

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Diamond lake was opened for the season recently.

Immediate relief from traffic congestion in the streets of Tillamook is getting to be a serious problem.

A general movement of sheep in Umatilla county from winter ranges to the higher summer ranges is now under way.

Plans are being made at Hood River to celebrate on the Fourth of July the completion of the city's new \$250,000 water system.

For the first time in the past 10 years, Tillamook county has no warrant indebtedness, according to the county treasurer.

Snow is melting rapidly at Crater Lake. It is now about 3 1/2 feet deep, and automobiles can be driven within 13 miles of the lake.

The largest class in the history of Pacific university was graduated June 3. There were 41 graduates, as compared with 24 last year.

A private game farm is to be established on the old Barneburg place, three miles east of Medford, especially for the raising of waterfowl.

Municipal improvements in Klamath Falls this year — not including general maintenance work — will reach \$750,000, according to the city engineer.

William Allen, Salem canneryman, predicts that the Oregon prune crop will reach 30,000 tons this year, in contrast with almost a total failure in 1928.

The sowing of 3000 acres of beans in the Athena district has been completed. An equal number of acres is being planted in the Weston neighborhood.

Albert Groshong recently killed a black bear near Wilhoit, in Clackamas county. It weighed 300 pounds, and for some time had been killing sheep and goats.

Pea growers of the Brownsmead district, Clatsop county, have approved a plan to market this year's crop through a pool. The crop is estimated at 70 tons.

Wasco county Pomona grange has adopted a resolution to the effect that county budget committees should be appointed by the circuit court instead of the county court.

The Deschutes county court has decided not to cooperate with the city of Bend in the construction of a sheep bridge across the river, on account of lack of legal authority.

With the new addition to the Farmers' grain elevator, Athena can now boast of the largest elevator in the state outside of Portland. It now has a capacity of 290,000 bushels.

The University of Oregon library ordered during 1928 magazines to the number of 2173. Of these, 1009 were paid for, the others being obtained through gifts and exchanges.

The Mosier Valley bank, organized in 1909, has ceased business, its deposits having been taken over by the First National bank of Hood River. The bank was solvent and well managed.

Reports of tourist agencies, railroads and hotel reservations indicate that the coming season at Crater Lake, which will open July 1, will be the greatest in the history of the park.

More than 1000 purebred rams have been shipped to California this season from the Link & Wilson ranch, west of Sheridan. They will supply sheep growers of California, New Mexico and Arizona.

Forty seniors of the McLoughlin union high school at Milton received diplomas at graduation exercises recently. C. A. Howard, state superintendent, delivered the commencement address.

Arrangements have been made for the installation of the Jackson county agricultural exhibit in the headquarters of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce recently opened at Los Angeles.

A district meeting of federal farm loan associations will be held in Eugene June 14 according to announcement by W. A. Ayres, secretary of the First National Farm Loan association of Lane county.

Henry Lake of Thornton Corners is winner this year in the contest for first home-grown strawberries of the season at Cottage Grove. The berries were of the Etterburg variety and were grown without any unusual attention or protection.

"Roarin' Days in the Nehalem" will be the official slogan for the big stampede to be held in Vernonia July 3 and 4. G. W. Ford, general chairman of the stampede, announces that more bleachers will be built to the ball park to accommodate a large crowd.

The Nehalem golf course at Vernonia is expected to be finished and ready for play about June 15.

A portion of Paradise farm, the pioneer home of W. L. Adams at Hood River, is being converted into a super-automobile park.

Completion of the \$3,000,000 development of the Edward Hines Western Pine company at Burns is set for early in December of this year. The present force of 1000 men will be increased to 500 by July 1.

Keen demand at high prices for week-old calves is adding Tillamook county dairymen in meeting heavy feed bills. Heifer calves are bringing from \$5 to \$15 each, depending upon the record of the dam.

News from the war department at Washington indicates that Battery E, at Cottage Grove, received the classification of "Excellent" for the year 1928, the highest rating that can be attained by a battery.

Fred P. Cronemiller Jr. has been appointed supervisor of the Modoc national forest, succeeding George W. Lyons, who died recently as the result of serious burns incurred when a gasoline lamp exploded.

An effort is being made to obtain a permanent record of the names of people buried in the Oakville cemetery, between Corvallis and Albany and one of the oldest burial grounds in the Willamette valley.

