Harkenrider and Powel farms showed 28 per cent aluminum, it is reported.

Bears Kill Sheep and Pigs

Estacada — Ranchers living in the foothills of the Cascades near Estacada have been having a lot of trouble lately with bears killing their pigs, sheep and other animals. The career of one of these bruisers was put to an end, however, when Roy Tracy, living near Squaw mountain, trapped one of the biggest bears ever seen in these parts.

Freak Vine Offered

Salem—A tomato growing on a potato vine is one of the oddities scheduled for the freak show at

the state fair, opening Labor day. Some months ago Ernest Inzer, head fair-grounds gardner and local landscape artist, grafted a tomato vine to a potato stalk. As a result, the freak plant has one main stem, upon which are potato and tomato leaves, with potatoes under the ground and tomatoes thriving on the vines. The largest tomato is about two inches across.

Auto 25 Years Old Driven

Nyssa—Charlie Burns of Jordan valley attracted no little attention when he motored into town last Sunday in a Cadillac which was "nigh onto 25 years old," a 1914 model, which has been driven more than 400,000 miles. It was a four-cylinder car with the quaint old wheels which carried 37x4 1/2 tires and gear shift at the side. Mr. Burns had driven it to Halfway to get some parts from another "old sister," as he is getting ready for a trip to the Chicago fair. He says he has been promised a brand, new car for his funny old Cadillac. He says the company will trade even up.

A theatrical producer complains that present-day styles in feminine wear is bad for the show business. And so that is what comes from leaving nothing to the imagination.

And Now It's Horse Shoes.

A number of men at the dam throw a mean game of horseshoe. Some have even gone so far as to boast of their ability. This has started a fever. First outbreak was reported Wednesday after Inspector Fred Laird hung up a bunch of ringers on Don Orput, of the administration office force. Now the challenges are beginning to fly back and forth.

Pins have been set up along the railroad tracks and courts are springing up. The fever threatens to develop into a tournament. Lieut. William Poulson and Roy Knox, of the U. S. guards; Reed Walsworth and George Hoag, of the engineers; Ernest Meadows and George Ellis, of the Guy F. Atkinson company; and Laird and Orput are entered and ready to meet all comers.

Steelhead Enter Rogue

Gold Beach—What is said to be the largest school of steelhead to enter Rogue River in three years came in on Wednesday night's tide. Lower river riffles are reported alive with leaping fish, which are rather small, averaging two pounds. Flies seem the best lure.

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