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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Hot lunches are being served daily in three public schools near Halsey.

The Clatsop County Medical association has voted to affiliate with the Oregon State Medical society.

Klamath Falls post of the American Legion has \$10,000 as a start toward the erection of its own building.

Building activities at Salem during January and February were one-third greater than during the same months of 1920.

A total of \$216,000 will be returned to Union county if the service men's bonus bill is passed at the election in June.

Peaches are in full bloom in most sections of Douglas county, and there is every prospect of a bumper crop this year.

The Douglas county jail, which has been condemned by every grand jury during the last ten years, will be slightly remodeled.

B. B. Stephens, on trial at Marshfield, charged with the murder of Ed Wilson, was acquitted after the jury had deliberated two hours.

The beekeepers of Linn and Benton counties formed an organization for their mutual benefit at a meeting held in Albany recently.

In the vicinity of Bandon, a few miles north, a number of miners are searching the black sands for gold and platinum and with fair success.

William F. Gratke has been elected secretary of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. I. Barr.

Mrs. Sarah F. Osburn, pioneer of 1853, is dead at Harrisburg at the age of 90 years. She was related to Kit Carson and General Robert E. Lee.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of February, aggregated \$204,675, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal.

An application for increase of rates has been filed with the public service commission by the Coox-Curry Telephone company, with offices at Marshfield.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association shipped two carloads of dried prunes to the east last week and has but five or six carloads left in the warehouse.

At the last report from the watchman at the Wamsprings Irrigation district's reservoir in Malheur county, a total of 56,000 acre-feet has flowed into the basin.

Lumber shipments from Klamath Falls showed an increase of 200 per cent over January and February. Average shipments of 15 carloads daily were maintained.

The new \$75,000 music building at the University of Oregon, having a capacity of 615 well equipped studios and practice rooms, will be ready for occupancy by May.

Klamath Falls residents who took part in Sunday's rabbit drive near Dorris, Cal., reports that 400 persons joined in the extermination and destroyed 1500 rabbits.

E. V. Carter, of Ashland, was appointed a member of the state fair board to succeed A. C. Marsters of Roseburg, at the expiration of the latter's term on March 14.

Much road work has begun in the Medford section and, weather permitting, large crews will be at work on the Pacific highway and tributary roads within a short time.

The Lane county court has decreased wages for road laborers to \$3.50 a day, as compared with \$4 last year, and \$7 a day for man and team instead of \$8 previously paid.

The state fair board has completed arrangements for the construction of a new poultry pavilion and agricultural and implement building, the two structures to cost \$45,000.

The Oregon Dairymen's league has decided to dispose of the skim milk, whey and buttermilk of its factories under contract, the contracts to be awarded to the highest bidders.

A tract of ten lots on the railroad spur in north Roseburg has been purchased by the Union Oil company, which will immediately begin construction of a distributing plant on the property.

At a special election in Bandon to vote \$110,000 bonds to purchase the

Bandon Power company property and to install a municipal hydro-electric plant on Willow creek in northern Curry county carried by a vote of 463 to 10.

Members of the joint committee of the associations of the plant department employees of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company have sent a letter to the Oregon public service commission thanking that body for its action in increasing the rates for service furnished by that corporation.

A chapter of the Collegiate Alumnae association has been formed at Oregon Agricultural college. The association is composed of women graduates from 70 universities throughout the United States.

Japanese are taking large stocks of Oregon white cedar for the construction of airplanes, according to Andy P. Davis, resident inspector of the Pacific coast lumber inspection bureau at Marshfield.

Five crates of Mongolian pheasants from the state game farm at Eugene have been liberated at Klamath Falls during the past few days. The birds were imported by the Klamath County Sportsmen's association.

Dr. Phil Keizer of North Bend found influenza in 16 families at Lakeside, and declares there is an epidemic almost equal to that of 1918, although to date the affliction has not resulted in any deaths.

Formal incorporation of the Atlantic-Pacific Highways and Electrical exposition, to be held in Portland during 1925, was completed at the first meeting of the newly appointed executive board held in Portland last week.

Rather than close down entirely and throw its force out of employment, the Hammond Lumber company is operating its Mill City plant three days a week, thus affording each employe sufficient wages to support himself and family.

A jury in the Jackson county circuit court acquitted Lark Evans, charged with robbery. The net proceeds of the crime which Evans was charged with were a two-bladed jackknife and \$27.15, and his two trials cost the county \$7500.

Twelve hundred farmers joined the Washington county farm bureau, as results of the recent membership drive, according to reports of Charles J. Herb, the campaign manager. Seventy-five per cent of the farmers solicited signed membership agreements.

The worst Astoria fire in several months for a time threatened to develop into a serious conflagration and, before it was brought under control, had destroyed the Hawes business block at Eleventh and Bond streets, causing a loss of approximately \$30,000.

The hatching of salmon at the South Coox and North Coquille river hatcheries this season has been of importance to the district, as over 5,000,000 fry are now being fed in the ponds and all of them are doing nicely. They will be turned out during the spring and summer.

