

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Klamath Falls postoffice on July 1 will be given the rating of a first-class office.

Paul Jackson, principal of the high school at Olympia, Wash., has been elected principal of the Klamath Falls high school for next year.

Fire destroyed seven business establishments on a quarter block at Heppner. The Heppner public library was among the buildings burned.

The Lutheran Brotherhood of Oregon is planning the building of an old folks' home at Eugene. The first unit will cost \$100,000 and will accommodate 60 people.

A special tax levy of about \$345,000, to provide an increase in salaries of school teachers, will be submitted to the voters at the Portland school election in June.

W. D. Valentine of Altadena, Cal., has purchased 2000 acres of land on the outskirts of Sutherlin, including the well known Frank White home, paying \$50,000 for the property.

With the adjusted compensation law granting bonuses to Oregon veterans of the World war a year old, barely more than half of the ex-service men entitled to a bonus have made application.

Week-day religious instruction to pupils of the third and fourth grades in the McMinnville schools has been pronounced successful. Seven churches have participated in the instruction.

A demand has been served on the navy department for the restoration of the battleship Oregon's famous silver service, presented to the ship by the people of Oregon at a cost of \$25,000.

A total of about 3300 pupils will be graduated this year from Portland's high and grammar schools. About 1200 of these will be graduated from the high schools and 2100 from the grade schools.

The postoffice department has announced that the postoffice at Mitchell and Shedd, will be advanced from fourth class to presidential grade on July 1, the salary of the postmaster in each case being \$1100.

Members of the Salem lodge, Woodmen of the World, have launched a drive to purchase a 240-acre tract now owned by Captain A. J. Spang for a recreation park. The price of the land has been fixed at \$24,000.

Horace Greely Wilson, prominent citizen of Roseburg, and ex-superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, was sentenced to 18 months at McNeil island upon a charge of having violated the Mann act.

Marshfield business men are opposing the suggestion of a Fourth of July celebration, according to questionnaires sent out. The celebration at Myrtle Point, 26 miles south, is one reason why the merchants oppose a celebration.

That insanity due to the use of alcohol, which reached its low level during the war period, is again on the increase, is indicated by figures compiled by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Salem.

Charles Vandyne's store at Tygh Valley was entered and the safe was blown to pieces. Parts of the safe were thrown through the side of the building. No clues as to the suspects have been given out by the sheriff's office.

Lincoln Antles, who has been secretary of the Bond commercial club for four and a half years, resigned to accept a similar position with the Roseburg chamber of commerce. L. K. Cramb, recently of Klamath Falls was appointed to succeed Mr. Antles.

Petitions for the referendum measure attacking the tobacco tax law enacted at the last session of the legislature were filed with the secretary of state. The petitions contained a total of 14,173 signatures, or approximately 5000 in excess of the number required.

An ordinance of the city of Portland, requiring payment of a license fee and a bond by persons soliciting from place to place in the city orders for future delivery and accepting part payment in advance, was held invalid by the supreme court of the United States.

With the demand that the Pacific highway be built for four miles so as to ignore Gold Hill because of a speed trap maintained there, the Oregon State Motor association appeared before the state highway commission at Portland. William Duby, chairman of the commission, declared that if the action was demanded merely because of arrests for exceeding the speed limit he saw no reason for throwing away a bridge which cost \$50,000 and 2 1/2 miles of pavement, which cost \$25,000 a mile.

No more married women will be employed as school teachers in the Eugene city schools, according to an announcement by the school board. The resolution adopted by the board stated, however, that the policy was not retroactive. A teacher now under contract will not be affected.

Request of the Portland carpenters' unions for an increase from \$8 to \$9 a day, effective September 1, was turned down by the building division of the Associated General Contractors association. The request for double time instead of time and a half for overtime was also refused.

The state squad of traffic police engaged in patrolling the public highways is to be augmented by the addition of 10 new men under authority of an act of the last legislature. This will give the state a total of 23 traffic officials, working under the direction of the secretary of state.

