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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Industries on Coos Bay reopened after a suspension of but two days for the Christmas festivities.

The Dalley Clay Products company's plant at Warrenton has begun operations on a commercial basis.

Five house bills and two senate bills passed at the recent special session of the legislature were vetoed by Governor Olcott.

The Southern Pacific company will expend \$47,000 or more in betterment of its tracks within the city limits of Marshfield.

Plans for erection of a community hall are being developed in the vicinity of Oakville, about ten miles southwest of Albany.

Approximately one out of every four marriages in Deschutes county is an unsuccessful one, according to official county records.

Reports at Washington, D. C., are that Jonathan Bourne, Jr., former senator from Oregon, is in a serious physical condition.

Salem will witness a building program involving the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in the year 1922, according to C. P. Bishop.

Oscar Hoffman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, of Needy, in Clackamas county, accidentally killed himself while out hunting.

The Christmas business of the Medford postoffice was greater by 20 per cent this Christmas than the Christmas business of any year in its history.

Gaston has started work on a drainage system along Front street and is rushing the work through and giving employment to a large number of men.

There were 222 industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Robert J. Burkhardt, Albany dairyman and dairy breeder, was elected president of the Oregon Dairymen's association at its 23rd annual session at Corvallis.

A conference of representatives of various western Oregon cities will be held at Roseburg, February 21, to consider the regulation of free automobile camp grounds.

So much shipping is coming to the port of Coos Bay's new dock that the port commissioners are discussing the need for a turning basin opposite the

800-foot frontage.

Thirty-one persons were killed in traffic accidents on the streets of Portland in the past fiscal year, according to the annual report of the police traffic bureau.

Beavers that have been destroying fruit trees on several farms in the river bottom north of Eugene will be trapped, according to Ed S. Hawker, district deputy game warden.

In spite of the low price of quicksilver and the total suspension of the industry in the United States, there is considerable activity in the quicksilver mines in the Gold Hill district.

No further steps have been taken with reference to the second murder indictment pending against Carson D. Beebe, acquitted at Albany on the ground of insanity, of the murder of John Painter.

In order to be sure that every child in La Grande of toy age was not forgotten Christmas, two of the largest stores of the city turned over to the Red Cross all toys left on hands Christmas eve.

The state board of control has accepted from the contractor the new dormitory recently completed at the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem. The structure cost approximately \$50,000.

Dr. W. Carlton Smith, physician at the state penitentiary, filed a report with Governor Olcott in which the doctor expressed the opinion that Abraham Evans, under death sentence for murder, is insane.

Extremely heavy loads will be kept off certain roads in Lane county, according to an order made by the county court. The roads included in the order are said to have been cut up badly this winter.

The Oregon public service commission has denied the application of the Southern Pacific company, for an increase in fares on the lines of the Salem Street Car company and the Eugene Street Car company.

First appraisals of property to be used as security for loans under the so-called Oregon bonus bill probably will be made this week. It is expected that funds on these loans will be forthcoming about February 1.

In response to a telegram announcing the plan for breaking ground for the new \$1,000,000 Elks' temple in Portland, President Harding telegraphed the Portland lodge of Elks, congratulating them on the coming event.

William A. Douglas of Gold Hill, who acquired the Bina Danielson gold quartz mine, three miles southwest of Gold Hill two years ago, has completed a 125-foot drift into the main ledge of the mine, uncovering a large body of ore. The new works are under the old works, where many thousands of dollars of rich ore was recovered some 20 years ago.

Unless the proponents of the proposed 1925 exposition are able to determine by Thursday whether the fair legislation considered at the recent special session of the legislature was legally approved, it is probable that Governor Olcott will veto the bill passed during the closing hours of the assembly authorizing a special election to be held May 19 in conjunction with the regular primary contests.

The county court has called for bids for the final cruise of the Douglas county timber lands. For the past three years Douglas county has been having cruises made of its standing timber for the purpose of obtaining definite information and data upon which to base a cash assessment. Next year will mark the completion of the task and the 1922 assessment rolls are expected to carry the timber lands on a basis of their cash value.

