

# MUCH HIGHWAY WORK FINISHED

## Completion of Important Links in State System Noted in Past Year

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following review of state highway work for 1931 was prepared especially for The Statesman by the state highway commission. It presents a succinct but complete review of the work done and expenditures made by the commission during the past year.

The end of the year 1931 has marked the close of a period of highway construction in Oregon unequalled by any single year's program since 1921. The one factor which made the extensive program possible was the increased amount of federal aid made available by congress. The federal aid funds included, in addition to the regular funds, emergency advance funds to be used to supplement state funds to match the regular federal aid money. The emergency federal aid advance funds were provided to assist in the relief of the unemployment situation by providing additional money for highway work.

The following statistics show the results of the year's work under the supervision of the state highway commission:

Mileage of work performed during 1931:	miles
Concrete paving	4.5
Bituminous macadam wearing surface	134.9
Oil treatment	247.9
Crushed rock surfacing	82.3
Grading	95.4
Crushed rock resurfacing	10.1
Recoiling	328.1
Regrading and widening	163.8
State of improvement of primary system at end of 1931:	
Paved	914.6
Surfaced with bituminous macadam	481.6
Surfaced with oiled macadam	1,469.7
Surfaced with rock surfacing (not oiled)	875.8
Graded (not surfaced)	450.8
Unimproved	290.6

Total miles in primary state highway system . . . 4,483.1  
Revenues and disbursements during 1931: . . . . .  
(Amounts given are estimated. Exact amounts are not yet available.)

INCOME:	
1. State Funds:	
Sale of bonds	\$ 996,000
Motor vehicle license fees	3,677,000
Gasoline tax	5,900,000
Motor transportation fee	252,000
Interest on bank bal.	32,000
Fines for traffic law violations	21,000
Sub-total	\$10,838,000
2. Other Funds:	
Federal aid	\$4,525,000
County cooperation	255,000
Sub-total	4,780,000

Total income dur'g yr. \$15,678,000  
Plus balance on hand at beginning of year 2,281,848

Total	\$17,959,848
DISBURSEMENTS:	
New construction and betterment	\$9,230,000
Maintenance	2,100,000
Cooperation	1,000,000
Road projects	652,000
Principal on bonds	1,975,000
Interest on bonds	1,387,000
Operation of ferries and drawbridges	62,000
Enforcement of traffic laws	75,000
Equipment credits	60,000
Right-of-way, quarries, parks, etc.	225,000
Administration and gen'l. supervision	230,000
Surveys	125,000
Miscellaneous	40,000

Total disbursements during year \$16,042,000

Balance on hand January 1, 1932 \$ 1,917,848  
Reserve for bond interest and principal due April 1, 1932 . . . . . 1,660,000

Balance available for current expenses . . . \$ 257,848  
Included in the grading work performed during the year is the work on the new East Portland-Oregon City highway between Milwaukie and Oregon City, the grading of nearly 12 miles on the Umatilla-Washington state line section of the Columbia river highway in Umatilla county, and the continuation of the work on the Central Oregon highway between Burns and Vale, about 20 miles having been graded on that unit during the year, completing the new grade to the town of Peach, approximately 46 miles west of Vale.

Work Done On Coast Highway  
Improvements on the Oregon Coast highway include the grading of 2.75 miles on new alignment north of Tillamook, and the completion of five concrete bridges on this section and a concrete structure over the Southern Pacific tracks at Juno station. An oiled surface was constructed on the regraded section between Newkirk and Otis, and improvements in alignment and width river section in Lincoln county.

The U. S. bureau of public roads surfaced the Newport-Waldport section as a forest highway project, and the state completed the surfacing south to the Lane county line. The section north of Florence along the scenic Heceta Head country has been graded under state and federal government contracts, including an 800-foot tunnel and the construction of many excellent concrete bridges, one of which, the Cape Creek bridge, will cost approximately \$175,000.

The grading is now completed between the Siuslaw river at Reedsport. It will be necessary for the state to operate ferries in 1932, both at Florence and at Reedsport, with the anticipation

# CHINESE MAKE COUNTER MOVE

## International Settlement Claims Area is Used As Japanese Base

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for a great distance. It was estimated that already a damage amounting to \$5,000,000 had been caused.

Against the threat of Chiang Kai-Shek's troops the Japanese ordered new landing parties from their cruisers anchored in the Whampoa.

Beyond the lines of the international settlement thousands of terrified Chinese attempted to make their way toward the magic foreign area where they might find safety.

Here was a major danger, comparable to the threat of action by the armed forces of China who, it was feared, might decide to enter the settlement in the belief that by sheer numbers they might overwhelm the comparatively handful of men defending the area's long and tortuous borders.

The second day and night of Japanese occupation brought a series of dramatic developments. An attempt by civilian authorities to effect an armistice failed. Japanese marines, aided by air bombers, continued their advance in Chapel in the face of stubborn resistance by Chinese soldiers.

