

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The Eugene Masons have decided to erect a new temple next year.

Fire completely destroyed the Chilquinn hotel at Chilquinn, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The total assessment of public utilities of Union county is \$5,583,283. Last year's assessment was \$5,127,436.

The Eugene lodge of Elks has appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of remodeling its temple.

Members of the Willamette Valley Grain Growers' association held a conference in Salem to discuss market conditions.

Seventy-six carloads, or approximately 22,000, more sheep were shipped out of Bend this fall than in the fall of 1922.

The Pacific northwest intercollegiate conference meeting, scheduled to be held in Spokane, has been switched to Portland.

To relieve the shortage of dwelling houses in Albany a building and loan association is planned by several business men of that city.

The 14th annual convention of the Oregon Hotel Men's association was held in Portland with more than 100 delegates in attendance.

Cooperative marketing and banking were discussed at the annual convention at The Dalles of the Oregon State Horticultural society.

The Medford school district census for this year, just taken, shows the largest school population in the city's history, the number being 2342.

The fourth annual Winter fair and eighth annual Southern Oregon Poultry show, combined, was held in the Chautauqua building in Ashland.

Axel Erickson, a logger, was drowned when he accidentally fell into the Nehalem river at the Birkenseld Lumber company camp at Birkenseld.

Attorneys of the state, at an informal gathering in Salem, presented to the supreme court an oil painting of Justice George H. Burnett.

Two additional units of 25 miles and one of 12 miles on the Klamath-Eugene line will be contracted by the Southern Pacific on December 21.

Fred C. Schulte, former constable and deputy sheriff at Reedsport, was found guilty of accepting a bribe from B. O. Roberts, confessed bootlegger.

Dr. Mabel Alkin and Mrs. S. E. A. Smith, both of Portland, were appointed by Governor Pierce as members of the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls.

Construction of the retaining walls for the streets in the devastated district of Astoria and of the tunnels for the protection of the trunk sewers has been completed.

William A. Marshall, who was reappointed a member of the state industrial accident commission has served in this capacity since the creation of the department in 1913.

An artesian well with a flow of 120 gallons per minute has been encountered at a depth of 425 feet at the workings of the Eastern Oregon Oil Exploration company near Hermiston.

A quarantine on all dairy and breeding cattle brought into Oregon from California became operative December 1, many cases of tuberculosis in southern Oregon having been traced to California.

The demand for the appropriation of further funds to complete the Tongue Point naval base along lines originally planned is being carried direct to Secretary of the Navy Denby by Senator McNary.

A shipment of eight black foxes, valued at \$8000, has arrived at Klamath Falls by express, consigned from New Brunswick, Maine, to Captain H. S. Mansbury, who is starting a fox farm on upper Klamath lake.

Head officials of the California-Oregon Power company in San Francisco have authorized immediate construction of a half-million-dollar power plant on Link river in Klamath Falls with a capacity of 4500 horsepower.

The Oregon Walnut Growers' association, in session at Salem, voted to hold its convention next year at Newberg. L. S. Otis of Newberg was elected president and C. E. Scheuster

of Corvallis was re-elected secretary treasurer.

As a result of the wind and rain storm that swept the state last week, streets in Warrenton were flooded; rocks fell on the Columbia River highway and trees blocked other roads; seaside and Warrenton telephone switchboards were burned out; the burned area of Astoria was flooded when a high tide backed up over the seawall; Young's bay and John Day lawbridges were put out of commission temporarily; and minor damage was done at Hood River.

The state highway department has granted permission to the Coast Power company to reconstruct and extend its power line on the Roosevelt highway between Mannattan and Garibaldi.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock a memorial tablet placed on the old Methodist church at Jacksonville, which is said to be the oldest Protestant church building now standing west of the Rocky mountains, was unveiled.

General Manager A. F. S. Steele of the Apple Growers' association has received a letter from United States Senator McNary to the effect that stored apples may be utilized as security for loans with intermediate credit banks.

Farm acreage in Oregon for 1923 exclusive of 11 counties which have not reported, aggregated 4,946,913.57 acres as against 8,419,954.88 acres in 1922. This information was contained in a statement by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

Petitions numerously signed by persons residing in 36 counties of Oregon urging the appointment of Wallace McCamant of Portland, to the United States court of appeals, ninth circuit, San Francisco, have reached Washington and will be submitted to President Coolidge.

