

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Albany's fire loss during 1924 was \$26,367.12.

Fire caused \$10,000 damages in the Arcade building on Third street in McMinnville.

More than 100 babies were examined at a state board of health baby clinic at Albany.

A marriage license was issued at Eugene to James F. Smith, 60 years old, and Olive May McCue, 15.

With over 100 out-of-town delegates present, the annual southern Oregon older boys' conference was held in Roseburg.

J. T. Parks, aged about 25, was killed in a Booth-Kelly logging camp near Wendling when a line broke and decapitated him.

A bounty of \$10 for adult coyotes and \$2.50 for pups will be paid by Douglas county for all coyotes killed within the county.

An open competitive civil service examination for applicants for appointment as postmaster at Crane, will be held February 14.

Humphrey Anderson was so badly injured in a cave-in at the Skyline mine, a few miles from Ashland, that he died two hours later.

The Oswego plant of the Oregon Portland cement company produced 841,862 barrels of cement during the two years closing December 31, 1924.

Legislation for improved roads already signed by President Coolidge gives the park service \$1,000,000 for which \$68,000 has been allotted to Crater Lake.

J. B. Patrick of Detroit, while hunting several days ago bagged one of the largest lynxes ever seen in this territory. The cat was found to measure 52 inches in length.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company has started its McFord mill plant on a double shift, thus furnishing additional employment to nearly 150 men. Later the plant will run three shifts.

After waiting for more than 40 years to ride into Burns on a train, Joe Barnes had his ambition satisfied last week when he arrived in Burns from Juntura via the O-W, R. & N. railroad.

Seventeen federal farm loan associations were invited by the First National Farm Loan association of Lane county to send delegates to a district meeting to be held in Eugene Wednesday and Thursday.

Senator McNary has recommended to the department of agriculture that onions produced in the vicinity of Mount Angel be inspected on the same basis as potatoes, according to a telegram received at Salem.

Construction work began Monday on rebuilding the span of the Southern Pacific railway bridge at North Bend, which was damaged beyond repair several months ago when it was rammed by the steamer Martha Buehner.

A marker on the site of the first house in Portland, a cabin erected by a veteran of the war of 1812 on the west side of the river in what is now the south part of the city, will be erected by Boy Scouts and unveiled February 14.

A. F. Courter, a Falls City hardware dealer, lost a diamond from a ring while shutting up some chickens in his back yard. Sunday one of the fowls was killed for dinner, and upon dressing it Mr. Courter found the lost diamond in its gizzard.

Applications from 24,922 ex-service men for cash bonus or loan have been received since the establishment of the world war veterans state aid commission, according to a report filed with the legislature by Major W. P. Simpson, secretary.

Dr. Walter H. Brown of Richmond, O., accompanied by Mrs. Brown and two children, has arrived in Salem to assume charge of the 1925 year child health demonstration assigned to Oregon under the financial sponsorship of the commonwealth of New York.

Reports from farmers living in the western part of Polk county show that approximately 50 per cent of the grain was killed in the cold spell in December. This will make re-seeding necessary in the spring. Conditions in the eastern part of the county were reported much better.

Because of embarrassment at the government rock quarry on North Coos river and sloughing of much overburden during the wet weather, amounting to at least 7000 yards, work on the south Coos bay jetty was suspended by Lieutenant B. H. Hawley of the government service and 23 or 25 men will be out of employment for a month or six weeks. Suspension was caused by shortage of material for carrying on rock on the jetty.

A petition has been filed with the state public service commission by residents of Brownsmead, a community comprising about 75 families about 16 miles east of Astoria, asking that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company show cause why it should not extend its lines to Brownsmead.

During the biennial period, October 1, 1922, to September 30, 1924, a total of 1359 applications for school fund loans was received by the state land board, according to the report of the department filed with the legislature. Of the applications received 2121 were approved. These loans aggregated \$2,185,796.

One, hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 19 manufactured 99,939,003 feet of lumber, sold 79,252,902 feet and shipped \$9,993,540 feet. New business was 18 per cent below production. Shipments were 2 per cent above new business.

Sealed bids received by the light-house department for the repair of aids to navigation in the lower Columbia river, which were damaged by ice floes several weeks ago, have been submitted to the department heads at Washington, D. C., and it is expected that the contract will be let within a few days.

A senate bill which would authorize the secretary of the interior to withhold approximately 7000 acres of land in Oregon for use of the Umatilla Indians for grazing purposes, was favorably reported by the house Indian committee. The tract formerly was a part of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The state board of control at its second meeting since reorganization on January 5 ousted W. M. Henderson of Portland as commandant of the old soldiers' home at Roseburg. Judge G. W. Riddle of Roseburg, ex-commandant of the home, was reinstated and resumed his duties at the home Tuesday.

