

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Mrs. Grace Cunningham has been appointed postmaster at Chilo, Walla-wa county.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of a number of new residences in Monmouth.

Miss Ruby O. Engelman has been appointed postmistress at Lone to succeed Mrs. Earl Blake, resigned.

The Scottish Rite Club of Southern Oregon was organized by 32nd-degree Masons at a dinner in Medford.

Approximately \$10,000 less in taxes will be assessed in Baker county this year than were collected in 1921.

Mrs. Martha A. Williams, 58 years of age, committed suicide at Salem by jumping off a bridge into Mill Creek.

During the year just closed Clatsop county has spent \$98,254 for new bridges and repairs to old structures.

Total fire loss in Astoria for the year 1921 was \$157,300, for which insurance amounting to \$132,290 was paid.

Eugene property owners will pay taxes this year on a levy of 55.1 mills, which is an increase of 2.1 mills over last year.

Except several fills and the bridge over Lake creek, the Oregon Caves highway near Grants Pass is about completed.

There were a total of 242 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending January 5.

H. J. Eberly, assistant state forester, while on his way to Seattle Sunday by automobile, suffered a fractured arm and other injuries.

During the past season Clatsop county operated five state-owned trucks on highway improvement work at an expense of \$21,466.45.

The farmers of the Rickreall vicinity will meet January 11 to take action with relation to acquiring flax acreage for the year 1922.

The former Clatsop mill in Astoria, recently purchased by the Astoria Box company, will soon begin operations with 130 men at work.

A block of \$150,000 5 1/2 per cent Tillamook county road bonds was sold at Tillamook to a Portland bond house at a premium of \$3773.50.

A lath mill will be installed in Albany this month by the Anderson Fuel company, which will also operate a lumber yard with its mill.

The county agent work in Coos county has been cut from the expense account of the budget, as well as the demonstrator appropriation.

A short course for commercial club secretaries will be offered by the University of Oregon during Easter vacation from March 27 to April 1.

The Pendleton Packing company has nearly doubled its output during the few weeks it has been in existence and now has 24 men on its payroll.

The Oregon Aggies in the season of 1921 won 10 championships, broke two coast records and played Oregon to a scoreless tie for the state football title.

S. M. Calkins of Eugene, for 15 years reporter of the circuit court of the district comprising Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties, has resigned his position.

A rotary diamond drill capable of drilling a 4 1/2 inch hole to a depth of 4000 feet has been shipped to Medford for use by the Western Oil company.

Arrests by the Clackamas county sheriff's office for the year of 1921, more than doubled those for 1920, according to a report compiled by Sheriff Wilson.

Evidence of Medford's continued prosperity and growth of postoffice receipts lies in the fact that the Medford postoffice is now in the first class of postoffices.

Thirty-five thousand cords of white fir wood to be used in the manufacture of paper has been cut during the year in the upper basin of McDowell creek in Linn county.

Many of the small sawmills on the lower Sluauw river and in adjacent territory are resuming operations after an idleness in some cases of a year's duration.

The Oregon Agricultural college basketball team opened the northwest conference season at Corvallis with a victory over the Whitman college five by a score of 35 to 18.

The industrial rush at Marshfield and stories of demand for large lumber shipments during 1922 are bringing into the Coos county district more laborers than can get employment.

The state limestone plant at Gold Hill, authorized by the legislature for the purpose of supplying Oregon farmers with limestone fertilizer at cost, has become a white elephant. Estimates were that from 20,000 to 60,000 tons of limestone fertilizer were needed annually on Oregon farms, whereas total sales during the existence of the plant have aggregated only 4128 tons.

The state sealer of weights and measures office inspected a total of 10,602 scales during 1921, according to a report prepared by W. A. Dalziel, deputy sealer of weights and measures.

Baker county stock growers are of the opinion that the industry has passed through the worst that can come to it and that 1922 will see much better times for all Baker county stockmen.

More than \$200,000 was disbursed by the federal government among the members of the Oregon National Guard units during the past year as compared with less than half that amount for 1920.

Lane county's hop crop this year sold for nearly \$500,000. The crop in the county amounted to 6600 bales, and an average price of 35 cents a pound, or \$70 a bale, was received by local growers.

