

# RISE SHOWN IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Rapid Growth of Oregon Is Reviewed by the Secretary of State.

400,000 PEOPLE IN '88

Costs Increase From \$800,000 in 1899 to More Than \$30,000,000 in 1923.

SALEM, Jan. 7.—How governmental expenditures in Oregon have increased from \$800,000 in 1899 to more than \$30,000,000 in 1923 was related by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, in a statement prepared here recently. Parts of the statement were quoted by the secretary of state in an address given before members of the Kiwanis club at Albany a few days ago.

"Looking back for a period of 25 years," said the statement, "we find that in 1899 the population of Oregon was about 400,000 and the annual expenditures were \$800,000. Of this amount, \$761,000 was raised by direct property tax and \$39,000 from licenses and sundry fees.

"In 1923 the population of the state was about 850,000, while the annual expenditures were approximately \$30,000,000, of which nearly \$6,900,000 was from property tax levy and the balance from inheritance taxes, taxes on insurance premiums, corporation licenses, fees collected by the various departments, sales of highway bonds, bonus bonds, to grant loans to soldiers of the late war, taxes on gasoline, motor vehicle licenses, contributions to the industrial accident fund, etc. Much of these monies can be used only for specific purposes and is not available for what is generally termed government expenses.

"The perfection of the motor vehicle and its adaptability to both business and pleasure brought about an extensive building of hard-surfaced roads. The state has declared a policy of carrying out this programme by license of vehicle and its adaptability to both the license fees in 1923 amounted to nearly \$4,070,000. The gas tax was approximately \$2,000,000."

## 1923 LUMBER OUTPUT INCREASED IN 1923

During past week 125 sawmills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association, manufactured 39,947,343 feet of lumber; sold 38,925,562 feet; and shipped 68,492,014 feet. Production for reporting mills was 54 per cent below normal. New business was 123 per cent above production. Shipments were 23 per cent below normal. During 1923, a total of 5-12 billion feet of lumber has been produced by the 130 mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, according to a report compiled by Robert B. Allen, Secretary-manager of the company at Seattle. Increase over 1922 was twenty per cent.

## PLAZA MEAT MARKET HAS NEW LOCATION

The Plaza Meat Market, J. Barnhouse, proprietor, has moved from its old location in the Plaza Market building to the room just south. The shop is still the neat appearing shop it always has been with the same courteous service and meat cutters. Some remodeling is to be done and redecorating started soon, to make it more attractive. The space which the shop occupied in the Plaza Market will be devoted to a merchandise room by Mr. Stearns for the Plaza Market. Mr. Stearns is contemplating some remodeling and redecoration of the Plaza Market, also. Both businesses have been crowded for room for some time and this change is greatly advantageous to both firms, which are preparing for a busy 1924.

## WIFE OF KEMAL PASHA WOUNDED BY GRENADE

ATHENS, Jan. 7.—The wife of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish government, was wounded today at Smyrna when a would-be assassin threw a hand grenade.

## THE WEATHER

Report for January 6, 1924—maximum, 44; minimum, 26; set maximum 36.

Classified ads bring results.

## OFFICERS SEARCH FIVE COOS COUNTY HOMES

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 7.—Sheriff Ellingsen and deputies and others supposed to be state officers made raids here at Bay park one day last week and searched five houses, according to reports given by Mrs. Ernest Olson, who, on returning from having a fractured arm set at a hospital, found the officers in her house and became indignant.

In the five houses they discovered liquor in only one, that of Christian Bogh.

## PENDLETON WOMAN IS HELD FOR MURDER

Grand Jury Returns Indictment Against Nora Ellis for Killing Gordon Mett.

PENDLETON, Jan. 7.—An indictment charging Miss Nora Ellis with murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting October 27 of Gordon Mett was returned by the grand jury Saturday evening. Miss Ellis was arraigned and on request of her attorneys was given until Wednesday to enter a plea.

Mettie was shot in the morning while driving a mail stage bus past the Ellis home in the mountains near Albee and the machine he was driving ran into the ditch after going a short distance past the house. Miss Ellis called the sheriff's office and asked that an officer be sent for her because she had just killed a man.

## JUDSON OLDFIELD TO ADDRESS P. T. MEET

Junior High Circle Meets Tomorrow at 8:15 in First Meeting of This Year.