After a long illness, Peter D. Gilbert, former mayor of Albany, who had been operating a grocery store in Portland several years, died at Good Samaritan hospital. His death followed a major operation performed recently. Mr. Gilbert served as mayor of Albany from 1910 to 1912.

The surety companies have paid the state treasury money to cover the shortage caused by the default of Clarence W. Thompson, former cashier, who is now serving nine years in the state penitentiary. Thompson's defaultations covered about \$5000 of which he himself paid back about \$1000.

Richard W. Price has sent to Governor Pierce at Salem his resignation as a member of the state game commission, giving as reasons his belief that he "could no longer be of service" thereon and that he was "unable to agree to indirection and the injection of extraneous and political matters."

The city of Eugene has filed in the office of the state engineer application to appropriate water from the McKenzie river for the development of 30,249 theoretical horsepower and for the appropriation of water from the same stream for a municipal supply. The cost of the proposed development was estimated at \$375,000.

Referendum petitions attacking the so-called titling bill were filed, a bare ten minutes before the last possible minute. The petitions bore 9350 certified names, barely sufficient to carry. The bill provides that 10 per cent of the fees received from self-supporting departments and commissions be turned into the general fund.

The general staff of the Oregon national guard presented to Governor Pierce, on behalf of the state of Oregon, the official state flag authorized by an act of the last legislature. The flag consists of a blue background, on its face the state seal, with words "State of Oregon" in gold letters above and a cluster of 33 gold stars. On the reverse side is a beaver, also done in gold, the beaver being credited as the distinctive emblem of the state.

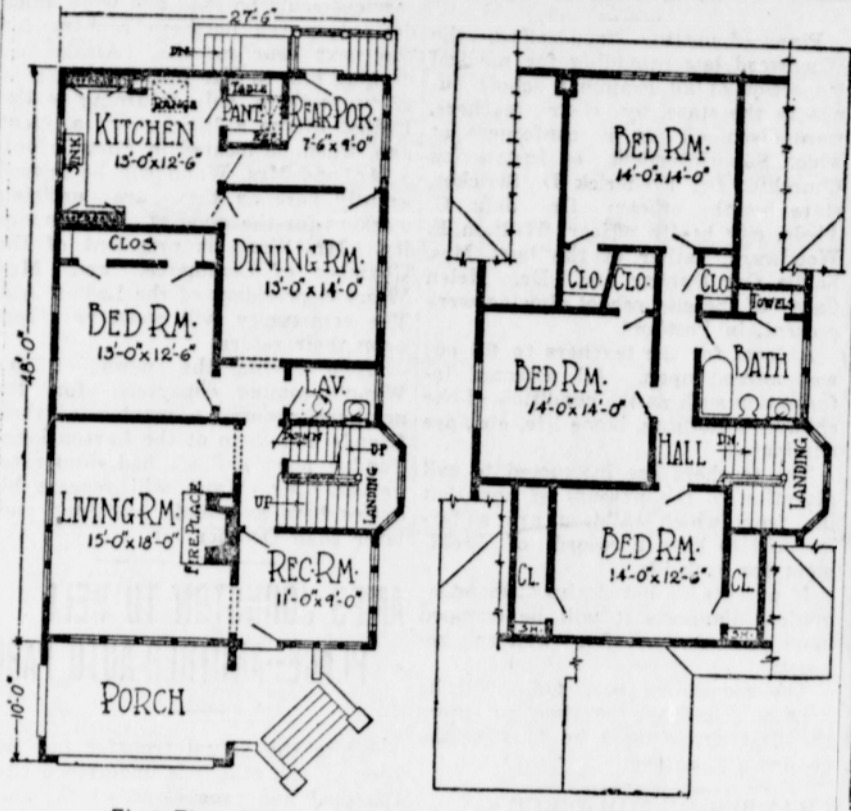
The public service commission has petitioned the interstate commerce commission to reopen the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific railroad case. The action was taken, it was said, so that if the application of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific for a permit to extend their roads to Klamath Falls is granted the interstate commerce commission may order a joint and common user or joint construction and common use of the present uncompleted lines.

