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The death of Theodore Roosevelt is the passing of a great man. While a large portion of the American people did not agree with him on many questions, each and all conceded his ability as a leader of men. One who can command such as he did is extraordinary.

**PERTINENT COMMENT OF THE NATION'S PRESS**

**EMPORIA (KAN.) GAZETTE:** We are surprised that the Chicago manufacturers of genuine Indian pottery and beadwork have not gone in for the German trench helmet.

**LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL:** There was a man in our town and he was wondrous wise. He jumped into a bramble bush and scratched his nose and eyes. Of course, his face looked pretty bad, but that was better far than if he'd let himself be hit. He jumped to dodge a car.

**CHICAGO NEWS:** An Arkansas paper notes as significant of something or other that Arkansas hens and pullets are crowing. A blind prophet could interpret that. But the phenomenon is not peculiar to Arkansas. The hens and pullets are crowing everywhere. And why shouldn't they? Aren't they getting the vote?

**JEFFERSON (ORE.) REVIEW:** Government railway management is not popular with Jefferson people. For the past 2 weeks there has been no fire in the waiting room at the depot, owing to a lack of fuel, and patrons have suffered from cold while waiting for trains. Some generous individual should contribute a load of wood.

**JELLY, JUICES AND JAM**

**DAD DIDN'T "FIGGER" ON SELLING**

Dav Boydston, an Oregon drayman, did some hauling for a stranger. The latter having nothing less than a ten dollar bill, tendered it in payment. Dave looked at the bill a moment and then said: "Gosh, I wasn't figurin' on sellin' but you can have the horse."

**WHEN THE GIRL'S MAMMA IS A YOUNG WIDOW**

A young miss said the other day: "Men must be awful scarce. Every time Lee takes me out, mamma goes along too."

**FULL PARTICULARS OF THE BACK BONE**

(By Sammy.)

"The backbone is a long, straight bone. Your head sits on one end and you sit on the other."

**TOAST FOR A FIRE ENGINE DEDICATION**

"May she be like the dear old maids of our village; always ready, but never called for."

Hank pinned the bee on Ed for fair



Ed never could see any chew but a big hunk of oversweet tobacco. "You take this plug of Real Gravely," says Hank. "Take a small chew—two or three squares. See how long it holds its pure, rich taste. If you don't admit that Gravely gives you tobacco

satisfaction without extra cost, I'll buy your plug for a month." Hanged if Ed didn't walk in next day, grab off a plug of Gravely and throw down his money just like a little man!

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**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.**

A. T. Bonnett, well-known Oregon pioneer, a member of the third family to settle in Eugene, died there at the age of 76.

Deschutes county may spend \$134,930 during the coming year. This was the amount named in the budget approved by the county court.

Official compilation of the Red Cross membership returns for Oregon, as reported by the various chapters, give the state a total of 320,417 annual members.

A law that veterans of the Civil war and their widows be exempted from taxes of all kinds is proposed by the members of the Albany post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A. C. Hampton of La Grande was elected president of the Oregon State Teachers' association for the ensuing year at the close of the annual session of the representative council in Portland.

An increase of tenfold in the number of registered dairy cattle and breeders of registered dairy stock in the last five years is reported from Tillamook county by the county agricultural agent.

A 400-page history of Oregon by J. B. Horner, professor of history at the Oregon Agricultural college, is in type and will be ready for distribution soon. It is profusely illustrated and describes 500 events.

Use of sulphur as a fertilizer on 7000 acres of land in Oregon this season increased the alfalfa yield one ton an acre. At present prices the increase is worth \$140,000. The cost of application ranged from \$2 to \$3 an acre.

Lime corrects the soil acidity that interferes with maximum crop production and a circular telling how to use it to best advantage has just been issued for free distribution by the soils department of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Captain Ivan D. Applegate, a widely known octogenarian, and a pioneer of southern Oregon, was fatally burned while standing before an open fire at his home in Ashland. His nightgown ignited, burning the flesh from his shoulders to his feet.

Business men of North Bend and Marshfield again are discussing the plan of consolidating the two cities. By combining North Bend, Marshfield, Englewood and Bunker Hill, and possibly Eastside, there would be a city of about 14,000 population.