The American Legion post of Astoria, Wauna and Seaside is planning a giant clambake for all ex-servicemen to be held in Seaside June 8 and 9. The committee expects 1000 persons to attend the affair.

Work of the new Pacific Telephone & Telegraph building at Salem will get under way soon, according to announcement made recently. L. H. Hoffman of Portland is the contractor. The structure will cost \$184,000.

A 25,000-foot daily capacity sawmill at Culp creek has been purchased by Scott & Jeans of Portland, and will be put into continuous operation at once, an adequate supply of timber having already been arranged for.

The Clatsop county commissioners at a meeting recently decided to initiate steps toward asking the federal government to return to Clatsop county the \$100,000 paid by the county for the Tongue Point naval base site.

A. L. Brooks, a Lafayette nurseryman and prune grower, is of the opinion that there will be about three-fourths of a prune crop in Yamhill county. Peaches will be about half a crop and the pear crop will be small.

The annual memorial services at the historic pioneer Providence church near Crabtree will be held Sunday, July 21, with an all-day meeting conducted by the Rev. Henry Albers, pastor of the church for many years.

Beautification of Lane county highways is to be undertaken by a committee from the Eugene Garden club, of which Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman is chairman. The program includes the cleaning up of adjacent districts, eradicating billboards and encouraging beautiful plantings.

John Dinkens of Beagle is in Medford seeking reparations from the state game commission for damage to his crops caused by "hordes" of deer eating them up. Mr. Dinkens, who is southern Oregon's leading authority on wild beasts and birds, declares: "They about have me devoured and something has got to be done about it."

From present indications the Hood river valley will have no more than 50 per cent of the tonnage of Bartlett pears harvested last year, when the Apple Growers' association marketed 1200 tons of this fruit. The bloom of Bartlett's was lighter than usual this season. Growers are now reporting that the d'Anjou pear crop will be considerably lighter than anticipated and spotted.

Berry growers of the Yankton section have joined the Washington Co-operative Growers' association of Sumner, Wash., and will ship berries to the cannery there. The soft variety of berry will be barreled at a station in Yankton and the canning berries shipped daily by truck. It will also join the association. Hereafter the berries have been shipped to Portland and Rainier canneries.

Emil Anderson of Nehalem City has received the contract for the new Astoria-Tillamook "star" mail route, according to advices received at the Astoria postoffice. Anderson's bid was \$1434.24 a year. The new route will serve Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside, Nehalem, Wheeler, Rockaway, Bay City, Garibaldi and Tillamook. Mail will leave Astoria at 7:30 A. M. daily and the return trip from Tillamook will start at 1:15 P. M.

The work of lining with concrete the tunnel near Harper for the Vale irrigation project will begin June 10 and be completed early in November. The tunnel is 110 feet long and 10 feet 6 inches in diameter. It will cost approximately \$300,000.

The Rogue river valley's fruit crop will be 1000 cars less this season than that of the 1928 season, Court Hall, fruit grower, predicted recently, after he had completed a visit to the orchards in the valley. He says the estimate is conservative.

CHEICK RAFAI RABAL



Cheick Rafai Rabal, venerable Arab, who claims he is 155 years of age. He is keen of mind and remembers the details of an Arabian massacre of 1811. He remembers when George III was king of England.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS INCOME TAX REFUNDS

Washington, D. C.—Refunds of taxes totaling \$10,428,025 have been announced by the internal revenue bureau in the first 40 days of the operation of the executive order of President Hoover making public all refunds of \$20,000 or more.

In addition to the refunds, taxpayers have been paid \$114,120 in interest on the amounts which were due them, while others have been allowed credits of \$2,598,922 and have received abatement of taxes aggregating \$5,204,088. Taxpayers also have received \$397 in costs.

The majority of the overassessments have been caused by redetermination of the income taxes and by court decisions or orders of the board of tax appeals. Some of the refunds have been allowed on estate taxes because of additional payments made to states after the federal estate tax returns had been made.

Among the large refunds was one of \$4,625,539 to the estate of William Waldorf Astor of New York, which was made under a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals of the second circuit.

The making public of the refunds followed criticisms by members of congress of the treasury because of appropriations requested for use in paying refunds.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The dean of Westminster announces that thanksgiving service for King George's recovery planned for June 16 has been indefinitely postponed.

General Matias Ramos, who defied the city of Juarez against a rebel attack early in the recent rebellion, has been appointed under secretary of war.