Public officials and representatives of seven Oregon, Washington and California lumber ports, meeting in Portland, proposed that legislatures of the three states address memorials to congress urging appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the development of five lumber ports in Oregon, one in Washington and one in California.

As a result of the refusal of Dr. Thomas Ross of Portland to relinquish the office of state fish commissioner as demanded recently in an executive order, Governor Pierce has announced that he will cause quo warranto proceedings to be filed in the supreme court, requiring Dr. Ross to show cause why he should not be re-elected.

The widow of the late Harvey McDonald, who died recently at Walla Walla, Wash., will be compelled to pay an inheritance tax on the Oregon estate of her husband, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney-general. The opinion was sought by State Treasurer Kay. Mr. McDonald left Oregon property valued at \$22,000.

The state highway commission has awarded the contract for grading and resurfacing on the John Day highway south of Condon, Gilliam county to Campbell, Barr & Tobin of Colfax, Wash., on a bid of \$97,510, the lowest of 19 bids. This contract calls for the grading of 5.5 miles of the highway and the resurfacing of eight miles of the same stretch.

The study of power farming from the standpoint of the farmer, taking particular notice of the selection, care, repair and adjustment of equipment on the farm, will be taken up in five one-week short courses in farm mechanics at Oregon Agricultural college. One course started Monday and the others are scheduled for January 26, February 2, 9 and 16.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Daniel F. Corkey, Glenwood, car loader; John Swanson, North Bend, piledriver, and Charles Vanvardt, Oakridge, laborer. A total of 497 accidents were reported.

Five boys, students at the Lincoln high school in Portland, were suspended by school authorities following an investigation that brought out the fact that they had supplied a small quantity of wine which was used at a school party given at a private home. Four high school girls who partook of the wine which the boys had obtained were censured by school authorities.

Representative Sinnott established a record in congress in forcing the passage of 23 bills of which he was sponsor. Three of them were Oregon bills. One decided to the state of Oregon certain lands in Lake county for fish hatchery purposes. Another extended for three years the time for making final proof on desert land entries, and the third reserved certain rights for the government and entrymen in the settlement of national forests.

Wires Were Tangled

By CLARISSA MACKIE

JEAN held the telephone receiver close to her pink ear, just as though Bob Phillips himself stood beside her instead of sitting in his office staring dejectedly into his own transmitter. "Your dear old thing!" Jean murmured to Bob, and the response was startling.

"How perfectly idiotic to talk that way!" was the growling answer. "What did you say?" demanded Jean in a freezing tone. "Does it matter?" retorted the growl.

"It may not matter much to me," blazed Jean, "but I assure you that it matters to you. I am returning your ring now."

Deep laughter overflowed the receiver. Jean held it away from her ear in disgust. Her blue eyes were wide with bewilderment and every nerve tingled. Suddenly she hung up the receiver, and the tiny click seemed to be the lock on the closed door of happiness.

"The-b-b-b-big b-o-o-o!" she sobbed recklessly. Fifteen minutes later Nora tapped at her door. "Mr. Whitten at the telephone, Miss Jean."

Jean flung on a hat and opened the door. "Thank you, Nora; please tell Mr. Whitten that I have just gone to the post office to mail a package to him."

"Yes, Miss Jean, and begging your pardon, ma'am, your hat is on wrong side before."

Jean adjusted her hat, tied a spotted veil across her telltale eyes, and proceeded to the post office to mail a certain registered parcel that contained one blazing solitaire diamond ring and a sapphire bracelet (a birthday gift). "I hate the ring," confessed Jean morosely, "but I wish I could keep the bracelet; a birthday gift is another kind of a keepsake. Posh, I don't want any of his things. I will send his letters back as soon as I can collect them."

Of course Jean knew where every one of Bob's love letters were hidden; she also knew by heart every word in every letter, and could close her eyes and visualize the position of certain words and phrases on the earliest letters. She mailed the package that morning and during the evening Bob called.

"She says she's not at home, sir," said Nora with just the proper degree of respect for a tragic moment. Bob looked miserable. "Look here, Nora," he said desperately, "what is Miss Jean doing? Is she entertaining—or what? I must see her if I can."

Nora advanced a step and spoke in a whisper. "She's been nowhere much today, and she crying, sir, fit to break her heart." She winked back a tear in her own sympathetic eye.

