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## LOOK AFTER OREGON'S WELFARE

January 17 to 22 is to be designated as Letter Writing week. It is an advertising scheme to start travel and advertise localities. This is an advertising age. If you have anything to sell, tell about it; create an interest. If everybody tells of Oregon's good points somebody's curiosity is almost sure to be aroused and after consideration is the result of the action.

### The World's Production of Lead Pencils

According to a recent article by Mr. H. S. Sackett, of the Forest Service, the lead pencil production probably amounts to nearly 2,000,000,000 a year, half of which are made from American-grown cedar. The United States makes about 750,000,000 a year, or more than eight pencils for each of its inhabitants. Owing to the growing scarcity of red cedar and the fact that many other trees now little used appear to be more or less valuable substitutes for that wood in pencil-making, the Forest Service has carried out a series of tests which show that, next to the two species heretofore used for this purpose, the best trees for pencils are, in order of merit, Rocky Mountain red cedar, big tree (Sequoia), Port Orford cedar, redwood, and alligator juniper.

### Motion Pictures

In Berkeley, California, the seat of the State University, a committee appointed by the City Club has reported against establishing moving picture censorship, as being "unwise to entrust a few individuals the right to determine what the taste of the community should be." The committee makes three constructive recommendations:

1. That the press co-operate to crystallize public sentiment in favor of higher standards.
2. That civic organizations co-operate in a friendly manner with picture theatre proprietors to secure the elimination of the worst films, and intersperse better films among the blood-and-thunder and comic films which are so popular with children.
3. That special programs be arranged for children; that parents be encouraged to take their children to these special programs, and that the press and civic bodies do everything in their power to help make the better films more profitable to exhibit.

The committee records its judgment that while only a few children read extensively, either good or bad reading matter, all children attend moving picture shows, which thus have become possibly the strongest influence

upon character and education of any in force today.

"The subject of the moving picture," says the committee, "is one which every citizen, especially every parent, should approach with the most serious purpose."—Oregon Voter.

### Trapping in Oregon

Last year the Game Department issued nearly one thousand trapper's licenses. The law provides that trappers must at the end of the season (February 28) furnish to the Commission a verified report of the number and kinds of fur-bearing animals caught and killed during the season and where sold and the amount derived from the sale. Only 64 per cent of those taking out licenses made such a report. The total amount of money derived from fur-bearing animals caught by those who turned in their reports aggregated nearly \$10,000.00

Under our laws otter, mink, fisher, marten and muskrat are considered fur-bearing animals, on which there is a closed season. The open season on these five species begins on November first of each year and continues through to March first of the next year. There is no closed season on predatory animals, such as cougar, wolf, bear, cats, skunk and coyotes.

There is no open season on beaver.

We believe that along many Oregon streams and in the wilds of her forests there is an excellent opportunity for good trappers. We would like to see more trapping done in this state. In addition to the money which is derived from the sale of the pelts there is a bounty paid on wolf and cougar by the various counties and an additional bounty by the Fish and Game Commission. Taking everything into consideration a good trapper should be able to make more than a good living following his occupation.—Oregon Sportsman.

### Fifth Annual Oregon Irrigation Congress

The Fifth Annual Oregon Irrigation Congress held at the Commercial Club building, terminated in a banquet at which C. C. Chapman proposed a toast to President Wilson, responded to by all standing. The singing of "America" gave a vent to the patriotic feelings of the banqueters.

Before dismissing the report of the Congress, it is well to note in brief, what was accomplished in 1915 by the Tumalo, The Des Chutes Reclamation and Irrigation Company and the Central Oregon Irrigation Company projects, verifying how successful they were. Of these in their order.

Returns from the Tumalo Irrigation Project, Tumalo, Crook County, Ore.; the Des Chutes Reclamation and Irrigation Co., Des Chutes, Crook County, Ore.; and the Central Oregon Irrigation Co., Des Chutes, Crook Co., Ore., showed, respectively.

People living on lands, total, 1,573; people on the land and in adjoining towns, total, 5,000; number of farms, 723; acres in crop, 23,710; miles of canals and laterals, 581; acres sold, 49,284;

acres reclaimed, 70,480; annual value of crops, \$423,395; value of farms on project, \$3,132,226.

The principal address was made by A. L. Mills, of Portland, on "Oregon's Development Needs," in which he proposed state bonds for the aid of irrigationists. He stated that it was a common error to believe that Portland could finance the agricultural, mineral and other development plans of the state. The city is rich in big buildings, factories, mills, etc., but of investment capital it has but little. Its wealth is of a fixed nature, and not in cash waiting for investment. He said that in the First National Bank out of 26,000 accounts, he did not recall one depositor with as much as \$25,000 to his private account.

He placed the deposits of the First National at \$18,000,000, with \$5,000,000 in savings accounts, \$4,000,000 credited to out-of-town banks, and \$1,000,000 in public funds and working balances of local business concerns. Deposits of other banks he estimated were about \$70,000,000, and then added:

"When the financial world sees that we are bending our every effort to develop Oregon and that we are not ranting and raving against corporations, railroads predatory wealth and the like, then we shall obtain the necessary assistance for our meritorious endeavors. There are those of means who fear Oregon's theories of government.

"We can increase our land values by encouraging the great irrigation projects. To do this we must leave no stone unturned to get proper assistance from the state and National governments.

"Irrigation bonds have a bad name in financial circles, but such bonds are not inherently wrong; they have gone bad because the interest charges and maturities have come before the project has had time to become an established earning power. If some such law is enacted as is proposed by the Jones bill, it will do much to rehabilitate irrigation bonds."

Long-term loans to farmers, as state irrigation bonds handled by a non-political commission, and rural credits were advocated by the speaker.—Portland Chamber of Commerce News.

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## Mayor's Annual Report for Year, 1915

### ON WATER FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1915	\$ 93.04
Receipts during the year 1915	3,536.05
Total	\$3,629.09
Warrants paid during the year 1915	\$2,955.31
Interest on warrants	6.80
Balance on hand December 31, 1915	666.98
Total	\$3,629.09
Extras: Paid on 1 electric motor	\$ 179.32
For water meters	97.50
Total	\$ 276.82
No outstanding warrants on Water Fund.	

### ON GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1915	\$ 52.12
Received from County Treasurer	2,135.09
Received from City Recorder	145.50
Received from City Marshal	1.50
Transferred from Road Fund	300.00
Total	\$2,634.21
Warrants paid during the year 1915	\$2,315.35
Interest on same	245.90
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1915	72.96
Total	\$2,634.21

### ON ROAD FUND

Received from County Treasurer	\$ 895.58
Warrants paid and returned	840.39
Interest on above warrants	.03
Balance on hand December 31, 1915	55.16
Total	\$ 895.58
January 1, 1915, Outstanding Warrants	\$4,828.48
Warrants endorsed for interest in 1915	1,599.60
Total	\$6,428.08
Warrants redeemed in 1915	\$2,315.35
Warrants outstanding December 31, 1915	4,112.73
Total	\$6,428.08

The water works conditions seems to be very gratifying, there having been no break downs or extraordinary expenses of any kind and the receipts are ample to pay running expenses and interest on bonds and with the increasing revenues should soon begin to build a reserve fund to take care of the installation.

In the General Fund the Outstanding Warrants have been reduced \$715.75 in the last year, notwithstanding the increase in expense for an improved lighting system.

In the Road Fund, part of this having been used last year, we were unable to make all needed improvements. As there is no deficiency now more improvement can be done in 1916.

P. H. JOHNSON, Mayor.

D. E. STITT, City Recorder.