

GAINS SHOWN IN COUNTY SCHOOLS DURING PAST YEAR

Increase in Enrollment Is Said to Be Result of Added Efficiency; More Students Complete Higher Grades.

HIGHER SALARIES NOW BEING PAID

Biggest Teaching Force Ever Employed Is Handled With Decrease in "Turn-Over."

Although the past year showed the largest increase in school enrollment on record for any single annual period, the remarkable feature about the growth is that it is indicative of the holding of students through long or periods of schooling, rather than due to any great increase in population, according to Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent.

The increase in the school census from 1915, the superintendent points out, has actually been less than the increase in the enrollment, for the period of years show that the school census of 12,678 for 1922 is a gain of but 1039 since 1915, while the enrollment in that time increased 1313.

Meaning of Figures Shown "This means," Vedder explains, "that there are fewer of our students dropping out of school. The efficiency of the schools is being increased so that more of the pupils who start finish the high school. The gain has been appreciable in the increased enrollment in the higher grades."

Illustrative of this point, Vedder shows that in 1918, the earliest period at which segregated grade reports are available, there were only 155 less students in the first grade than registered there in 1922. At present, however, there is a total enrollment of 1187 more than 1918.

Salaries Show Gain The report shows a considerable increase in the salaries paid to teachers over the county, which the superintendent explains as compatible with the increased efficiency of all the schools.

The increase in salaries, however, is not a development of the past year but, the reports indicate, a gradual growth which took its biggest leap between 1920 and 1921. The force of 319 teachers employed during the past year was the largest in the history of the county schools, but the figures show that there was a smaller "turn-over," or change in the teaching force than at any time in the past four years.

Bonded Debt Increased The bonded indebtedness of the school districts in the county has nearly doubled since 1915. It is now \$394,010 as against \$162,200 seven years ago.

The report for the past year shows that four new school houses have been built since the opening of the 1921 school year. The percentage of attendance increased from 95 to 95.35 during the year as against 92.8 in 1918.

Troops Not Paid in Vienna; Uprising is Said to Be Planned

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A military uprising is threatened at Vienna because the Austrian government lacks funds with which to pay the troops, according to reports received here from the Austrian capital.

WITHDRAWAL OF PHONE RATES TO BE PROMISED

Attorney General's Office Plans to Push New Edict of Public Service Body.

SALEM, Aug. 17.—The attorney general's office will "proceed in due course" to file a motion for an order to withdraw the answer filed by the public service commission to the suit instituted by Robert G. Duncan of Portland, attacking the reasonableness of telephone rates established by the commission under an order of February 28, 1921.

6 AUTO ACCIDENTS ARE TOLL HERE ON SUNDAY

Mrs. Harry Wheeler Hurt in Main Street Smash; No Reports Made to Sheriff.

There were six accidents in Clackamas county Sunday. Only two reports, and those incomplete, have so far been made to the sheriff's office. Two automobiles collided near Coasco, on the Pacific highway, Sunday afternoon.

Two other machines collided on the Milwaukie hill near Island. Smoke from a fire at the side of the road is said to have blinded the drivers. The Milwaukie fire department was called to extinguish the fire by the roadside.

Mrs. Harry Wheeler met with a very serious accident Saturday afternoon, when attempting to board a Portland car on Main street. She was struck by a south bound automobile and knocked unconscious.

New Paper Mill at Salem Being Built by Oregon Company

SALEM, Aug. 21.—Work on the third unit of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company's plant in Salem which will give to this city the only bond paper mill on the Pacific coast, and add in the neighborhood of 75 men to the payroll of the company's local plant, was started yesterday.

Married 50 Years, Man Asks Divorce; Cruelty is Cited

After half a century of wedded life, with a large family grown to maturity, his wife began to abuse him and make his life miserable and burdensome, according to a complaint filed in the local circuit court by Jesse R. Greene yesterday.

WATER DISTRICT MAY ASK FOR AID OF LEGISLATURE

Increase on Bond Levy For Oak Lodge System Is One Of Plans Considered; No Definite Action Is Taken.

The decision upon the plans to be followed in the construction of the main and distribution system for the newly formed Oak Lodge water district, is being held in abeyance temporarily, pending more definite developments along a number of tentative lines under consideration by the commission in charge.

REPLY OF PORTLAND COMMISSION WAITED

Progress On Plans Is Halted; Source Of Supply Is Big Question For Consumers.

The district, under the law, can bond itself for ten per cent of the assessed valuation, and according to the engineer's estimates, this amount would pay for the installation of the distribution system without the construction of the main to the source of supply.

