

# THE BOARDMAN MIRROR

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

One post of the American Legion will hold a carnival July 4 and 5.

Business men of Condon have decided to hold a Fourth of July celebration.

Seaside post of the American Legion is making arrangements to hold a carnival in June.

The Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers held a two-day session in Portland.

About 35 business and professional women have organized the Hood River Business Women's club.

Ground has been broken at Eugene for a new race horse barn at the Lane county fair grounds.

Hood River farmers have started a movement to purchase the only threshing machine in the valley.

The dental associations of Marion, Polk, Benton, Yamhill and Lane counties met at Salem May 21.

The charter roll of the Salem branch Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, contains 94 names.

Artillery units of the Oregon National Guard are moving toward Fort Stevens for instruction in handling big guns.

Water has been turned onto the Slide irrigation district in Malheur county. The district includes approximately 1500 acres.

A rain and hail storm in Malheur county is declared by stockmen to have been worth thousands of dollars in refreshing the grass.

Sixty men and 11 carloads of equipment for the airplane forest fire patrol headquarters in Eugene have arrived from Mather field.

Announcement was made by the postoffice department that a civil service examination is to be held soon to select a postmaster for Portland.

Apples are setting well in Hood River valley and orchardists predict a bigger crop than in 1919, when more than 2,000,000 boxes were shipped.

The first sod in the breaking of ground for a new hospital at Kittyville, between North Bend and Marshfield, was turned by Louis J. Simpson.

The lower house of congress has passed a bill granting H. H. Haynes authority to construct a dike across Mud slough on Isthmus inlet in Coos county.

Owing to the pressure of personal business, County Commissioner Miller of Deschutes county has resigned. He will be succeeded by M. C. Conlon of Redmond.

Continued rains are productive of innumerable "slugs" or small snails that are attacking garden stuff and doing heavy damage. It is asserted in Douglas county.

The rapidly rising waters of the Columbia river at The Dalles carried away several small houses which had been built by squatters on the beach below the city.

In a collision between the outgoing Southern Pacific Coos Bay passenger train and a freight train in the Eugene yards ten people were injured, none very seriously.

An official record for the final resting place of all deceased Oregon soldiers of all wars will be established and made a permanent state record by the adjutant general.

An order issued by the Deschutes county court limits truck traffic on the Dalles-California highway to one and one-half ton trucks between Bend and the Jefferson county line.

Two more paying plants will start work soon on the Pacific highway in Lane county, making three in operation this summer between the Benton and Douglas county lines.

The last carload of apples of the 1920 crop was shipped last week by the Hood River Apple Growers' association. The association's total apple tonnage reached 1180 cars.

The first forest fire of the year in the Deschutes national forest occurred near Swamp Wells. Fifteen acres were burned over. The fire started from a cigarette thrown by the roadside.

Leroy Childs of the Hood River experiment station is urging Oregon orchardists to apply the calyx spray for the control of the codling moth immediately the blossoms drop their petals.

The Wind River Lumber company's plant at Cascade Locks, now owned by the Bridal Veil Lumbering company, has shut down for an indefinite

period. The company employed about 400 men.

Salem won the state high school debate contest and the University of Oregon cup, defeating Eugene and Corvallis high schools in the finals at Eugene, with a unanimous decision in each case.

The growth of Salem is indicated in a report showing that for the year ending December 31 there were 400 more residence users of electricity than were shown by a similar report covering the previous six months.

Three Oregon counties, Marion, Clackamas and Polk, apparently have exceeded the constitutional limitation in their tax levies for this year, according to the records in the office of the state tax commissioner.

That Douglas county will be the banner prune section of the state this year, is the prediction of Professor Clayton C. Long, who has just finished a survey of the prune crop situation in the principal counties of the state.

The premium list of the industrial department of the Oregon state fair is out. Liberal premiums will be awarded this year in every branch of agriculture, horticulture, poultry, livestock, sewing, cookery and home beautification.

Prompt action of Douglas county orchardists in following out the recommendations of Oregon Agricultural college has saved hundreds of dollars to prune men, according to those who have investigated the damage done by caterpillars.

A movement to obtain the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the National organization of Oddfellowship, for Portland in 1925, during the world's fair, was launched in the 66th annual convention of the Oregon Grand Lodge at Albany.

The Devil's punch bowl, a point of scenic interest on the west fork of Hood river, has been made almost inaccessible by the condemnation of a bridge across the middle fork of the river, a quarter of a mile from the bowl.

A historical pageant will be staged at The Dalles May 27 in the new city park. The historical scenes will start with the discovery of the mouth of the Columbia river by Captain Gray in 1792. One thousand people will take part in the pageant.

Approximately 175,447 tons of grain were inspected under the direction of the grain inspection department of the Oregon public service commission in April, compared with 29,985 tons during April of 1920, according to a report prepared recently.

