

A strip of the Pacific highway nine feet wide has been completed between Canyonville and Galesville in Douglas county, according to information received at the offices of the state highway department.

Provided the governor-elect and the legislature guarantee their action will be legalized, the state highway commission will take up on December 29 the building of the Columbia highway through the burned area of Astoria. This and the approach to the city will amount to about \$250,000.

There were 67 fires in the Crater national forest during the last season according to the report of Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor of that forest. The cost to the forest service of suppressing these fires was \$7046.18, and the damage to timber inside of the national forest was \$1067.31.

George William of Haines was found guilty at Baker of manslaughter by a jury in circuit court which heard evidence bearing on the first-degree murder charge of the prisoner growing out of his confessed slaying last summer of Tom Palne, a recluse living in a small cabin in the hills west of Haines.

Necessity of increased facilities for handling the rolling stock of the Southern Pacific company at its Brooklyn shops in Portland has resulted in active construction work being started on three new buildings, which will cost approximately \$50,000, according to officials of the company.

Resolutions requesting the state legislature to do nothing to disturb the workings of the present state compensation law were adopted at a convention of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Springfield. The meeting took up several problems of legislation and also the matter of an advance in wages.

A warning was issued to all dance hall managers in Douglas county that in the future the presence of an intoxicated person at any dance held within the county will mean the immediate forfeiting of the license issued to the dance manager unless a warrant is secured for the arrest of the person disturbing the dance.

A poison campaign against the jack rabbits of the high desert in Deschutes county will be started within the next few days under the direction of an expert sent out by the United States biological survey in order that the stores of hay saved for winter feeding of cattle may not be devoured by the voracious rodent hordes.

It was reported at Salem that the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland has purchased approximately 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in the Cascade range in Marion and Clackamas counties from the Foster Timber company of Milwaukee, Wis. The tract lies north of the Silver Falls Timber company holdings.

The state labor department sent a representative to Astoria to investigate the labor situation there. Reports reaching C. H. Gram, labor commissioner, indicated that a large number of men were headed for the lower Columbia river city, while others who were employed there before the fire are leaving for other cities.

Action in the lower house of congress for relief of Astoria fire sufferers will follow upon a telegraphic report of the conditions requested by Secretary of War Weeks. It was decided after a conference between Representative Hawley of Oregon, Majority Leader Mondell and Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee.

The Association of District Attorneys of Oregon, in annual session at Eugene, went on record as favoring the repeal of the present woman jury law on account of its cumbersome procedure and impossibility of procuring a jury in many statutory cases wherein the law requires that half of the jury shall be women and also favoring a law compelling women to serve.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 14, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: H. H. Neelie, mill worker; Eugene; W. W. Mead, logger; Maiplet; A. H. Johnson, foundryman, Portland; and Frank Arnott, wood bucketter, North Bend. A total of 503 accidents were reported for the week.

Plans for an elaborate summer clubhouse and hunting lodge, to be the equal of any game association clubhouse in the northwest, were drawn up at the meeting of the Santiam Fish and Game Protective association held at Albany. The association, which comprises several sportsmen and amateur huntsmen clubs of Linn county, plans to build the clubhouse at Clear lake, one of the most beautiful locations in the west.

To move the entire perishable fruit crop in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho would require every refrigerator car in the United States for one trip between the place of production and the markets, according to H. H. Corey, a member of the Oregon public service commission, who has been in Washington for several weeks attending the railroad merger hearing before the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Corey said he was told that the recent car shortage was not due to a lack of carriers, but was the result of insufficient motive power.

GIANT TREE ON LONG ISLAND

Experts Say Sycamore is Nearly Four Hundred Years Old and Good for Century More.

"Old Sycamore," the giant on the place of James Hill at Wheatley, L. I., which recently won the "biggest tree on Long Island" contest conducted by Normal Taylor of Brooklyn Botanic gardens, was born only 57 years after Columbus landed at San Salvador, in 1492. It was eighty years old when Hendrick Hudson first saw Long Island—in 1620.

This is the opinion of Mr. Taylor and other experts who have examined the giant sycamore, the New York world states. Its age is estimated between 300 and 400 years, more likely the latter, it is said. The trunk near the ground is 24 feet in circumference and some of the limbs, half way up even, are larger than the trunks of many trees which claim to be patriarchs.

The height of "Old Sycamore" has not been ascertained, but it towers over the landscape in lordly fashion. Mr. Hill says that 90 years ago the place was used by the county butcher as his home. His beef, when slaughtered, was hung on chains from "Old Sycamore's" limbs. One of the chains was there when Mr. Hill bought the place.

During the past 105 or 120 years, after the forest was cut away, soil from neighboring hills was washed down and filled around the tree to a depth of 15 feet. This was verified six years ago, Mr. Hill says, when a tree expert gave "Old Sycamore" the first doctoring of its life.

The tree is said to be in splendid condition and good for a century or so more.

FOLLOWED SEA FIFTY YEARS

Retired Commander Has Many Stories of Adventure Accumulated During Half Century on Ocean.

Capt. J. W. Christie, formerly commander of the White Star Dominion liner Canada, has retired after sailing the seas for 51 years.

Captain Christie first went to sea when only ten years old and during the next half century participated in many interesting experiences.