More satisfactory distribution of harvest labor to the end that both the employer and employee may be benefited will be attempted by the Seasonable Employment commission, which was organized at a conference held in the offices of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, at Salem.

Federal prohibition officers have notified operators of cider plants that they must cease manufacturing cider unless the finished product contains benzoate of soda. Cider manufacturers allege that the order will ruin their business, as the soda content spoils the flavor of the apple product.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Verda A. Orchard, Portland, \$20; Delbert A. Lyons, Central Point, \$12; James W. Hackman, Timber, \$18; James Moriarty, Portland, \$18; Carl Woolman, Baker, \$24; James Arthur, Portland, \$15; Andrew Bratz, Portland, \$12; William C. Hicinbotham, Estacada, \$18.

Mrs. Robert Byers of Los Angeles, bride of a week, was drowned in the Willamette river at Harrisburg, when an automobile driven by William J. Parks of San Francisco plunged down the steep ferry approach on the Pacific highway into 16 feet of water while the ferry boat was on the opposite side of the river.

There were two fatalities in Oregon industries during the week ending December 6, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Walter Stuart, Seaside, brakeman, and Amos Breeden, Black Rock, pile driver. A total of 637 accidents were reported during the week.

All train service on the Eugene-Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific railway was tied up on account of damage to a steel bridge across the Suislaw river near Linslaw, 36 miles west of Eugene. A fir tree four feet in diameter fell across the bridge and caved in the top part of it so that trains were unable to operate over it.

The total value of taxable property in Oregon, including that equalized by the state board of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, is \$1,042,410,613.66, according to a report prepared by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. Last year the total value of the taxable property was \$1,009,499,160.33.

The outlet of Siltcoos lake, which is only two miles from the Pacific ocean in western Lane county, is again clogged by sand, due to wind and high sea. The state fish and game commission this fall cleared the channel of obstructions in order that salmon might enter the lake to spawn but it is now worse than ever, reports state.

Some decision with regard to reorganizing new irrigation projects in

Oregon should come from the secretary of the interior in the next few weeks. In the last several days a determined drive has been made by the Oregon delegation in both houses of congress, supported by representatives of four new projects in the state, for some definite step toward the development of further irrigation.

Tillamook harbor improvements have been approved, subject to minor modifications, by the board of river and harbor engineers, as a result of a hearing in Washington, D. C., at which the Oregon delegation and residents of that section placed new facts before the board. If this project is completed the federal government will appropriate about \$250,000.

The secretary of the interior at the request of Representative Sinnott, has held up patents to land in Oregon involved in the cases of F. A. Hyde, C. W. Clark and others. Mr. Sinnott acted on the telegraphed request of Attorney-General Van Winkle of Oregon. The cases involve state lands used under the old lien land law to obtain title to government lands.

ROBERT J. GRANT



Robert J. Grant, since June 1, 1921, superintendent of the mint at Denver, who has been appointed director of the mint to succeed E. F. Scobey, resigned.

COOLIDGE CANDIDACY FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Washington, D. C.—Announcement of the candidacy of President Coolidge for the republican nomination for president in 1924 was made here by Frank W. Stearns of Boston, who is known as his closest personal and political friend.

William M. Butler, republican national committee man for Massachusetts, also a close personal and political friend of Mr. Coolidge, it was stated, will act as the president's personal representative in the campaign.

The announcement was made by Mr. Stearns through a statement which was given out by James B. Reynolds, former secretary of the republican national committee, who directed the campaign for Mr. Coolidge in 1920. Mr. Reynolds made public the statement without comment.

"KIDNAPPERS" SENTENCED

Griffis, Alleged Leader in Plot, to Serve 21 Months.

Mosbach, Baden.—Corliss Hooven Griffis of Hamilton, O., was sentenced to serve 21 months in prison for conspiring to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the American draft evader Carl Sperber of Paris was sentenced to 18 months; Faust Gagarin, a Russian prince, to eight months, and Eugene Victor Nelson of Chicago, to three months' imprisonment for their share in the plot which the group attempted to carry out at Eberbach in August.