Two days after celebrating the 57th anniversary of his marriage to Elizabeth E. Butler Christmas day, 1861, Lycurgus Davis, aged 80 years, died on the donation land claim three miles north of Eugene that has been his home continuously since 1847.

After more than two months of comparative inaction, during which the influenza held sway, Klamath Falls has again resumed its normal activities. A few cases of the influenza are still in quarantine, but the epidemic is believed to have spent its force.

One thousand employees of the Sumpter Valley railroad, a narrow gauge line serving a large lumbering district contiguous to Baker, decided to strike on December 31, following failure of the road's management and employees to agree on a new wage scale.

For the second time in two months the Eugene city officials have lifted the ban on public gatherings made necessary by the recurrence of the influenza epidemic. The health authorities say that danger that the disease will spread to any great extent is now past.

The first car of ground limestone from the state lime plant, ordered cooperatively by Lincoln county farmers through the office of the county agricultural agent, arrived at Toledo. At least half a dozen cars of lime will be ordered for use in the county during the coming year.

Burglars forced the rear door of the McMinnville postoffice and made an attack on the safe. After knocking off the combination knob, they filled the safe with nitro-glycerine, but before discharging the blast they were frightened away and left their tools and the unfinished job.

Appropriation of \$10,000 for purchase of additional land for the south side at Talent, by the county court of Jackson county, is a remarkable tribute to its value to agricultural interests, thinks Dean A. B. Cordley, director of the state experiment stations.

Soldiers from the Pacific coast and northwest states, who are with the 91st division, which was organized at Camp Lewis, Wash., are not slated for early return home, according to a letter received by Governor Withycombe from Maj. Gen. William H. Johnston, commander of the division. General Johnston pointed out that the 91st had been selected as one of thirty combat divisions designated to remain in France for further training and possible service.

Industrial accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week totaled 438, of which three were fatal, as follows: Orville W. Holford, Baker, mining; Bert M. Bivens, Ontario, lumbering; Cass A. Wood, Portland, traveler on public highway (automobile collision).

Nearly 1000 applicants for work, many of them recently discharged soldiers, are being placed daily in Oregon by the United States employment service, despite the surplus of unskilled labor and increasing scarcity of positions, according to statements given out by Wilfred S. Smith, state federal employment director.

Oregon poultry breeders are asked to send data on their breeding stock to U. L. Upson, O. A. C., Corvallis, federal poultry representative. Breeders are asked to give name of breeds carried, number of breeders, incubator capacity, estimated number of hatching eggs for sale and total of chicks to be hatched next spring.

The new milk-condensing plant built at Bandon last summer by Glebisch & Joplin, and now owned by the Northwest Process company of Portland, will begin operating March 1. The plant has a capacity of 1000 cases a day, and will afford a market for all the milk produced in southern Coos and northern Curry counties.

Following an appeal from the Baker commercial club, the public service commission telegraphed to Director Prouty, of the railroad administration, asking that some steps be taken to save the Sumpter Valley railroad from a threatened strike and possible disastrous consequences to the section which that railroad covers.

The state and local granges and several woman's clubs will be behind an effort at the coming session of the legislature to have repealed chapter 331, laws of 1917, establishing certain dower and curtesy rights of wife and husband. The main argument against the present law is the claim that it interferes with the right to make wills.

Salem has been closed tight again because of the rapid spread of Spanish influenza since the ban was lifted a few weeks ago. Schools, theaters, churches, poolrooms and public places of all kinds have been shut down, the use of pool and card tables being prohibited entirely. In addition restrictions are placed on the entire business section.

F. L. Kiger, a Umapine rancher, was fatally burned when a five-gallon can of distillate which he was carrying into his house exploded, setting fire to his clothing and to the house. He jumped through a window and managed to reach an irrigation ditch, where he was found by a neighbor. He was taken to a Walla Walla hospital, where he died.

While the great majority of the logging camps in the Columbia river district have closed down for several weeks, the Palmer camp, on the Waluski, is still in operation. The company expects to finish cutting its tract there about the middle of February if the weather conditions permit, and so will continue operating until then without interruption.

Three Portland boys in the United States army in France have been decorated simultaneously with the distinguished service cross for bravery in action, according to information received. They are Major Sereno E. Brett, tank corps; Major Karl J. Swenson, medical corps; Private Ernest C. Kyle, stretcher bearer. Two of them were born in Portland.

