

### Here and There Among Our Neighbors

The annual state grange meeting which was to have been held May 8 has been postponed until June 12.

Matti Kulji, a logger, committed suicide at Portland Tuesday by jumping into the river from the Burnside bridge.

During the month of April 26 vessels loaded with lumber from lower Columbia river mills. Their combined cargoes totaled 22,521,557 feet.

A justice of the peace, two lawyers and half a dozen witnesses put in half a day at Lebanon recently in deciding which of two persons were entitled to receive the rental of \$2.50 a year for a town lot.

Several thousand acres of land along Catherine creek in Union county are flooded by the unusually high waters. Many bridges have been swept away and many buildings are in danger.

Corvallis high school girl graduates this year will wear graduating gowns costing a sum in strict conformity with the universal disposition toward economy—not more than \$5. Such is the edict issued by the board of education.

Twelve hundred pounds of potatoes were recently shipped from Burnt ranch, in Siskiyou county, through the Weaverville postoffice to Marysville. Burnt ranch is forty miles down the Trinity river from Weaverville and the shipment was profitable in view of the high price of potatoes.

The United Copper Company of Grave Creek district recently opened up a rich streak of sulphide ore, and this is being shipped along with the concentrates from the mine to the smelter at Tacoma. The company has just installed an equipment of settling tanks and jigs, and the first week's run amounted to 21 tons.

Yreka News: Joe Bower, the stage man who has the contract to carry the mail between Hornbrook and Happy Camp, was in Yreka the last of the week. Mr. Bower said the roads along the Klamath are drying and will be passable for machines about May 15. He is running his autos as far as Walker. His business has been exceptionally good this year.

The task of moving the transformer stations between the Dwinell substation and Grenada by the California-Oregon Power Company has been completed and the power on the new 10,000 line turned on. Hereafter the service from Grenada to Gazelle will be handled by the Grenada station. The work of wiring in the motors for the new pump station for Grenada will be commenced next.

Commissions have been issued by the governor to the first two members of a company of 100 Boy Scout game wardens whom State Game Warden Shoemaker is organizing. The two are Marion Stroup and Roy Anderson, both of Portland. The purpose of the organization is to develop higher ideals of sportsmanship and to encourage the boys to protect fish and game.

What might have been a disastrous fire occurred in the basement of L. A. Pedersen's cleaning and pressing establishment at Yreka Tuesday afternoon. Ernest Cooley was running the dusting machine when suddenly the clothing in it caught fire. In a short time the flames spread to the room above. The fire was soon extinguished through the efforts of volunteers.

Schedules of pay for piece work in fruit and vegetable canneries of Oregon, including minimum wage for such employes, were adopted Tuesday by the industrial welfare commission. The rates are, in the main, the same as those prevailing for similar work in California. Under the new ruling, which will become effective in sixty days, experienced employes are to receive 16 cents an hour minimum and inexperienced employes 13 cents an hour. The rulings are of importance to thousands of women employes in canneries throughout the state.

The Greenland farm, near Murphy, recently shipped two carloads of stock to Portland and sold in the market for an aggregate of \$4,400 above shipping expenses. One animal in the lot weighed over a ton and brought the owner \$190. Clinton Cook, the manager, on Monday sold 37 head of sheep at \$13.50 a head. He has the foundation for a Shropshire herd and proposes to breed this type.

Medford Tribune: "Absolutely guilty," replied C. F. Dittwiler, a traveling map salesman of San Francisco, when arraigned Thursday before Judge Taylor on the charge of intoxication. Dittwiler was so "dead drunk" he was carried from a train Wednesday night into the depot. He was given a suspended fine of \$10 and costs, and it was not until his trial was over that he discovered that he was in Medford and not in Ashland, as he had thought.

Joe Gervais, familiarly known as "Pet" Gervais, who resides near Wilbur, was Tuesday evening drowned in the North Umpqua river about three miles above Winchester. The accident occurred about 6 o'clock in the evening while Steve Short and Gervais were crossing the river in a boat to secure some timber, the small craft striking a hidden snag which capsized the boat, throwing both men into the river. Short swam ashore, but Gervais gave out before reaching the bank.

Martin Stanley of Midland was accidentally drowned a few days ago in the Barrow pit in the Lower Klamath lake straits, while out in his duck boat, on which he had a high mast and a sail. When he did not return at night his mother became alarmed and a search was started. The body was found in the straits about a mile and a half from Midland and eight feet from shore. It is believed the boat was capsized by the wind and the boy was known to be a poor swimmer. He was 19 years old.

Klamath Falls Herald: Abraham Charlie, chief of police of the Klamath Indian reservation, was in the city Saturday night on his way to Lost river to notify all Indians to return to the reservation to their farms to put in crops for the season. They will return home, according to Charlie, and this is going to be a busy year for the Indians, both in agriculture and stockraising, owing to the national food shortage and crisis and the interest they are taking in their work.

Salem Journal: Seventy-five thousand dollars is the capital of the Toledo & Siletz Railroad Company that filed articles of incorporation with the corporation commissioner this morning. The company is to operate and maintain a logging railroad in Lincoln county. The incorporators are C. E. Bade, J. B. Miller and C. E. Putnam. These same incorporators organized the Siletz Logging Company with a capital of \$30,000. The office of both companies is in Portland. A certificate of dissolution of the Holly Condensed Milk Company was filed today.

The group of chrome ore tracts on the Illinois river in the vicinity of Oak Flat have recently passed into the hands of R. J. Rowen, who is making preparations to work the property on a large scale. Exploratory work thus far done indicates that there is an immense quantity of the ore available, and it is only a matter of transportation to realize on the properties. The first step is the construction of a truck road from the claims to the main highway at Selma, a distance of about 15 miles. A surveying party has been put at work on the road and it is expected that \$25,000 will be spent in its construction. When completed a score of big auto trucks will be put on the job hauling the ore for shipment. A big force of men will be required for mining and handling the ore.