The first and most comprehensive meeting of the Junior high circle of the Parent Teacher association will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:15 at the Junior High school.

Rev. W. Judson Oldfield, of the Congregational church, will talk on "The Influence of Public Schools on Character Building." According to Mrs. Louis Dodge, president of the city circle, the lecture will be very interesting and she is desirous that every mother in the city hear it.

Proposed plans for raising \$900 as the P. T. A. quota for the Junior high play shed will be heard tomorrow. Committees have been appointed earlier and their reports will be the source for discussion.

Because the meeting is the first of the year and one of the utmost concern to every parent in the city, a large attendance is desired.

## AUTO LINES COVER 4955 MILES IN STATE

SALEM, Jan. 7.—Automobile passenger bus lines in Oregon now cover 4955 miles as against an aggregate railroad mileage of 3666. This was announced in a report issued recently by the state public service commission.

There are at present 118 established automobile passenger lines in the state, and an aggregate of 950 operators.

Under the transportation act enacted by the legislature some time ago all motor vehicle passenger and freight lines are under the jurisdiction of the public service commission.

## UTAH SLAYERS MUST DIE JANUARY 18

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7.—Omer R. Woods, former resident of Tennessee and Idaho, convicted of wife murder, must die on January 18, the Utah state board of pardons decided today in denying his appeal that he be given life imprisonment.

Woods was convicted in 1921 of having slain his invalid wife while she lay in bed and then of having attempted to burn the bed, the object being to collect insurance.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The weather outlook for the period Jan. 7 to Jan. 12 inclusive: Pacific Coast States—Generally fair, but with probability of rain or snow by middle of week. Temperature will average below normal. Northwestern Rocky Mountain States—Generally fair, with temperature near the normal.

# WANT NAVAL OIL LEASES CANCELLED

Senator Caraway Asks Congress to Cancel Teapot Dome Leases.

## RESOLUTION BLOCKED

Matter of Recognizing Russia Is Plunged Into Senate by Senator Lodge.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Outright cancellation of the Naval oil reserve leases in the Teapot Dome, Wyo., district, and those given in California to the Mammoth Oil and Panama-American Petroleum companies by the Navy department have been asked of Congress in separate resolutions sponsored by Senator Caraway, Democrat of Arkansas.

An effort to get immediate consideration of the resolutions was blocked by Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, who protested on the grounds that the Senate lands committee had not yet completed an investigation of the leases. Smoot urged that the resolutions be not considered until the report had been fully completed and submitted.

## Sovietism Denounced

Washington, Jan. 7.—The question of American recognition of Soviet Russia was plunged into heated debate in the senate when Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the Foreign relations committee, delivered a lengthy, prepared address, in which he charged the Soviets with seeking to "destroy our constitutional form of government."

## COPCO WILL DEVELOP ROGUE RIVER POWER

Application Filed Will Develop 21,020 Horsepower At a Cost of \$2,020,000

SALEM, Jan. 7.—The expenditure of \$2,020,000 in the development of 21,020 horsepower at the Prospect plant on Rogue river is contemplated by the California-Oregon Power company, according to an application covering water right filed with State Engineer Luper here today. The application covers the appropriation of 100 second feet from the south fork of the Rogue river; 100 second feet from the middle fork of the Rogue river, 75 feet from Red Blanked creek and 50 second feet from Mill creek.

The development program is said to include the construction of the middle fork power plant for the development of 5680 theoretical horsepower at a cost of approximately \$815,000.

## IRRIGATION PROJECT IS PROMISED OREGON

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 7.—Secretary of Interior Work assured the Oregon delegation today that after the report of the fact-finding commission is received he will designate another reclamation project for Oregon, which would, of course, not come before congress until the next session in December. This would be exclusive of the Baker project on which, regardless of the action of the interior department, a report may be made by the house subcommittee on interior department appropriations next Tuesday.

## NEWBERG MAN HAS 140 SILVER BLACK FOXES

NEWBERG, Jan. 7.—D. M. Haskins, proprietor of the Oregon Silver Black Fox farm, about one mile west of here, has received his last consignment of 40 foxes. This makes 140 animals received this year from Canada. He has sold 50 pairs, but will keep some of these for their new owners until next spring, and expects to have 120 foxes on his ranch all winter.

Mr. Haskins started in the fox business about two years ago.

