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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

La Grande's payroll is now over \$3,000,000, the O. W. R. & N. alone paying out \$2,044,816 in wages.

Connie Johnson of Union is dead as the result of an automobile wreck three miles from La Grande.

Farmers of Lake county who stored their wheat when the price was around the \$1.35 mark are now selling.

Two ice jams block the Columbia river within a few miles of The Dalles, completely spanning it in both instances.

The state highway commission will receive bids January 10 for the sale of 1,000,000 of 5 per cent state highway bonds.

December holds the low record for many years for marriage licenses in Astoria, only one having been issued so far this month.

Plans are already under way for the annual session of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge, which will be held in Eugene next May.

With the line of the Mount Hood railway open, shipments of apples from Hood River are increasing. Shipments last week reached 242 cars.

The Klamath Falls city council has accepted a bid of the Stutz company for a 10,000-gallon engine pump for the fire department, to cost \$13,000.

After the voters of the Bend school district had turned down a \$124,930 levy, the district board of directors met and passed a \$122,518 levy.

S. T. Aldhouse of Siuslaw brought into Eugene the pelts of eight bobcats, the bounty on which he obtained at the office of the county clerk.

Development at present to a depth of 100 feet in the Gold Coin mine at Gold Hill shows a fair sized vein of quartz running \$100 per ton in gold.

Baker has a packing company with a capital of \$50,000, articles of incorporation having been filed by W. P. Smith, Chris Smith and A. J. Durr.

Deaths in Portland decreased by 350 during the fiscal year ending November 30, from the 1920 figures, while births increased by 33 during the same period.

The salaries paid to teachers in Grant county amount to \$39,379 a year. There are 79 teachers in the county and the average salary is \$514.46 per annum.

The engineering work for Pendleton's septic tank, authorized at the special election in November, will be done by Baar & Cunningham, Portland engineers.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bogart, the first white child born in Lane county, died at Eugene at the age of 73 years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spores, pioneers of 1847.

More than 500 children of Hood River city and valley were carried by automobile Friday night to the Columbia Gorge hotel, where Manager Thiele was host to a Christmas party.

The house passed a bill appropriating money with which to pay the expenses of circuit judges who are required to leave their respective districts in the performance of their duties.

George Hell, alias Joe Hill, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, at Portland for killing W. C. Powers, pool room proprietor, October 23. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

W. M. Wohlender laid the last of the concrete paving at the Marshfield city limits last week, connecting North Bend and Marshfield with pavement and hooking up with 18 additional miles to Coquille.

Fred F. Williams, prominent lumberman of this state, was killed and his wife, son and daughter-in-law were injured in an auto wreck at the concrete highway bridge over Canyon creek near Canyonville.

That a determined effort will be made at the next regular session of the legislature to reduce taxes through the elimination of millage taxes and the lopping off of departmental appropriations was indicated by addresses made by legislators at Salem during the special assembly.

Illicit game hunting in the Modoc lava beds proved a costly pastime to J. C. Kreigh, a trapper, who was placed under arrest by Game Wardens Courtwright and Miller, having been found with the carcasses of eight deer in his possession. He was brought before Justice Harrison Wilkins at Dorris and fined \$250 and sentenced to 150 days in jail.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended the operation of the proposed tariffs setting out increased rates which were filed recently by the Rockaway Beach company, the Geribaldi Beach Water company, and the Tillamook Bay company. It is probable that a joint hearing will be held on these several matters at a reasonable early date.

The police system now in force in Portland is obsolete and a general revision is needed in order to put it on an efficient basis in accordance with the actual needs of the city, declared the tax supervision commission, in a report following the slice of \$72,000 taken off the police budget in which it scored the police department and pointed out its various deficiencies.

The Standard Oil company has remitted to the secretary of state \$44,251.59, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of November. From the Union Oil company the secretary of state has received a check in the amount of \$16,220.37, while from the Associated Oil company there has been received the amount of \$14,368.50.