Prince Henry, duke of Gloucester, on arrival in Victoria, B. C., from Japan, expressed concern for his father, King George, and announced cancellation of all his engagements in Canada and will leave for England.

President Vincent Mejia Colindres has ordered that military instruction be introduced in all public schools in Honduras. The ministers of war and public instruction are preparing to make the order effective at once.

Reports from Nanking, Chinese nationalist capital, say Chinese diplomatic representatives and consular officials at Moscow have been recalled. Friction between Nanking and Moscow ascribed to recent raids by Chinese in Manchuria on Russian consulates.

Fraternity memorial hospital, built with the residue of the American people's contributions to the Red Cross at the time of the 1923 earthquake, and which cost nearly \$15,000,000, was dedicated at Tokyo recently. The hospital is one of the largest and finest in the orient.

Japanese Quit Hankow. Shanghai.—The Japanese marine garrison which has been guarding the Japanese concession at Hankow has been withdrawn and is proceeding to Shanghai. It is understood half of the garrison will remain here and the remainder proceed to Japan.

Surplus Army Shoes Offered for Sale. Washington, D. C.—The war department has advertised for bids for 150,496 pairs of surplus service shoes stored in quartermaster depots at several posts in different parts of the country. The stock were accumulated during the World war.

\$8,000,000 to Be Spent on Birds. Washington, D. C.—Eight million dollars of government funds will be spent by the bureau of biological survey in the next 10 years for development of refuges for migratory wild fowls.

REPARATIONS REPORT OUTLINES NEW PLAN

Debt Experts Map System Favoring International Bank for Settlement.

Paris.—The loss by S. Parker Gilbert of his job as general agent for reparations payments will be one of the consequences of the report of the second Dawes committee, now well toward completion, if the governments accept it. Another important result will be the practical suppression of the reparations commission as a medium for payments, while an experiment with big possibilities in it will be the recommendation that a new international institution be set up to handle reparations called "the bank for international settlements."

Specific recommendations in the report will be:

1. Substitution of Mr. Young's annuities, as agreed upon, for the Dawes plan.
2. Substitution of "the bank for international settlements" for the reparations commission and agent-general for reparations in receiving and distributing payments.
3. Settlement by the governments as soon as possible and at the latest within two years of the question of the obligations incurred by the successor states to Austrian territory.
4. Reduction and recovery of taxes imposed by creditor countries on German imports from 26 to 20 per cent.
5. Modification of the Dawes lien on German railroads so as to permit Germans to finance them.
6. Any eventual reduction in the allied war debts to the United States to be applied in reducing the annuities due from Germany.
7. A moratorium of two years to be eventually accorded on half of the protected part, or 1,390,000,000 marks, of the first series of annuities when financial difficulties of the reich may require.
8. Commercialization as becomes possible of the amount representing the present value of 500,000,000 marks of the first 37 annuities.

FLOOD ENDANGERS WYOMING CAPITAL

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Property damage estimated at \$350,000 resulted from flood waters of Turgid Crow creek, which inundated the bottom lands of west and south Cheyenne early Sunday, claimed one life and carried away four dams on the Hereford ranch, eight miles east of here, and a number of other smaller reservoirs down the valley near the Colorado-Wyoming state line.

Every bridge between Cheyenne and Carpenter, 15 miles southeast of here, was reported to have been washed out, and the telephone line that crossed Crow creek just below the upper reservoir was leveled and communication with Hereford and Grover, Colo., has been interrupted.

A number of persons who were incredulous, refusing to believe a dangerous flood condition could develop, did not evacuate their homes and were rescued by city firemen operating from boats.

The Hereford ranch suffered the heaviest property loss, which E. T. Lazear, one of the owners, estimated would exceed \$260,000.

PUBLIC WORKS INCREASE

\$5,443,265 Expended in May; June Expected to Exceed.

Seattle, Wash.—Public works contracts awarded in the Pacific northwest in May totaled \$5,443,265, a figure which probably will be passed during the month of June, a survey released here shows.

The report names 33 public works projects on which contracts will be let in Washington, 24 in Oregon, four in Idaho, six in Montana and one, a federal road job, in Alaska.

Bids will be called on a score of other important projects within the next ten days in addition to a number of jobs of minor importance.

