

LEGISLATORS TO RAILROADERS

Irrigation Congress Opens in Portland January 4 and Problems Are Scheduled.

EXPERTS ARE TO SPEAK

Particular Difficulty of Each Section Is to Be Worked Out and Laws to Correct Defects Are Considered at Session.

A majority of members of the Legislature are to be present at the Oregon Irrigation Congress when it opens at the Imperial Hotel in Portland...

Thursday Morning. 9:00—Registration of delegates. 10:00—Congress called to order by president.

Thursday Afternoon. Main subject, "Irrigation Practices." 1:30—Call to order.

Friday Morning. Main subject, "State Legislation for Irrigation Districts." 9:00—Call to order.

Friday Afternoon. Main subject, "Needs of Oregon Irrigation Districts." 1:30—Call to order.

Saturday Morning. Main subject, "Financing of Irrigation Projects." 9:00—Call to order.

Saturday Afternoon. Main subject, "Cooperation with Federal Departments to Assist Oregon Irrigation Development."

Sunday Morning. Banquet, Portland Chamber of Commerce, O. M. Clark, president; C. C. Chapman, toastmaster.

OFFICERS AND LEADERS IN OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS, WHICH OPENS SESSIONS HERE THIS WEEK.



J. W. Brewer, C. C. Chapman, Fred N. Wallace

LINE ARE IMPROVED

More Than \$6,000,000 Spent in Oregon in 1916.

O-W-R. & N. WORK LEADS

Extension of Railroad Branches, Electrification, New Stops, Shortening of Line and Other Improvements Included.

More than \$6,000,000 was expended by the various railroad systems in Oregon during the past year for betterments and construction work.

Coos Bay Line Completed. The principal work undertaken by the Southern Pacific was the completion of the Coos Bay line.

Freight Stations Improved. Probably the most interesting feature of the new work completed in the Willamette valley were the large number of additions and improvements to freight stations.

Law Is Well Enforced. Attorney-General Brown says some violations are expected.

Officials from Other States Say Oregon Has Been Successful in Administration of Law.

The prohibition law has been beneficial and has been effectively administered in the opinion of George M. Brown, Attorney-General.

SAVINGS SHOW GAINS

Increase of Time Deposits in Oregon Banks \$7,000,000.

ALL ACCOUNTS HEAVIER

Compilation Made by Superintendent Sargent Gives Total of All Deposits as \$84,959,461.

The people of Oregon saved more money the past year than ever before. Their aggregate savings deposits have increased approximately \$7,000,000 since January 1, 1916.

CRIME TAKES BIG DROP

Police Find Conditions Are Improved by Dry Regime.

With the advent of the prohibition law the monthly total of arrests took a sharp slump. Petty crimes lessened in frequency, and the routine duties of the police were correspondingly lightened.

Spokane Saves \$22,000 a Year Through Prohibition.

The coming of prohibition in the state of Washington is given as more than \$22,000 in the operating expenses of Spokane County.

Airbrakes Cause Man's Injury. HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Robert Tecker, an inspector for the Pacific Fruit Express, sustained severe bruises on one hip and a shoulder by being whipped from a car and thrown to the ground when the airbrakes became deranged.

EMPLOYERS LIKE DRY ERA

Investigation Brings Assertion That in Some Lines of Business Efficiency of Workers Has Increased Fully 25 Per Cent.

The fact that money is being sent out of the state in the present law was the professed inspiration for the campaign started here last fall to secure an amendment to the constitution.

Reports Are Optimistic. With the exception of those lines dependent directly or partly on the saloon business for their business, not a single merchant reported that prohibition had hurt him.

DRY LAW HELD BENEFIT

District Attorney Evans Gives Views on Prohibition.

Much has been said by the prohibition champions about the increased sale of children's shoes, as if men were to be seen with their children in the streets.

Business Men Change Opinions. Many business men who voted against prohibition in 1915 are now changing their minds.

Portland Couple Obtains License. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Marriage licenses were issued today to Morris Wilbur Hedden and Meta Ellena Thayer, both of Portland.

TRADE TAKES GAINS

Bank Clearances Increased \$95,329,385 Over 1915.

POSTOFFICE YEAR IS BIG

Building Permits, for First Time in Five Years, Show Increase, and Important Projects Considered for New Year.

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Steady Gain Indicated. The postal receipts, by months, were as follows:

Table showing postal receipts by month from January to December 1916.

One of the notable features of the Portland postoffice business is steadily increasing volume of the postal savings bank.

Building Makes Advance. For the first time in five years the building permits in Portland showed a gain over the permits of the previous year.

Statistics covering building permits in 1916 and the past 10 years are as follows:

Table showing building permits from 1907 to 1916.

Lumber Shipments Below Normal. Oregon lumber exports for the year reached about the same total as in 1915.

Orders Are About Average. The seriousness of the transportation situation began to be felt about six months ago.

Cereal Demand Is Heavy. On account of the scarcity of tonnage, Portland's export trade was exceedingly light.

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