The place from where the water will be secured is not determined. A request to Milwaukie for supply has not met favorable action. A request for permission to connect with the Portland system has been made but the Portland commission has held up the reply pending an inventory and appraisal of the system there.

Portland for the time being has refused even to sign up renewal contracts with those places securing water at present and the indication, it is believed, is toward the charging of higher rates.

The entire situation is now a tentative one, Mr. Butler points out. In the event of taking the matter before the legislature nothing can be done until next year. The determination of a supply will await the decision of the Portland commission, and will meet additional delay if further negotiations become necessary.

Telephone Company To Protest Against Cut in Phone Rates

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Intervention of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in the complaint brought against the increased telephone rate order of the old public service commission by Robert G. Duncan and his associates was permitted today by Circuit Judge Evans.

This brings another complication in the telephone rate battle which has been waged for more than two years and reveals a portion of the defense which the telephone company is planning against the withdrawal of the rate increase order.

VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC STATUTES NUMEROUS

Man Draws Heavy Sentence for Hauling Larger Load Than Allowed Under Law.

Hauling a donkey engine from Vancouver, Wash., over the state highway without a permit, his truck overloaded 6,200 pounds for its tire size, and carrying 5,400 pounds more than the heaviest load allowed on a state road, W. Josey, of the Oregon and Washington Transportation company, was arrested yesterday by Harry Griffith, state traffic officer.

MANIAC GUNMAN KILLS ONE, WOUNDS ANOTHER

George Roberio Slays Alvin R. Price in Astoria Bus; Canby Boy Drove Machine.

Harold Oathes, driver of the bus, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Oathes, of Canby. He is employed on the Astoria-Seaside bus run and was substituting on the Portland line.

One man was killed, another wounded and other passengers were thrown into panic and leaped from the machine when George Roberio suddenly opened fire on persons in the front seats of an Astoria motor bus which left Portland at 7 o'clock last night.

Alvin R. Price, Kelso, Wash., was killed and R. Widing, 777 Burrard street, Vancouver, B. C., wounded.

Without warning he drew his pistol and shot Price in the back. The wounded man crumpled down against his fellow passenger, fatally shot.

Reberio was in a rear seat, but after getting out at St. Helens he buy cigarettes he occupied the third seat from the front.

Widing turned and asked Reberio, "Why did you do that?" Second Man Shot Reberio's reply was a shot which struck Widing between the breast bone and throat.

Woman Flees From Captors While They Debate Punishment

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 18.—A dash for liberty from a masked band of 150 men was successful for Bernice Ballard, who was kidnaped with five men to be punished for various offenses near Red Ford late Wednesday night.

JENNINGS LODGE MAN CITED FOR ALLEGED FRAUD

Offer to Compromise Suit In Idaho Court Is Declared Gross Misrepresentation In Complaint Filed Here.

JOSEPHINE GALLUP MAKES ACCUSATION

\$1,100 Is Said Paid Under Belief That Plaintiff Had Contracted for Settlement.

Charges of fraudulent misrepresentation in order to secure money are made against Shelton Bechtel, of Jennings Lodge, in a suit brought in the circuit court Monday.

Bechtel, according to the complaint, secured the sum of \$1100 from the plaintiff through alleged representations that he could settle out of court a suit which was brought against Josephine Gallup by H. H. Gallup in Latah county, Idaho, two years ago.

The action in Idaho was instituted January 26, 1920. Bechtel, according to the complaint here, represented to Josephine Gallup that he was a friend of H. H. Gallup and that the man had offered to accept \$500 in settlement of the case.

Bechtel was the defendant in a suit filed here July 11 by the same woman to collect \$400, said to be due as the balance on two promissory notes.

2,000 Gather At Annual Picnic Of Woolen Mills

More than 2,000 employees of the Oregon City Woolen Mills, their families and friends, were guests of the local industrial plant at the Fifth Annual Picnic held at Crystal Lake park, Milwaukie, Saturday.

One of the features of the athletic games was the series of baseball games played in the morning. The Carding and spinning departments team defeated the mill team 12 to 4.

For the single events, \$3, \$2 and \$1 prizes were hung up. The events and the prize winners in order were: Potato race: Marion Proffitt, Eva Jones.

Legality Of Fish Bill Contended In Court Action

SALEM, Aug. 17.—Denial of any knowledge of fraud in connection with the signatures appended to the petition initiating the salmon fishing measure is entered by Secretary of State Kozier in his formal answer to the complaint filed by the state fish and game commission in an effort to enjoin Kozier from placing the measure on the November ballot.