Officials representing all the forest fire fighting organizations active on the east side of the Cascades in Oregon, from the Warm Springs Indian reservation to the California line, met in Bend for a conference on co-operative handling of the fire protection work of the coming summer.

County courts have authority to contract with private law enforcement agencies operating independently of authorized peace officers for the enforcement of state prohibition laws and to expend county funds in payment for service rendered under such contracts, according to I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Heavy rains are believed responsible for the destruction of three sections of the main flume of the Arnold Irrigation company, eight miles from Bend, but the same rains, and others which followed, so effectively took the place of the water which the flume would have carried that there will be no loss of crops as a result of the accident.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending May 19, according to a report by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Tony Theros, laborer, Hoskins; Carl A. Harlan, woodcutter, Portland; and Edward S. Wilson, miner, John Day. A total of 429 accidents were reported.

Construction of an entire new mill for the exclusive sawing of highgrade logs, with independent dry kiln and planing mill capacity, and the utilization of the present mill for handling timbers for the domestic and offshore markets, was announced by the Peninsula Lumber Company of Portland. It is estimated the cost will be close to \$750,000.

## To Our Heroes Brave



## PENNSYLVANIA LAD INFRINGING ON GEORGE MITCHELL'S WORM INDUSTRY

The following clipping from a Meadville, Pa. paper just goes to show that there is nothing new under the sun, or over it, which ever way you care to put it. This spring much to do was made of the fact that George Mitchell was scientifically propagating worms. Now along comes this Penn. Russian hungering for knowledge and getting it thru worms and Cryptobranchus Alleghaniensis, more commonly known as Hellbinders. Mr. Mitchell says he is going to look into these Hellbinders. He says from the day he landed here he has got Hell, and at all times been bent. To date neither has returned him on the basis of \$7.50 a dozen. It is Mr. Mitchell's opinion that this Russian student has lifted his secret patent of luring the worms to the surface. If it is so proven, immediate suit will be brot for large damage. Further, in selling these worms at forty cents a dozen is below the cost of actual production, and as George says, proves that the doctrines of the Soviet government are on an unsound basis.

Meadville, Pa., May 12.—Hellbinders and earth-worms are taking

Paul Webb of Erie thru Allegheny College—paying his expenses and giving him about one thousand dollars a year besides.

The hellbinders is a species of salamander; its scientific name being "Cryptobranchus Alleghaniensis."

Webb, now in his junior year and specializing in biology, is of Russian birth. He sells his specimens to educational institutions. Thousands of worms are used for dissection in the study of comparative anatomy. Some go to museums.

To be salable, earth-worms—"Lumbricus Terrestris"—must be 100 per cent normal. Webb lures worms to the surface with a secret solution, which, sprinkled on the ground, brings them out on even the coldest day in January.

For preservation of the worms for "the trade" Webb has originated a compound. He has invented a gas mask to protect his eyes and throat while handling that preservative.

Forty cents a dozen is the lowest price he receives for worms. The hellbinders are found only along tributaries of the Ohio river, especially in the area drained by the Allegheny river. Webb gets \$7.50 per dozen for them.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 25, of Morrow county, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at the school house to begin at the hour of 2:00 p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 20th day of June, A. D., 1921.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director, one clerk, and to vote on the 1922-1923 budget and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1921.

Attest: Mrs. Claire P. Harter, Clerk.  
Eugene Cumins, Clerk.  
Chairman.

### SEALED BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids for janitor of the Boardman school for the school year, July 1st, 1921, to July 1st, 1922, will be received by the clerk and opened by the board at next meeting, June 11th, at 2:00 p. m. Regulations and specifications may be seen at the office of the clerk. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Mrs. Claire P. Harter, Clerk,  
School Dist. No. 25, Morrow Co., Or.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

A considerable part of our employees are at present on strike. The difference arises not from any question of wages which are higher than at any time in our history, but from a demand for a reduction of four hours in the weekly working schedule.

Coming at this time of general business depression when the whole economic tendency is toward a reduction in prices, this demand cannot be complied with.

For the present it will be impossible to print as normally. Beginning with the Post and the Country Gentleman issues dated May 28th and with the June Journal, editions may be reduced and paging may be curtailed.

As nearly as possible we shall fill orders as received for all three magazines, but with this explanation you will understand any shortage or delay in receipt of copies.

We ask your patience and co-operation in meeting a difficult situation and assure you that we shall do everything in our power to minimize the inconvenience to you.

THE CURTIS PUB. COMPANY,  
Wm. J. de Grouchy, Asst. Mgr. Sales Division.  
BERNARD SIGNS,  
Local Agent.

## CLOSING EXERCISES BOARDMAN SCHOOL MARKS END OF VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The closing exercises of the Boardman school began with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 15th, by the Rev. J. W. Hood, pastor of the community church. His theme was "The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom."