Shipment of cherries into California from all but six Oregon counties was barred indefinitely under the terms of an embargo declared by George H. Hecke, director of the California state department of agriculture. The embargo was declared following the discovery of the so-called cherry fruit fly on a shipment recently received at Sacramento. The Oregon counties exempt from the quarantine ruling are Hood River, Wasco, Umatilla, Curry, Josephine and Jackson.

The board of regents of the State Normal school have selected a site for the new institution to be erected in Ashland this year. The new normal school will cost approximately \$175,000. The site for the school contains approximately 18 acres and is on the Pacific highway within a few blocks of the business district. The land is valued at \$30,000. The site will be donated to the state by the city of Ashland in compliance with an agreement reached when the legislature authorized the appropriation for the school.

Vital changes in the automobile laws of the state are operative as the statutes enacted by the last session of the legislature become effective. Twenty-five laws, bearing on practically every phase of motor car operation, are now incorporated in the code. Alterations in rules of the road are of major importance. These change the requirements of actual driving. One of the most important in this regard is the primary highway law which prescribes a speed of five miles per hour for all vehicles approaching to enter or cross a primary highway. These highways are designated as the Columbia highway and Old Oregon Trail, Pacific highway and West Side Pacific highway.

Gables and Clapboard Siding Make This an Unusual Home



This is the time of year when those who expect to build a home next season begin to plan what sort of a house they will build. Study of home building designs is an interesting and pleasurable occupation for the long winter nights. Careful selection of the design, the addition or elimination of desirable or undesirable features give the prospective home builder an occupation which, if done carefully, means a better home for less money when the building operations are completed.

There are many hundreds of home-building designs that will guide the home builder in selecting the plans for his home. These are available in many places, the local architect, the building material dealer and the contractor. Home building designs are valuable as they give suggestions of the different room arrangements, exterior appearances and conveniences that may be incorporated into the plans that are finally selected.

A rather unusual home of good size is shown in the accompanying illustration. This home-building design is unusual in that the house has many gables and the side walls are covered with clapboards. Then, too, there is a multiplicity of windows, which at once give the idea that this is a well-lighted, cheery home.

This home is 27 feet, 6 inches wide and 48 feet deep. It is of frame construction, set on a concrete foundation, the foundation walls forming the walls of a basement that is of the same size as the house itself.

Seven good-sized rooms, together with a large reception hall, really a room of itself, and bathroom are shown on the floor plans that accompany the exterior view. How these rooms are arranged and their dimensions are shown on the plans.

The entrance door leads into the reception hall, which is 11 by 9 feet, about the size of many bedrooms. To the left, through a double cased opening, is the living room, 15 by 18 feet. This room has a large, open fireplace, which makes a cheery sitting room in winter. Four windows at the front and a like number at the side provide an unusual amount of light and ventilation. Back of the reception hall at the side is the dining room, also large, 13 by 14 feet. The dining room is reached through a hall that runs from the reception room and from the living room by a second cased opening. The kitchen, practically a square room, 13 by 12 feet 6 inches, is at the back. One bedroom also is reached through the downstairs hall. A lavatory in this hall is another good feature.

Upstairs there are three bedrooms, one at the front, 14 by 12 feet 6 inches; one at the back 14 feet square and a third at the side, also 14 feet square. The bathroom is close by the head of the stairs, which lead up from the reception room below. Each bedroom has a good-sized closet, while there is a closet off the hall. Each room has two windows, which admit plenty of fresh air.

This is the sort of home that meets the needs of a good-sized family. It is attractive in appearance and its room arrangement is convenient. It provides plenty of sleeping rooms, all larger than the average, while the living and dining rooms also are large.

