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## OREGON CEMENT NOT USED.

### Materials for Roads and Buildings come from California.

Portland, Feb. 5.—In all the construction of roads, for which contracts were let by the state highway commission, the contractors failed to give cement manufacturers of Oregon an opportunity to bid on furnishing the cement used, according to A. G. Clark, manager of the home industries league. The cement used in the road construction, curbs, culverts, bridges and retaining walls were shipped from California and other states.

Mr. Clark takes exceptions to criticism which has been made in the legislature against Oregon cement manufacturers in discussions over the road development program. He comes to the defense of the Oregon cement manufacturers by saying they never have been a party to any paving and that they are having a most uphill fight for existence, for no other reason than that their products are not used in building and road construction in Oregon. He further says that the Owego plant with its plant costing \$1,000,000 is now facing a shutdown which would throw 250 men out of employment. The majority of the stockholders reside in Oregon.

He suggests that the state highway commission buy cement from the cement manufacturers in this state, which he says they can do at less cost than the same grade of cement can be purchased from other states, and furnish it to the contractors on public highways. In this manner the state will be keeping its money at home and at the same time aid in building up the industry of cement manufacture.

### Coos Plans More Roads

Marshfield, Or., February 4.—Ranchers living on the branches of Coos River, the east side of Coos Bay, on Catching Inlet and Daniels Creek, and in small community villages, including Cooston, Sumner and Allegany, have started a movement for highways giving them access to the cities on Coos Bay. All the communities named with the exception of Sumner, depend wholly upon water transportation for their trips to Marshfield or North Bend for their freighting and all business.

The construction of such a net of highways would necessitate about 25 miles of new road and it would follow the rivers or inlets to be served, making a practical water level grade.

## COUNCIL MEETING TUE. DAY NIGHT.

### Regular Monthly Meeting. Routine Business Transacted.

The regular February session of the city dads was held Tuesday evening. The mayor, all the members of the council and the recorder were present.

After reading and approval of minutes of the January meetings Col. H. H. Sargent who was present, presented an application on behalf of Doctor Robinson and himself asking for installation of a street light near their residences on Oregon street. The matter was referred to the committee on Lights with authority to have light installed. The same disposition was made of the application of C. F. Hoefs which had been presented at a prior meeting.

The following claims against the city were presented, audited and ordered paid, viz:

Joseph Applegate blacksmithing	\$11.70
W. G. Kenney, salary	19.85
C. Ulrich salary \$36.84, John Ryan	46.29
\$2.25, hauling 4.50, supplies 2.70	46.29
D. W. Bagshaw salary	15.00
Cal-Ore. Power Co. lights	14.00
Fred J. Fick supplies	4.15
Premium on bonds	32.50
	\$143.49

Report of water superintendent was read and ordered filed.

Recorder reported receipts as follows:

Water rent, Jackson County	\$45.00
Water rent, Traction Co.	17.50
Water turn on fee	1.50
Cemetery fee	2.50
1917 taxes	2094.45

Street commissioner reported that he had an inquiry regarding second-hand 2 inch pipe and was authorized to sell a lot of old pipe belonging to the city, at 22 cents a foot.

Street commissioner instructed to haul a few loads of gravel on cross walks near Roundtree premises.

### Shingle Mill Uses Three Shifts.

Kelso, Wash., Feb. 1.—When the McLane Lumber & Shingle Company mills resumed operations this week after suspension because of the freshet in the Cowlitz River three shifts were put to work. Each shift works 7 1/2 hours, with 20 minutes for lunch and 10 minutes between shifts. E. J. McLane, owner of the mill, expects to increase the output nearly 50 per cent.

## WOULD HAVE FEW COMPANIES.

### Director General Hines Favors Government Control, not Ownership.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Director General Hines, testifying today before the senate commerce committee, declared he did not believe in government ownership, but in organization of a few big railway companies, subject to close government supervision.

"I do not believe there is any thing substantial in the argument that a five year extension of government operation would necessarily mean government ownership," Mr. Hines said.

"I believe there can be a form of radically reconstructed private ownership with such close government supervision, including government representation on the boards of directors as will give the public and labor all the benefits of government ownership and at the same time will preserve the benefits of private and self-interested initiative and will avoid the political difficulties which perhaps are inseparable from government ownership.

"I believe that all the objects which I think must be achieved in order to obtain a permanent solution can be accomplished through the creation of a comparatively few railroad companies which will have capitalization equal only to the real value of the property and which will have a moderate guaranteed return with the right to participate moderately in any additional profits."

