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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The secretary of state Friday received two checks aggregating \$10,193.82, covering the sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of May by the Associated Oil company of California and the Shell Oil company of California.

The pure-bred sire campaign that has become nation-wide will be fostered by the Lane County Pure-Bred Livestock association. The plan of this campaign is to encourage nothing but pure-bred sires among the herds of the farmers and stock raisers.

With only three votes cast against it, the proposition of bonding the Grants Pass irrigation district in the sum of \$400,000 was carried at the special election Saturday, the proceeds of the bond issue to be used in the construction of a gravity irrigation project.

A carload of 27 heavy draft horses was shipped out of Albany by express billed to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The expressage amounted to almost \$500, but the shippers estimated that, considering the feed bill and time lost, it would cost almost as much to send the horses by freight.

More than 1000 people viewed the impressive ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic and Eastern Star home near Forest Grove. Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, grand master, and Mrs. Alberta S. McMurphy, worthy grand matron, were in charge of the ceremonies.

Bids opened for furnishing supplies for the state institutions during the six months starting July 1 and ending December 31 indicate a substantial increase in prices when compared with the proposals received for similar supplies last December, according to R. B. Goodin, state purchasing agent.

Oregon, with purchases of war savings securities aggregating 8 cents per capita for the month of April and with a total of 51 cents per capita for the year up to May 1, ranks third among the states of the union, according to a report issued by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

The first wagon to cross the summit of the Cascade mountains by way of the McKenzie river highway left the Lost creek ranch above McKenzie bridge Sunday, June 12, and succeeded

in making the trip without a great deal of difficulty, according to word from Sisters, on the other side of the mountains.

The copious showers that have visited Morrow county within the last ten days give promise of the heaviest crop of wheat that has been harvested since 1916, which was the banner crop in the history of the county. Within the period named more than an inch of moisture has fallen and the precipitation has been general.

Automobile tourists passing through Baker have made statements to the effect that at Salt Lake City thousands of travelers had been turned from the old Oregon trail because of erroneous reports that it was impossible to obtain gasoline in Oregon. In Idaho the tourists were told that gasoline in Oregon cost 55 cents a gallon.

Under the direction of a citizens' committee headed by Mayor Eastes, W. R. Speck, Standard Oil manager at Bend, suspended deliveries of gasoline to all garages and service stations. With only 3000 gallons of motor fuel on hand, and no shipments promised, sale of gasoline was confined to the pine milling companies, mail stages, physicians and proprietors of milk routes.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, has returned from Bend, where he obtained an emergency landing field to be used by aviators engaged in patrolling the forests of central Oregon during the approaching fire season. The field contains several hundred acres and is located near Crane prairie. Another emergency field will be located a short distance south of Mount Jefferson, according to Mr. Elliott.

Certificates of nomination affecting all successful candidates of the republican and democratic parties at the recent primary election were mailed Saturday by Sam Kozar, secretary of state. In case where a candidate of one party was defeated, but received the nomination of another party, he will not receive a certificate. Refusal by the secretary of state to issue these certificates is authorized under a law passed at the 1919 session of the legislature and which became effective for the first time at the recent primary contest.

The so-called compromise regarding the framing of the Roosevelt bird refuge measure, to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the November election, is very unsatisfactory, according to Percy Cupper, state engineer. The original bill he says, caused

A trail seven miles long is being constructed by the Western Lane Forest Patrol association between Esmond creek, on the Stuslaw river, across the divide to the mouth of Twin Sisters.

The fossil of a prehistoric whale, relic of the miocene period, has been found on the Oregon coast near Newport by Dr. Earl L. Packard, professor of geology in the University of Oregon. W. J. Chamberlain, state entomologist from Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, is in Klamath Falls to direct a campaign for the eradication of the pine beetle. He will be there all summer.

Not in several years has the prospect been so favorable for crops in the dry-land districts of Baker county as it is this year. Unless the unforeseen happens the county will turn in a big grain production.

A total of 263 permits to appropriate water and ten permits to construct reservoirs were issued by Percy Cupper, state engineer, during the period from January 1 to June 1, 1920, according to a report made public.

A deal involving the Albany Mill & Elevator company and the elevators at Tallman and Tangent was recently closed with Max Houser of Portland, whereby the Portland Flouring Mills company becomes the owner.

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Education Helps Farmer Better Farm Conditions

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. — "Until a life on the farm provides a living equal in comfort and attraction to the comfort and attraction of the city, as well as opportunity for higher earnings (it does that now, I believe) our rural problem will not be solved," says H. D. Scudder, head of farm management at O. A. C. "If better education leads only to

high earnings and brings no improvement in the standard of living it is bound to fail of its finest purpose," Professor Scudder declares. The steadily declining rural population is one of our greatest national perils.

"Volumes have been written to account for this growing danger to our economic balance, but its reasons may be all summed up as the less desirable living conditions on the average farm. 'Certainly many young men desert the farm and flock to the cities in hope of bettering their living conditions.' Better education, Professor Scudder thinks, plays its greatest part in bringing the comforts of the city dwelling to the farm. This is indicated in a sum-

mary from the survey records of 825 farms visited by the Wisconsin experiment station: (the first number of the following groups applies to 878 farmers with common school education only, and the last number to 84 college trained men.)

Labor income—\$632, \$1056; value of house—\$1764, \$2558; bath equipment—22 per cent, 48 per cent, lighting systems—17 per cent, 44 per cent; furnace heat—22 per cent, 47 per cent; automobile—20 per cent, 29 per cent.

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