This home can be built at a comparatively low cost.

Cheaply Built House Is Poor Investment
 A cheaply built house will sway, sag and settle, but a house with masonry walls is rigid, so that the plastering will not crack, floor joints will not open, doors will not jam and the house will not settle.

When the house is completed you do not want the fear of fire always before you. Those who have seen the results of large conflagrations will realize something of the tragedy of thousands of homes being destroyed and hundreds of home owners losing their all. Even those who are insured never get full compensation for all their losses. Many things are destroyed in a home that money cannot replace, and there is no adequate insurance against the risk of human life.

The man who builds a fire-safe home is a good citizen. He is adding something permanent to the wealth of his community, and he has provided a fire barrier that in itself will tend to lessen conflagration and provide stopping points for them.

Put a fire-safe roof covering on your home. Various kinds of fire-resistant roofing have been tested and tried and found to be well worth their slight extra cost.

The man with a fire-safe home will generally find that his banker will grant a larger proportion of its cost on first-mortgage loans owing to the added security.

A dry basement is essential if the home builder is to get the greatest possible use and comfort out of his

Good Locks and Hardware Characterize Better Home
 Good hardware on the small house makes it a more comfortable place in which to abide. The feeling of security is of inestimable value. Good locks and hardware mean economy in the long run, since they obviate the necessity of frequent repairs and replacements.

Good hardware on the house will enable the owner to dispose of it much more advantageously should he desire. Summed up, the small house equipped with good locks and hardware is a better house in which to live.

Intimacy of Hardware
 The selection of hardware for the small house should be given careful thought and consideration. Perhaps no other equipment comes into such intimate contact with the occupants as the locks and trim on the doors and windows.

FARM HOME FOR CHILDREN DOING BIG WORK—HELP NEEDED

The success and growth of the Children's Farm Home should be of interest to every citizen of Oregon, to the child lover from a humanitarian viewpoint, to the taxpayer from the economic.

The Farm Home is the only non-sectarian institution in Oregon giving state wide service in the care of dependent children. Until its opening the outlook for the homeless child was dark. Oregon had provided well for the boy or girl who had lost their innocence, but left the child who was only homeless to face the world alone.

In Oregon today many children are practically without guardianship whose feet have not strayed from the path of right, but many whom will, if not cared for soon, because delin-

quent. It is well known to students of dependent vs. delinquency that when a child is thrust from one to another class the charge upon the state for the care is quite or nearly quadrupled.

The Children's Farm Home of the W. C. T. U. undertakes to give a real Christian home to dependent children to the full capacity of the cottages they are able to build with funds entrusted to them and they will build as fast as these funds permit. There are now three "homey" cottages housing eighty-one happy children on the farm near Corvallis. One more cottage is underway, another will be built soon. However, a tithe of the children for whom application is made cannot be cared for.

Appeals were made to every school teacher, every Sunday school superintendent and every pastor in the state hoping to secure funds for an additional building. Mother's day offerings, entertainments, etc., have been on for this purpose. The response has been better than last year, but not enough to meet the need. The state appropriation for our school house will not quite equip it and the new cottages will require furnishing. We will be glad to respond to inquiries as to items and furnish estimates for such definite help as our numerous friends may wish to give.

Women's clubs are vying with the W. C. T. U. in energetic support of the home, while fraternities have been most generous and still we are far, far from the goal of caring for every needy child in the state. Several wills have named the Home on their bequests and we are grateful for this, but we wish more would give their money now and themselves see the happiness and safety they will be the means of bringing to God's little ones.

The Farm Home office at 506 Stock Exchange Bld'g., Portland, is open every day all day. Every one who reads this is invited to come and ask all the questions they wish about the home and how the money is expended. Literature will be gladly furnished and personal help in raising funds freely given upon request.

All checks should be made payable to Children's Farm Home, addressed to 506 Stock Exchange Bld'g., Portland, Oregon.

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