

**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

A white blackbird has been seen at Cottage Grove. It is declared. The bird resembles its fellows in every way except in color.

The Eugene commercial club plans to raise \$7000 for use in continuing activities of the club for the ensuing year.

Representative Lafferty has introduced Senator Chamberlain's bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for a drydock on the Columbia river.

The First National bank of Tillamook and the Humboldt National bank have applied for membership in the new federal banking system.

The onion crop in the Sherwood district this year will net the growers more than \$75,000 and the return from hops will be \$150,000.

An Oregon man sent the treasury department 25 cents "conscience money" to repay the government for use of a cancelled three-cent postage stamp 40 years ago.

Deputy State Treasurer Ryan estimates that \$1,000,000 in unpaid warrants will be outstanding when the taxes for the year become available in April.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for a ranchers' junket early in March from Medford to North Yalima, Wenatchee, Hood River and other orchard centers in the northwest.

The report on the practicability of creating a great power site at The Dalles will be ready for the next session of the Oregon legislature, according to State Engineer Lewis. A project engineer will be selected.

Representative Hawley has introduced a bill authorizing the use of the revenues of Crater Lake National park in defraying the cost of the park management and for improving roads and trails within the park.

Corporation Commissioner Watson has cancelled the permits to do business in this state of the Investors Building & Trust company and the State Deposit & Mortgage company, of Portland.

Oregon will get \$116,000 less from the Indian appropriation bill than was recommended by Secretary of the Interior Lane in his report of December 1. The appropriation of \$15,000 for the addition to the assembly hall, Chemawa school, was included in the cut.

The war department informs Senator Chamberlain that army transports are limited by law to carrying persons connected with the federal or insular service and cannot be rented for the transportation of agricultural college cadets to the Panama exposition.

The bill of Senator Lane amending existing law requiring vessels bound for Portland to stop at Astoria, was favorably reported by the commerce committee. The law providing for the stop at Astoria is obsolete and an obstruction to commerce, it is pointed out.

So weak that he could not raise his gun to shoot himself with the bullet he had saved for his self destruction rather than starve to death, Wesley Eastahl of Nehalem was found in the woods some miles from Vernonia by a party that had been searching for him.

The secretary of the navy does not believe in it, and he says so fearlessly, but he has just allowed an Oregon man to resign from the navy. This was a special case, however, and it seemed proper to let the young man have an opportunity to make a fair living for his family.

Secretary Lane has allotted \$23,450,000 to carry on work under the reclamation law this year, and of this total, Oregon receives \$1,220,135. This big allotment exhausts all moneys now available for government irrigation work, including the full \$20,000,000 lent by congress several years ago, but heretofore untouched.

Portland has an unemployed problem. It does not amount to an emergency and it is not so acute as in most other cities throughout the country. Solution is, however, rendered more difficult by the closing of the city rockpile. No adequate plan has been made by any agency to handle the situation. There are, according to estimates, 4000 to 6000 men there who have no work.

Instructions to institute criminal prosecutions against all the commission merchants doing business in this state without complying with the law enacted by the last legislature regulating their business have been sent out by the state railroad commission to 19 district attorneys in the state in the counties of Multnomah, Marion, Umatilla, Josephine, Clatsop, Wasco, Linn, Baker, Jackson and Lane. Only one association or firm in the state has complied with the law.

A cow testing association has been organized in the Lewis and Clark district of Clatsop county, another is ready for organization at Scappoose and the work of organizing the dairy industry of Oregon is well under way.

Ralph F. Beard, instructor in agricultural chemistry, and John E. Larsen, agronomist, have been appointed to positions on the Oregon agricultural college faculty, and will take up their duties the beginning of the second semester.

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A few more scraps similar to the one last Saturday night and there will be the very dickens to pay. "Breakers Ahead."

**Rock Point**

Albert Frank and wife spent Saturday at the L. O. Reynolds home.

James Gibson spent Sunday with his brother near Victor Point.

J. T. Hunt was a Stayton visitor Saturday.

C. B. McElhaney spent Sunday at the F. M. Fresh home.

Willis Caldwell and family spent Sunday at the E. C. Downing home.

Miss Isola Hill of Salem has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hill.

Jake Schmitt went to Albany to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wrightman who died at that place Thursday.