## PETITION IS SIGNED BY 350,000 FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The greatest public petition ever brought to Washington, containing approximately 350,000 farmers' signatures, was presented to Congress today by Representative Darrow, Republican of Pennsylvania.

The petition urges a reduction in taxes and more economy in conducting the government.

# Winning Plan Is Announced By American Peace Award

Plan No. 1469 Wins \$100,000 Award; Name of Author to Be Withheld Until Referendum Is Completed; Full Text of Plan Follows:

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Plan No. 1469 has been selected by the jury of the American Peace Award, created by Edward W. Bok and offering \$100,000 for the best practicable plan by which the United States may cooperate with other nations, looking toward the prevention of war.

The first condition of the winning plan is that the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

Plans submitted in the contest totaled 22,165. The award was made by a jury composed of Elihu Root, James Guthrie Harbord, Edward M. House, Ellen F. Pendleton, Roscoe Pound, William Allen White and Brand Whitlock.

The author of Plan No. 1469 will not be announced until the nationwide referendum has been completed.

As announced in the Tidings of January 4, the full text of the plan appears in this issue, and it is hoped that no reader of the paper will fail to read the plan carefully and be in position to cast an intelligent vote on the blank ballots which will be carried daily, beginning tomorrow.

A full text of the plan follows.

Five-sixths of all nations, including about four-fifths of mankind, have already created a world-organization, the purpose of which is "to promote international cooperation and to achieve international peace and security."

Those nations cannot and will not abandon this system which has now been actively operating for three and a half years. If leading members of the United States Government ever had serious hopes that another association of nations could be formed, such hopes were dispelled during the Washington Conference by plain intimations from other Powers that there is not room for more than one organization like the League of Nations.

The States outside the organized world are not of such a character that the United States could hope to cooperate with them for the purpose named.

Therefore, the only possible path to cooperation in which the United States can take an increasing share is that which leads toward some form of agreement with the world as now organized, called the League of Nations.

By sheer force of social international gravitation such cooperation becomes inevitable.

U. S. Has Made Step

The United States Government, theoretically maintaining a policy of isolation, has actually gone far, since March 4, 1921, toward cooperation with other nations to achieve and preserve the world.

The most familiar part of the story is the work of the Washington Conference, wherein President Harding's Administration made a beginning of naval disarmament, opened to China a prospect of rehabilitation and joined with Great Britain, Japan and France to make the Pacific Ocean worthy of its name.

Later come the recommendation that the United States should adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Not long after that action President Harding wrote to Bishop Gallor:

"I do not believe any man can confront the responsibility of a President of the United States and yet adhere to the idea that it is possible for our country to maintain an attitude of isolation and aloofness in the world."

But since the proposed adherence to the Permanent Court would bring this country into close contact at one time and point with the League of Nations, and since such action is strenuously opposed for exactly that reason, it is pertinent to inquire not only how much cooperation with the League and its organs has been proposed during the life of the present Administration, but also how much has been actually begun.

U. S. Represented on Many League Commissions

The United States Government has accredited its representatives to sit as members "in an unofficial and consulting capacity" upon four of the most important social welfare commissions of the League, viz: Health, Opium, Traffic in Women and Children, and

Anthrax (Industrial Hygiene).

Our Government is a full member of the International Hydrographic Bureau, an organ of the League. Our Government was represented by an "unofficial observer" in the Brussels Conference (Finance and Economic Commission) in 1920. It sent Hon. Stephen G. Porter and Bishop Brent to represent it at the meeting of the Opium Commission last May.

Our Public Health Service has taken part in the Serological Congresses of the Epidemics Commission and has helped in the experimental work for the standardization of serums.

Our Government collaborates with the League Health Organization through the International Office of Public Health at Paris, and with the Agriculture Committee of the League Labor Organization through the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

In February, 1923, Secretary Hughes and President Harding formally recommended that the Senate approve our adherence to the Permanent Court under four conditions or reservations, one of which was that the United States should officially participate in the election of judges by the Assembly and Council of the League, sitting as electoral colleges for that purpose.

# COLD CLAIMS LIVES OF 17 IN CHICAGO

Moderation Indicated in Mid West and Cold Extends to South and East.

## SUFFERING IS INTENSE

Atlanta Has Coldest Weather Recorded in a Quarter of a Century.