WALLULA CUT-OFF DESIGNATED AS FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Is the Wallula cut-off dead? We guess not. The government has designated a highway from Missoula, Montana, west and along the Clearwater to Lewiston, Idaho, down the Snake to Pasco, from Pasco down the Columbia to the sea.

The petty, peanut politicians of Pendleton can take their dolls and go home now.

And this after her glorious statesman made some members of the legislature a chispaw to petition against this piece of road which would not deduct a single cent from "Whitson's" road money nor interfere with her program of paving highways to the vast number (4 or

5) of wheat ranches which she thinks her whole support—this end of her party being fit only to serve on some old pay taxes.

Fred and dined the conquering hero comes and being patted on the back announces his candidacy for state senate and mildly intimates that he could be coerced to run for

office. We have enough peanut politicians in Washington now. When an other broad minded and sane man so far loses his balance as to make a mountain out of a molehill as Ritner has done on the Wallula road he has demonstrated his political ambition to his own little dung hill.

NEW CEMENT BLOCK AND PRESSED BRICK FACTORY FOR UMATILLA SOON

Machinery for a new style cement block and pressed brick factory has been ordered, and is on the way here now.

P. H. Follen, Wm. Kennedy and Henry Notz of Hernalston, are the owners and organizers of this new enterprise for our thriving little city.

Mr. Follen states that cement blocks will cost from 20 to 22 cents a piece, and blocks enough to com-

plete a four room house will cost something like \$225.

This is a needed industry, and has a bright future in store for it.

Their plant will be located south of the Umatilla depot, near the highway.

We venture to predict many new hangarows of cement block. Cement blocks have an air space between, and are cool in summer and warm in winter.—Spokesman.

COUNTY NURSE BUNGE MAKES FAREWELL VISIT

The community health program has received added impetus the last week of school, with the second visit of the county nurse.

On Wednesday visits were made to homes in the community, and on Thursday all the pupils of the school were weighed and measured and notices sent to the homes of the results.

The percentage on under normal children in weight compared to height is between ten and twelve, which is a good showing. In the evening of Thursday there was an enthusiastic health meeting in the school auditorium with community singing, a short program by the school children, and an address by the county nurse, and the showing of the Red Cross film, "A Fair Day."

The community interest in the health work is shown by the number of invitations the nurse has received to visit homes and the number of parents who have come to the school for consultation.

FARMERS' PHONE LINES

The November storm played havoc with every farmers' telephone line that lay in its path. Many of them were utterly prostrated. A few of them, though four weeks have passed, have not yet been restored.

Any high wind will damage any country telephone line. When accompanied by rain which turns to ice as it falls, destruction is almost complete. To restore these lines requires labor and material. Both mean so much cash.

Even if no provision had to be made to repair storm damage, a fund should be provided for upkeep. In common with all other mechanical apparatus a telephone naturally deteriorates; therefore a charge should be made to the users of the utility for the purpose of keeping the sys-

MORROW COUNTY AN OIL SECTION

That there are possibilities of Morrow county becoming a great oil producing section is shown by the fact that a company composed of M. A. Green, C. H. Green and E. V. Littlefield have incorporated the "Ione Oil company" with a capital of \$1000. The company has taken five-year leases on large bodies of land in the vicinity of Wells Springs, and it is said their intention is to begin boring for oil within one year. Quite a wave of excitement has been created by the fact that experts think prospects for oil are good in this locality and are willing to risk money on their judgment. The headquarters of the company will be at Ione.—Ione Independent.

tem up to normal efficiency. Very few of the farmers' lines in Oregon have made such provision. As a consequence the rehabilitation of the destroyed lines called for fresh capital, and at a time when farmers had little or no money to spare. They should profit by the lesson of the November storm by creating an upkeep fund.

Experience has proved that the least onerous way of creating a reserve is by monthly installments—a regular overhead charge to be paid at the same time as monthly rentals. Authority to do this will, of course, be granted by the Public Service commission. Whether it be one independent farmers' line or a group of lines connected by an exchange, the principle is the same. As it is now, nearly all the farmers' lines are inadequately financed, and it is far better that a reasonable reserve should be systematically created than that the owners of the line should remain in a position where they may be called upon after any violent storm to put up cash to rebuild destroyed property.—Portland Telegram.