An American mission in the international settlement was invaded by the Japanese. The Shanghai wireless station was bombed out of commission. A shell fell in the settlement but no one was hurt.

Bombs, machine guns, and rifles spread death and destruction after the native districts. Facilities for communication and illumination were blotted out. Flames devoured what the battling soldiers left. The casualties were listed in the thousands.

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# SCOTCH PROGRAM TO BE REPEATED

By popular demand, the Scotch program given in the Y. M. C. A. lobby last night will be repeated next Friday night, C. A. Kells, Y. general secretary, announced after the performance. The audience started to gather in the lobby before 6 o'clock and filled the seating space an hour before the program began. It was estimated at least 200 persons seeking admittance could not be accommodated.

William McGilchrist, Sr., veteran master of ceremonies for these programs, kept the crowd laughing with his witty remarks. The chorus included the following: William McGilchrist, Sr., Mrs. William McGilchrist, Robert Hutcheon, Arthur Hutcheon, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. James McGilchrist, Andrew Henderson, Wallace Imus, Mrs. Clarence Bowes, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Raymond, James Barclay, John Charge, Mrs. William Calder, Mrs. Ted Gordon.

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# Teacher Salary Warrant Issues Declared Legal

The board of school directors of the city of Astoria has authority to issue warrants in payment of teachers' salaries and the payment of such salaries is not limited to taxes collected in 1932, Attorney General Van Winkle held in an opinion handed down Friday.

Such warrants must be paid in the order of their indorsement from any funds available for payment of teachers' salaries, until all outstanding warrants for teachers' salaries have been paid. The opinion was requested by A. W. Norblad, attorney for the Astoria board.

# Annual Meeting Of Cattle Club Is Slated Today

The Oregon Jersey Cattle club will hold its annual meeting and session of officers at the chamber of commerce here today. The session to begin at 10 o'clock this morning and last until late afternoon.

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# Bothered with Backache?

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# The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

ELSINORE  
Today—Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in "Union Depot."

CAPITOL  
Today—George O'Brien in "The Rainbow Trail."

GRAND  
Today—Vaudeville and Loretta Young in "Big Business Girl."

HOLLYWOOD  
Today—Primitive love story, "Tabu."

Don't forget when you are wondering what to do for excitement—there is again vaudeville in Salem and this time it is at the Grand as a weekend bill.

The bill this week includes Guido Deiro, piano accordionist, as headliner for Joe Daniel's "Varieties." Deiro has phonograph records, radio broadcasting and vitaphone pictures to his credit and will offer an interesting program the Grand management is credited with recommending.

Bill Connors, comedian, Clinton and McNamara is a comedy skit, and Juana and Cortez in dance specialties are the sum of features for the program.

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# LEAGUE'S ATTITUDE OPPOSED BY JAPAN

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pan's technical objections and cleared the way for immediate organization of a neutral inquiry into the conflict at Shanghai.

It was an unexpected manifestation of firmness, explained in part by the knowledge that the United States views the disturbance with profound concern and appears ready to cooperate energetically in restoring peace in the Pacific.

Japan's Protest  
Of Move Overruled  
Dr. W. Yen, for China, invoked Articles X and XV of the League covenant when the council met. Article X guarantees the political independence and territorial integrity of the signatories, and Article XV gives the council the right to act in circumstances such as these without the vote of the interested parties.

Naotake Saota, for Japan, challenged the council's right to act, contending that the situation at Shanghai is entirely different from that envisaged in the covenant.

The chairman overruled him. Tonight it was believed the investigation proposed would be made at Shanghai by a commission composed of the diplomatic representatives of the United States and the other great powers now in China and Japan. The first step would be to obtain a promise of American participation. Thereafter the commission could assemble at Shanghai on a few hours' notice.

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A queer situation has prevailed in the Salem building industry during the month which closes today. Although nearly twice as many building permits were issued during the month as during the same period in the preceding three years, the cost of construction entailed in them this year amounted to approximately one-fourth of the average of the three years past.

During the present month 47 permits have been issued for repair and new construction amounting to \$8360. For the same period in 1931 the figures were 28 permits and \$47,174. In 1930 there were 23 permits and \$30,732. And in 1929, 12 permits and \$22,675.

Forty-one of the permits during the present month have been for repair jobs totalling \$4470. For new construction but six permits were taken out, the cost to be \$390.

The results of the Work Promotion drive, of which the majority of pledges were for construction work, are expected to be felt increasingly during February.

# Mutual Savings Files New Stock Plan With Clerk

For the purpose of allowing certain changes in stock, the Mutual Savings & Loan association, through its directors, has filed supplementary articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The directors are H. O. White, J. C. Perry, A. A. Lee, L. O. Clem-

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