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OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of
Past Week Briefly Com-
piled for Our Readers.

The Newport-Corvallis highway is
now in splendid condition it is reported.

West Linn will have a rose show
June 5, the first that has been held at
that place in six years.

George E. Chamberlain, accom-
panied by his wife, left Washington, D.
C., for Portland Saturday.

The 16th annual convention of the
State Editorial association will be held
at Hood River July 13, 14, 15.

Portland has a population of 343,
001, according to the estimates of the
1923 city directory, issued by R. L.
Polk & Co.

A non-conference track and field
meet of the independent colleges of
Oregon was held Saturday at Linfield
college, McMinnville.

The first general "hog picnic" in
the history of hog-breeding in Oregon
will be held in Dayton Saturday,
when breeders from all over the state
will meet for their annual session.

The state convention of Oddfellows,
Rebeks and the various affiliated de-
grees, ended at North Bend with the
installation of the various officers.

A conference of bankers and farm-
ers of the 12th federal reserve dis-
trict will be held at the Oregon Agri-
cultural college at Corvallis, June 7.

Charles Schwaberg of Portland was
appointed by Governor Pierce a mem-
ber of the state board of pharmacy to
succeed W. D. McCurry of Portland.

Option on sixty acres of land on the
outskirts of Portland has been taken
to provide a site for a \$5,000,000 san-
ctuary planned by the Servite Fathers.

Unorganized loganberry growers
from all parts of the Willamette
valley held a conference in Salem Sat-
urday to perfect a selling organiza-
tion.

John B. Bell Jr. of Eugene, appoint-
ed to West Point military academy
by Senator Stanfield, has passed all
of the tests and has been admitted to
the academy.

The value of irrigated lands has in-
creased about 600 per cent in Ore-
gon, according to a detailed report
which has been completed by the state
chamber of commerce.

The public service commission, in
rules regulating the operation of for-
hire automobiles under the direction
of the department, has fixed an eight-
hour day for drivers.

Under a new law which became ef-
fective in Oregon May 24, the state
water board is abolished and the work
of this department has been trans-
ferred to the state engineer.

Luke Minthorn, aged 70, a Cayuse
Indian of the Umatilla reservation,
who has been an active leader in In-
dian affairs for many years, died sud-
denly at his home in Pendleton.

The track at the state fair grounds
at Salem will be the scene of a series
of motor races on Saturday, June 9,
in which professional and stock cars
will take place, it is announced.

Efforts to have the Umpqua river
closed to commercial fishing above
tidewater may be made by the Rose-
burg Rod and Gun club because of
continued poaching at Winchester.

Gasoline prices throughout the en-
tire state advanced 1 cent Thursday,
the law passed by the last legislature
authorizing an additional 1-cent tax on
gasoline going into effect at this time.

Water was turned in last week to
the concrete 2,000,000-gallon capacity
reservoir of the Medford city water
department, which cost \$3000. The
new basin will be used for storage
only.

It appears to be definitely estab-
lished that President Harding will reach
Portland on July 4, his itinerary call-
ing for his participation in the Old
Oregon Trail celebration at Meacham,
on July 2.

Cattle ranges in Crook county are
in better shape this year than they
have been for many seasons past, is
the report given out by Vernon V.
Harpham, supervisor of the Ochoco
national forest.

The state highway commission has
filed with the public service commis-
sion applications for authority to elim-
inate five grade crossings over the
Southern Pacific company's tracks in
Tillamook county.

Indictments were returned by the
grand jury in session at The Dalles
against 26 men, most of whom are be-
lieved to be residents of Wasco and
Sherman counties, on charges of riot-
ing and fishing unlawfully. The riot
charges resulted from an alleged alter-
cation between the 26 named and
Deputy District Game Warden Hadley
at a fishway on the Deschutes river
May 11.

HAD A VARIETY OF DISHES

Progressive Dinner Party in New York
Didn't Seem to Miss Much on
Its Journey.

One of the greatest charms of
New York life is its wide variety of
eating places. A party of artists
started out the other evening in an
automobile to have a progressive
dinner, beginning, of course, with
cocktails in a studio. A five min-
utes' run to Mulberry street took
them to an Italian restaurant, where
for hors d'oeuvres they had anti-
pasta, peppers in oil with olives.

The next stop was at a Russian
restaurant on Second avenue for
soup, borscht, the peasant cabbage
soup. At a Japanese cafe in West
Fifty-ninth street, they had fried
shrimps, then to a Turkish restau-
rant nearby for Shish Kebab,
lamb roasted on skewers.

At a French rotisserie they had
roast chicken, and after stopping in
a German place for "Kuchen," they
wound up with coffee in an Austrian
pastry shop—and the whole dinner
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