A special to the Tidings at the time of going to press this afternoon says: Seventeen deaths occurred in the South as a result of the cold wave. Deaths are reported at the following places: New Orleans, six; Atlanta, five; Macon, Ga., three; Florence, Ala., and Opelika, Ala., and Chattanooga, one each.

More than a score of lives were lost in the Central States as a result of the extreme cold and frigid blasts that extended over the week-end. The death toll in Chicago, alone, was 17. This morning brought hopes for relief as fair weather with warmer temperatures came to the Midwest as the cold wave blew over to the East and South.

Heavy property damage and intense suffering resulted in the Southeast Saturday and Sunday, but the temperature moderated slightly today, after reaching the zero mark at Atlanta, Ga., being the lowest record attained in a quarter of a century.

## Freeze in New Orleans.

Three were frozen to death near New Orleans. The cold wave extends all over the South, no district escaping.

## Northwest Warmer

Conditions point generally to cloudy weather, with rain or snow in the North Pacific states. Southwest storm warnings have been displayed from the Columbia river north.

Albany reports a temperature of 17 for last night, Salem 19, with Eugene 21. Boise, Idaho, is the coldest spot in the West with the mercury hovering around the zero mark.

# SWAN IN LITHIA PARK STAGE FATAL FIGHTS

Two Have Been Killed; Fight Seen This Morning by Park Employees.

A fact unknown to many is that swan will engage in encounters and battle unto death. Last Saturday morning employees of Lithia park found one of the beautiful swans that have been admired by park visitors dead. Much speculation arose as to the cause of its death and the opinion prevailed that the bird had been killed by mischievous boys. The officials of the park decided to hold an investigation to determine, if possible, the cause of death. A thorough examination was made, but the investigators were as much at sea as in the beginning.

This morning brought a solution to the mystery. As employees of the park were performing their morning duties, they saw two of the remaining swan engaged in a fierce encounter, the huge birds using their wings with terrific force. Park employees finally succeeding in getting to the birds and separated them. The one that appeared about ready to accept defeat was carried out to the bank and it was thought that it was only exhausted and would recover in a few minutes. Instead, the bird toppled over dead, having been overcome by the blows of his adversary.

Park officials and citizens in general regret the loss of the two, as only four remain. Much of the pond occupied by the swan is frozen over and park authorities believe that the limited water remaining is responsible for the two fatal encounters. Preparations are being made to separate them and they will be kept apart until the ice disappears and ample swimming room is restored.

## OREGON AUTO LICENSE PLATES WEIGH 89 TONS

SALEM, Jan. 7.—Automobile license plates to be issued during 1924, based on the estimated number of cars by the secretary of state, will weigh 178,125 pounds. Each pair of plates will tip the scales at 15 ounces. Mr. tile owners in 1924 as against 165,000 in 1923.

Koser has estimated that 184,000 licenses will be issued to automobiles.

## U. S. OFFICIALS IN FIGHT WITH MEXICANS

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 7.—Delayed reports reaching here of a three-hour gun battle in Duval county, northwest of here on Saturday, state that members of the Mexican rebel army, who fled into the United States were completely routed by U. S. customs officers who believed the Mexicans were run runners. All night the pursuit continued, but the American failed to overtake the bandits, they having crossed into Mexico. One deputy sheriff was wounded, but not seriously. The rebel casualties are not known.

It is claimed that the rebels were led by the notorious Garza Vela, regarded as one of the most desperate bandit leaders along the border.

# NEIL CREEK TIMBER LAND TRANSFERRED

1320 Acres Is Purchased by Milwaukee, Wisconsin Company; Plans Are Unknown.

A deal was consummated Saturday in which a tract of timber land on Neil creek was sold to the Foresteria Investment Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The tract consists of 1320 acres of virgin timber and was sold the Milwaukee firm by the Ashland Manufacturing company. The transaction was made through the agency of E. T. Merrill and F. A. Wheelahan, of Medford.

Efforts to ascertain whether the purchasers intend to develop the tract in the immediate future have been unavailing, but with the supply of pine timber being rapidly diminished it is not unlikely that plans to log the tract and cut the timber into lumber may be involved, however, the purchase may have been made for purely speculative reasons.

# VACATION IS ENDED AND SCHOOL OPENS

First Semester Examinations Open Jan. 23; Second Semester Opens Jan. 28.

Ding, dong, Ding, dong—After two weeks of holiday vacation Ashland school children and teachers were obliged to lay aside their vacation pleasures and return to school this morning for six months steady work.

