

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pendleton's tax levy this year will be 41 mills as against 27.6 last year.

Robert C. Paulus was re-elected president of the Salem Commercial club at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Martha A. Smith, aged 90 years, one of the oldest residents of Lane county, died at Eugene.

The roof of the gymnasium of the Monmouth high school caved in under the weight of the heavy snows.

Umatilla county's tax levy for the coming year will be 13 mills, an increase of 1/4 mills over last year.

Many horses in the Butter Creek region of Umatilla county are dead because of cold and insufficient feed.

Interstate bridge receipts for November totaled \$24,006.55, according to a report issued by the commissioners.

Following the cancellation of all coal restrictions, P. P. Keck, coal dealer for Oregon, closed his office at Salem.

The annual convention of the Oregon state teachers' association will be held in Portland December 29, 30 and 31.

Hundreds of peach, apricot and cherry trees were killed in Wasco county by the recent extreme cold weather.

The recent zero weather and heavy fall of snow did much damage to conservatories owned by the florists near Oregon City.

With teams of three communities yet to hear from, the Hood River Red Cross chapter already has 1800 members for 1920.

Eight cents a pound for the Marion county yield of loganberries for the year 1920 has been offered by a cannery at Albany.

Ashley H. Jones, 25, rancher of the

southern end of Umatilla county, was fatally shot by his hunting companion, Edward Warner.

A protest signed by 100 parents of school children has been filed at Roseburg objecting to compulsory examination of their children by a proposed county nurse.

The Oregon Duroc Jersey Swine Breeders' association has completed arrangements for a swine show to be held at the state fair grounds in Salem on February 4.

Jack Humphrys, 9-year-old son of Nick Humphrys of Oregon City, was probably fatally injured when he was shot by a companion while playing with a 22 rifle.

The 20th annual district convention of the Knights of Pythias was held at The Dalles during the official visit of Charles S. Davis, of Denver, Colo., supreme chancellor.

The Christmas vacation tours of the men's and women's glee clubs of the University of Oregon have been indefinitely postponed on account of weather conditions.

The state highway commission has started surveys on the Heppner-Grant county road which was authorized by the Morrow county taxpayers at a special election last summer.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company filed for record at Oregon City a mortgage covering its entire property. The document covers 30 pages of closely printed sheets.

Many birds perished in the Harrisburg section during the severe cold, due to exposure. In many instances snow birds froze in barn lots where feed had been thrown out for them.

William L. Finley has been removed as state biologist of the Oregon fish and game commission. This action was taken at a meeting of the commission held in Portland December 11.

A fire in the basement of the Portland Stove works at Portland caused damage to the plant estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Henry Blanke and O. C. Luecke, of Plymouth, Wis., have announced that they will install a \$50,000 hardwood sawmill at Harrisburg.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company has placed an order with the Oregon City Foundry company for the manufacture of several new wet machines, which have always in the past been manufactured in the east.

Reports from various sections of the state indicate that large quantities of potatoes were frozen during the recent record-breaking zero weather. Some farmers have suffered rather heavy losses in this respect.

Senator McNary is preparing a bill to cede Roxie Ann mountain to the city of Medford for public park purposes, and another bill appropriating \$150,000 for the erection of a public building at Klamath Falls.

The big meeting of the Linn County Good Roads association, originally set for December 13 and then postponed one week on account of the storm, has been postponed again and will be held some time after the holidays.

Fire, which is thought to have started from an explosion of chemicals in the laboratory or from a stove in the social rooms on the floor above, damaged Waller hall at Willamette University to the extent of \$35,000.

After liquidating all indebtedness, there remained in the surplus fund of the Oregon state fair board on December 1, 1919, a total of \$2,409.71, according to the annual report prepared by A. H. Lea, secretary of the board.

Contracts have been signed by officials of the Cascade national forest and the Northwestern Turpentine company of Portland, whereby this company will be allowed to tap Douglas fir trees in the forest for turpentine.