### Postmasters To Be Appointed on Merit

An executive order issued by President Wilson provides for the future appointment of first, second and third class postmasters by competitive civil service examination.

Incumbents of office are not affected, but in the future when vacancies occur as the result of death, resignation or removal, the civil service commission will hold open, competitive examinations. The name of the highest eligible candidate will then be submitted to the president. No person more than 65 years old shall be examined.

Although the order is framed to remove postmasters from politics, the senate has the right to reject the president's appointees.

#### Postmaster General's Statement.

Postmaster General Burleson made this statement about the order:

"Incumbent postmasters rendering good service and who continue to administer the affairs of their offices with ability will not be disturbed in such offices by any recommendation made by the head of the department. It is due them, however, at this time to make it clear that hereafter supervisory officials of the department will be more exacting in the enforcement of those postal rules and regulations which make for increased efficiency, and postmasters will not only be expected to devote their time during office hours to a proper administration of their respective offices, but they will be required to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the various postal activities under their charge and in the future to occupy such part of their time not properly given to administrative work to the performance of some part of those activities."

John C. Koons, first assistant postmaster general, declared the executive order to be "the most advanced step ever taken toward increased efficiency and businesslike administration, and that no doubt the necessary legislation to place the positions entirely within the classified civil service will be enacted in the near future."

#### Called "Most Progressive Order."

"This is one of the most progressive orders ever issued by a president," declared George T. Keyes, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, in a statement issued relative to the new order. The statement says, in part:

"The National Civil Service Reform League is happy to recognize this act of President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson as a long step toward democratic efficiency.

"The people of this country will applaud the action, as they always applaud every move for governmental efficiency; but especially at this time, when the extraordinary emergency of the nation requires the most economical and efficient use of the country's resources, there is no place for political spoilsmen.

"Since the introduction of the spoils system over eighty years ago, down to date, these presidential postmasterships have been treated as the perquisites of the senators and representatives of the party in power. No president has been willing until now to depart from this system and assert his constitutional right of nomination.

#### "Merely Administrative."

"Postmasters, of course, have nothing to do with the determination of administrative policy. They are merely administrators, a degree higher in



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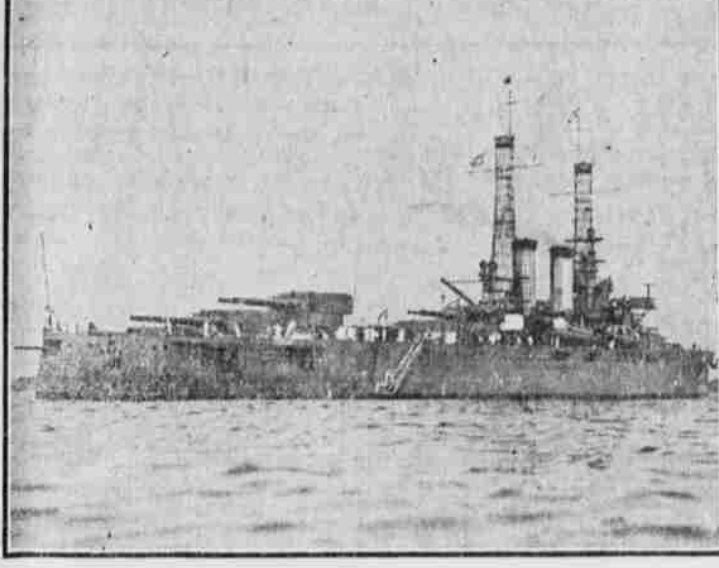


Photo by American Press Association. The Wyoming displaces 26,000 tons and is 562 feet long and carries twelve twelve-inch guns. She carries a crew of 1,043 officers and men.

rank than their subordinates in the classified service. Until now they have been part of the political army encamped in every corner of the country—collectors of customs and internal revenue, district attorneys and United States marshals. Their use as political agents of the party in power is a prostitution of the civil service.

### Must Report Sale Of Revolvers

All Jackson county dealers in revolvers and side arms must comply with the state law governing sales of such weapons and make daily reports to Sheriff Jennings of any such sales. The state authorities plan to strictly enforce the carrying concealed weapons law from now on.

Sheriff Ralph Jennings received on Thursday a communication from A. W. Lawrence, state printer, calling attention to the law and stating that "every dealer in the business of selling or displaying of revolvers, pistols or other small arms that can be concealed on the person shall obtain a legal register from the state printer in which to enter the name and description of all persons purchasing such weapons." The communication asks the sheriff for a list of all dealers in Jackson county who intend handling small weapons for sale after May 21, and states that daily reports of sales must be made to the sheriff in compliance with the law.

J. M. Beaver is visiting at Applegate at present with his daughter, Mrs. Christine Harr.

### Tickets Delivered While You Wait

A new step in railroad service has been taken by the Southern Pacific Company in the establishment in the larger cities along the coast of a ticket delivery system. Hereafter, the busy housewife or the harassed man of affairs can telephone for tickets, Pullman reservations or scrip books, and have them delivered to home or office by special messenger. Whether it is a demand for transportation around the world, across the continent, or merely a quick trip down the coast, the ticket agent on the other end of the phone is now prepared to take your order just as is the grocer and the butcher.

The plan has just been put in operation in San Francisco and Los Angeles and met with such a hearty welcome that Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager, will include it in the service system now being extended over the company's lines.

"Telephonic tickets" will be supplemented by a bureau of general information and service whereby patrons of the Southern Pacific may utilize every resource at the company's disposal.

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