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It is probable that a federal sheep inspector will be ordered to Pendleton to inspect sheep intended for shipment to Idaho, according to information received by Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association.

Eura Meeher, pioneer, who first crossed the plains by ox team 71 years ago and has repeated the feat on several occasions since that time, conferred at Salem with Governor Pierce and other officials with relation to preserving the history of the Old Oregon Trail in films.

The Oregon Growers' Co-operative association closed its first contracts at Salem for the sale of 1923 green prunes. One batch of 50 tons was sold at \$28 per ton, f. o. b. shipping point, while another batch sold at \$30 a ton. The sales were made to Willamette valley canneries.

Out of 70 fires in the Umpqua national forest only five are still burning, and these have been brought under control, according to O. C. Houser, central dispatcher, in charge of the fire prevention in the reserve. Only one of the fires this season was more than three acres in extent.

With 350,000 small fish for planting, a state game commission car left Portland for Malheur county, where several small streams and lakes will be stocked. Two hundred thousand of the fish are trout, both of the eastern brook and rainbow species, while the remaining 20,000 are black bass.

The selection of Gooding, Idaho, as the next annual convention city and the election of lay and general delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which will be held in Boston in the spring of 1924 marked the session of the 40th Idaho conference of the church at Baker.

Pat H. Allen of the firm of Allen & Goodsell, of Portland, and one of the firm's salesmen, William Adams, were drowned when their speedboat, Miss Portland, in which they were en route to attend the American Legion convention at Seaside, filled and sank off the foot of Thirty-ninth street, Astoria.

Government work on the Coos bay jetties is showing progress at Charleston bay and on both sides piers and docks are under construction. The bunk houses and other community places for housing the workmen are finished and have a water system feeding the buildings near the coast guard station.

Voters of the central Oregon irrigation district will cast their ballots at a special election to be held October 9 on the question of issuing \$120,000 worth of bonds. These, if voted, will be used in financing completion of the main south of Bend and other construction, and in retiring outstanding warrants.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending September 6, according to the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Charles Squires, hooker, Redding, Cal., and Beverly R. Morrison, head buckler, of Kirklund, Wash. A total of 698 accidents were reported for the week.

D. L. Buckingham, engineer who surveyed the lower Umpqua river harbor, is finishing the maps in his office in Marshfield and the plans will be ready for the dredge soon. The survey was made to determine how much dredging would be necessary in order to have a channel from the ocean to Reedport without any shoals.

Many people of Bend and other central Oregon communities drive to Taylor burn, near the summit of the Cascade mountains between the McKensie pass and Willamette pass roads, to gather huckleberries, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest. Thousands of gallons of the berries are being picked.

A small acreage of wheat remains to be harvested in Oregon, says the weekly crop report of the weather bureau. Threshing has progressed satisfactorily. Some winter wheat has been sown but the soil has been too dry for plowing and seeding. Except in some of the coast counties corn is doing well. In the warmer districts it is ripening and in the southern counties some has been out.

Salmon spawning is progressing at a great rate at all of the state fish hatcheries, according to Carl V. Shoemaker, master fish warden. More than 1,000,000 salmon eggs have been gathered at the McKensie hatchery alone in two and a half weeks. Three hundred and eight thousand eggs were taken at the Santiam station, near Breitenbush, during one week. Indications are that the number of eggs taken this season will be in excess of many previous seasons.

Reedport sportsmen are much wrought up over the contemplated blasting of the Smith River falls by commercial fishing interests, and the Reedport Rod and Gun club has telegraphed State Game Commissioner Burduff protesting the action. The matter has also been taken up with other sportsmen's organizations. The commercial fishermen claim that if the falls were blasted out, the salmon could ascend the river to spawn and thus greatly increase the annual run of salmon in the Smith and Umpqua rivers.

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