Top Erupted From Alaskan Peak

Cordova, Alaska.—Eruption of an unnamed mountain on the south end of Aquian Island, 1000 miles southwest of Cordova, was reported here by residents of the Far Westward, who said it appeared likely that lava would ever spread the entire island. The top of the mountain appeared to have been blown off, residents said, and lava was flowing two-thirds of the way down the mountainside.

Huge Strike Ordered

Chicago.—The executive board of the Bridge and Structural Iron workers' union has issued a strike order, effective immediately, which is expected to tie up approximately \$200,000,000 in new construction work here. More than 2200 members of the union will quit work, union officials said.

FLASH THE LEAD DOG

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CHAPTER XII—Continued

"When they come, I won't be here!" Brock rasped through his teeth.

Straight back into the thick spruce he forced the raging and bewildered dogs. Reaching good cover, he halted, holding the dogs by sheer power alone. Then, suddenly from the direction of the river rose the brittle yelps of Silt-Ear and Kona. They had found the Cree! A rifle crashed—then another.

With a sob, Brock muttered: "If they've shot 'em! They'll pay for it—pay for it!"

His wrists were raw with the plunging of the maddened huskies fast getting out of hand, when he caught a fleeting glimpse of a dark patch moving through the scrub. Loosing the dogs, Brock fired. The dark spot in the distance vanished. Pumping a shell into the chamber of his 30-30, he cautiously advanced, while the great Ungavas roared ahead through the forest to the succor of their comrades.

Brock found the trail of the Indian leading out to the river. He had missed.

Where was Gaspard? Had he heard the firing? Was he coming? Where was Gaspard?

Free of his dogs, Brock started a counter stalk of the men hunting him. Eyes strained, nerves taut, with cocked rifle he followed the trail. Again rifles crashed ahead of him, above the yelps of Flash and Yellow-Eye—and again. "They're shooting the dogs!"

Then Brock McCain reached the battle in the bush. With a sob, he saw, through an opening fifty yards away, a great yellow-and-white body stretched on the snow.

"Yellow-Eye! They've got Yellow-Eye!" choked the boy, as he ran, searching the scrub for the smoke of a rifle.

With his rifle covering his advance, Brock approached to where the great dog lay stretched in the snow, head on forehead. Then the roving eyes of the boy saw a hooded figure swing from the branches of a spruce to the snow, a grimace of satisfaction wrinkling his swart face.

Dropping on a knee, Brock lined his sights as a knife flashed from the Cree's sash and the killer of the king-dog leaned over the motionless shape. Then, as his forefinger curled on the trigger of his 30-30, Brock gasped. Up from the snow lunged the yellow-and-white shape. The great tusks snapped on the exposed throat of the man bent forward. With a muffled snarl the mighty Ungava bore the Indian to the snow beneath him. Once—twice, the long fangs ripped and tore at the jugular of the stricken Cree whose knife slipped from nerveless fingers.

The staring eyes of the thrilled youth saw the massive head of Yellow-Eye lift from the mutilated shape. The jaws opened. A hoarse rumble vibrated in the deep throat. Then the great head fell limp on the snow.

Standing over him, Brock's eyes saw a great wound in the Ungava's side from which blood welled out to crimson the snow.

Dauntless in death, as in life, Yellow-Eye had joined his fathers. "They'll pay for this, boy—pay!" sobbed the lad as he hurried on in search of Flash. Somehow, beating through the bush, Brock heard the voice of his dog. Cautiously now, his eyes swept the trees for a sniper. Then he struck a trail which led toward the river.

Dodging from clump to clump of young growth, he followed. Suddenly a rifle cracked, and, swaying for an instant on his feet as his consciousness faded, Brock slowly crumpled in the snow.

From a thicket twenty yards on his flank rose a low grunt of satisfaction. A hooded shape pushed aside the spruce seedlings and approached the huddled mass on the snow. The sprawled figure did not move.

The Cree swiftly advanced. As he moved, the hammer of his rifle clicked as his thumb cocked it. He raised the gun, to shoot again the one already stricken, when a movement in the scrub behind him drew his eyes.

Then through the air catapulted one hundred and forty pounds of gray dynamite to strike the surprised Indian and hurl him to the snow, as the wind tosses a leaf. With a scream the Cree reached for his knife as the white fangs of Flash slashed again and again in demonic fury, for he had scented his master and was seeking him, when he reached them.

Frenzied with battle-lust, the great beast clapped and tore at the throat of the helpless man. Then, leaving the stiffening body, crawled, whimpering, to the silent master he loved.