The re-appointment of State Game Warden Burghdoff, the appointment of M. L. Rickman as superintendent of trout hatcheries, and the general discussion of policies marked the first session of the newly appointed state game and fish commission, held in Portland last week.

Governor Olcott has issued a proclamation recommending to the next legislature the payment of \$1000 by special appropriation to the person or persons instrumental in bringing about the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Simon J. Yoder, Woodburn garage operator.

As a result of arrangements made by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, with Governor Olcott and William Marshall, members of the newly created state bond commission, acting in an advisory capacity, there will be available for loans to Oregon farmers approximately \$164,000 of the irreducible school fund. This sum is in addition to \$60,000 in school funds recently allotted to 12 counties of the state. This money will draw 5 per cent interest.

SPIRIT OF ST. PATRICK IS STILL WITH US



COUNTY AGENT HUNT ON DIVERSIFIED FARMING

I believe that every thinking farmer in the Boardman community realizes the advisability if possible of providing some kind of a steady income rather than to depend entirely upon the sale of alfalfa hay.

To do this about three or four varieties of diversified farming are available. Dairy farming, of course, stands out as being used by a number of the farmers with very fair results. However, no every man is a natural dairyman and it is a little difficult for nature to be entirely worked over within a short period of time.

Hog raising is another industry that offers some inducement to a few people. A number of Boardman people and people around Hermiston have splendid herds of pure-bred hogs. This some years will also offer inducement.

The industry which has received probably more attention than any other within the last year has been the production of honey. There is no doubt but this is a valuable industry, and in time will be extended to one of considerable commercial importance.

Another industry which it seems to me is being quite largely overlooked at the present time is the Poultry Industry. It may not be generally known that the production of poultry in the state of Oregon during the last year has approached \$60,000,000. It has been estimated by some of the best poultry producers as being near \$80,000,000. At least it is a conservative statement to say that it has by considerable extent surpassed the value of the production of wheat in this state. Many of the prominent wheat raisers of eastern Oregon find that it is a very profitable adjunct to their business to keep a pen of chickens. Some of the largest farmers in Sherman county have been able to realize a matter of a hundred dollars a month by keeping a matter of 150 chickens.

These chickens are not allowed to roam at large or do not take up more space than 50 feet and are certainly a matter of great financial importance to these men. We think that there are probably several farmers in the vicinity of Boardman, who would find \$75 or \$100 a month

coming in as a pay check, of considerable importance.

While it is true that not every man or woman can keep chickens it is probably true that more people are able to realize ready money and profitable returns from the keeping of a number of chickens than they are from either dairying, hog raising, or keeping bees. There is no reason why Boardman country with its sunny climate and soil and green alfalfa fields providing a great amount of green feed should not in time develop into a great poultry industry. We think that it would be advisable for every man to have a small bunch of chickens, probably 100 or 150 chickens, and would unhesitatingly recommend as the most profitable kind to keep the White Leghorns. The keeping of poultry and the handling of them is really almost an exact science these days and anyone who will take the pains to carefully ascertain the proper methods should have no real difficulty in obtaining financial returns.

This is at least one way of getting away from a one sided method of farming. Alfalfa is a splendid crop to raise but you only market it once a year. The eggs you market every week.

L. A. HUNT,
Morrow County Agent.

GOOD NEWS FOR BOARDMAN --- TELEPHONE LINES TO EXTEND

Walter J. Mead writes us that an additional circuit will be connected up with Boardman, giving direct telephone communication with Walla Walla and two wires to Arlington instead of one as at present. This will be done immediately.

HOW ONTARIO SOLVED THE ELECTRIC PROBLEM

The Province of Ontario is turning her streams into electrical energy. Beginning in 1901, a Union of her cities and towns were formed. In 1903 ninety municipalities had joined this Union. This Union made application to the Legislature for authority to develop, transmit, buy and sell electrical energy. It took four years of education before the legislature would act. In 1905 an act was passed creating the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Three men comprised this Commission. This Commission with a corps of engineers made a complete survey of the water power resources of the province. A thorough investigation of private power plants. The Commission made its report to the public. A delegation of one thousand representing seventy municipalities waited on the Premier urging Government action.

In passing, is it too much of a stretch of the imagination to picture one thousand Oregonians waiting on the Governor to demand state action furthering some public development. The first plant constructed was one of ten thousand H. P. Today eleven other plants have been added. 315,000 H. P. is developed and in use. Three new plants are under construction and when completed during the next two years the Commission will have a total of 1,400,000 H. P. There is sixty million H. P. in the United States. Twenty five million of this is in California, Oregon and Washington. Six per cent of this five million has been developed, mostly in California.