According to the records in the Astoria customs house, 569 vessels loaded at lumber mills in the Columbia river district during the year 1921 and their combined cargoes amounted to 537,582, 057 feet of lumber.

With the Carey act contract with the state executed and a definite allotment of water made by the state water board, the North Canal company is now ready to proceed with development plans in the vicinity of Bend.

Mrs. C. E. Copple, wife of a Hood River orchardist and banker, received from D. Tancred of Kent, Wash., a White Leghorn cockerel for which she paid \$250. This is the highest-priced chicken ever brought to the valley.

Portland is to have a new Orpheum theater. In addition to the four-day-a-week show now running in Portland, a \$1,000,000 structure to house shows under the Junior Orpheum plan will be opened within the next 18 months.

Methodist Episcopal churches of the Portland area, which includes Washington and Oregon, have set aside the first week of next April as "clean-up" week, when churches and parsonages and surrounding grounds will be renovated.

The largest gain in postal receipts ever made in Oregon City was recorded at the local postoffice for the year 1921. The gain is 19.7 per cent over last year and places the office high among the others of its class in the state.

A well defined plan is said to be under way at Astoria to form an organization which will control the output of the various logging camps in the lower Columbia river district and thus regulate the prices at which logs shall be sold.

Only 67 out of a total of 7642 claims for cash bonus and loans examined by the world war veterans' state aid commission have been rejected, according to a report prepared by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission.

The Lakeview chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution urging that from the money to be derived from the sale of Lake county road bonds the sum of \$90,000 be set apart for construction of a road from Lakeview to Klamath Falls.

Seaside probably will be the site of the next state Elks' convention, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the officers of the Oregon State Elks association at Portland. Final decision was left to George Collins of Medford, president of the association.

W. C. Henderson, acting chief of the United States biological survey, will be in Portland January 20 to confer with the attorney-general of Oregon on the controversy over the Malheur bird reserve, raised by the settlers in the Harney valley irrigation district.

Owners of automobile stage lines operating between Portland and Salem intimate that some action probably will be taken in the near future to test the constitutionality of at least two of the highway conservation laws, approved at the recent special session of the legislature. The most objectionable of these laws, it was said, is the one providing for an increase in the license fees.

Following receipt of a pledge from members of the state fish commission that they will not again appear before the legislature in quest of appropriations, and a statement to the effect that the fishing industry of the state is at present imperiled because of insufficient funds to repair damage to hatcheries resulting from recent storms, Governor Olcott signed house bill No. 6 carrying an appropriation of \$64,500.

Governor Olcott vetoed house bill No. 21, providing for a special election on May 19, to be held in connection with the regular primary contests, for the purpose of referring to the voters of the state two resolutions and an enabling act, approved at the recent special session of the legislature. One of the resolutions, which was scheduled to go before the voters at the special election, authorized an increased gasoline tax with which to provide funds to finance the proposed 1925 exposition in Portland. The other resolution authorized Linn and Benton counties to levy a tax with which to redeem outstanding warrants. The enabling act provided for putting the world's fair machinery in motion.

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Industries on Coos Bay reopened after a suspension of but two days for the Christmas festivities.

The Dailey Clay Products company's plant at Warrenton has begun operations on a commercial basis.

Five house bills and two senate bills passed at the recent special session of the legislature were vetoed by Governor Olcott.

The Southern Pacific company will expend \$47,000 or more in betterment of its tracks within the city limits of Marshfield.

Plans for erection of a community hall are being developed in the vicinity of Oakville, about ten miles southwest of Albany.

Approximately one out of every four marriages in Deschutes county is an unsuccessful one, according to official county records.

Reports at Washington, D. C., are that Jonathan Bourne, Jr., former senator from Oregon, is in a serious physical condition.

Salem will witness a building program involving the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in the year 1922, according to C. P. Bishop.

Oscar Hoffman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, of Needy, in Clackamas county, accidentally killed himself while out hunting.

The Christmas business of the Medford postoffice was greater by 20 per cent this Christmas than the Christmas business of any year in its history.

Gaston has started work on a drainage system along Front street and is rushing the work through and giving employment to a large number of men.

There were 222 industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Robert J. Burkhardt, Albany dairyman and dairy breeder, was elected president of the Oregon Dairymen's association at its 29th annual session at Corvallis.