Nuzzling the hood back from Brock's forehead, Flash licked at the red fur across a temple, his black nostrils quivering in a low wince. But the gray-faced master made no response. The dog worked off a mitten and covered the limp hand with the caresses of a hot tongue. But the fingers did not move in answer. Then, sniffing long at the inert body, Flash sat down and pointed his nose at the sky walled out his despair and his grief.

After a space, the dog repeated his attempts to arouse the man he was shipped. Then, as if he knew that

Brock had left him, lay close to the still shape, his head on the chest, slant eyes closed to slits, as he breathed his sorrow in low, quivering whimpers.

Later, the guardian of the dead suddenly rose, baring his great fangs in a warning snarl. Wide-eyed with fear, Gaspard found them.

"Brock! He sees hurt, Flash?"

With a side glance at the body of the Indian in the snow, Gaspard hurried to his stricken friend, his gray face set with anxiety. But the hairy bulk of Flash quietly barred his way.

"What de trouble, Flash? You tink Gaspard hurt Brock?" And the half-breed stared apprehensively over the barrier of Flash's intervening bulk at the furrow in the forehead of the body in the snow. Offering no violence, with no rumble of hostility, Flash stood stolidly on guard, refusing to share the beloved body.

Gaspard was in a quandary. It was clear Brock had been shot in the head—how badly he could not tell. There was the path of the bullet across the temple. He must lift n to his heart! And there stood Flash, baring the way—Flash who had given his love and allegiance to one man, forever.

Sitting down on the snow, Gaspard began to talk and croon to the dog whose heart lay with the still figure he guarded. For a long space the dog ignored him, but, in the end, with rumbling protest, suffered the friend of Brock to touch the still shape.

Then the eager ears of the half-breed listened at Brock's chest. Yes, the heart was beating! The gouge in the temple had not fractured the skull.

Swiftly building a fire, Gaspard returned from the river with a young Cree, his prisoner, whose hands were bound behind him with thong. And with them came Silt-Ear and Kona, whose white shoulder was smeared red from a flesh wound.

Leaving the Cree at the fire, Gaspard found the loaded sled on the shore, and brought it to the fire with the aid of the two dogs, while Flash stood guard beside his master.

Shortly Brock was wrapped in blankets on a bough bed, beside the roaring fire fed by the Cree, whom Gaspard had released from his thongs. In an hour the laboring half-breed had revived the circulation in Brock's inert body. Later, the boy, opened from a slight concussion, suffering his eyes and swallowed the steaming cup of tea offered him. With a groan of relief Gaspard cried:

"Brock, you know me, Brock? Gaspard fix you all right, old partner! It ees all right now! He shoot close—dat Cree, but old Flash get him!"

As returning consciousness lit Brock's eyes, the hot tongue of the friend who had mourned him touched his cheek. Then with a throat rumble of contentment, the guardian of the sleeping Brock settled back, head on paws, for his watch through the night.

The stars still blinked dimly above the camp on the carcajou and the violet dusk hung in the spruce, when the silence of the still sleeping forest was marred by a long wail. Then a second voice joined the first, and in chorus, a mournful threnody lifted on the freezing air. Shortly, out near the shore, other voices joined the two back in the timber.

"What dey do dat for? queried Gaspard, standing near the breakfast fire. "Stop, Flash! You bodder Brock!" ordered the youth, but with nose pointed at the dim stars overhead, the great husky added his lamentations to those of his comrades.

"Onlee two out dere; where ees Yellow-Eye?" muttered the half-breed, tilted head listening to the familiar voices of Silt-Ear and Kona. "Hey you, Yellow-Eye!" he called.

But the yelp of the king-dog would never again answer the voice of Gaspard.

"Our lead-dog, I cannot hear him!" said Gaspard, in Cree, to the boy whom he was treating as a friend rather than an enemy, for the prisoner's hands were not bound and he squatted by the fire watching the frying pan.

"I saw but three dogs here last night," replied the Cree. "Shall I go to the river and stop my team howling?"

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Farm Clubs Grow

The 4-H club movement, which has grown with leaps and bounds since its inception a few years ago, took another great step forward during 1928, according to the tabulation of county agents' reports, made at the Department of Agriculture. An increase of 47,000 members over 1927 indicated in the total figure of 606,000. The estimated total of those who will complete their work during the coming year is also about 47,000 over last year's figure.



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