Wooden five-masted fore and aft schooners are by far the best type of vessel to be constructed for lumber carriers, contends Captain William I. Eyres, of Astoria, inspector of hulls for the emergency fleet corporation. He urges that coast yards which are practically idle as the result of the cancellation of government contracts be utilized for the construction of that class of vessels.

Failure to make required reports to the food administration has caused the revocation of the milling license of the Fischer flour mills, a large concern of Silverton. This is the first milling license in this district to be revoked. A representative of the grain corporation division of the food administration was placed in charge and will remain at the mill until the ban on further business is lifted.

The report of the fir production board, H. B. Van Duzer, chairman, shows the remarkable record of \$20,000,000 worth of timber, allocated and expedited at an expense of but 14 cents per thousand for supervision and accounting, representing less than half of 1 per cent of the total value of lumber products handled through the medium of the fir production board, with the lumber manufacturers of Oregon and Washington.

J. H. Scott, engineer for the state highway department, has been in Hood River going over the route of the Mosier-Hood River extension of the Columbia River highway with prospective bidders on contracts for the construction of the six-mile unit of the scenic thoroughfare. Bids on the contracts will be opened by the state highway commission January 7. In order that smaller contractors may be given an opportunity to bid on the work, the six-mile unit has been divided into three sections.

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Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was 85 years old January 1.

The Willamette river at Albany reached a lower point in the year just passed than at any time since 1861.

A disastrous fire that occurred at Haines destroyed five buildings and caused damage that is estimated at \$14,500.

Herbert Speckhart, aged 25, committed suicide at the Speckhart ranch near La Grande. He and his wife had quarreled.

A total of 3407 cars completely filled with Klamath county products were exported from Klamath Falls during the year 1918.

Landowners in the vicinity of West Stayton and Turner, in Marion county, are planning the organization of an irrigation district.

Mrs. Roy Herrick and her two children were fatally burned when their home at Silverton was destroyed by fire. All died shortly afterward.

December was a month of exceptionally wet weather in Astoria. According to the official records the rainfall during the month was 11.22 inches.

Instead of having the compensation law optional with employers, a bill will probably be introduced in the legislature making the law compulsory.

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, has been under quarantine, suffering from an attack of influenza, in Los Angeles, where he spent the holidays.

Publication of retail prices as a check on food dealers has been discontinued by the food administration following advices from Washington that this check is now considered unnecessary.

In justice court at Astoria E. P. Bailey, as manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, was found guilty on a charge of permitting crude oil to flow into the waters of the Columbia river and fined \$250.

Thirty guests escaped in their night clothes when the brick building occupied by the Albert hotel and the Optimist Publishing company at The Dalles, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

O. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, has been appointed by Governor Withycombe as a member of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology. Mr. Blanchard succeeds J. F. Reddy, of Medford, whose term has expired.

Warden Stevens has proposed to the state board of control to install a lighting plant at the state penitentiary at a minor cost to provide 150 horsepower and furnish night lighting for both the penitentiary and asylum.

Withdrawal of the Spruce Production division soldiers from mills and logging camps in the Coos bay district has caused a marked shortage of help, and workmen can obtain work wherever industries are operating.

Much valuable war work was done in Oregon by home demonstration agents, according to a summary just completed. Beginning the year with a single worker the work has enlarged until the close of the year finds 10 workers in the field.

D. B. McKnight, Linn county judge, who has had the distinction of officiating at more weddings than any other person in the county for several years past, maintained his record in 1918. He performed 40 marriage ceremonies in the year just ended.

All employees of the Pendleton Woolen mills who have been on the payroll during the past year will participate in extra earnings amounting to several thousand dollars, the management has announced. The earnings will be based on wages.

The 27th annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's association will be held January 14 and 15 in Hillsboro. The convention will take the place of the regular farmers' week and short course that usually is held at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Charles H. Gram, labor commissioner, has announced the personnel of his deputies, with one exception. B. M. Hansen, Portland; J. C. Bradford, Corvallis, and J. H. West, Salem, are the three deputies named under the factory inspection law.

Attorney-General Brown was instructed by the state board of control to start ejectment proceedings against the Salem Hospital association, providing the building it now occupies and which is the property of the state, is not vacated by January 18.

