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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

There are 23 flour, grist and feed mills operating in the state.

Delinquent taxes of Douglas county for 1913 amounted to \$138,252.64.

With the Pacific Highway practically completed between Ashland and Madras, an automobile service has been installed between the towns.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Association of County Judges and Commissioners will be held in Portland December 9, 10 and 11.

Old trappers are abandoning Lake country because the bounty fund for predatory animals has been exhausted. Consequently coyotes, bob cats and weasels are increasing rapidly.

Three indictments against J. A. French, Willamette county judge, were returned by the grand jury at Enterprise. They charge forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Improvements for the Chemawa Indian school to cost approximately \$50,000 will be recommended by Rev. Samuel A. Elliot, of Boston, a member of the United States Board of Indian Affairs.

The Willamette Valley Southern railway, which is the P. R., L. & P. extension from Oregon City through Molalla to Mount Angel, will be completed by Thanksgiving day with the exception of stringing the trolley wire.

Thirty-seven accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the past week. Lumbering activities caused the greatest number of accidents, 17 being reported. Most of the accidents were of minor importance.

Suit was brought in Linn county by the state against F. A. Hyde and C. W. Clarke, of San Francisco, for the recovery of lands said to have been fraudulently obtained in 1888 by Clarke. Approximately 1000 acres of land is involved, located in Linn county.

With President Wharton, of Newberg, presiding, members of group one of the State Bankers' Association composed of Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Washington, Tillamook, Yamhill, Multnomah and Hood River counties, held their semi-annual convention at Hood River.

A special session of the State Commonwealth Conference will be held in Villard Hall, at the University of Oregon, Eugene, on December 10, 11 and 12, to discuss "unemployment," "greater economy and efficiency in state administration" and "hydro-electric districts." Governor-elect Withycombe is to open the conference.

In all probabilities 382,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber will be placed on sale at Klamath Falls, according to forest service officials in charge of the Crater National Forest. The timber is in two tracts, one on the west side of Upper Klamath lake and the other just east of the Crater Lake National Park boundaries.

While the members agreed that there was no danger of the malady spreading to Oregon, the Livestock Sanitary Board at a meeting held at Salem took action to safeguard the state from the foot and mouth disease. It was supplemental to the proclamation of the governor several days ago, providing that no stock be shipped here from states that are infected.

Oregon soon will be in the unique position of having two governors on the job at the statehouse. In accordance with his promise made to Governor-elect Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott, custodian of the building, has begun furnishing a room for the use of the new executive and his office force at the capitol until January 11, when Governor West's term will expire.

Because of a comparatively quiet real estate market the greater part of the year, the state tax commission has fixed ratios somewhat higher than last year for virtually all counties. The higher ratios, however, do not necessarily mean higher taxes, but mean that the valuations for taxable purposes are nearer the actual values than last year, when property values were higher.

Road construction work under the supervision of the state highway commission has practically closed down for the year. During the season there were approximately 268 miles of highway under construction. The work lay in Sherman, Wasco, Hood River, Multnomah, Columbia, Clatsop, Washington and Jackson counties. The commission also drew plans and supervised the construction of 31 steel and concrete bridges throughout the state.

In his biennial report to State Treasurer Kay, F. G. Buechel, assistant state sealer of weights and measures, recommends changes to make the law providing for the department more easily workable. He suggests that it be amended to conform as closely as possible to a law advocated by the government bureau of standards. He specially recommends the "tolerances" and "specifications" suggested by the government bureau, and that the state department be given the power to pass upon weighing and measuring devices as a type, and prevent the sale of those not within the specifications.

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