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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

There are 2792 persons of school age in Tillamook county.

Marion county's contributions to the Red Cross now total \$3600.

Lumber shipments from St. Helens last week totaled close to 4,000,000 feet.

An epidemic of shoplifting has made its appearance in Portland stores during the present holiday season.

Forty carloads of Oregon evergreens have been shipped to California this season for Christmas tree purposes.

Of 3771 head of milch cows in Lane county tested by state and federal experts only seven have showed reactions to the tuberculosis test.

The new \$60,000 high school building just completed at Hermiston is said to be one of the finest structures of the kind in eastern Oregon.

The assessed valuation of Salem, as announced by Oscar Steelhammer, county assessor, is \$11,991,013, or approximately \$370,600 greater than last year.

Improvements in the system of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Eugene, amounting to \$60,000, will be made at once, according to announcement.

The La Grande American Legion post will erect a memorial tablet in honor of the soldiers from Union county who made the supreme sacrifices during the war.

The upper Columbia river highway, which has been blocked by snow and ice resulting from a recent storm, was reopened to traffic between Hood River and Rowena Tuesday.

Standardization of potato varieties in Clackamas county, with a view to the ultimate establishment of a co-operative marketing system, is to be undertaken by the growers.

Practically all of the 1921 crop of prunes has been sold at prices satisfactory to growers, according to R. C. Paulus, manager of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association.

As the result of an altercation in a pool hall at Klamath Falls, Oliver Jefferson, a Modoc Indian, 30, is dead, and Watkins Davis, 19, a Klamath Indian, is in jail charged with the killing.

D. C. Tenney, vice-president of the American Gas Construction company, was in Corvallis last week from Newton, Iowa, to investigate the possibilities of starting a gas plant in the city.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state \$4105.19, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the month of November.

A disease that has been causing trouble among sheep in various parts of Jackson county is diagnosed as malignant oedema, or dropsical tumors, by Dr. Derrlinger, deputy state veterinarian.

Oregon postmasters have been appointed as follows: Clifford E. Pratt, Cascade, Linn county; Decatur Baldwin, Springfield, Yamhill county; Mrs. Estelle Halley, Thornberry, Sherman county.

With only a 40 per cent vote in Medford and a 20 per cent vote outside, the mill tax levy for county fairgrounds improvements was carried at the special election in Jackson county by about 900 votes.

A committee of women representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Portland held a conference with Governor Olcott at Salem with relation to a stricter enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The initial issue of \$10,000,000 of bonds authorized under the so-called bonus and loan act will be sold January 15, according to a resolution adopted by the members of the world war veterans' state aid commission.

Requests that armories be opened for general use as sleeping quarters were refused by George A. White, adjutant-general, on the ground that the available space at Multnomah county armory is barely sufficient for the use of ex-service men: From 100 to 150 cots will be provided if necessary for use of honorably discharged men who served in any war.

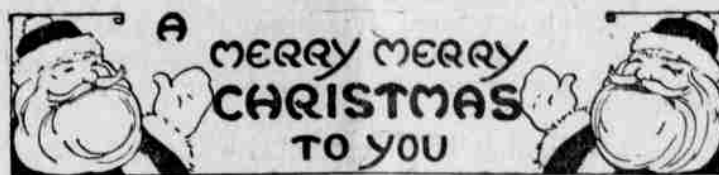
Oregon livestock breeders will continue to enjoy the 20 per cent reduction in the freight rates on livestock in all cases where the rates exceed \$100 a car. Senator Stanfield was advised by the interstate commerce commission. This special rate was to have expired December 31, but the railroads according to the commission, have of their own accord requested a six months' extension.

Letters have been received at the executive office at Salem from Governor Hart of Washington and C. C. Moore, acting governor of Idaho, to the effect that these states will be represented at a conference to be held in Portland to discuss means for combating the white pine blister rust, which has made its appearance in some sections of the west. Idaho will send W. D. Humiston and C. L. Billings, representing the department of agriculture, while Washington will send its state forester.

Welcome news to Southern Oregon fishermen, hunters, campers and auto tourists is the fact that the federal forestry service has just granted a permit to James T. Grieve of Prospect and Frank Amy of Medford to establish a summer resort at Union creek, within the Crater National forest, and located on the Medford highway to Crater lake. Amy and Grieve plan to establish before next season's opening a general store, dining room, hotel, garage station and small cottages for summer sojourners.

