

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

The Eugene lodge of Elks is organizing a brass band.

After two years of service, Captain R. R. Knox has returned to Albany.

The recent electrical storm is said to have started seven fires in the Cascade national forest.

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of district No. 1 will meet at Eugene on August 15.

A list of D. S. C. awards announced by the war department included John H. Womack, Wallawa.

A fruit and berry cannery company, with a paid-up capital of \$25,000, has been organized at Marshfield.

Oscar Newton Bass, a pioneer of Lebanon, aged 84 years, died at the home of his son in that city.

There are 12,150 children of school age in Marion county, according to the annual census, just completed.

There are 6617 persons of school age in Clatsop county. The enrollment in the county schools is 4160.

Medford schools will open September 15, doing away with the necessity of extending the school year into next June.

Captain Walter L. Toose, after a two-years' service in the United States army, has returned to his home at Dallas.

The Davis & Webber sawmill, two miles south of Airle, was burned down. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Building and other construction work is at its height in Marshfield and idleness is not found in any city in the county.

With only two dissenting votes, the citizens of Helix at a special election adopted the new charter submitted by the city council.

According to word received in Albany, most of the buildings in the old Quartzville mining district have been destroyed by fire.

Sparks carried from a threshing machine by the wind started the big fire that burned Vonderhae brothers' wheat ranch near Milton.

Over 30 returned soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war met in

Corvallis and organized a branch of the American Legion.

Machinery and equipment for taking care of milk are being installed in the dairy department at the agricultural college at Corvallis.

Of 518 industrial casualties reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending July 24, there were four fatal cases.

Excavation work is now under way for the erection of the main building of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company's \$500,000 paper mill in Salem.

Governor Olcott has reappointed Robert E. Hunt of Roseburg as a member of the Oregon state veterinary medical examining board.

Jetty work at the mouth of the Umpqua river has been ordered suspended by the Port of Umpqua commissioners, owing to a shortage of funds.

While crossing the Walla Walla river near Milton on a footlog, Claude Wallace, aged 37 years, slipped, fell into the stream and was drowned.

The county court of Coos county has raised the wages of men and teams employed on county work to a minimum of \$4.50 for men and \$9 for teams.

Winter wheat in Linn county is largely in the shock, and the largest yield of winter wheat raised in the county for many years is practically safe.

The Medford Red Cross chapter and War Community service have taken up the work of the Medford federal employment service office, which has closed.

The taxpayers of school district No. 31, Bay City, with but one dissenting voice, voted to authorize the directors to erect a four-room concrete school building.

A board of directors for a permanent county fair to be held in Albany annually was elected at a meeting of stockmen, farmers and business men in Albany.

After wandering aimlessly about in the mountains of eastern Marion county, A. C. Barber, soon to become state insurance commissioner, was found by searchers.

Ralph J. Eveleth of Stanford, Mont., has closed a deal whereby he purchased the Chenoweth ranch of 1896 acres near Oakland for the sum of \$47,400 cash.

W. A. Wells, known in Corvallis and throughout Oregon as "Red" Wells, is dead. He was 81 years old and had been a familiar figure in Corvallis since pioneer days.

Umatilla county's wheat crop, from all appearances, will total at least 4.

EAMONN DE VALERA



Eamonn De Valera, president of the "Irish Republic," who is now in the United States.

500,000 bushels. In average yield per acre and weight it is better than last year. The farmers have one complaint; smut this year is worse than for many years. Sections formerly exempt are now affected.

One of the largest sawmill burners in the United States will be erected by the Shevlin-Hixon company at Bend. The burner will be 125 feet high and 45 feet in diameter.

With loans totalling more than \$500,000 and with a membership of 210, the First National Farm Loan association of Eugene is said to be the largest unit of the Twelfth federal land bank district.

"Jay walking" on Astoria's business streets has been made a misdemeanor, and yellow lines have been painted to make pedestrians observe the law, which provides a fine of \$1 to \$10 for violations.

Negotiations have been opened by the city of Pendleton with Superintendent Swartzlander of the Umatilla Indian reservation for the purchase of a 40-acre airplane landing field east of Pendleton.