DAIRYMEN'S LEAGUE VOTES AT LAST MEETING TO DISBAND--990 TO 291

The Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league, composed of more than 3000 dairymen in different sections of the state, will disband and its assets be liquidated as the result of a vote of the membership, says the Oregonian of Wednesday.

However, on the ruins of the old organization a new one for the marketing of dairy products will rise which will carry forward the programme laid down by the old league, on a new and more businesslike basis.

This was indicated when 200 dairymen from various sections of the state who had gathered at Library hall to learn the results of the election took immediate steps for the formation of a new organization.

The vote to disband the league was 990 for and 291 against. This was a good majority over the two-thirds vote required to disband.

P. A. Baker, S. A. Sales and I. Condron were chosen trustees to take charge of liquidation. These three immediately will wind up the league's business.

The plan for the new organization was the result of a resolution introduced by George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau federation, who was present at the gathering. The resolution provided for a committee composed of three members from each of the three districts in which the league has been operating be named to work out the plan.

The resolution provided that C. L. Hawley, Oregon state dairy and food commissioner and a member of the national farm bureau's committee, be appointed to function in an advisory capacity, and that Dr. Hector McPherson of the agricultural college; Marshal N. Dana and representatives of the farm bureau and banking interests meet with this committee.

Mr. Mansfield was chosen to represent the farm bureau and George Jewett of the local co-operative wheat growers' organization and formerly connected with the federal farm loan system to represent the banking interests.

The gathering chose P. K. Sitton of Amity, J. S. Albel of Boring and Thomas Roe of Gaston as representatives from zone 1 of the league, comprising Portland and the surrounding territory, and H. Gustafson of North Bend, William Blackmore of North Bend and William Goshen of Marshfield to represent

zone 2, comprising the Coos-Curry district on the committee for reorganization.

Inasmuch as there were only members of the board of directors from the Clatsop district present at the gathering, it was decided to send an invitation to the dairymen in that section of the state to appoint a committee of three to meet with the representatives of the other districts for working out the organization plan.

A meeting of the new committee was held immediately and a temporary organization made, consisting of P. K. Sitton, chairman, and William Blackmore, secretary.

It was decided to hold another meeting of the committee at the office of C. L. Hawley in the Worcester building on January 17, when it was hoped to make more progress in the formation of the new organization.

We hoped to be able to take advantage of previous mistakes and form an organization which will be able to market the dairymen's product in a businesslike manner, committee members announced.

It is considered likely that the new organization will be able to take over the plants and similar assets of the old league. The new organization committee announced the intention of keeping in touch with the liquidation trustees of the old league with such a plan in view if it could be worked out to the advantage of the dairymen.

In an address at the time the votes were being counted Mr. Mansfield declared that the league could be financed with proper organization of its credit. He declared that no effort had ever been made to finance the old organization on a businesslike basis.

He declared that the troubles of the league had been the result of underfinancing, mistakes of management and attacks of enemies from without and within. He said that thousands of dollars had been spent to defeat the dairymen's organization. At the meeting Chester Bridges of Hillsboro presided and E. J. Brooks of Cornelius acted as secretary.

The count of the votes was supervised by A. E. Westcott of Banks, president of the league.

"MY FATHER!"



When "Tennessee's Partner," one of the great Bret Harie's most brilliant stories, was filmed in the insane asylum at Ogdensburg, N. Y., a patient shrieked "My Father! My Father!" It was Bret Harie's daughter, Mrs. Jessamy Bret Harie Steele, who disappeared years ago. Friends of the great American author are moving to take care of his daughter, who was sent to the institution from New York, many years ago.

SOLDIER'S SACRIFICE WINS RANCH HOME



Happy in the performance of a great sacrifice for his A. E. F. buddy, Harry W. Haley, recently released from the Federal prison at Leavenworth, is at home on the ranch of Col. R. P. Dickerson near Springfield, Mo. Haley served a prison term for his buddy who saved his life in France. Penniless and without a job after release from prison, he was "adopted" by Dickerson.