Chas. Darst butchered a lot of fat hogs Tuesday.

**McAlpin Notes**

John McCrow and Mr. and Mrs. George Flake and son are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fisher.

Miss Aurora Davis, our teacher, attended a local Teachers' Institute at Silverton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McElhaney spent Sunday at the B. Fresh

home.

Miss Lizzie Cornelius county school supervisor, visited our school on Friday.

Mrs. T. B. Patton is quite ill.

Elmer Morley is very sick with tonsillitis.

An old fashioned "Spelling Bee" was held at the school house on Friday evening. Many of the older people took part.

**Oak Grove**

Phillip Fisher and wife were Silverton visitors Saturday.

Arthur Scriber and Miss Margaret Lourence spent Sunday afternoon at the J. King home.

Geo. Flake and family of Alberta, Canada are guests at the Andrew Fisher home.

A number of our young people attended the spelling contest at McAlpin Friday evening and report a pleasant evening.

J. D. Darby and wife spent Sunday at the W. H. Humphreys home.

Mrs. C. J. Seibel who has been seriously ill is reported to be improving slowly.

The dance at Victor Point Saturday evening was well attended.

**School Notes**

Do not forget the high school entertainment Friday evening Feb. 6.

The material has come for the manual training work and the pupils of Miss McShane's room will begin work Friday.

Mrs. Pratt's pupils have begun their manual training and are doing nicely.

Miss Olmsted's pupils are now studying pictures and two-part exercises in music.

Mabel Townes, Ollie Hepburn and Gladys Hosford visited the high school room Friday.

Nina Heudershott and Ethel Wirth are absent from Miss McShane's room on account of sickness.

**Mt. Pleasant**

Both morning and evening services at the church were quite well attended. Rev. Blair was entertained at the D. Townes home over Sunday.

Ed Smith spent Sunday at the John Sandner home.

Pat Lambert and wife called at the Arthur McKenzie home Sunday afternoon.

A telephone meeting is to be held Tuesday night and at the time of this writing the results of the meeting are not known.

Mrs. L. H. Townes and Mrs. C. T. Thayer were Stayton visitors Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Haberman of Munkers visited for several days with home folks returning Monday evening.

Miss Mabel Townes came up from Portland Friday for a week's vacation.

The Misses Effie, Zona and Cora Ray and Mrs. Erank Haberman were guests of Mrs. C. F. Thayer Sunday evening.

Mrs. Henry Senz and son Nick were guests at the M. F. Ryan home Sunday.

Miss Ada Thayer of Scio spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in this neighborhood. Mabel Townes accompanied her to Scio Sunday evening.

Chas. Semaine who has been visiting at the John Huber home returned to Portland Tuesday.

Miss Effie Ray visited with her sister Mrs. Ona Shelton Thursday.

Miss Ethel Smith, Geo. Ray and B. F. Ray were guests at Henry Shank home Sunday.

Arnold and Frank Senz attended the dance given at the Chris Ruettger home Friday night.

D. Townes was a Scio visitor Tuesday.

Freddie Smith was the guest of John and Lyle Lutz Sunday.

Frank Hottinger and family attended church at Jordan Sunday.

Lee Downing and Dave Aegerter were business visitors at Stayton Saturday.

Mike Cooper has returned to finish drilling the well for Joe Pietrok.

Mrs. Henry Shank and daughter Grace and Mrs. Fax Thayer visited with Mrs. D. and L. H. Townes Thursday.

Jos. and Phillip Pietrok made a business trip to Stayton Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Ray called at the Pat Lambert and M. F. Ryan homes Saturday.

Miss Grace Shank and Mrs. Leslie Townes drove to Munkers Tuesday to call on Mrs. Frank Haberman returning Wednesday evening.

The ladies of this vicinity are now very busy tending incubators and raising early chickens.

Mrs. P. H. Lambert called on Mrs. H. Senz Thursday afternoon.

Grandma Flick is now some improved she is able to be moved from her bed to the lounge.

M. F. Ryan and son Willie made a business trip to Aumsville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn Lambert spent Sunday evening at the W. R. Ray home.

Mrs. Floyd Shelton and children were guests at the Fax Thayer home Sunday.

G. H. Ray was a Stayton visitor the first of the week.

Miss Cora Ray spent Sunday with her sister. Mrs. Ona Shelton.

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