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Credit to City

The new Hill theatre is a beautiful addition to the city and attendance recorded in the first week or so indicates that the new show house and greater entertainment facilities for the city are appreciated.

Building Needed

Hillsboro building hit a new high in the last year and with the development of this community should continue on provided business conditions right themselves.

Best Wishes

The Commercial National bank, a Washington county institution that has kept abreast of the times and made outstanding progress, will formally dedicate its beautiful and newly remodeled quarters this Saturday.

Other Editors

Muzzle for Press Members of the administration would like to muzzle the press, as has been done in Russia, Germany, Italy, Brazil.

Get Steamed Up

Reports from Washington indicate that congress may get steamed up over the question of the government providing relief for aliens, who have not declared their intention of becoming U. S. citizens.

Our Yesterdays

Fifteen Years Ago Argus, January 4, 1923—County court levies tax of 28.8 mills as against 31.3 for previous year.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, January 2, 1906—Mrs. H. V. Gates, resident here since 1891, dies here Sunday.

History of Aloha District from Days of Pioneers

(By C. E. Barker) ALOHA—Richard D. Torney took up the donation claim on which Aloha stands and sold it to James H. McMillan.

Tag 1937 Drivers

Oregon motorists are finding that it does not pay to put off until tomorrow that they find should have done before the New Year arrived.

To a Pioneer

Eighty-five years of constant use Show no signs of harsh abuse.

Church Services

Christian Church Lord's day unified study-worship service, 9:45-11:45 a. m.

All Saints Episcopal Church

Y. P. F. will meet tonight (Thursday) at the church for a pot luck dinner at 6 o'clock.

M. E. Church (Bethany)

On Germantown road, Sunday service every Sunday, 10 a. m.

Assembly of God—Aloha

Sunday school, 10 a. m.; evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. C. C. Weber, superintendent, Church worship at 11 a. m.

Whosoever Will

Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday school, Clara Elliott superintendent.

Brooks Free Methodist Church

Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mallory Brooks.

Foursquare Gospel Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. classes for all ages.

Pentecostal Tabernacle

Sunday school, 10 a. m., Sunday, D. L. A. Wheeler, superintendent.

The Oreno-Redville Parish

Sunday school in both churches, 10 a. m.; worship service in the Oreno church, 11 a. m.

Great American Home



Highlights in the Week's News

Thursday, December 30 Secretary Ickes, continuing administration's attack on big business, declares power of concentrated wealth must be compelled to conform to our law.

Friday, December 31 Some prominent congressional democrats join spokesman in denouncing administration attacks upon services.

Monday, January 3 President Roosevelt in message to opening session of congress asks for legislation to end "harmful" business practices and appeals to business itself to help in the stamping out of "promised business" that it would cooperate.

Tuesday, January 4 Cargos value over Portland docks sets all time high in 1932.

Wednesday, January 5 Senator McNary sees hope for Wagner labor act change in President Roosevelt's reference to place responsibility on unions.

Thursday, January 6 President Roosevelt calls for labor peace in the northwest. Need to end jurisdictional labor wars stressed.

Friday, January 7 President ends work on budget, billion dollar deficit expected.

Saturday, January 8 Auto wreckage and four bodies found in Salmon river near Rose Lodge.

Sunday, January 9 President Roosevelt calls for labor peace in the northwest.

Monday, January 10 Death claimed two members of the state's official family—Justice J. U. Campbell of the supreme court and A. J. Derby of Hood River.

Tuesday, January 11 Health was responsible for the retirement of three other officials.

Wednesday, January 12 Offer of a lucrative post with a private law firm induced Frank C. McColloch to resign as public utilities commissioner.

Thursday, January 13 B. F. Irvine of Portland, for 39 years identified with the state's institutions of higher learning, refused reappointment as a member of the state board of higher education.

Friday, January 14 Heads of two of the state's institutions of higher education resigned during the year—H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal at LaGrande and C. V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Saturday, January 15 S. N. Buck established the first store in 1908. The original building has been enlarged twice since.

Sunday, January 16 Until 1911 the children of this district attended school at Redville, District No. 107 was formed out of the eastern part of the Redville district on August 3, 1911.

Monday, January 17 The first school house was organized with J. T. York, chairman, and B. N. Sproat and John Carlson, directors.

Tuesday, January 18 The school moved into the new school house on September 18, 1912. The Aloha-Huber school has never had less than a nine-month term.

Wednesday, January 19 In the nineties, improved land was valued at about \$50 per acre; timber land from \$25 to \$30 an acre.

Thursday, January 20 The first fine cut of timber was held practically worthless. John Wolf says his father bought his farm, nearly clear prairie, in 1892, paying \$30 an acre.

Friday, January 21 The next year came the memorable panic. The Wolf farm was offered for sale at \$25 per acre and no buyers taking.

Saturday, January 22 They took plenty of time—from sun-up to sun-down.

Sunday, January 23 Vetch was introduced into this locality in 1899, Old residents say it grew to the height of seven or eight feet.

Monday, January 24 Given to dairying and poultry raising until about 1890. Experiments were made with blasting powder in Newtown Pippins, Northern Spies, Gravensteins, Bell Flower, Rambos, Romanitas, Blue Parmanses and Winter Parmanses.