A conference of representatives of various western Oregon cities will be held at Roseburg, February 21, to consider the regulation of free automobile camp grounds.

So much shipping is coming to the port of Coos bay's new dock that the port commissioners are discussing the need for a turning basin opposite the 800-foot frontage.

Thirty-one persons were killed in traffic accidents on the streets of Portland in the past fiscal year, according to the annual report of the police traffic bureau.

Beavers that have been destroying fruit trees on several farms in the river bottom north of Eugene will be trapped, according to Ed S. Hawker, district deputy game warden.

In spite of the low price of quicksilver and the total suspension of the industry in the United States, there is considerable activity in the quicksilver mines in the Gold Hill district.

No further steps have been taken with reference to the second murder indictment pending against Carson D. Beebe, acquitted at Albany on the ground of insanity, of the murder of John Painter.

In order to be sure that every child in La Grande of toy age was not forgotten Christmas, two of the largest stores of the city turned over to the Red Cross all toys left on hands Christmas eve.

The state board of control has accepted from the contractor the new dormitory recently completed at the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem. The structure cost approximately \$50,000.

Dr. W. Carlton Smith, physician at the state penitentiary, filed a report with Governor Olcott in which the doctor expressed the opinion that Abraham Evans, under death sentence for murder, is insane.

Extremely heavy loads will be kept off certain roads in Lane county, according to an order made by the county court. The roads included in the order are said to have been cut up badly this winter.

The Oregon public service commission has denied the application of the Southern Pacific company for an increase in fares on the lines of the Salem Street Car company and the Eugene Street Car company.

First appraisals of property to be used as security for loans under the so-called Oregon bonus bill probably will be made this week. It is expected that funds on these loans will be forthcoming about February 1.

In response to a telegram announcing the plan for breaking ground for the new \$1,000,000 Elks' temple in Portland, President Harding telegraphed the Portland lodge of Elks, congratulating them on the coming event.

Bend commercial club directors went on record as strongly opposing the King bill, introduced in the United States senate, with the object of changing the national forest service from the department of agriculture to the interior department.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during the month of November, 1921, exceeded those of the same month a year ago by 70,416 gallons, according to a statement compiled by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. Distillate sales showed an increase of 70,709 gallons.

The Oregon auto law, passed by the session of the legislature last winter and under which this year's licenses were issued on the weight of cars, will be tested in the courts in an endeavor to have it declared unconstitutional by Attorney Lindsas of Medford, who will bring the test case shortly.

Three bridges in Marion county, which were washed out as a result of the heavy rains a few weeks ago are to be replaced. One of these bridges will be built on the Abiqua river, ten miles southeast of Silverton, another on the North Santiam river near Stayton, and the third near Marion.

A force of 200 men is being recruited to combat the pine-destroying beetle in the yellow pine forests south of Klamath Lake, beginning March 15, it was announced by T. D. Woodbury, assistant United States forester. An appropriation of \$150,000 for the work will be available in two months.

Because of Governor Olcott's veto of the bill passed at the recent session of the state legislature, amending the charter of the Eugene lodge of Masons, the plans of the organization to erect a \$156,000 temple may have to be postponed for a year, according to members of the lodge interested in the project.

At the annual venison feed at La Grande of the Wing, Pin and Fleet-foot club, the fish and game club of Union county, more than 150 sportsmen helped dispose of several deer that had been illegally shot, the club having purchased the carcasses from the fish and game commission following their seizure and use as evidence.

The University of Oregon grade bulletin indicates that the women lead the men by a narrow margin in scholarship in the university for the fall term. With a total of approximately 1060 men and 940 women registered for the term, a total of 33 women and 31 men received no grade lower than II, next to the highest possible mark.

"Get rid of the water before 1925" was the new slogan adopted by the Oregon State Drainage association, when 100 of the members met at the seventh annual session held during Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college. More than 750,000 acres of wet land in the Willamette valley will demand community outlet ditches, it was reported.

It took only two hours and 30 minutes to raise Toledo's quota of \$15,000 in the proposed Toledo Investment and Improvement corporation, which organization has been planned to finance the construction of houses to be sold and rented to employees of the Pacific Spruce corporation mill, which will begin operations after the first of the year.

