

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Taxes received by the state on gasoline and distillate sales in November aggregated \$202,936.38.

Flood waters in the Willamette river virtually isolated Eugene from automobile traffic for 24 hours.

Building operations in Salem during the year 1924 aggregated \$1,843,856 as against \$1,285,732 in 1923.

Marion county sportsmen contributed \$11,127.25 for fishing and hunting licenses during the year 1924.

Cyrus W. Barger, one of the oldest stage coach drivers in the northwest, died in Portland at the age of 76.

Delinquent taxes in Linn county from last year amount to only \$47,397.14, or four per cent of the total.

Several cases of influenza have been reported in Pine valley, though no deaths have resulted from the malady.

The new \$25,000 clubhouse for employees of the Pelican Bay Lumber company at Klamath Falls has been opened.

During 1924 the city of Salem laid pavement aggregating a cost of \$185,570. A total of \$15,550.76 was expended for sewers.

Postal receipts at Portland for 1924 were \$2,763,415.21, a gain of \$177,467.62 over the total receipts for 1923, or 6.36 per cent.

The tax levy on property in Lake county has been fixed by the county court at 20.2 mills, a reduction from last year of 1.1 mills.

Members of the Salem Kiwanis club have decided to erect a modern greeting sign on the Pacific highway five miles north of Salem.

The body of Ilene Briggs, 10, daughter of Mrs. Rose M. Briggs of Sardine Creek, was found in Rogue river near Medford by a search party.

William E. Johnson, 49, editor of the Madras Pioneer and first clerk of Jefferson county, died in Portland of pneumonia. He was a native of Nebraska.

An appropriation of \$500,000 to be used in beginning the development of the Vale Irrigation project in Oregon was requested of congress by the budget bureau.

Lumber shipments from the Columbia river for the year 1924 totaled 869,326,834 feet, according to figures issued by Ralph Lamb, deputy collector of customs at Astoria.

Building permits aggregating \$1,702,598 were granted by the Klamath Falls city council during the past year. It was shown in the annual report. The permits totaled 557.

The year 1924 in some lines exceeded any preceding year in La Grande. Building permits, 343 in number, were issued for constructions estimated to cost \$448,102.

Farmers of the Stayton and Aumsville districts have filed with the state engineer application for authority to appropriate water from the Santiam river for irrigation purposes.

Information has been received of the appointment of Chauncey Florey, retiring county clerk, as United States commissioner for Medford to succeed Glenn O. Taylor, recently resigned.

Judge Kelley of Albany decided that the election held in Eugene last July, at which \$500,000 bonds were voted for the erection of a municipal auditorium on the campus of the University of Oregon, was void.

Nine hundred cases were filed with the inheritance tax commission at Salem during the year. The amount received and turned over to the general fund was \$414,947, leaving an un-received balance of \$75,870.

W. H. Boharrell, 70, prominent Portland business man and for more than a quarter of a century Portland manager of the furniture manufacturing plant of Heywood-Wakefield company, died at Emmanuel hospital.

Drilling at the Trigonon well for oil, near Phoenix, which was abandoned months ago for apparent lack of funds after drilling had gone to a great depth in the last two years, it is now said by some of the promoters will be resumed.

It is reported that the emergency appropriation of \$67,500 for the North Umpqua road had been approved by the secretary of agriculture. This sum will complete the road from the forest boundary to Steamboat, a distance of about 14 miles.

December's lumber shipments from Portland to the Atlantic seaboard, which measured 6,398,647 feet, valued at \$138,647, brought the aggregate movement for the year for those markets to 127,512,939 feet, valued at \$2,932,101, setting a new mark in the trade.

Cash turnovers to the state treasurer by the state land board during December aggregated \$91,375.13, according to a statement issued by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land office.

A log raft of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company, which was in Yaquina bay waiting to be towed to Astoria, broke adrift and under the influence of a strong ebb tide was carried out to sea. The raft contained 750,000 feet of logs.