A decided decrease in the number of industrial accidents is shown in the statement issued last week by the state industrial accident commission. However, in the list, which totals 377 accidents, there are five fatal accidents, as follows: E. A. Bealer, Ontario, logging; J. R. Haney, Knappa, logging; Thomas W. Phillips, Powers, logging; T. H. Eboer, Portland, shipbuilding; A. N. Durant, Portland, janitor.

Fred E. Ward, millionaire stockman of Hemet, Cal., has notified A. H. Lea, secretary of the Oregon state fair, that the directors of the Los Angeles fair have Mr. Lea's name under consideration for a possible secretary of that association at a salary of \$5000 a year.

Thirty-one residents of Swiss Home, Lane county, have petitioned the public service commission to order the Willamette Pacific Railway company to maintain a station agent at Swiss Home. They contend there is enough business at that point to justify the expense.

School children of Oregon were instrumental in selling more than \$2,500,000 worth of thrift stamps during 1918 and in every way joined in keeping "Oregon first" in war activities, according to the biennial report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

The bodies of George H. Sims and his wife were found in bed at their home in Bend. A revolver was clutched in the hand of the woman, and the police declare there was evidence to show she had shot her husband while he lay asleep and then had turned the gun upon herself.

The department of agriculture, in its annual aggregate crop value comparisons, says that the total value of thirteen crops in Oregon embracing all the crops raised on the farm for 1918 was \$83,287,000. This was a record-breaker yield. In 1917 the aggregate for these crops was \$73,467,000.

Mail service to Canyon City and Prairie City, Grant county, having been cut off by the strike on the Sumpter Valley railroad, Second Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger has promised Representative Blinnott that special service will be provided by stage, either by way of Condon and Fossil or via Yukiah.

The Sumpter Valley railroad company has filed with the public service commission a new passenger tariff, increasing the rate from 4 cents, the old rate, to 5 cents a mile. On the basis of the passenger business done on the road for the last three years, this would mean an additional revenue of about \$12,000 a year.

With but 264 appeals filed in 1918, a remarkable decrease in cases coming before the supreme court is shown in a statement issued by Court Clerk Benson. In 1917 there were 332 cases. The falling off is attributed largely to the prohibition law and the workmen's compensation act removing personal injury cases from the courts.

Figures included in the report of the state industrial accident commission show that accidents reported to the commission during 1918 have averaged 84 for each day of the year, or a total of more than 25,000. For 1917 the total was slightly more than 15,000. The increase is due largely to increased activity in shipbuilding.

While no definite action has been taken by state or United States authorities, the federal government, it was recently announced, may apply \$64,000 to the construction of the proposed Loop road, which will connect the Columbia highway with the old Barlow trail, located in the upper Hood River valley. In this case Oregon will expend a like sum.

County Clerk Brown estimates that 4000 Umatilla county citizens whose names appear on the registration books of the county have failed to vote at any of the three elections during the past two years. The office is now engaged in eliminating these names from the rolls. Four thousand names is about 40 per cent of the total registration for the county.

The Baker Commercial club will send Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, and D. C. Eccles and Frank Gardner, of Baker, to Washington to confer with railroad administration authorities there on the situation on the Sumpter Valley railroad, provided the railroad administration has "an open mind" on the subject, according to advices received by the public service commission.

A state fund for providing subsidies for high-class bulls in order to eliminate entirely low breeding strains, is a plan which is being advocated by cattle men of the state, particularly for dairy herds and legislation to prevent the sale of bulls for breeding purposes unless such are eligible to registry, will be presented to the legislature, State Veterinarian Lytle has announced.

Organization of an \$800,000 concern with E. B. Kingman as president and A. W. Miller, vice-president and treasurer, to build and operate a sawmill of 100,000 feet capacity, either at Eugene or in the company's timber in the Alsea country, has been announced at Eugene. Construction work on the plant is expected to start soon and the mill probably will be in operation early in the spring.

A flock of 375 milk goats, inspected and graded by experts of Oregon Agricultural college, will arrive at the Portland Union stockyards about January 20 and will be offered for sale to the children of Portland city schools in the hope of developing an important industry among city children. The milk-goat project has received the endorsement of the school authorities of the city, who have arranged for the formation of "goat clubs" among the school children.