Should not we awaken to this latent resource? Is the idea too big for you to seriously consider the benefits to be derived from 320,000 active H. P. at the Umatilla Site? Is it not the grossest kind of negligence on our part that we do not invest our capital to construct a barrier in the path of this mighty stream that we may put it to work for ourselves and all Eternity. The development of Hydro-Electric power has brought out the Electric-Chemical and the Electro-metallurgical furnace. These two processes alone would consume all the electrical energy developed at Niagara if it were possible for them to attain it. Power companies of the coast will tell you that you have no market for the 320,000 H. P. at Umatilla. Phosphate rock is mined in Idaho. Sent by rail to Portland. (Past the Umatilla site.) Thence by ship to Japan to be used for fertilizer. This rock receives no treatment. It contains 18 per cent phosphorus and 82 per cent waste.

If treated by electro-furnace at Umatilla, 90 per cent phosphorus and 10 per cent waste. If you can market this product in the crude as it is now being done what of the market if the waste is cut out? Umatilla is a sea port. Europe uses 200 pounds of fertilizer to the acre. We are given to the chase of the Almighty Dollar. The worth while things are represented by the intervening dark space between two glittering stars. We stand on the base of a silver dollar and eagerly reach out for the next one, and meanwhile the big things, which often times are the little things which go to make our life worth while are overlooked. What has been done may be repeated. Let's develop this sleeping giant.

Selling Human Bones.

The keeper of a public cemetery of a small Bohemian town near Prague excavated the older parts of the graveyard, and sold all the old bones he could find for industrial purposes, as he found that certain manufacturers paid more for human bones than for those of animals. He had been earning money in this way for several years before he was detected and suspended from the post.

Here's a slogan for you neighbors
Plant a tree.
It will repay your labors.
Plant a tree.
If the sun is shining sweetly
And you're filled with joy completely
Get your tools together neatly
And plant a tree.
Get this notion in your cocoa
Plant a tree.
The folks say you're eating loco
Plant a tree.
When you've grown a nut or lemon
Peach, plum, cherry or persimmon,
Cups of joy will then be brimmin'
Just plant a tree.
When the stormy clouds are lower,
Plant a tree.
Be of future joy a grower,
Plant a tree.
When the years have fled enchanted,
And you've long been safely planted
All your fame will be desecated
So plant a tree.

Sincerely STARLIGHT.

We publish this week another of the many replies being received by George Mitchell. He has surely hit upon a most promising proposition and his fame is widely spreading to the four corners of the earth.

Seattle, Wash.,
March 12, 1921.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell,
Boardman, Oregon.
Dear Sir:
Read with great interest in the Heppner Herald the article relating to your new enterprise, the Wonder Worm. Being deeply (sea) interested in fishing would be pleased to have you quote me prices on pairs. Also the information on the probable increase per pair? Would it be necessary to inoculate the soil? When would you be ready to make delivery of pairs? Thanking you in advance for this information, I remain,
Yours Truly,
W. F. PROHIT.

STATE NEWS NOTES

Railroads operating in Oregon have been authorized to extend for a period of from six to nine months milling in transit privileges, according to a telegram received by the Oregon public service commission from Edgar E. Clark, chairman of the interstate commission. Extension of these privileges was sought by the lumber interests and the recent order, if properly interpreted, should enable lumber manufacturers to move their accumulated stocks to eastern markets without sacrifice.

The unemployment problem in Portland is being met with a remarkable degree of efficiency by the unemployment committee of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, according to statistics brought to Salem. Governor Olcott and other state officials were outspoken in praise of the committee's efforts as disclosed by the figures submitted. The committee's efforts resulted in furnishing employment for from 14 to 152 men daily during the month of February, or a total of 2208 for the month.

The Oregon supreme court, in an oral opinion, has refused to accept jurisdiction in mandamus proceedings to be filed by Attorney-General Van Winkle to gain possession for Governor Olcott of the interstate bridge spanning the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver, Wash. Taking over the structure was made incumbent upon the governor under the provisions of a law passed at the recent session of the legislature. As a result of the supreme court opinion the attorney-general probably will file mandamus proceedings in the circuit court for Multnomah county.

Reflections of Starlight

Did you miss Starlight last week? She couldn't shine because, oh just because. Well if you must have the reason, Sam Boardman rounded up all his jack rabbits and started them off in a whistling contest. Holy mackinaw how the wind did blow. Starlight just couldn't shine thru. Too much real-estate moving.

B-allen now is peddled for us
O-ver all the Mirror's face
A-s our Sam is thinking thinking
R-abbits whistle through the place
D-am the worms won't stay corralled
M-itcheff's glory daily grows
A-ll are glad to read about it
N-ow we'll make this rhymelet close.

Whatcha goin to plant as a special exhibit for the fair this fall? Castor beans do well here. Why not interest eastern capital in the castor oil plant and then get congress to apply a protective tariff on this article in order to encourage the Infant Industry. Or perhaps Sam Boardman could cross the castor bean with his cocoa-nut rind banana. Fond mothers could then prepare a delectable stew for otherwise recalcitrant youngsters which would obviate the neces-

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