Tuesday, January 25 The community was located south of Oreno at the junction of Beaver and Rock creeks.

Wednesday, January 26 The station at the extreme northeast corner of McMillan donation land claim was known as Wheeler.

Thursday, January 27 Wheeler's place (Paul Dudley), Perkins' place (Dan Shaw), and the Johnson house (old county road about half way to Beaverton).

Friday, January 28 There was not a habitation in the timber along the railroad tracks.

Saturday, January 29 In winter the railroad bed was a canal or spongy mud that waded before and behind a moving train.

Sunday, January 30 Cordwood was piled along the right-of-way. On Sundays crews of laborers loaded it upon flat-cars.

Monday, January 31 A train so loaded would sometimes get somewhere, and sometimes it would not.

Tuesday, January 1 The northern part of the claim was dotted with groves of fine white oaks interspersed by patches of blueberries.

Wednesday, January 2 The most industrious harvesters of this fruit were the friendly bears. The eastern and southern parts were covered with fir trees.

Thursday, January 3 The middle part was prairie with clumps of hazel. The whole area looked like a pleasant natural park.

Rates Here Low

(By A. L. Lindbeck) SALEM—Only 4.5 cent of the potential hydro-electric power in Oregon is being utilized, according to a survey just completed by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner.

The output capacity of privately owned hydro-electric plants in Oregon, Wallace's report shows, aggregated 164,625 kilowatts in 1936.

Operating at an average of only 39 per cent of capacity, generated 72 per cent of the electric energy used in the state.

Steam plants, used mainly as stand-by plants, have an output capacity of 133,400 kilowatts.

Oregon patrons electric utilities pay their "juice" at a much lower rate than do consumers in other sections of the United States.

Wallace's report shows that the average rate paid by domestic users in Oregon is only 3.7 cents per kilowatt hour.

Whereas the average for the nation is 4.69 cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumption of electricity in Oregon increased 14 per cent in 1936 over the 1935 figure.

Based upon data already available gross revenues of Oregon electric utilities for 1937 will exceed revenue of 1936 by approximately 10 per cent.

Through negotiations between the utilities commissioner and the officials of the various electric utilities rate reductions involving a saving of \$855,670.82 to Oregon consumers were put into effect on April 1, 1933, and October 31, 1937.

While operating revenues of Oregon electric utilities show a gain of 11.1 for 1936 over 1935, operating expenses of the same utilities show an increase of 16.79 per cent during the same period.

Taxes alone paid by utility owned electric plants, during the seven years covered by the report and for the year 1936 aggregated \$2,935,888.18 representing more than 15 cents out of each dollar of gross operating revenue collected by these utilities.

Costing 11.33 mills per kilowatt-hour as the average operating expense involved in the production of electricity by plants in Oregon the commissioner breaks this expense item down as follows:

Production expense, 2.25 mills; transmission expense, .26; distribution, 1.11; utilization, .31; commercial, .81; new business, .69; general and miscellaneous, 1.22; depreciation, 1.62; uncollectible bills, .15; taxes, .31.

Governor Invites Grange

Governor Martin has invited the Grange to hold its 1938 convention in Salem in a telegram to Louis J. Tabor, master of the National Grange, the governor pointed out that Oregon's new capitol building will be ready for occupancy next summer and will be available for use by the Grange for its convention.

Generally, the Grange for the Grange, for his well known pro-labor leanings the governor in his telegram to Tabor declared that "there are some farm organization leaders who cannot decide whether to remain A. F. or go C. I. O."

"They think of politics first, and as a farmer third, if at all, in all issues affecting the advancement of the farm industry."

Many Changes

Thirteen changes in major state offices were recorded during 1932.

Death claimed two members of the state's official family—Justice J. U. Campbell of the supreme court and A. J. Derby of Hood River, member of the state hydro-electric commission.

Justice Campbell was succeeded by Judge N. G. Wallace, and A. J. Derby by John C. Evans.

John C. Evans, Judge Charles H. Carey, Jr. as state corporation commissioner to be succeeded by James H. Hazlett of Hood River.

Albert R. Hunter retired as a member of the industrial accident commission on which he had served for more than six years.

His successor is Roy Buchanan of Pendleton.

Offer of a lucrative post with a private law firm induced Frank C. McColloch to resign as public utilities commissioner, the vacancy being filled through appointment of Judge N. G. Wallace.

B. F. Irvine of Portland, for 39 years identified with the state's institutions of higher learning, refused reappointment as a member of the state board of higher education. His place was filled by Walter E. Pearson of Portland.

Tag 1937 Drivers

Oregon motorists are finding that it does not pay to put off until tomorrow that they find should have done before the New Year arrived, referring particularly to the matter of purchasing new license plates.

Drivers of cars which still display the old 1937 plates are being tagged by state police and instructed to either replace the old plates without delay or appear in court to explain their failure to the judge.

To a Pioneer

Eighty-five years of constant use Show no signs of harsh abuse.

You've soothed our sorrows, dried our tears.

Sustained our vim of riper years.

You rolled relief to Tualatin Plains When Tuality suffered growing pains.

Your furniture came round the Horn.

But you, rolling-pin, were native born.

Japanese Bombers

Must have poor eyesight, but it is strange that the bombs they drop "unintentionally" rarely drop harmlessly.