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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

County assessors from 35 counties in Oregon held their annual conference at Salem last week.

The recall movement against Harvey E. Cross, county judge of Clackamas county, was lost.

Complete returns from the Salem precincts in the election show that John Geys was elected mayor.

Medford high school boys students have put the taboo on any of their members wearing the famed peon pants.

At the Eugene city election last week, the entire "yellow" ticket, endorsed by the patriotic societies, was elected.

Judge Charles Carey of Portland has presented to the state library at Salem, 65 copies of his work on Oregon history.

Herbert R. Satchwell, new postmaster at Shedd since October 1, age about 50 years, dropped dead from heart disease.

C. N. McArthur, for years the representative in congress for the third district, was defeated for re-election by Elton Watkins, democrat.

In the three-cornered contest for mayor of Astoria, O. B. Settlers defeated M. Gorman and E. F. Stone by a plurality of approximately 400.

The first boys' and girls' industrial club to organize in Linn county for the coming year is at Franklin Butte school in the Selo neighborhood.

The port of Astoria budget committee has fixed the port tax on the 1922 roll at \$233,927.70 or \$32,123.30 less than the amount in last year's roll.

James S. VanWinkle, Linn county assessor and brother of Attorney General Van Winkle, died at his home in Albany following several weeks' illness.

Twenty-one road districts of Marion county have voted special road levies aggregating \$34,474.86, according to reports received at the county clerk's office.

The first of the 25 special road districts in Linn county to report the voting of a special tax for road improvement next year is Rock Creek, near Gates.

Scott & Eager of Dayton, Wash., have purchased approximately 4,400,000 board feet of yellow pine, Douglas fir and white fir in the Umatilla national forest.

The political race between George L. Quine and W. L. Cobb for county judge of Douglas county will probably not be decided until the final count is made.

The compulsory education bill which Oregon adopted at last week's election by a majority vote of more than 13,000 is to be tested in the courts for its constitutional right to live.

The pear shipping season from the Rogue river valley is about over, there being only about 20 cars yet to go. So far 1309 cars of pears have been shipped to the eastern market.

According to figures compiled by the Port of Portland, of 1,123 vessels clearing from the Columbia river during the first ten months of the present year, 913 carried the American flag.

During the month of October the Oregon Growers' association paid out of the Salem office to growers from various pools and for the packing and handling of prunes, a total of \$122,901.67.

Wheat shipments from the Columbia river district between July 1 and November 1 reached 8,379,285 bushels, while for the same time in the 1921-22 season they were 10,776,340 bushels.

The board of directors of the lower Columbia Dairy association has fixed 51 cents a pound as the price to be paid for butterfat delivered to its Astoria creamery during the month of October.

The voters of Medford at last week's election adopted a charter amendment providing for a water commission to be appointed by the mayor and to have full control of the water department of the city.

Charles A. Bigelow, commissioner of public affairs, was re-elected and Stanhope S. Pier was elected, according to complete unofficial returns from all city precincts, for city commissioners in Portland.

C. W. Drake, 55, and William McTeague, 45, are dead as the result of being struck by rocks flying from a blast at the William Von der Helms road camp on the Crater lake highway near Prospect.

The assessment on all property in Oregon, exclusive of public utilities, upon which the levy for 1923 will be made, will be slightly lower than the present year, according to a report issued by Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner. The 1923 levy will be based on the tax rolls for 1922 and probably will be announced late in December.

Snowfall, though light, practically has eliminated the danger of forest fires in the Umatilla national forest, according to officials. The forest has not had any big fires this year.

Sherman county this year lost the distinction of being the first county in Oregon to send its election returns to the secretary of state for official count. This year the honor went to Hood River county.

The third annual district convention of the Royal Neighbors of America was held in Baker with 59 delegates, representing camps from Pendleton, La Grande, Ontario, Elgin, Halfway, Cove and Island City.

The state emergency board met in Salem Friday to consider an additional appropriation for the erection of a new dormitory at the state industrial school for girls to replace the one which was burned a few months ago.

With 79,164 votes cast for governor in Multnomah county finally tabulated, the result gives this important county to Walter M. Pierce, democrat, by a lead of \$172. Complete unofficial returns from the 425 precincts in the county give Olcott 35,496, Pierce 43,668.

Based on complete or incomplete returns from every county, the democrats in last week's election apparently made a gain of eight members of the house in the state legislature which convenes next January. The minority party also gained two seats in the senate.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during the month of October, aggregated \$375,150, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. The most disastrous fire was at Medford, where a warehouse and contents were destroyed with a loss of \$190,000.