The commencement exercises for the high school were held on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th. The two graduates were Paul Hatch and Uram Messenger. The former gave as his commencement theme "Where Shall we Anchor," outlining the two roads, to work or to college, after high school, and the latter discussed the present problems of "Immigration." Both young men did well, and the exercises were a fitting end to their successful high school careers. Both will go to O. A. C. this fall.

The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. J. F. Brumbaugh of O. A. C., who spoke on popular

psychological topics and was enthusiastically received. Those who assisted with musical numbers were Miss Belle Packard, Mrs. W. L. Finnell, Miss Naomi Runner, and Mrs. Edith Crawford, all of the numbers being especially well received.

The class of '21 have presented a pennant in the school colors, thus establishing a very pleasing custom.

The concluding program was held Friday night, the 20th, under the auspices of the Junior high school, assisted by the primary department, who opened the program with a song "Dairy Maids," which was very prettily rendered and heartily endorsed. Then followed a dialogue "Waiting for the Train," which was true to life and full of fun. This was given by the pupils of the Junior High. All the other numbers were good, and the musical features by the Misses Runner and McNeill, Wahnona Keyes and Misses Broyle and Packard heartily endorsed.

### GROWING MORE FOOD AT HOME IS TRUE ECONOMY

#### Necessary to Save Shipping Costs on Water in Face of Lessened Returns.

Increased transportation costs and lessened returns from the products they have to sell will compel thousands of American farmers to grow more of their own food, is the opinion of officials of the United States Department of Agriculture. These transportation costs will prevent shipments of the more moderate-priced fresh fruits and vegetables which are purchased by the growers of single crops of specialties for use in their own homes, and the lack of a market for special products in turn will be a blow to the buying capacity of the growers of those specialties.

"The American farmer is not going to be able this year to pay freight on water," said a department official. Water makes up a large part of fresh fruits and vegetables. The answer is that he must grow his own table food. He must also study the possibilities of substitution. This applies to vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs, and dairy products which must be transferred from commercial channels to home consumption if they are to come within the reach of the average farmer's family.

"Specialized farming has created conditions of which comparatively few persons are aware. The grain farmer in many instances buys even his potatoes and green vegetables; the fruit farmer buys his dairy products; and even the man who raises milk for creamery, condensary, or cheese factory is likely to send his cream or milk away, feed the skim milk or whey to the calves, and not make his own butter. This year, just as far as possible for him to alter his system in a single season, the department officials advise that he get back to the old plan which was aptly described as 'living at home.' This means not so much remaining on the farm as it does deriving every practicable product for consumption from the farm.

his poultry yard, either in eggs or in table chickens and other fowls. Poultry is the quickest meat supply to procure, and the farmer will do well to build up a small flock as rapidly as possible. The increased freight rates on butter and eggs, together with the farm money shortage due to the disappointing returns from last year's crops, will make it advisable for many farmers' wives to return to the butter-making arts which they learned as girls from their mothers and which have been largely discontinued as farmers became specialists.

"Fruit is likely to be scarce in large and important farming regions but its place can largely be taken by vegetable products. Two things are clear. In the first place, the average farmer, as it stands now, can not afford to pay freight on the water which makes up the larger part of both fresh and canned vegetables and fruits. In the second place, under existing conditions he can raise those things cheaper himself than he can buy them, and he can make many substitutes out of the garden and poultry yard if he sets out to do it. He has the material for the crops and he has not the money. It is not good business to run in debt except for essentials of production."

The Department of Agriculture will be glad to give information and advice to those who wish to diversify their home grown food supply.

### TEACHERS FOR BOARD-MAN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

The election of teachers was completed by the board on Saturday, the 21st. Mrs. Blanche Watkins, formerly primary teacher in the Heppner schools, will have that work in Boardman, and she will also give piano lessons for the community as desired. Miss Crescentia Glatt of O. A. C., was chosen to a grade position, and will also do some work in music and art in the grades. Miss Marion Sims of O. A. C., has been chosen for the Domestic Science and Art and allied subjects together with girls' athletics. As previously announced, Guy Lee of Monmouth, will have charge of the Junior High department, and will do some work in orchestra and chorus and assist in junior athletics; H. H. Crawford, manual arts, science and athletics; Miss Naomi Runner, English, History and Algebra; Miss Myrtle McNeill, fifth and sixth, and M. B. Signs, principal.

### ELK INCREASING IN MOUNTAINS

According to reports from stockmen elk are rapidly increasing on the cattle ranges in the mountains. In many instances cattlemen are seriously inconvenienced by the depredations of the elk as they tear down fences in traversing from one range to another.

Efforts are being made to locate a house for Mr. and Mrs. Lee, who are to teach in the schools next year. Mr. Lee will have the Junior High Department.