Senator McNary has written a letter to the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce, calling attention to the unfortunate condition of about 1100 ex-service men living in Oregon who are unemployed. The letter appeals to the chamber for heroic efforts to provide employment for as many of these men as possible and urges quick action on the part of the membership to use its influence to this end.

Applications for authority to construct four overhead crossings on the Pacific highway over the tracks of the Southern Pacific have been filed with the public service commission. These crossings are to be located at Oakland, Sutherlin, Wilbur and Shady Point, all of them being in Douglas county. It was estimated that the construction will involve an expenditure of approximately \$230,000.

After spending approximately \$350,000 in development work and running a tunnel 250 feet past the place where it was expected to find the Last Chance vein of gold ore, the Cornucopia Mines company cut the ledge Friday and a revival of the mining industry at Cornucopia is assured. Robert M. Butts, manager of the company, says that enough ore is apparently at hand to keep the mill running seven or eight years.

Judge Bingham of the circuit court at Salem granted a certificate of probable cause following the filing of a bill of exceptions in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, who was convicted recently of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell of Dillard, Douglas county. Brumfield is under death sentence. The granting of the certificate automatically stays the execution of the convicted man, who was sentenced to hang in the state penitentiary January 13.



CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM AT CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT SUCCESSFUL

On Friday night the annual Sunnits and everyone present received day school Christmas program was a bag. The decorations should especially be mentioned. There were two beautifully decorated Christmas trees—one in each corner of the platform, one having been loaned by the Johnsons and the other by Miss Glatt. Then an abundance of beautiful holly which had been sent to also because some of the children had leading parts had left for their vacations. Following the program came the Christmas treat, a Finnell were the members of the generously filled sack of candy and

WEATHER INTERFERES WITH LADIES AID MEETING

There were only a few ladies present at the Ladies' Aid last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. T. Herein as the weather was disagreeable and it was so near Christmas. Reports of the bazaar were given and Mrs. W. L. Finnell handed in her resignation as secretary and treasurer of the society with the suggestion that the treasurer be a separate office since the Ladies' Aid handles quite a sum of money during the year and usually in small amounts. No officers were elected at this meeting but election will be held at the next meeting, January 4. The members of the Ladies' Aid presented Mrs. Finnell with a Community Berry Spoon to show her their appreciation of all the work she has done since she became a member of the society. Mrs. Finnell was greatly surprised and pleased at this mark of appreciation from the Aid.

FEW SUCH SMALL TOWNS CAN BOAST WEEKLY PAPER

Now, really folks, isn't it wonderful that a community this size can boast of a paper all its own? You read the half page ad in last week's issue, no doubt, and it is very true that the project is not large enough to support a printing plant of its own but by combining two or three papers together, all similar except the local news, we can boast a paper equal to that of a much larger town. Then, too, think what it means to us who fondly imagine we are capable of writing for a newspaper or who have hopes of some day becoming a "star" journalist to have a vehicle where we may voice our thoughts, our brainy efforts. Surely it must be worth far more than \$1.50 per year to have that privilege. Which reminds us that we, too, are one dollar in arrears for this estimable paper. How about you?

WARNER NOTED FOR HIS HOSPITALITY

O. H. Warner, of the Highway Inn, is noted for his hospitality, but this last week he was compelled to entertain a very unwelcome guest in the form of a civic cat, alias pole cat but on investigation by his inquisitive friends, proved to be a genuine skunk. From the odor around the Inn the investigating committee will go no further.

INFORMAL DANCE MONDAY

Monday night an impromptu dance was held in the auditorium. The dance was gotten up on two hours notice by a few who were tired of the quiet life. It was very informal and was considered one of the most enjoyable of the season. There were about fourteen couple present.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

DIRECTOR OF JOHN DAY SHIPPING SHEEP

Art Wheelhouse of Arlington, spent several days in Stanfield this week superintending the loading of 13,000 sheep enroute to Omaha. Most of the sheep belonged to the Cunningham Sheep company, and some were just unloaded and fed here.

Mr. Wheelhouse represented R. F. Bicknell of Boise, Idaho, well known buyer of sheep, who was here on Monday.