A large barn, 200 tons of baled timothy hay, two valuable horses, a huge straw stack and a few small buildings situated on the ranch owned by N. K. West of La Grande, situated about 11 miles east of La Grande, were completely destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$15,000.

The Hood River valley is being advertised by a new contour map of the orchard section and Mount Hood region. The map, executed by Fred Routledge of Portland, is being financed jointly by the Hood River commercial club, citizens of the city and valley and Amos S. Benson.

Through failure of the candidates for city office to qualify, and the subsequent failure of the city recorder to publish notice of election, the people of Gold Hill were unable to elect city officers. As a result, the present mayor and city council will hold over until next election unless they are recalled.

Commercial organizations of towns in various sections of Idaho, Oregon and Washington have accepted an invitation sent out by the Open River association for a conference at Pendleton November 17. Delegates will be in attendance from Lewiston, Walla Walla, Spokane, Seattle, Boardman, Baker, Kennewick and Umatilla.

An unusually fine fall for farm work in western Oregon, but too dry for best results in the eastern part of the state, is the substance of reports reaching F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician, United States department of agriculture. Reports indicate that fall seeding operations are farther advanced than usual in the western part of the state, many farmers having already completed their fall planting.

Charged with attempting to control the export lumber business of the Pacific coast by illegal methods, the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export company was made defendant at a hearing held in Portland before W. W. Sheppard, examiner of the federal trade commission. The hearing, which was preceded by a similar one at San Francisco will be followed by a similar investigation at Seattle.

With her rudder partially disabled and about four feet of water in her storeroom as the result of a hole in her bottom, the government dredge P. S. Michie was brought into the Astoria harbor last week. The dredge was en route from Grays Harbor for Portland and when crossing into the Columbia river a strong ebb-tide forced the vessel on to the edge of Clatsop spit, where her stern struck.

That the Pacific northwest is helpless in the grip of the worst car shortage it has ever known and that immediate relief is imperative was the gist of an urgent statement framed and forwarded to the interstate commerce commission by officials of the public service commission of Oregon, the public utilities commission of Idaho and the department of public works of Washington after a conference in Portland.

Construction of an \$8,000,000 power plant at the Metolius power site on the Deschutes river, is the project on which is based the Bend Water, Light & Power company's request for a hearing before the federal power commission. Development of 120,000 horsepower, sufficient to pump water from the Deschutes for the irrigation of 85,000 acres of land in Jefferson county and in addition to afford sufficient power for large industrial use, are included in the project.

1000 LIVES LOST IN CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE

Many Thousands Left Hungry and Homeless By Tremblor and Tidal Waves.

Santiago, Chile.—With re-establishment of communications, Chile's earthquake catastrophe Saturday has been revealed in even greater magnitude than first reports indicated.

It is estimated that at least 1000 were killed and many thousands left in distress, needing food and shelter. In addition to heavy casualties of dead and injured at Copiapo and Coquimbo, it was reported that 500 were killed at Valenar and the surrounding district.

It was earthquake and tidal wave combined that accounted for the vast destruction in the provinces of Antofagasta, Atacama and Coquimbo. The movement of the ocean was described as phenomenal. It gave evidence of a terrific disturbance in the bed of the Pacific itself. There must have been such a tearing at the bottom of the sea that immense quantities of water mended recession of the waters along were sucked through, causing a tidal Chilean coast.

Several times the ocean swept outward and came back in the shape of a great wave, flooding the seaports and in some instances sweeping away the water front. The violent effects of the tidal waves were felt from Antofagasta on the north to Valdivia on the south, covering about 16 degrees of latitude, or more than 1200 miles.

FEDERATION URGES STRONG ARMY, NAVY

New York.—Maintenance of a strong army and navy is the only means of assuring the safety of the United States under present troubled world conditions, was urged in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the National Civic federation conference of international affairs.

The resolution dealing with the army commended the present national defense act, but urged that the standing army be increased to 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers as advocated by Secretary of War Weeks.

The navy, said another resolution, should be maintained in every way on a basis of equality with that of Great Britain and five-thirds the strength of that of Japan.

The conference also advocated adoption of a consistent American policy in international relations, divorced from partisan politics and bringing to bear upon the other nations the influence of agreement for justice and peace.

Per Capita Wealth Increases.
 Washington, D. C.—Individual wealth throughout the nation increased 40 cents in October, according to a statement issued by the treasury. On November 1 the per capita circulation of money was \$41.44, compared with \$41.04 on October 1.

Government Urges Eating of Meats.
 Washington, D. C.—The government has decided to come to the aid of the livestock industry and do what it can to stimulate the use of meat. A decrease of more than 25 pounds to a person in the amount of meat eaten a year in the United States was shown by latest statistics.

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