First semester examinations are starting many in the faces. January 23d has been set as the date for their initial appearance and will continue throughout the remainder of the week. The second semester will be ushered in January 28, according to Professor G. A. Briscoe, who is home from attending the state convention of teachers in Portland.

Fortunately, the cold weather period seems to have its way and there will be no difficulty in keeping school rooms comfortably warm and free from dampness.

## Schedule Uncompleted

No definite basketball schedule has been announced, according to those in charge of athletics in the local high school. Conflicting dates has necessitated a new schedule. A full season will undoubtedly give the high school cagemen opportunity to display their hoop-throwing ability. A schedule for the girls' team will also be arranged.

## PAIR IS MARRIED IN STATE CAPITOL DOME

SALEM, Jan. 7.—Joseph Carl Krauger and Miss Lillian E. Maxwell, both of Foster, Linn county, were married "on high" Saturday afternoon, in the words of Judge Kuntz, who performed the ceremony. The wedding took place in the capitol dome, more than 250 feet above the ground.

The ceremony was witnessed by Gus Krauger and William Krauger, father and brother of the bridegroom, respectively.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Officers elect of the local post of the American Legion will be installed at a meeting of the post tomorrow night. The meeting will convene at 8:00 o'clock and a full attendance is desired by the post commander.

Arrival of locomotive from Maxville marks connection of Wallowa with Bishop Meadows.

# PIERCE ASKS FOR LIGHT ON SEARCH RIGHT

Governor Asks for Opinion From State's Attorney General.

## COMMENT WITHHELD

Governor Silent as to Proposed Action in Case of Prohibition Agents of State.

SALEM, Jan. 7.—The character of the amount of evidence that is necessary to procure a lawful search warrant authorizing the invasion of a private home in quest of liquor, will be set out in a legal opinion now being prepared by the attorney-general at the request of Governor Pierce. It was said that the opinion probably will be completed early next week.

Governor Pierce refused to comment on his action in requesting the opinion. Neither would he discuss any action that he may take as the result of criticism recently heaped upon the state prohibition department, other than to declare that officers employed in this branch of the service must keep their operations within the law. It was intimated at the executive department that a letter to this effect may be sent to George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director under the Pierce administration.

Although the supreme court of this state has never been asked to pass on or define the search and seizure clause of the prohibition act, there are a number of cases reported in which the principles involved are similar.

## Case Is Cited

One of these cases was reported under the title of David G. Smith versus William McDuffee, Andrew Edling and William von Berhen, defendants. The opinion in the case was written by Justice Moore.

In this case Von Behren alleged that he had missed some cattle from his ranch in Grant county and obtained a search warrant authorizing the invasion of Smith's home, whom he had suspected of being responsible for the theft of the animals.

The search warrant was placed in the hands of Andrew Edling, constable of Grants county, and he, in company with other men, entered Smith's home. They found none of the personal property described in the writ.

Smith later brought suit for personal damages against McDuffee, Edling and Von Berhen on the grounds that they had entered upon his property illegally and were unauthorized to search the buildings thereon.

Justice Moore, in his opinion, held that the search warrant was defective in that it failed to describe the premises or designate the county in which the search was to be made.

## Law Is Defined

Commenting on the subject of search warrants Justice Moore said:

"The dwelling of every person while he is in lawful possession thereof is his castle, and it ought not to be subjected to an unwarranted search except by a duly qualified officer and then only in pursuance of a valid writ commanding it.

"Such searches are usually made without the consent of occupant of a domicile and the investigation being a proceeding in invitum, the statute authorizing it is to be strictly construed, and no presumptions of regularity are to be invoked in aid of the process under which a proper officer obeying its commands undertakes to justify."

## SIMPSON HEADS DRIVE FOR HARDING MEMORIAL

T. H. Simpson is head of the committee for Harding Memorial week in Ashland and Jackson county, which covers the period from January 6th to the 12th. Those who desire to make contributions, however small, are requested to leave them with Mr. Simpson.

The state campaign for the Harding Memorial is under the direction of Hon. B. F. Mulkey of Portland, formerly an Ashland resident. The movement to secure funds for a suitable memorial to the departed President is nation wide and is meeting with a hearty response in every state of the nation. The movement is non-partisan and is endorsed by citizens of all creeds.