Although hatcheries of the state fish commission held more than 29,000,000 eggs and fish during the recent cold weather, there was no loss of any kind due to the cold, according to Hugh C. Mitchell, state superintendent of hatcheries.

The annual hog harvest of Curry county is on and ranchers with wild animals are garnering their profits from the acorn localities. The hogs on the majority of ranches must be killed by rifles, as they range and grow up practically wild.

Frank A. Shepherd, director of vocational education for the government for the Pacific northwest states during the war and an educator of national reputation, died from heart disease while he was working in the basement of his home at Beaverton.

The Lake County Woolgrowers' Protective association will take steps to have government hunters retained in the county following a resolution adopted by the association to the effect that it was their belief the work had been of much benefit to stockmen.

The office of city ticket agent has been created in Eugene by the Southern Pacific company and Frank G. Lewis, who for the past five years has been located there as traveling freight and passenger agent for the company, has been promoted to the position.

Announcement was made at Salem by Senator Joseph of Multnomah county that he would introduce in the next session of the legislature a resolution submitting to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to engage in water-power development.

All railroad corporations operating within the state of Oregon have joined in filing a new tariff providing for a rate based on 50 per cent of the present charge for shipment of pure-bred horses and cattle for breeding purposes only. The minimum rate was fixed at \$7 per head.

A meeting of representatives and county officials from Washington, Yamhill and Tillamook counties was held Saturday morning at the Tillamook courthouse to consider reports at the surveys of the Wilson and Trask routes as future highways between the Willamette valley and Tillamook.

The state fish and game commission is discussing the advantages of installing a fish wheel on Sixes river to take trout to spawn for egg supplies for several trout hatcheries, the Ferry creek plant near Bandon in particular. A representative of the commission is to select a site soon and have the wheel operating by February.

An optimistic feeling pervades the industrial life of Oregon, and employers generally are confident that the year 1925 will be prosperous, according to a statement issued by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. The statement said that indications pointed to a greater demand for skilled labor during the next 12 months than ever before.

Formal transfer of the weights and measures department from the state treasurer's office to the state market agent was completed at Salem. The transfer was authorized under a law enacted by the 1923 legislature, creating the office of state market agent. The weights and measures department previously was under the jurisdiction of the state treasurer.

There were three fatal industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 31, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Isaac Takaki, Portland, laborer; Roscoe A. Bellingham, Portland, off-bearer, and Harold Hamilton, Albany, assistant plant operator. A total of 380 accidents was reported.

An owl put the power and light plant of the Molalla Electric company out of commission and left eight Oregon towns without service for about three hours. When it essayed to fly between high voltage wires of the electric company near Aurora a wing touched each line and caused a short-circuit. The owl was electrocuted. One of the wires was burned in two by the flash.

Sixty-seven million board feet of Klamath timber will be offered for sale at Klamath agency January 21. Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation has announced. The timber, known as the Cherry Creek unit and located in the eastern part of the county, is in the Indian reservation and will be sold according to the usual government contracts affecting reservation timber sales.

Bible Thoughts for the Week

Sunday.
If I Have Withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; if I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.—Job 31:16, 17, 19, 21.

Monday.
Thou Shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. This do and thou shalt live.—Luke 10:27, 28.

Tuesday.
O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 15:55, 57.

Wednesday.
There is No Man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death:—and there is no discharge in that war.—Eccles. 8:8.

Thursday.
He That Passeth By, and meddeth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.—Prov. 26:17.

Friday.
O Come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture.—Ps. 95:6, 7.

Saturday.
Thou Art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Neh. 9:17.

Dean Elmer E. Jones



Founding of a university in Albania is projected according to American design and with American financial support. It has become known in Chicago with the appointment of Dean Elmer E. Jones of Northwestern university as one of the trustees. The establishment of this school, attracting students from all the Balkan countries, is expected by Professor Jones to prove more effective than any other means in advancing harmonious relations. Christian ideals will be taught, he says. The university will be known, according to report, as the Albanian-American School of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. C. Telford Erickson of New York city has been selected as its acting president. Funds will be raised for it in this country.