Reclamation of more than 35,000 acres of arid land, largely in Deschutes county, is assured by the project of the North Canal company, according to an official announcement. The plan, which supersedes all others, and brings to an end a condition unfavorable to irrigation and settlement, is financed entirely by Oregon and Washington capitalists, with Samuel Hill as one of its originators. Development of the project from the waters of the Deschutes river, with a huge storage reservoir at Crane Prairie, 30 miles southwest of Bend, will require in excess of \$1,000,000, and will be undertaken as soon as state approval is given.

Three highway bills were submitted to the consideration of the legislature, which convened in special session Monday, by the so-called legislative committee appointed by the executive to devise legislation having for its purpose the conservation of the state's highways. The tentative measures follow: A bill for an act granting police powers to the highway commission for the purpose of enforcing motor vehicle and highway statutes and which will amend the highway commission code. A bill for an act placing certain commercial vehicles under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, defining and classifying, providing for review of rates, for bonds, regulation of franchise and other matters pertaining thereto. A bill for an act to amend the motor vehicle law of 1921 revising speed and weight schedules, placing additional nominal fees on certain commercial vehicles, extending the jurisdiction of the highway commission over roads, providing for permits; limiting loads and activities; correcting certain defects found in the 1921 code and making more definite other implied regulations.



### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

Many years ago—very many years ago—a small party of men landed from an open boat on a rock coast. The men came from Palestine and the inhospitable shore was the shore of barbarian England.

The party was headed by one Joseph of Arimathea and he came to tell the people of England, for the first time, of Jesus, who died for men and women.

The natives would have nothing to do with them—would not listen, or go near them, or give them food. For days they travelled, chill and hungry, until, despairing, Joseph sank down. As he did so, he thrust his staff into the ground. To the amazement of the pilgrims, the stick began to bud; the buds turned into leaves and fragrant blooms unfolded before their astonished eyes.

"It is a sign from God!" said Joseph. "He bids us have courage. Let us settle here and preach about Jesus."

They built a rough house and chapel alongside the little tree and many years later that house was replaced with beautiful Glastonbury Abbey.

But the tree lived all through Joseph's life and long after, and it is said that it blossomed every Christmas Eve.

Such, friends, is the beautiful legend of the world's first Christmas tree. And that is why our little children's Christmas tree cannot be of bare branches, but must be green—blooming.

Blooming, as blooms the eternal love of the man of Galilee for all humanity.

### MESSAGE FOR MEN OF MORROW COUNTY

Millions have been born and are gone. Millions now live and millions are to be born. Great events have passed and great events are to come, but the past and the future will never compare with the present.

The Millennium is with us. The great nations of the earth have met and said there shall be no more war. The significance of the act will reach the soul and body of every living being. It is the realization of a dream that has troubled the restless sleep of mankind since the Birth of Christ.

Now that the state mansions are being placed in order, what of your cottage and mine?

Is it "Peace and Good Will" or "Strife and Might is Right"?

Do we function in opposite orbits? Shall we rotate in cohesive units?

Men of Morrow county, opportunity is within your grasp. You may leave a living monument or just a simple foot marker.

The John Day project, an unknown state in the making. The uncut diamond denied the sparkle through the strife of man. Is there no compromise in your hearts that the differences may be adjusted? Would you have your house in order that you might derive the benefits from the McNary-Smith Reclamation Bill?

If we must mark time, let no voice be raised in protest that Oregon does not receive her share of reclamation.

The house has passed the bill to add one cent more tax on gasoline to help finance the 1925 Fair. There was absolutely no chance for a land tax or income tax to pass. Highway Commissioner Booth says this will not cripple the highway bond.

## NAME OF LEGION POST CHANGED AT MEETING---NOW ELMER C. MEFFORD

At a special meeting of the Boardman Post of the American Legion called December 19th the following business was transacted: William Finnell presented his resignation as Post Finance officer as he was leaving for Spokane, Wash. His resignation was accepted and a vote of thanks given for his services to the

Post. H. V. Binns was elected as his successor. It was decided to change the name of the Post from Boardman Post 104, to the Elmer C. Mefford Post 104, in honor of its deceased comrade. This name will be placed on the permanent charter. The program committee is planning to put on a play after the holidays.