Postoffice, Store At Metolius Are Destroyed in Fire

METOLIUS, Aug. 22.—Fire of undetermined origin, starting at 6 o'clock this morning, destroyed the Cowan & Co. store building and stock, the living rooms and furniture of Frank Cowan and family upstairs, the Metolius postoffice and all mail. The total loss will probably reach \$15,000, partly insured.

SAWMILL ACCIDENT MAY ROB MAN OF EYE

David Moehnke is Injured in Mishap at Beaver Creek; Taken to Portland Hospital.

David Moehnke, prominent sawmill man of Clackamas county, is in the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, suffering from a lacerated eye, which may result in the loss of his sight.

Mr. Moehnke, who is a member of the firm of Moehnke Brothers' sawmill at Beaver Creek, about six miles from Oregon City, was engaged in operating the big saw on Thursday afternoon, when the sharp edges struck a knot in the wood, a portion of which flew up and struck his face, shattering the lenses of his glasses.

Although Mr. Moehnke has been engaged in the sawmill for a number of years, this is his first accident.

NOTED GAMBLER DIES AT OAK GROVE RESORT

Harry Tregaskis, 'Adventurer' And Promoter, Ends Days In Midst of Quirk of Luck.

Harry Tregaskis was an adventurer and gambler to the end, and the last time he cast the dice with fate and lost he didn't squeal, his heart just naturally broke. And he went out smiling.

So say those who knew him—men like Seneca Fouts, Manager J. A. Johnson of the Panages theatre and Judge Henry E. McGinn.

Tregaskis, 49, a miner, prospector, saloonkeeper and hotelkeeper, died of heart trouble Saturday night at 11 o'clock at Oak Grove, where he and Mrs. Marie L. Hubbard had been running a beach resort for the last two years.

A short time back they had trouble with the authorities, and limitations put on them kept the crowds away. Few besides the orchestra came to the Saturday night dances, and Tregaskis, thinking of the fresh old days, died in that near solitude.

After that he came to Portland, where he was a saloonkeeper and hotel man. He ran the Alton, and when the country went dry he had the hotel and bar of the New Foster. He had been in poor health for several years before his death.

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Two Complete Copper Tills, One Of 50 and the Other of 75 Gallon Capacity, Were Found in a Building 14 by 19 Feet.

In a larger building was the mash house, in which six 50 gallon barrels of mash were found. The entire outfit were burned save the parts of the still which were brought here for evidence.

CHARLIE STRAIGHT GIVEN YEAR TERM FOR MOONSHINING

Clackamas Height Bootlegger Changes Plea to Guilty; Sentence Is Heaviest In Prohibition History Here.

FINE OF \$500 IS ADDED BY JUDGE E. J. NOBLE

Trial of Two Women Taken In Raid Pending; Delay In Hearing Case Expected.

Changing his plea to guilty, Charlie Straight, Clackamas Heights moonshiner, Tuesday drew the heaviest sentence ever given for violation of the prohibition laws in Clackamas county. One year in the county jail and \$500 fine were imposed by Judge E. J. Noble in the justice court.

Straight was arrested at his ranch August 12, by Sheriff Wilson and his deputies, who were accompanied by three state officers. The state men had previously arrested Straight, who was convicted of the first offense in the federal court in Portland.

Limit is Given In entering his plea of guilty, Straight was given the limit under the law for the second offense. Judge Noble has been consistently passing out about the heaviest sentences in the state for the violation of the liquor statutes.

Mrs. Straight and Mrs. C. L. Smith, who were also taken into custody, are awaiting trial. Bonds of \$500 have been posted for each of them pending their appearance in the justice court Thursday morning.

Trial May Be Delayed

It is probable that unless their pleas of not guilty are changed, the time for hearing the cases will be continued for a few days, according to Livy Stipp, district attorney. Inability to call important state witnesses is the reason for the contemplated delay. The two women were arrested in the same raid, after Mrs. Smith sold one of the officers a bottle of moonshine and Mrs. Smith attempted to destroy several bottles of whiskey.

Straight Tuesday began the serving of the year's term in the county jail. In the event of the failure to pay the \$500 fine, 250 more days will be added to the term.

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Thompson was given 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. In default of the fine he has commenced serving the sentence for both fine and imprisonment.

Thompson was arrested last Friday night when the officers raided the vicinity near his homestead fourteen miles northeast of Estacada. The two stills were found about a mile from the ranch, on which the man and his mother were living.

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