Judge Gives Relative Prison Term.
Portland, Or.—When Judge Wolverton of Portland leaned forward in his chair in the federal courtroom to pass sentence upon Mrs. Leona Case, who stood convicted of having abetted in the theft of goods in interstate shipment, in a quiet voice he made known to those in the court that the prisoner at the bar was the jurist's cousin by marriage and the mother of a 10 year old daughter who is the judge's second cousin.

Stone Named Supreme Justice.
Washington, D. C.—Associate Justice Joseph McKenna Monday concluded active service as a member of the supreme court and Attorney-General Harlan F. Stone was nominated to succeed him. The resignation of Justice McKenna deprives the Pacific coast of representation in the member ship of the court, and selection of Attorney-General Stone to fill the vacancy will give New York a member.

Costs of Government Cut.
The Bureau of the budget, under General Dawes, put the government on a sound business basis, resulting in a reduction of public expenditures from \$5,538,000,000 in 1921 to \$3,497,000,000 in 1924, a decrease in the annual cost of government of \$2,041,000,000.

COOLIDGE FAVORS FARM CO-OPERATION

Farmers Told Self Help is First Requirement of Success

Washington, D. C.—An address by President Coolidge endorsing the co-operative marketing system, marked the opening here Monday of the third annual convention of the national council of the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing association.

Addresses by Frank O. Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois, Carl Williams of Oklahoma City, Okla., and A. J. McPhail, president of the Canadian Wheat Producers, Limited, were other features of the meeting.

Mr. Coolidge, in his address, described co-operative marketing as the best means of stabilizing the country's agricultural organization, but warned that the system possesses no magical attributes and must start from the soil and be developed upward with the farmers contributing the major aid.

"There is a school of co-operators who seem to believe that the program can be started at the top and built downwards," President Coolidge said. "They want the government, or the banks, or philanthropists, or providence to lay out a scheme big enough to cover the country, set its machinery moving, guarantee it all needed capital and then invite the farmers to sit in the places reserved for them and proceed to garner their profits. Let me say that I offer no such Aindindillike project. I want society as a whole to help; but I want the farmers to do their share and I warn them that this will be the lion's share."

TO RETAIN LAND OFFICES

Washington, Idaho and Oregon Appropriations in Senate Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The interior department appropriation bill, as reported to the senate carries the amendment forced into it in the house by Chairman Sinoott of the public lands committee, retaining the land offices at Burns and La Grande, Or.; Walla Walla, Waterville, Yakima and Vancouver, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The bill also restores provision for the retention of the surveyors general, who, under the bill passed by the house, would have been deprived of office July 1. All of the difficult conditions imposed by the house in appropriating \$375,000 for the Kittitas Irrigation project in central Washington, including a provision for 5 per cent interest on deferred payments of settlers, were stricken from the bill by the senate committee on the motion of Senator Jones.

Coolidge on Taxation.

It is impossible to escape the conclusion that high taxes make high prices. So long as the cost of government is high, the cost of living will be high. This is usually a source of misunderstanding and always a source of discontent. The duty that government now owes to the people is to reduce their burdens by paying off the obligations that came from the war rather than imposing additional burdens for the support of new projects. Having met our war obligation to pay, let us meet our peace obligation to save.—Coolidge.

Spring Neckwear Makes Its Entry



It appears that stylists haven't the faintest notion of opposing the fondness developed for simplicity in day frocks, either in the tailored or tub varieties. Now that these frocks are coming in for spring, the tailored dresses reveal the revival of navy blue and the survival of the straight silhouette—but there is great variety in neck lines and neckwear grows important. All sorts of collar and cuff sets, vestees, jabots, ties and scarfs stand ready to contribute smart style touches to the inconspicuous new frocks. A collar and cuff set is shown here. It makes a cheerful addition to a sedate day frock or suit.

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