"Thank you, . . . perhaps she will answer the telephone." He made his way out of the house and went to his club and shot into a telephone booth.

Upstairs in her own room, Jean heard the front door close dully, and applied a fresh handkerchief to her reddened eyes. Presently Nora tapped at the door. "The telephone, Miss Jean," she said hurriedly.

"This is Jean Ross," said Jean, picking up the receiver. "Ah, Jenn. What do you mean, dearest, by sending that ring back to me—and the bracelet? Bob wanted to know in his dear voice."

"If you will think hard, I am sure you will recall our telephone conversation this morning," returned Jean in icy tones. "Did we have one?" inquired Mr. Whitten dryly.

"Didn't we?" she retorted. "Bob's voice took on a heavy judicial tone. 'I rang you up this morning and asked you to go to the theater tonight, and never received any response from you. I found later that we had been cut off, so I waited awhile and rang you again, and Nora said you had gone to the post office, and then in the mail tonight I found that—that junk!'"

"Junk!" breathed Jean furiously. "Do you mean to deny holding a conversation with me this morning at ten o'clock?"

"It didn't happen," affirmed Bob. "Why, Robert Whitten?" "It's the truth!" stonily.

Jean tottered, clinging desperately to the instrument. "Then," she quavered, "then w-who-o was it called me an idiot?"

"Not I! I wish I could get hold of the fellow—I'd lick him good and plenty."

"I s-s-said I w-was returning your ring, and he laughed horribly." "The deuce he did! Some cheerful idiot taking advantage of crossed wires. There I was waiting for a response from you."

Long silence from Jean, and then Bob demanded roughly, tenderly, "Have you been crying, darling?" "Yes!" she whispered.

"Then I am coming right over to see you." "Now?" in a panicky voice. "Yep; but you'll have time to powder your nose before I get there," and his rumble of laughter was adorably different from that of the "big boor."

"I knew all the time it couldn't possibly be Bob," said Jean illogically as she hung up the receiver and flew to the mirror.



John Burke, treasurer of the United States under President Wilson, who was elected to a place on the bench of the supreme court of North Dakota.

LEGISLATURE ACTS TO HOLD IDAHO WATERS

Boise, Idaho.—Both houses of the Idaho legislature passed a bill to prevent the waters of north Idaho lakes and rivers being appropriated for irrigation or power uses outside the state. It defeats development of the Columbia basin project in Washington undertaken at the expense of Idaho.

GUN ELEVATION DEFEATED

Washington, D. C.—Elevation, for the present at least, of the big guns on 13 of America's battleships, opposed by President Coolidge, received the emphatic disapproval of the senate. The vote was 45 to 22 and came on a motion by Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, to suspend the rules for consideration of his amendment to the pending annual naval supply bill authorizing an appropriation of \$6,500,000 for the gun elevation.

Only one republican, Johnson, California, supported the motion, which would have required a two-thirds majority. Eight democrats, including Senator Swanson, Virginia, ranking minority member of the naval committee, and one farmer-labor, Shipstead, voted against it.

GOVERNOR'S WISHES DISREGARDED

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The first recommendation by the first woman governor in the United States to a state legislature was rejected by the Wyoming senate Monday when it voted to postpone indefinitely a resolution ratifying the federal child labor amendment.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Hard white, \$2.02; soft white, \$1.91; northern spring, \$1.90; hard winter and western white, \$1.89; western red, \$1.86.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$19.50@20 ton; valley timothy, \$19@20; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.
Butterfat—47c delivered Portland.
Eggs—Ranch, 46@48c.
Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 28c; loaf, 29c per lb.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.25@7.75.
Hogs—Medium to good, \$9.75@11.25.
Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$13@14.50.

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, northern spring, \$1.92; western white, hard winter, \$1.90; western red, \$1.87; Big Bend Bluestem, \$2.17.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; D. C., \$28; timothy, \$26; D. C., \$28; mixed hay, \$24.
Eggs—Ranch, 45@48c.
Butterfat—48c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.50@8.00.
Hogs—Prime light, \$11.40@11.60.
Cheese—Washington cream brick, 22@23c; Washington triplets, 21c; Washington Young America, 22c.

Spokane
Hogs—Good to choice, \$11@11.35.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.75.

Their Great Drawback
One Girl (to another)—"The trouble with men is they get so interested in their work."—Life.

Forest Fire Endangers Arsenal



Hundreds of marines and soldiers were called out to fight a big forest fire near Dover, N. J., for the flames were advancing rapidly upon the immense government arsenal which was full of high explosives. This photograph was taken from one of the small arsenal buildings.

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