William A. Douglas of Gold Hill, who acquired the Bina Danielson gold quartz mine, three miles southwest of Gold Hill two years ago, has completed a 125-foot drift into the main ledge of the mine, uncovering a large body of ore. The new works are under the old works, where many thousands of dollars of rich ore was recovered some 20 years ago.

Unless the proponents of the proposed 1925 exposition are able to determine by Thursday whether the fair legislation considered at the recent special session of the legislature was legally approved, it is probable that Governor Olcott will veto the bill passed during the closing hours of the assembly authorizing a special election to be held May 19 in conjunction with the regular primary contests.

The county court has called for bids for the final cruise of the Douglas county timber lands. For the past three years Douglas county has been having cruises made of its standing timber for the purpose of obtaining definite information and data upon which to base a cash assessment. Next year will mark the completion of the task and the 1922 assessment rolls are expected to carry the timber lands on a basis of their cash value.

Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, acting upon the advice of the attorney-general, refused to accept for filing in his office house joint resolution No. 3, providing for submission to the voters of the state at a special election May 19 the question of amending the constitution so as to authorize the financing of the proposed 1925 exposition through a gasoline tax. The secretary of state, in explaining his action in refusing to accept the resolution for filing from F. W. Drager, chief clerk of the senate, said it had not been signed either by Roy Rittner, president of the senate, or L. E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives. Because of the omission of these signatures the secretary of state held that the resolution was not completed.

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There were 35 holdup robberies on Portland streets during November.

The delinquent taxes in Marion county for 1920 aggregate \$67,580.84.

North Bend's schools are closed on account of five new cases of diphtheria.

Construction of a new building for the Eugene municipal market will begin at once.

Thirty-five cars have been freed from snow drifts on the Columbia river highway, between Eagle creek and Cascade Locks.

As a result of high tide, heavy rains and strong wind, about 2000 feet of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad track near Astoria was washed out.

The steamer La Center, en route from Kelso to the Portland stockyards with 40 head of cattle, was capsized in the Columbia river and 35 head drowned.

The Clackamas county farm bureau has gone on record as supporting the principles of the Co-operative Dairymen's league, which is at present facing dissolution.

More than 11,000 Portland residents paid in excess of \$26,000 in police-court fines for traffic violations on Portland streets during the fiscal year ending November 30.

Unemployment has reached the point in Portland where immediate action is necessary in the judgment of the members of Mayor Baker's unemployment committee.

Portland and the commission of public docks expended \$17,244,130.60 during the fiscal year of 1921, according to a financial statement given out by City Treasurer Adams.

The prune market is strong and indications are that the price will hold steady or advance, according to W. T. Jenks, manager of the Willamette Valley Prune association.

The Southern Pacific company has notified the Oregon public service commission that it has canceled its application for an increase of fares on the West Linn street car lines.

George Stickney, cashier of the Carlton State bank and owner of a controlling interest in its capital stock, was placed under arrest on a charge of embezzlement of funds of the bank.

Released from its position beneath a bank of snow and ice near Frieda, the Oregon Trunk train imprisoned in the Deschutes canyon since Saturday, November 19, arrived in Bend Friday.

A petition is being circulated among the land owners of the Coburg district in Lane county asking that the Coburg drainage district be organized. This will reclaim 12,000 acres of valuable land.

A special 2 1/2-mill road tax was voted by Oregon City. The tax, which will raise \$7600 on the assessed valuation of nearly \$750,000, will be used for permanent road improvements within the city limits.

Seven University of Oregon students who won distinction as marksmen, sharpshooters and expert riflemen at the encampment last summer have just been presented with United States government medals.

Fees from motor vehicle licenses during the month of November aggregated \$8,756.75, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. Total receipts thus far this year are \$2,331,324.75.

The work of remodeling and enlarging the Salem postoffice will start within 60 days, according to a telegram received from Senator McNary. The cost of the proposed improvements has not yet been determined definitely.

A terrific wind and rain visited the western section of the state Thursday and did much damage. The storm broke down innumerable telephone and light poles and hundreds of trees, broke plate glass windows and played havoc with signs.

Cargo lumber shipments from the Columbia river during the month of November were quite heavy. According to statistics compiled, 64 vessels loaded at the mills on the river and their combined cargo amounted to 53,527,508 feet of lumber.