### Pensions to be Made Safe of Attachment.

Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—Senator Strayer, of Baker, today introduced a bill providing that pensions granted to any person by reason of employment or service for the government, the state, any county corporation or association shall be exempt from attachment and execution. The exemption would be effective without necessity of claim by the pensioner. Pensioned firemen and railway employes would be affected by the bill.

Increased salmon production is to be brought about by increased hatchery facilities. Filling our streams with fish is one way public money can be spent to the advantage of all the people.

## OUR OWN STATE

### Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

#### Wintry February Starts.

La Grande, Or., Feb. 3.—King Winter took a new lease on life with the birth of February in the Grande Ronde Valley and beared the atmospheric market to a point below freezing, where it has not been for some time. While not unduly cold or stormy, February opened with a touch of cold that seems like olden times.

January, records show, was the mildest and most void of snow of any January so far as official records date back, and that is about 20 years.

#### Boy, Believed Dead, Lives.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 3.—After mourning for nearly two months the death of his son, Private Thomas Claude Baker, M. T. Baker, of Pilot Rock, this morning received three letters from his son, all written from Germany. The last was dated January 3. Young Baker, who enlisted in the National Guard at Corvallis, was reported in the casualty list as severely wounded October 15, and later as having died of wounds.

No mail having been received since convinced the father that the reports were correct.

#### Hobos Arrive at Albany.

Albany, Or., February 4.—For the first time since the United States entered the war hobos are getting plentiful in the Willamette Valley now. City police have returned to the pre-war custom of rounding them up when freight trains arrive and lodging them in the City Jail for the night to prevent possible depredations.

The number of hobos passing through is not unusually large, viewed from the standards of the days before the war but the traffic has reached what was formerly a normal standard.

#### New Fish and Game Code is Introduced.

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—A new fish and game code for Oregon has been introduced in the house by Dr. Eric C. McFarland, representative from Multnomah county. Many additions and slight changes to the protected list of game birds are made. Slight changes are also made in open season dates. In general the bill tightens up on hunter's rights and affords more protection for birds and game.

#### Albany Boy now Ensign.

Albany, Or., Feb. 4.—Henry W. Fish, an Albany young man and former student of the Oregon Agricultural College, who enlisted in the United States Navy as a musician, and after being transferred soon afterward to the aero service rose rapidly to the rank of Ensign, has been discharged and is on his way home.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fish, received word yesterday from Buffalo, N. Y. where he has been serving as an inspector of aeroplane construction, that he is now out of the service, but has enrolled as a reserve officer for possible service.

#### Adams to Honor Veterans.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 4.—The little town of Adams will build a memorial postoffice to boys who have entered service from that vicinity. The building will cost \$3500 and the money is nearly raised from among residents of the community. A memorial window and bronze tablet containing names of boys are included in the plans.

#### La Grande Phone Rates Up.

La Grande, Or., Feb. 4.—The Public Service Commission, says local subscribers to the Home Independent Telephone Company will pay 25 cents a month more rental if resident users and 50 cents more if on party lines in business houses. Main lines are not disturbed by the decision.

#### Springfield's big Sawmill Plant will Resume Cutting.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 1.—The big saw mill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Springfield will resume operations Monday after having been closed for a month. During this time repairs have been made to various units of the plant. The company's mill at Wendling has been operated through the winter.

## PERSHING DEFENDS BOYS

### French Reports of Crime Held to be Gross Exaggerations.

Washington, Feb. 1.—General Pershing in an official telegram to Secretary Baker today characterized the sensational reports in French newspapers of assaults and burglaries having been committed in Paris by American soldiers as "gross exaggerations."

The number of crimes committed by American soldiers, he said, was almost negligible considering the large number of men in the vicinity. He recommended that a full refutation of the charges be put before the American people.

General Pershing's cablegram added: "No penniless (American) soldiers are found in Paris. There are individual cases of delayed payment due to a change in pay system which took place during hostilities. The new pay system enables a soldier to get pay from the paymaster when money is due."

### Bids Submitted for Road Work.

Salem, Oregon, February 4th.—Bids which when accepted will involve the expenditure of \$300,000 of the state's money on road improvement were submitted this morning to the Oregon state highway commission. The bids cover eight different projects.

Bids on but two of the eight projects had been read at the noon hour, when the meeting was adjourned until one o'clock by W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, Chairman, R. A. Booth, of Eugene, second commissioner, was present. S. Benson, third member, is in California.

