

**NEWS ITEMS
OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

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

Twelve new fires broke out in the Deschutes forest as a result of a lightning storm.

The box factory at Prairie City was totally destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Fire destroyed the implement and oil store of D. Pohle & Son at Salem, with a loss estimated at \$22,000.

The Eugene Woolen Mills have resumed operations after being closed for the greater part of the summer.

Approximately 50 carloads of green prunes will leave the Salem district for distant markets, according to announcement.

During the past few months Albert Fisher has shipped 11 cars of horses and mules from Haines to Denver, all raised on the Fisher ranch.

Bad-check artists again invaded The Dalles during the last few days, obtaining \$160 from two local merchants before the fraud was discovered.

Foreign shipping of lumber from Coos Bay during the last fiscal year totaled more than 100,000,000 feet, with an estimated value of nearly \$4,000,000.

Dr. Joseph E. Hall, former state commander of the G. A. R., was elected surgeon general of the G. A. R. at the fifty-eighth annual encampment in Boston.

The body of John Pustejovsky was found in a house on the Pacific highway near Albany, with a bullet hole through the lungs and an army pistol by his side.

E. Done is critically ill in Reedsport as a result of drinking a quarter of a pound of commercial ether, which he purchased, he said, for use in starting an automobile.

Picking of fuggle hops is under way in Oregon and so far the yield is coming down lighter than usual. Picking of clusters will start about August 25, earlier than customary.

Two persons were killed and three injured when an automobile driven by James Beattie, 27, left the highway and overturned at Johnson's bridge, five miles east of Tillamook.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian and secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, is in Des Moines, Ia., to attend a national convention of livestock sanitary board officials.

James Kleth of Talent was horribly burned while firing a donkey engine in a logging camp near Hill, dying shortly afterward without being able to explain the cause of the accident.

Plans for construction of a natatorium and roof garden were announced at Roseburg. A company made up entirely of local men has been formed and will incorporate for \$100,000, it was stated.

By hiding in a narrow space between the body and the running gear of a motor truck that operates in and out of the state prison yard, Patrick Bishop escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem.

R. M. Barker, driver of an automobile that was seeking to establish a speed record between Seattle and Oakland, Cal., was fined \$410 by Judge Lantz at Salem on two charges of speeding and racing.

Announcement is made that all mid-Columbia cities will participate on Labor day in a pageant, depicting early day history of the Columbia river as a highway into the Oregon country, to be held at Koberg beach, just east of Hood River.

The second Linn county employe within a week met an accidental death when a large rock from a bunker at the county rock crusher near Foster dropped onto the head of John W. Nye, road supervisor. The skull was fractured and death was almost instantaneous.

Both John W. Davis and Charles W. Bryan, democratic candidates for president and vice-president at the November election, probably will give addresses in Oregon during the campaign, according to Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the democratic state central committee.

Two cases involving the right of states to require children between the ages of 8 and 16 to attend public schools have been docketed in the United States supreme court. The appeals were brought by Governor Pierce and Attorney General Van Winkle of Oregon and District Attorney Myers of Multnomah county.

The first carload of apples for the season, Gravensteins loaded at Vanhorn, on the Mount Hood railroad line, was forwarded to the eastern domestic market from Hood River. The Valley Short line also brought down the season's first carload of pears, Bartletts, from the Vanhorn orchard of E. R. Pooley, which went to canners at Hillsboro.

The wool market is gaining in strength and the world demand is becoming keener, according to a telegram received at Pendleton by Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association from the headquarters of the National Wool Growers' association at Salt Lake City.

Cummings & LaPoint, contractors, have completed the concrete paving from Monmouth south to the Benton county line. This completes the last gap in the west side Pacific highway. Albert Amort, state engineer, has set the date for the opening of this pavement to traffic for September 10.

According to Olin Douglas, druggist at Lakeview, Malheur and Harney lakes are dried up, as is Deep creek and several other good fishing streams in that district. The drying up of these rendezvous of the finny tribe will necessitate restocking and has spoiled fishing in that district for several years.

Oregon Elks in the seventh annual convention at Tillamook endorsed and decided to take an active part in National Defense day program, September 12, outlined an Americanization program to be carried out during the forthcoming year, and adopted several resolutions outlining other constructive work.

The Eagle Point irrigation district has requested the state irrigation and drainage securities commission to extend for a period of one year the interest guarantee on bonds issued for the development of the project. The state previously had guaranteed the payment of interest on these bonds for a period of 1 1/2 years.

The South Umpqua river above Roseburg is not to be closed to bathers, the county health department has announced. Samples of river water show that although the stream is unfit for domestic use, its water may be used for bathing. Below the city all bathing is forbidden and swimming holes inside the city limits are forbidden by order of the city council, as the water was found to be very highly contaminated.

A party of men, members of the Dukhobor organization, a Russian sect, with colonies in Canada, has obtained options on farm land near Junction City. It has been known that the sect has been planning to emigrate to Lane county for some time, and the American Legion at Eugene has been protesting against the move. The ex-service men are expected to take steps to prevent the Dukhobors from entering this country.

The fruit harvest of the Hood River valley is under way, although it will be mid-September before picking to any appreciable extent will be started. While the Apple Growers' association has sold the bulk of its Bartlett pear tonnage to canners, the organization will ship a few cars packed. The harvest of Gravenstein apples began this week. Kings, too, will be picked at once. The season has been an unusually early one.

It will require 365,233 pamphlets containing the various measures to go before the voters of Oregon at the November election to supply the demand under the law, according to a statement issued by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. Arguments for and against the measure also will be contained in these pamphlets. Mailing of the pamphlets began Monday. There are four proposed constitutional amendments and three measures to be referred at the fall election.

Men have been burned by an incompetent and careless X-ray operator; medicine ordered by the doctors has not been given despite numerous demands for it, and some nurses and orderlies have slept at their posts while sick men called for attention, patients of the United States veterans hospital No. 77 in Portland charged in the course of an investigation started by the American legion, looking toward the removal of Dr. Frank N. Gordon, superintendent, and Dr. C. M. Tinsley, receiving officer.

Accompanied by representatives of the United States fire service and members of his own company, R. A. Booth of Eugene, president of the Ochoco Timber company, was in the timber of Crook county on a mission of investigation with a view to buying the government holdings in the Ochoco national forest, which adjoins those of the Ochoco Timber company. If this deal is made it means the milling of the timber and the establishment at Prineville of a yellow pine plant equal in magnitude to the best in the state.

Governor Pierce sent a letter to Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, asking to borrow \$25,000 from an appropriation authorized at the last session of the legislature with which to meet current demands on the state penitentiary revolving fund. The legislature at its last session created a revolving fund of \$100,000 for the penitentiary, and also voted a fund of \$50,000 from which the prison could borrow if there was not sufficient to carry on the work of the institutional industries. The letter said that practically all the \$100,000 fund had been exhausted and that the \$25,000 additional was needed principally to pay for straw for the state fax plant.

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