In 1877, while still an apprentice, he served on the old sailor Seaforth, when that vessel was employed to carry the famous Hudson's Horse from India to the Dardanelles at the time of the Russo-Turkish war. The fleet of transports reached their destination, and landing native troops to occupy Cyprus, they found the Turks entrenched close to the beach and were forced to commence disembarkation under fire. The youthful apprentice was given charge of a spirited horse, and mounted on its bare back swam his steed toward the beach and the Turks. The animal, according to the captain's account of the affair, reached shore well ahead of all competitors and then, despite the earnest efforts of its rider, dashed headlong toward the Turkish lines. Pull as he might, nothing would check the beast's ardor, until one of many bullets from the entrenched enemy struck it and turned it again toward the sea. The apprentice regained his ship in safety, none the worse for his unusual experience, but with a strong and lasting distaste for international complications.

Wood and Furniture.

There are thousands of different species of wood in the world, but no two square inches are alike. The same wood may be plain-sawn or quarter-sawn, but there will be a world of difference in the two. No one inch in a board is like another. Nor will you ever find two pieces of wood of the same texture.

Trees are developed very much as a human being is developed. They have vertical pipes or pores which carry water and medicaments of mineral through their trunks and limbs, just as the blood feeds the human body.

There are no products in the world whose history will compare with those fashioned from wood. Civilization itself has evolved along with the evolution of wood and its uses. Civilization would have been impossible without wood. Nations which have succeeded most are those which have followed the hardwood belts.

And all these facts must be weighed when furniture and better furnished American homes are considered.

He Belonged There.

One evening as my escort and I were walking up town a car drove up to the curb and stopped. Thinking it was some of our friends who had stopped to pick us up, and seeing that the car was crowded, my escort walked up to the car and said in a cheery voice, "Do you think there's room for both of us?"

"I'm afraid not," said the driver of the car, a perfect stranger to us—as were all the other occupants of the car—and who was merely stopping in front of his own house.

In our haste to depart we even forgot to beg the man's pardon.—Exchange.

Furnishing the Home.

When you start furnishing any room in the house, it is necessary to begin with a definite idea of what effect is wanted, what type of furniture will be used to determine general effect, to obtain a harmonizing whole.

You would not want to copy your friend's or neighbor's scheme because you are seeking individuality for your own home. So just take time and think up your own which would be better suited to your taste.

REPORT SMALL GRAIN CROPS

Neither France Nor Germany Will Reap the Quantity Which Was the Result of the Last Harvest.

The wheat crop of France for 1922 is estimated at 235,380,000 bushels, according to a cablegram received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the international institute of agriculture at Rome. This is a decrease of 88,000,000 bushels from the yield in 1921. The wheat yield of Germany is estimated at 69,670,000 bushels, a reduction of 38,130,000 bushels from last year's crop.

The rye crop of France is estimated at 37,600,000 bushels, compared with 44,302,000 bushels last year; barley, 39,540,000 bushels, compared with 38,318,000 bushels in 1921; oats, 288,250,000 bushels, compared with 244,455,000 bushels. In Germany the yield of rye is estimated at 210,580,000 bushels, compared with 207,648,000 bushels last year; oats, 284,600,000 bushels, compared with 344,812,000 bushels.

Improvement in Reindeer Herds.

L. J. Palmer, in charge of the government's reindeer experiment station at Nome, Alaska, has just sent in a report to the United States Department of Agriculture that conditions among Alaskan reindeer herds are the best this year in the history of the industry. The fawn crop has been unusually large, and favorable conditions have greatly reduced the ordinary losses. Herd owners who have adopted recommendations of the biological survey for improved handling of the herds report marked gain in size and condition of animals, and a reduction in the losses from those experienced under former methods. Reindeer introduced two years ago on Nulivik Island are doing remarkably well, with the young much larger in size than animals of the same age on the mainland.

Stealing—and Proud of It.

Representative John W. Longley, from Kentucky, tells this one in Washington, says Everybody's:

A young attorney in Pikeville, who sought county honors, was on an electioneering tour in his district when he called at a house where the head of the family happened to be absent. He told the mistress who he was and that he was a candidate seeking votes at the coming election.

"And it's you!" she exclaimed. "Why, of course my husband will vote for you, bein' it was you that got him cleared of stealin' that meat."

"Say on the charge of stealing the meat," the attorney corrected her. "Charge nothin'" said the woman. "Why, part of that meat is hangin' up in the house yet."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court for Lane County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Winfield S. Chrisman, deceased, which order bears date of the 5th day of December, 1922.

All persons having claims against the estate of the said Winfield S. Chrisman, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified, to the undersigned at the law offices of Herbert W. Lombard, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, on or before six months from the day of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication December 8, 1922.

W. W. CHRISMAN, Administrator of the estate of Winfield S. Chrisman, deceased. Herbert W. Lombard, Attorney for estate. d8j6

NOTICE AGAINST STOCK RUNNING AT LARGE IN ORCHARD PRECINCT.

It appearing from the abstract of votes cast at the regular November 7th, 1922, election, as made by the official canvassing board of Lane County, Oregon, that at said election the total number of votes cast in Orchard Precinct, Lane County, Oregon, on the question "For and against stock running at large?" is and was 139 and of said votes, 12 votes were cast for stock running at large, and 127 votes were cast against stock running at large, and that there was therefore a major-

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court for Lane County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Lillie Orpud, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, as by law required, to me within six months after the date of this notice. Dated this 12th day of December, 1922.

HARRY C. HART, Administrator of the estate of Lillie Orpud, deceased. J. E. YOUNG, Attorney for estate. d15j13

BANKERS ARE BORN IN MISSOURI.

The man who never goes into debt doesn't stand to become wealthy—but somehow we can't convince the banker of our business sagacity when we want to go into debt.

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