"As soon as accepted the work on the new projects will be started within 15 days, thereby providing work as soon as possible for returned soldiers," said R. A. Klein, secretary of the commission, who read the bids which were taken down in detail by Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, and two assistant engineers from the state office. The awards will probably be made at a late hour this afternoon.

The work of grading, which is concentrated mostly in Eastern Oregon, can be started without regard to weather, but the paving will not be laid until favorable weather, says the experts.

The two projects upon which bids were read this morning were for grading and graveling a thirty mile stretch of road on the Columbia River highway in Morrow county and for paving the Pacific highway for a distance of 6.10 miles from the end of the bridge at Grants Pass to the Jackson county line.

### Lister Forced to Relinquish Work.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 4.—Yielding to the advice of his attending physicians and personal friends, who were alarmed over the condition of his health, Governor Ernest Lister late last night announced that he would virtually relinquish the duties of his office for several weeks. In a formal statement issued last night the governor named Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, and Attorney General W. V. Tanner as his official advisers in connection with legislative and administrative problems and policies. Mr. Suzzallo will at once take up his headquarters in the executive offices.

Governor Lister, it was said, will not leave the state, but probably will go away from the capital and seek seclusion. With the increasing work made by the session of the legislature the governor's physicians feared he would be unable to stand the strain.

### Food Administration to Quit in Three Weeks.

Washington, Feb. 4.—It is planned to close up the food administration within three weeks, W. A. Glasgow, counsel for the administration, said today during testimony before the senate agricultural committee, which is considering regulations for the meat packing industry. Mr. Glasgow made the statement in denying that the food administration desired to retain control of the wheat crop during the year 1919.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

### Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payoffs and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Feb. 3.—North Portland—A guaranteed water freight rate of one-half mill per ton per mile for bringing the wheat and other crops for the Columbia river basin down the Columbia river for milling or exporting purposes worth thinking about. Manufacturers of self propelled barges of the above guarantee, and their barges have been operated successfully on other streams in the United States for years—on the Mississippi river for as low as two-fifths of a mill a mile.

Astoria to get \$200,000 Standard Oil distributing plant.

There is just about one way utility commissions can justify their continued existence—that is by figuring out ways and means to place utility companies on a paying basis in order that improvements may be made for benefit of public.

Eugene tie and lumber association opposes government operating railroads.

H. L. Pittock, newspaper man and promoter dead at 84.

Portland—Wool held at government warehouses here will be sold Feb. 5-7. Astoria—Cranberry industry has increased output 300 per cent.

Ruby is new town in irrigation center in Malheur county.

Vancouver getting many new buildings.

Portland—Resumption of American commerce with Orient through Portland gateway is assured with favorable turn in negotiations between Pacific Steamship Co. and United States shipping board for placing of three of completed 8500-ton steel vessels in regular service for trans-Pacific trade.

Portland building permits in December totalled \$317,235.

Beverton potato starch factory gets new machinery.

The new Domestic Relations court is to cost \$27,124 a year.

Portland stockyards receipts show large gains for 1918.

Paved highway planned from Newberg to Silverton.

Hood River 1918 pear crop sold for \$2 to \$3.75 a box.

Klamath Falls—New Mullin flour mills to start work soon.

The biennial fight to close Rogue river to seining is again up after the people have voted to leave it open to seines and salmon industry.

Eugene wants \$100,000 from the legislature for a woman's building.

Portland woolen mills gets 9-hour day and Saturday afternoons off.

Sheridan cannery paid \$125,000 for fruit and wants packing plant.

Labor boards close all jobs to strikers, giving unemployed men and returning army and navy men the preference.

Work started on St. Helens municipal dock.

State lime plant at Gold Hill continued with \$10,000 appropriation.

Pendleton—New financial institution with \$250,000 here, ready for business about March 1st.

### Japanese Building Two Giant Steamers

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The Toyo Kaisen Shay announced plans to build two new liners, of 33,428 tons displacement, to run between San Francisco and Yokohama. By omitting stop at Honolulu they will make the trip in 11 days. The vessels will be equipped with all the luxuries of Atlantic liners.

### Belgium Gets Big Credit.

Paris, Friday, Jan. 31.—Ten billion francs have been advanced to Belgium by Great Britain, France and the United States, the amount to be deducted from the first installment of the war indemnity to be paid by Germany according to a Havas dispatch from Brussels. The dispatch adds that the amount will be raised either by an inter-allied bond issue or by a German loan having priority over all other loans.

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