J. E. Williams and family of Eugene, who were believed to have been lost in the deep snow at the summit of the Cascade mountains while attempting to cross into eastern Oregon with a four horse team, are reported to be safe at La Pine.

Twelve aliens have been deported from Oregon during the present month and others are expected to follow before the first of the year, according to information made public by R. P. Bonham, chief of the immigration service of this district.

Officials of the Southern Pacific Oregon lines received the banner awarded to the road for making the best record among roads employing more than 2000 men in the northwest region during the recent national accident prevention drive.

An ice jam ripped out the false work on the new Columbia highway bridge over the Deschutes river, in course of construction, and sent it down the river. The false work represented five months' work and an outlay of approximately \$5000.

A meeting of the North Pacific Fair association will be held in Portland January 26 and 27. Representatives of all northwest fairs belong to the organization. Dates for the 1920 fairs will be determined, and other business transacted at the meeting.

By executive order a strip of land two miles long and containing 327 acres, situated at the outer edge of Tillamook Head, is restored to entry. This land was withdrawn in 1885 for quarry purposes in connection with the improvement of the Columbia river.

Mixing poison to kill jackrabbits in the Tumalo district is progressing and 25 sacks of strychnine-impregnated alfalfa leaves already have been distributed. The first results noted were when several hundred bunnies were found dead after eating the poisoned leaves.

Prices for commodities in Oregon have advanced about 10 per cent in the last six months, according to a comparison of bids received at Salem for furnishing supplies to the various state institutions during the first six months of the year 1920, with those received on June 12, 1919.

Fire that attacked the Palmolive Oil company plant in Portland practically ruined the three-story structure and forced a score of workmen to flee for their lives. One employe, Frank Russell, was severely burned about the face when he sought to escape the flames. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Utilization of 10,000 acres of government-owned swamp land near Klamath lake as a soldier's settlement project was urged by the Oregon delegation in the house at a conference with Secretary Lane. The government now is negotiating a contract with private interests to reclaim the land and secure its use for 30 years.

Malheur county leads the counties of Oregon in the extent of its unappropriated and unreserved public lands, according to the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office just made to congress, and Harney county is second. Malheur has a total area of 4,468,403 acres of remaining public lands, and Harney county has 3,839,560 acres.

The value of the taxable property in the 36 counties in Oregon, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission totals \$990,435,472.17, according to a statement prepared by Frank Lovell, state tax commissioner. Last year the valuations were \$987,533,896.97, showing an increase this year of a trifle more than \$2,000,000.

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A call has been issued for the sixth annual conference of the Oregon State Drainage association to convene at Corvallis, January 1 and 2.

The first case of amputation reported at The Dalles as the result of freezing was that of E. Clossen, a sheepherder, who had his leg taken off.

Damage by broken water pipes, broken trees in the orchards and death of stock on the range in Medford and the Rogue river valley is estimated at \$100,000.

On its own motion the public service commission has instituted an investigation of the distance, class and commodity rates of the Sumpter Valley railroad.

The committee in charge of plans for the inauguration of A. M. Williams as president of Albany college has fixed January 7 as the date of the ceremony.

Nine allotments of land in the Umatilla Indian reservation, totaling 600 acres and appraised at \$80,410, or \$134 an acre, are to be offered for sale February 16.

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1.50 p. m.	" " 2.25 p. m.
5.15 " "	" " 5.48 " "
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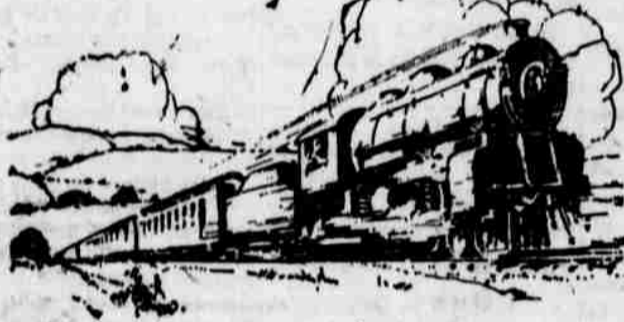
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