Roy Klein, secretary of the Oregon state highway commission, and C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer of the same department, left Salem for Omaha to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of State Highway Officials.

Among the miscellaneous shipments from the port of Astoria terminals during November were 10,178 cases of canned salmon to foreign ports, including points in Europe and Australia, and 63,805 cases to domestic points, principally on the Atlantic coast. In addition to this a considerable quantity of mild cured and frozen fish was sent to Europe.

Six hundred turkeys will be given as prizes in a big trap shoot to be staged on the grounds of the Eugene Gun club by the Eugene lodge of Elks Sunday, December 11. The shoot will be given as a means of increasing the lodge's Christmas charity fund.

The Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad company has filed with the interstate commerce commission an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enable the company to abandon its line between Hackett, Cal., and Lakeview, Or.

When the steamship Nebraska cleared from Portland last week, it took the last shipment of apples exported by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association for the 1921 season. This lot will make a total of 131 cars of apples shipped by the association this year.

The white pine blister infestation which has been discovered in British Columbia, will be the subject of a conference to be held in Portland December 19. Because of the seriousness of the pine blister, many leading pathologists of the United States will attend the conference.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 1, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were H. C. Neal, policeman, McMinnville, and Thomas H. Howard, powder man, Vernonia.

Governor Olcott granted to John L. Rathle and Elvie D. Kirby, alias James Owens, who were to have been hanged in the state penitentiary at Salem Friday for the part they played in the murder of Sheriff T. H. Taylor of Umatilla county in July, 1920, a reprieve until Friday, February 3.

Further increases in the shipments of lumber from the northwest by water is shown by the weekly lumber review for the week ending November 26, issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The report shows that of shipments for the week a total of 45 per cent was shipped by water.

George Hiles, a Medford high school boy, has just received word that he won first prize in the recent national composition contest conducted by the Hampshire Sheep Breeders' association, with headquarters in Chicago. The subject was "Why the Hampshire Is the Best Sheep for the Farmer."

Approval will not be given by the board of engineers this year to the request of Portland for a 32-foot project in the Columbia and Willamette rivers to the sea, Major-General Lansing H. Beach informed Senator McNary and General Manager Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Progress with the rotary plow up the Deschutes canyon from Bend is becoming increasingly difficult. A thick coating of ice over the falls which the rotaries will not affect, is said to be the cause. Hope has been given up for direct railroad communication with The Dalles or Fullbridge before next week.

L. E. Bean, speaker of the house, is a letter received recently by Frank Davey, member of the lower branch of the legislature from Marion county, suggested that the expense of the special session called for December 19 be reduced to the minimum through the elimination of an army of need less clerks and stenographers.

Eastern railroads have concurred in reduction in transcontinental rates of lumber proposed last September by the western roads. Rates from the Pacific coast on carload shipments of lumber to Cincinnati-Detroit territory will be 85 cents a hundredweight, to Pittsburg-Buffalo territory 88 1/2 cents and to the eastern seaboard, 90 cents.

Members of the state industrial accident commission report that many employers of Oregon apparently have no knowledge that a law was enacted at the last session of the legislature providing that children under the age of 18 years cannot be employed legally in hazardous occupations unless they shall have received a permit from the proper authorities. Under the old law the age limit relating to permits was 18 years.

Douglas county timber will be classified according to its cash value at a meeting of timber owners to be held in Portland on December 21. The county cruise is almost completed and the timber owners have decided to divide the timber into groups, basing the segregation on the relative value of the timber. The accessibility of the timber and facilities for marketing will largely form the basis of valuation.

The Women's Home Missionary society closed a two days' session at Salem with the election of the following officers: Mrs. Matthew Simpson Hughes, Portland, honorary president for life; Mrs. William Orville Shephard, Portland, president; Mrs. H. C. Jennings, Butteville, first vice president; Mrs. George W. Lilly, Portland, second vice-president; Mrs. Kate Burleson, McMinnville, third vice president; Mrs. T. G. Horne, Medford fourth vice-president; Mrs. G. L. Alden, Salem, recording secretary; Mrs. E. F. Collins, Portland, recording secretary, and Mrs. K. Staples, Portland, treasurer.