All the defendants will have subtracted from their terms the period of their incarceration before the trial and Nelson was set free at once, as the court considered his term had been served. Griffis also was fined 2,000,000,000,000 marks, about 50 cents.

Florida Flogging Claim Paid.

Langdon, N. D.—Payment of \$20,000 has been made by the Putnam Lumber company of Wisconsin to the family of Martin Tabert of Munich, N. D., who died in a convict labor camp conducted by the company in Florida following a flogging given by Walter Higginbotham, "whipping boss."



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PENSION ROLL LESS BUT COST GREATER

7260 Fewer Pensioners But Expenditures \$9,405,000 Greater.

Washington, D. C.—With 7260 fewer pensioners on the government rolls than in 1922, expenditures increased last year \$9,405,000, the pension bureau announced in its annual report. The increase was ascribed to changes in the rates and method of payment.

The number of pensioners on the roll June 30, 1923, was 539,756, as against 547,016 on June 30, 1922. Of the pensioners on the roll, 163,623 were civil war veterans, 264,580 civil war widows, 63,393 Spanish war veterans and 13,167 Spanish war widows. There are yet on the pension roll 49 soldiers of the Mexican war and 40 widows whose husbands served in the war of 1812.

By classes there were on the pension roll at the close of the fiscal year 253,605 soldiers, 278,700 widows, 2333 minor children, 931 helpless children, 4106 dependents of soldiers and 81 female army nurses. During the year 25,452 civil war veterans died, as against 25,082 in the previous year, and 23,974 widows as against 21,259.

MEXICAN REBELS CAPTURE JALAPA

Mexico City.—Rebels and federal troops clashed at Jalapa, capital of Vera Cruz, as the insurgents, under General Sanchez, moved towards Tampico, in what was apparently an attempt to seize the oil fields of Mexico. In a statement, the president expressed confidence that federal forces could handle the situation.

"The government, which has known in the past how to face crises, will spare no sacrifice to protect existing institutions of the country from the attempt on the part of the conservative group," a statement he issued said.

The uprising was by supporters of Adolfo de la Huerta against Obregon and the latter's candidate for succession to the presidency, General Calles.

Vera Cruz.—Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, fell into the hands of besieging revolutionary forces Saturday evening. The rebels took 200 prisoners, among them General Beranga, Colonel Mayer and the provisional governor, Angel Casarin.

Brownings Freed in Ballantyne Death.

Salt Lake City.—John Browning, son of John M. Browning, the arms inventor, and Marriner A. Browning, who have been on trial for the slaying of Benjamin F. Ballantyne, John Browning's brother-in-law, were acquitted by a jury here.

Secretary Wallace Urges Freight Cut.

Washington, D. C.—A reduction of at least 25 per cent on freight rates on wheat and wheat products to relieve the present "wheat crisis" was recommended by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in a special report to President Coolidge.

New Treaty With Germany Signed.

Washington, D. C.—A new commercial treaty between the United States and Germany has been signed by Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Wiedfeldt. The pact takes the place of that abrogated during the world war.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Hard white, soft white and western white, \$1; hard winter, 96c; northern spring, 97c; western red, 96c. Hay—Alfalfa, \$17@18 ton; cheat, \$12@13; valley timothy, \$19@20; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@22. Butterfat—50@51c. Eggs—Ranch, 38@44c. Cheese—Prices to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook; Triplets, 30c; longhorns, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb. Cattle — Beef steers, good grade, \$8.50@7.50; medium, \$5.50@6.50. Hogs—Medium to good, \$7.10@7.60. Sheep—Medium, good and choice lambs, \$10@11.

Seattle.

Wheat—Hard, soft and western white and Big Bend bluestem, \$1.01; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring and western red, 99c. Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; D. C., \$24; timothy, \$25; D. C., \$27; mixed hay, \$23. Eggs—Ranch, 45c. Butterfat—50@52c. Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.50; medium to good, \$6.25@6.75. Hogs—Prime light, \$7.50@7.90. Cheese — Washington cream brick, 28c; Washington triplets, 25@26c; Washington Young America, 25@26c; Tillamook triplets, f. o. b., 33c.

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