Mr. Wheelhouse is indeed an ubiquitous man. Besides being mayor of Arlington, he is president of the Arlington bank, farms a thousand acres or more of wheat, gets out and collects thorough Holsteins for the Boardman ranchers, buys sheep, and still finds time to play an occasional game of penchle.

And, futher he has just been declared legally elected director of the 320,000-acre John Day project which is eking out a precarious existence in Morrow county. But Mr. Wheelhouse is not loudly enthusiastic over the John Day, seeming to think that too much territory was included in its scope and the 50 cents an acre assessment levied for preliminary work would break some of the large land holders he thinks. And as some of the land is really non-irrigable the future of the project as originally planned is uncertain and has a rough and stormy passage through the courts.—Stanfield Standard.

FARM BUREAU INVESTIGATING FINANCING FARMERS

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau held Saturday, Dec. 24 E. M. Hulden was appointed to head a committee which will take the necessary steps to get aid from the War Finance Corporation for the farmers in time for spring operations. This has been under advisement for some time. Mr. Hulden is not only a most progressive farmer but has had valuable banking experience as well and is particularly well qualified to lead in the work. Just what steps will be taken have not been determined yet, but will depend upon certain developments, according to plans made by the committee.

LARSEN BREAKS FORD BUT GETS HUGE TURKEY

Arthur L. Larsen came home on Saturday night to spend his vacation. He is teaching on upper Butter creek, and the week previous on his way back to his school the car was put out of commission, the crank case falling out. The Larsens and Hereims had planned to drive to Yakima to spend their Christmas, but this changed their plans so Mr. and Mrs. Hereim were guests at the Larsens on Christmas day at a turkey dinner. Mr. Larsen was the recipient of a huge turkey from one of his members of the school board.

EGYPTIANS REJECT BRITISH PROPOSALS

London. — A British government "white paper" issued here regarding negotiations with an Egyptian delegation on the abandonment of the British protectorate over Egypt, shows that the Egyptians rejected the proposals of Lord Curzon, foreign secretary, chiefly owing to the military provisions. The reply of the Egyptian delegation stated that the proposals reserved to Great Britain the right to maintain her military forces throughout Egypt and to control communication, which "constitutes occupation pure and simple, destroys every idea of independence and suppresses even internal sovereignty." The reply also said the British proposals regarding Sudan were also unacceptable, as they failed to guarantee to Egypt the sovereignty of Sudan and the control of the Nile.

HARDING DEFENDS 4-POWER TREATY

Washington, D. C.—President Harding, in a formal statement, declared that the differences of interpretation which have arisen over the four-power Pacific treaty are to his mind "unimportant." Declaring that an unjustified effort had been made to magnify his difference of view with the American delegates regarding the treaty, the president asserted that he was "more than satisfied" with the work of the delegates and that they had his full confidence. He also asserted that an unjustified charge had been made that the American delegation was "withholding information," and that he could not permit such a charge to go unchallenged. Reverting to another feature of the fight that is being made against the treaty in the senate, Mr. Harding asserted that the pact contemplated "no alliance or entanglement." It is in full accord, he said, with cherished American traditions. The president asked that "unimportant" controversies as to interpretation should not be permitted to obscure the major purpose of the treaty, which, he said, was to preserve peace and to provide for a means of consultation when peace is threatened.

TO DRILL FOR OIL IN ARTESIAN BASIN

Messrs. Poe and Imus, living at Wells Springs, twelve miles south of town, were visitors Monday. They informed the writer that they had leased their property to the Union Oil company, and that their company would be drilling for oil in the early spring. This company now has 15,000 acres signed up south of Boardman. They have had experts examine this section and indications point strongly to both oil and gas. The contracts call for drilling to a depth of 3000 feet. This will further test the artesian basin. Several wells are now flowing at different points.

THIS FARMER WELCOMES TRAMPS



William James, a Strathmore, Calif., farmer was once a tramp. He settled down, now has a profitable farm and sympathizes with the hoboes. He will give them a meal and a bed if they are willing to do a little work.