### SAM BOARDMAN BOOSTER SAYS GAZETTE-TIMES

S. H. Boardman was called to Heppner the first of the week to attend to court business. Sam is one of the faithful boosters for the Boardman project and is ever found on the job speaking a good word and doing all in his power to promote the best interests of the irrigation projects in the north end of Morrow county. He is, furthermore, a well posted man on irrigation matters and can be relied upon as an authority on that subject. Mr. Boardman is also a little touchy regarding his part of the county, and does not fail to properly resent any misrepresentations, either printed or spoken of that section, and is rather caustic in his remarks concerning some recent utterances printed by Heppner and Pendleton papers and treating on the Wallula cut-off. He favors the completion of the Columbia River Highway right through to Wallula and feels that the position of the Portland Chamber of Commerce on this proposition is right. People writing on this subject should be a little better informed, as to the facts, Mr. Boardman thinks.—Heppner Gazette-Times.

### FINNELLS LEAVING THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Finnell are packing their household goods preparatory to leave for Spokane where they expect to make their future home. Boardman deeply regrets this departure since they have been deeply interested in all community affairs. Mrs. Finnell has been superintendent of the Sunday school, secretary of the Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Society. She is the possessor of a beautiful soprano voice and has been unfailingly generous in singing for various entertainments and at church. Mr. Finnell also has a good voice. He is a member of the American Legion, was city recorder, and has had charge of the lumber yard here for the past two and a half years. Their future plans are not definite as yet, but probably Mr. Finnell will go to school this winter. They will visit at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and also Potlatch first. Mrs. Finnell will leave Friday night and W. L. on Saturday.

### FAREWELL

Your silvery laugh, your lilted song, your sunny smile will linger long. You are here today and gone in the morn.

For such is life! For some are born, to serve and cheer, others sulk to hold the Universe in arrears. What is our loss is someone's gain. For this, God so ordained. May your path be strewn with streamers of sunshine. A community wishes you God Speed.

May your future footing instead of two by fours be four by fours. The scuttlings twelve by twelve. The finishings true to grain and clear of knots. May your new field appreciate your public spirit as the community has that you now leave. May the best of the best be Bill's.

### BIRTH OF A NEW COUNTY

The following is taken from an editorial in the Arlington Bulletin of December 16th:

"There are a number of big things to be done, namely, organizing the north end of Gilliam and Morrow counties into a new county with harmonious interests."

Webster defines harmonious as being agreeable, symmetrical, symphonious and concordant. If Arlington and Boardman can not be all of that we feel that Webster lived in vain. We should like to expand with this idea. Baker and Pendleton are planning on dividing the state. We should like to ask Arlington if it could be "symphonious" with the capital of this new state located at Boardman, we being fully "symmetrical" with the county seat at Arlington. With the past display of unwashed political linen we feel we have a right to ask for this new capital, situated as we are on the banks of the mighty Columbia and at our very door, the Mother Lode of Soapstone. If this has a discordant note may we suggest that we make it concordant by locating both capital and county seat at the mouth of Six Mile Canyon. Heppner please take notice.

### LEGION GIVES MASK BALL

The Masquerade Ball given by the American Legion in the Auditorium December 17th was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. The prize for the best impersonation was won by Nate Macomber, representing Charlie Chaplin. He sure looked the part. Vonen Keyes, by the aid of all of his mother's pillows, waltzed away with the box of candy given for the best clown. Edna Broyles and Della Olson, representing Red Cross nurses, were judged as having the most original costumes.

### J. R. JOHNSON HAS FINE HOME

J. R. Johnson, who has a nice home down on the Boardman project, and who was formerly a resident of this part of the county, was in the city on Monday and Tuesday, being interested in matters before the circuit court. Mr. Johnson has built one of the best homes in the Boardman community and has prospered well since going there a few years ago.—Heppner Gazette-Times.

### MILK ROUTE STARTED

A milk route has been started by M. L. Morgan, who commenced Wednesday gathering up the milk for the cheese factory. Practically all of the dairymen of the project patronize him, but the rest will be in line before long.

Uram Messenger and Paul Hatch are back from O. A. C. for a short stay.

Boardman will be nearly depopulated for the next week or two, owing to the fact that many of our people are spending Christmas out of town.

