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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The state training school for boys at Salem now has the largest population in its history, 179.

A total of \$88,846.20 was turned over to the state treasurer by the state land department during June.

A severe electrical storm struck in the vicinity of Coquille and Marshfield and set four or five timber fires.

The Milton Box factory which was destroyed by fire about four weeks ago, will resume work immediately.

One of the oldest women in Oregon is Mrs. Sarah Helmich of Albany, who celebrated her 101st birthday July 4.

Building permits issued in Eugene during the month of June totaled \$207,900 in estimated cost of construction.

Chiropractors from all sections of the northwest will meet in Portland Thursday for their annual convention.

In the month of June 26 building permits were issued in Astoria, representing a construction value of \$170,825.

Lumber shipments from St. Helens for the week ending June 28 amounted to 3,500,000 feet, the largest for any week this year.

University of Oregon summer term registration has broken the record with 883 enrolled in the Portland and Eugene sessions.

Customs house collections at Portland for the year ending June 30 amounted to \$1,284,162, marking a new record for the district.

The stage men of the state of Oregon will hold a two days' convention at the new Stage Terminal hotel in Eugene July 9 and 10.

Cranberry marshes of Clatsop county are now in full bloom and give promise of the heaviest crop ever grown in that section.

An up-to-date hydraulic gold-mining plant will be installed near Foster on the South Santiam river by a company of Albany capitalists.

The \$500,000 bond issue for an auditorium to be erected on the campus of the University of Oregon carried at a special election in Eugene.

The forest fire situation in Oregon is not serious at the present time, despite the continued dry spell, according to F. A. Elliott, state forester.

Ending the long drought and at the same time offering temporary relief from the heat wave, two-tenths of an inch of rain fell in 12 minutes at Bend.

Receipts at the Salem postoffice during the quarter ending June 30 were \$45,240.27, or approximately \$2000 more than at the same period of 1923.

About fifteen rafts, of half a million feet of spruce each, will be brought to Portland from the Quillayute river for the Multnomah Lumber and Box company.

A total of 10,624 motor cars from other states registered in Oregon during June, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state.

Rev. George Douglas Byers, reported murdered on the island of Hainan, near the China coast, presumably by brigands, was a graduate of Albany college.

The red spider, a menace to the hop crop, is doing considerable damage in the hop fields around Harrisburg. The bug turns the leaves red as well as the hops.

The Pendleton Packing & Provision company at Pendleton has started construction work on extensive improvements to increase the capacity and efficiency of the plant.

Nancy Gladys Scarbrough, 25, daughter of Dr. L. D. Scarbrough, wealthy retired physician and prune grower of Creswell, committed suicide by shooting herself with a rifle.

The Gladstone city council has instructed the city attorney to prepare a bill to amend the charter to allow a \$20,000 bond issue for the installation of a new water system in Gladstone.

California dairymen and farmers who lost heavily in the recent foot and mouth epidemic are appealing to Oregon for help in restocking with high producing, sound animals to restore their herds.

Not more than 20 per cent of the flax planted in Marion county this season will be pulled, according to reports received by Governor Pierce from the growers. The short crop is due to continued dry weather.

Following a meeting of agricultural instructors of Oregon at the Oregon Agricultural college, an automobile tour of inspection was made through Independence, McMinnville, Newberg and Woodburn. The time at the conference was spent largely in studying the projects of the various schools of the state teaching agriculture, and discussing problems, in addition to time actually spent out in the field.

In the cases of 125 persons arrested for alleged violation of prohibition laws of the state in Multnomah county during the first six months of 1924, the office of District Attorney Myers has obtained 102 convictions.

Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, and Carl Gabrielson, at the head of the state motor vehicle department, left Salem Monday for Salt Lake City to attend the annual convention of secretaries of state, state auditors and traffic department officials.

Reduction in the number of fatalities in automobile accidents in Portland from three in May, 1923, to one in May, 1924 and from three in June, 1923, to none in June 1924, is one of the best records made in any city of the United States, it is said.

The St. Helens Wood Products company has been organized at St. Helens with a capital stock of \$25,000 and will immediately begin construction of the first unit of a factory to manufacture broom handles, mop and brush handles and other wood products.

J. C. Pruitzer, assistant to Dr. Elwood Meade, director of reclamation, will make an intensive study of the marketing conditions on the government irrigation projects in this state with the idea of assisting to solve some problems of farmers on the projects.

According to a statement made by A. A. Bixby, president of the Hudson Bay Creamery company, 1500 dairy cows have been tested for tuberculosis in the vicinity of Milton-Freewater and the Hudson Bay district within the last two weeks with but three reactors.

It is reported that the dam at the Fall River fish hatchery near Lapine has gone out. It is thought that about a million and a half trout fry of this spring's hatch, intended for planting in the lakes and springs of central Oregon this fall, were washed into the Deschutes when the dam gave way.

Dale Arthur, Robbie Burns and W. A. Anderson, convicts, escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem while being returned to the prison from the brickyard where they had been employed. Phillip Forester, also involved in the break, was captured by guards after being pursued for approximately six blocks.

As a result of the severe drought in various sections of eastern Oregon during the past few months there probably will be a noticeable decrease in the number of trout in many of the streams in that section of the state, according to the monthly report of the state game warden filed with Governor Pierce.

Four initiative measures, one referendum and three constitutional amendments referred to the voters by the 1923 legislature will be on the ballot at the general election in November, it is announced by the secretary of state. The time for filing completed petitions for initiative measures expired at 5 o'clock Thursday.

The port of Astoria has just closed its most successful year in the handling of wheat. The official records show that in the period from July 1, 1923, to June 30 of this year, comprising the grain shipping season of 1923-24, a total of 3979 cars, or 5,361,079 bushels of wheat, was received at the local elevator.

Oregon will receive another allotment of 80,000 pounds of cannon and other war trophies captured during the late world war, according to word received at the offices of the adjutant-general at Salem from the war department. Upon receipt of these trophies they will be distributed among the various counties of the state.

The driest early summer conditions ever experienced in southern Oregon are being felt this season with practically no rainfall during the month just ended. The Rogue river has dropped to the lowest stage ever seen and smaller streams throughout the country are at late fall stages. Some have practically dried up. During June only .09 of an inch of rain fell.

Allotments for rivers and harbor improvements under the act of congress, approved June 7, announced by the war department for this fiscal year, include in Oregon: Coos bay, \$663,000; Coos river, \$3000; Yaquina bay and harbor, \$21,000; Clatskanie river, \$6500; Willamette river, above Portland, and Yamhill river, \$18,900; Columbia river and tributaries, above Celilo falls to the mouth of the Snake river in Oregon and Washington, \$4000; Columbia and lower Willamette river, below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland \$437,000.

In compliance with a decision reached at a meeting of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board, Governor Pierce signed a proclamation modifying materially the embargo regulations adopted following the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in California. The new order removed the requirement that fruits and vegetables shipped into Oregon from California be fumigated and took the ban off greenhouse products. The order also allowed sheep from California to move through Oregon and the embargo was removed as it related to wool and hides offered for shipment into this state.



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