The committee named to investigate the affairs of the industrial accident commission organized at a meeting in Salem by electing A. C. Dixon of Eugene, chairman, and Robert S. Gill, of Portland, secretary.

Paving of the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks, according to information gathered from Hood River offices of the state highway department and contractors, will begin soon.

Taxpayers of the school district of Wilbur voted to sell \$20,000 worth of bonds to match \$20,000 promised by the Alumni association of the school for rebuilding of the old Wilbur academy, the oldest institution of its kind in southern Oregon.

Of 26 aspirants for admission to the practice of law in Oregon who took the examination conducted by the state board of examiners in Salem the last week in May, 17 were successful and nine failed. Four of the successful applicants are women.

Lieutenant Lloyd D. Browne of Silvertown, whose airplane was damaged in a fall and who sold the machine, has gone to San Francisco with Lieutenant Franseen of Portland to purchase a new plane for commercial use, which he will fly home.

That airplane patrols for the protection of Oregon forests from fire is virtually assured is indicated by an exchange of telegrams between Governor Olcott and Colonel H. H. Arnold, of San Francisco, commander of the air service for the western division.

Governor Olcott, Warden R. E. Lee Steiner and former State Treasurer Kay were among the many passengers carried by Lieutenant E. C. Kiel and Sergeant McKee in the two army airplanes during their stop in Portland en route from Mather field to Seattle.

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JUDGE CITY BY ITS STREETS

Importance of Well Laid Out and Properly Kept Thoroughfares Cannot Be Overestimated.

Streets are the lines of expression on a city's face. They are the ideographs of time, recording the thoughts, passions, impulses of the city-soul that dwells within. They are as surely the indices of a city's character as the lines on a human face, a betrayal of whatever is ugly and sordid, an earnest of whatever is serene and gentle and strong.

"There are mean streets," says Balzac, "and streets that are merely honest; there are young streets about whose morality the public has not yet formed any opinion; there are murderous streets—streets older than the oldest hags; streets that we may esteem—clean streets, workaday streets and commercial streets. Some streets begin well and end badly."

In a city where the trees have been discarded to promote convenience and advantages of commercial thoroughfares there are just such streets which distort and mar its beauty. It is a custom with us here in America, with the encroachment of business upon a residential district, tree-lined, shady and inviting, to invade with vandals and fell the trees. Planting signs may then be suspended over the pavement to arrest the attention of the passerby; display windows may enter be viewed from either side of the thoroughfare. There is an irreverence in such practice; beauty and charm have been turned to the uses of harter and trade.

PLAY PARKS TO FOLLOW WAR

Splendid Idea Which Has Arisen in Canada Might Well Be Emulated in This Country.

Play parks for children, which will stand for all time as peace memorials, will be established in all the principal cities of Canada if plans of the Ottawa Horticultural society, supported by the Ottawa playgrounds association, are carried out.

The purpose of the parks will be: To help make impossible for coming generations the reality of another war; to hold up for emulation for all time that spirit of unselfishness which stirred those of this generation and enabled them to secure for mankind the advantages of peace; and to encourage all those who enjoy the first fruits of peace to dedicate to the ideals of civilization a memorial which shall have the significance of a guaranty that life in the future shall have a fuller measure of joys and rewards."

The parks, according to plans, will enable children to enjoy summer and winter sports and recreations. They will be centers for holding annual peace celebrations. In them some memorial will be erected—a tablet, perhaps—on which will be recorded each year some of the dominant benefits peace has conferred upon the world.

Architecture Important.

It is an asset to own a well-designed home—a house done by an artist who understands the essentials and principles of good design; there are only too few who know these principles and how to practice them. The first essential to inexpensive building is simplicity of general composition, but to make it a success there must be splendid proportions of every part in itself and its relation with adjacent parts and the whole. The scale of the house must be just right, its character is as necessary as the character of the individual.

Good Judgment is a rare talent and it must be exercised in the small house just as much as in its more expensive, ornate and pretentious neighbor.

To live in a home of architectural merit, however simple it may be, is a blessing and brings joy and life even though it may come to some almost unconsciously.

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