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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eugene will have an army store of its own in a short time.

Eugene building permits in 1919 made a gain of 409 per cent over the 1918 record.

Revenues from the state insurance department for the year 1919 totaled \$235,085.05.

Damage done to Umatilla county roads by the recent floods and washouts is estimated at \$25,000.

In Linn county, during 1919, there were 223 marriage licenses issued and only 30 divorce decrees granted.

Mrs. Mary A. Simpson, a resident of Linn county, 61 years, died at her home in Albany, aged 80 years.

Oregon was second among the states of the Union in the sale of treasury savings certificates for November.

Members of the Northwestern Society of Highway Engineers held their annual meeting in Salem Friday night.

Rev. Edward Gittins, a well known pioneer Methodist minister, died at the home of his daughter in Salem, aged 70 years.

The bond issue providing \$50,000 for water works and \$20,000 for a city hall carried at Rainier by a vote of 135 to 32.

More than 800 applications for real estate licenses have been received at the office of the state insurance commissioner.

A total of \$225,000.36 was paid into the state treasury as inheritance tax by the estate of the late Henry L. Pitcock of Portland.

Fall wheat in the Weston vicinity is looking excellent and has not been damaged by the frost, according to reports from that section.

Nearly 100 Filipino students from Corvallis, Philomath and other sections of the state gathered at Salem and enjoyed the annual banquet.

Damaged trestles, due to high water, are responsible for the uncertain train service between The Dalles and Friend, on the Great Southern railroad.

Seventy breeders of purebred stock from all sections of Linn county met in Albany and formed the Linn County Purebred Livestock association.

December cargo shipments of lumber from the Columbia were exceptionally light. In that period 27 vessels loaded a total of 21,535,984 feet of lumber.

The total cash receipts of the Oregon supreme court for the year 1919 were \$9180.98. During the year 1918 the court received from all sources \$9322.

According to announcement just made, the Methodist church at Roseburg will begin the erection of a \$25,000 church edifice early in the spring.

Out of the 1066 homesteads filed in the Stuslaw reservation, only 133 are occupied by the original owners, 634 having been deserted and 299 changing hands.

At a meeting in Medford a number of Republican women formed a General Leonard Wood club and will support him in the presidential primary campaign.

Miss Catherine Beckley, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed an instructor in the department of zoology at the University of Oregon.

With a membership of less than 50, the Christian Missionary alliance of Hood River has during the past year given \$245 toward Armenian and Syrian relief.

Members of the Oregon supreme court prepared and handed down a total of 301 opinions during the year 1919, as against 336 opinions during the year 1918.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to accidents during the week ending January 1, 1920. The victim was W. H. Shaver, a logger, whose home address is Seattle.

The Oregon Jersey Cattle club has gone on record as favoring a special representative of the American Jersey Cattle club with permanent headquarters on the coast.

The unusual situation of a woman presiding over a grange will prevail in Linn county this year. Miss Bertha J. Beck has been elected master of Callamette grange.

T. G. Hendricks, pioneer merchant and banker of Eugene and first regent of the University of Oregon, who died a short time ago, left property valued at \$415,000.

The Salem Salesmen's league, organized at Salem recently, has received the indorsement of the local commercial club and will become affiliated with that organization.

Investigation of the rural dance halls near Salem is to be taken up by the present grand jury because of many complaints that have been made regarding their management.

The building of the Warren Cooperative warehouse store at Warren is nearing completion, and will soon be ready for occupancy. The association will supply all its members with goods at cost prices.

The second train wreck within a week occurred at Toledo, when a freight engine crashed into a string of freight cars, smashing the engine and throwing the cars from the track.

Postmaster T. A. Reeves of Hood River reports that the mail handled at that office during 1919 for outgoing trains and for local delivery exceeded that of any past year by 50 per cent.

While playing battle with a gun thought unloaded, Glen Fisher, 8-year-old son of Henry Fisher of Leona, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by the 12-year-old son of William Carrier.

Fruit and berries in the Willamette valley were not damaged seriously by the recent cold weather, in opinion of W. R. Scott, manager of the Puyallup & Sumner Valley Fruit association.

Because of the eleventh-hour rush it will be impossible for the secretary of state to mail all 1920 motor vehicle license plates for which applications have been received before January 15.

Work has been resumed at the Oehoco dam after a short shutdown on account of the deep snow. There is reported deep snow in the mountains, assuring plenty of water for irrigating in this section.

Lumbermen of Klamath county report that more than \$5,000,000 worth of merchantable timber has been ruined in that section by the western pine beetle since they first made their appearance three years ago.

A preliminary estimate of the production of metals in Oregon in 1919, compiled by the United States geological survey, shows a decrease in the gold and lead produced, but an increase in the silver and copper.

G. V. Skelton of Corvallis, professor of highway engineering at Oregon Agricultural college, was elected president of the Northwestern Society of Highway Engineers at the annual meeting of the society in Salem.

Howard W. Jeter of Port Orford, deputy sheriff of Curry county, lost his life when a surfboat in which four men were attempting to reach the bow of the wrecked steamer J. A. Chanslor at the mouth of Sixes river, upset in the breakers.

Clatsop county has donated \$500 to the fund for paying the expenses of two delegates who are to be sent to Washington to urge the enactment at this session of congress of a law appropriating \$2,500,000 for the construction of the proposed Roosevelt highway.

Preparatory to installation of a municipal light and water system, the city of Roseburg, through its officials, filed with the state engineer an application for water rights and approximately 1000 feet per second of water from the North Umpqua at a point

known as Whistler's bend.

Contracts thus far awarded for furnishing supplies for the several state institutions for the first six months of the year 1920 indicate that the prices quoted for the various commodities are from 5 to 10 per cent higher than when the previous bids were opened in June, 1919.

Percy Cupper of Balm, state engineer; Whitney L. Boise of Portland, and a third man to represent the interests of eastern Oregon, will leave this week for Washington, where they will attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Western States Reclamation association, which will open there on January 14.

Senator McNary has urged the commandant of the United States coast guard service to establish a life-saving station at Port Orford. In a letter to Senator McNary, Willis T. White of Port Orford asserted that the lives of the 31 men who went down with the tank steamer J. C. Chanslor two weeks ago might have been saved.

A 2-mill tax on all the taxable property of the state to raise funds with which to conduct the schools of Oregon probably will be proposed at the special session of the legislature this month, according to the members of the Oregon County School Superintendents' association, which held its annual convention in Salem.

Statements purported to have been made by an indicted I. W. W. in Portland to the effect that 75 per cent of the men employed in road construction work in Oregon are members of the I. W. W. are emphatically denied in a letter forwarded by Roy Klein, secretary of the commission, to Governor Olcott in reply to a request for an explanation of the charges.

Nels P. Sorenson, wealthy Portland timberman, was fined \$500 and set free in that city by the six judges of the state circuit court sitting en banc, following the plea of his attorneys that to enforce a sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed by the municipal court, following Sorenson's conviction on a charge of having driven an automobile while intoxicated, would seriously jeopardize his health.

The state highway commission, in the construction of roads and bridges during the year 1919 expended a total of \$6,811,335.32. A total of 381 miles of paving was under contract, of which 163 miles have been completed. Approximately 218 miles, or 43 per cent, remain unfinished. Of the 316 miles of rock and graveling contracted 107 miles have been completed. Grading contracts awarded totaled 825 miles, of which 270 miles have been completed.

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