

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Mrs. Grace Cunningham has been appointed postmaster at Chico, Wallowa county.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of a number of new residences in Monmouth.

Miss Ruby O. Engelman has been appointed postmistress at Lone to succeed Mrs. Earl Blake, resigned.

The Scottish Rite Club of Southern Oregon was organized by 32nd-degree Masons at a dinner in Medford.

Approximately \$10,000 less in taxes will be assessed in Baker county this year than were collected in 1921.

Mrs. Martha A. Williams, 58 years of age, committed suicide at Salem by jumping off a bridge into Mill Creek.

During the year just closed Clatsop county has spent \$98,254 for new bridges and repairs to old structures.

Total fire loss in Astoria for the year 1921 was \$157,300, for which insurance amounting to \$133,200 was paid.

Eugene property owners will pay taxes this year on a levy of 55.1 mills, which is an increase of 2.1 mills over last year.

Except several fills and the bridge over Lake creek, the Oregon Caves highway near Grants Pass is about completed.

There were a total of 242 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending January 5.

H. J. Eberly, assistant state forester, while on his way to Seattle Sunday by automobile, suffered a fractured arm and other injuries.

During the past season Clatsop county operated five state-owned trucks on highway improvement work at an expense of \$21,466.45.

The farmers of the Rickreall vicinity will meet January 11 to take action with relation to acquiring flax acreage for the year 1922.

The former Clatsop mill in Astoria, recently purchased by the Astoria Box company, will soon begin operations with 130 men at work.

A block of \$150,000 5 1/2 per cent Tillamook county road bonds was sold at Tillamook to a Portland bond house at a premium of \$3773.50.

A lath mill will be installed in Albany this month by the Anderson Fuel company, which will also operate a lumber yard with its mill.

The county agent work in Coos county has been cut from the expense account of the budget, as well as the demonstrator appropriation.

A short course for commercial club secretaries will be offered by the University of Oregon during Easter vacation from March 27 to April 1.

The Pendleton Packing company has nearly doubled its output during the few weeks it has been in existence and now has 24 men on its payroll.

The Oregon Aggies in the season of 1921 won 10 championships, broke two coast records and played Oregon to a scoreless tie for the state football title.

S. M. Calkins of Eugene, for 15 years reporter of the circuit court of the district comprising Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties, has resigned his position.

A rotary diamond drill capable of drilling a 4 1/2 inch hole to a depth of 4000 feet has been shipped to Medford for use by the Western Oil company.

Arrests by the Clackamas county sheriff's office for the year of 1921, more than doubled those for 1920, according to a report compiled by Sheriff Wilson.

Evidence of Medford's continued prosperity and growth of postoffice receipts lies in the fact that the Medford postoffice is now in the first class of postoffices.

Thirty-five thousand cords of white fir wood to be used in the manufacture of paper has been cut during the year in the upper basin of McDowell creek in Linn county.

Many of the small sawmills on the lower Siuslaw river and in adjacent territory are resuming operations after an idleness in some cases of a year's duration.

The Oregon Agricultural college basketball team opened the northwest conference season at Corvallis with a victory over the Whitman college five by a score of 36 to 18.

The industrial rush at Marshfield and stories of demand for large lumber shipments during 1922 are bringing into the Coos county district more laborers than can get employment.

The state limestone plant at Gold Hill, authorized by the legislature for the purpose of supplying Oregon farmers with limestone fertilizer at cost, has become a white elephant. Estimates were that from 20,000 to 60,000 tons of limestone fertilizer were needed annually on Oregon farms, whereas total sales during the existence of the plant have aggregated only 4128 tons.

The state sealer of weights and measures office inspected a total of 10,602 scales during 1921, according to a report prepared by W. A. Daiziel, deputy sealer of weights and measures.

Baker county stock growers are of the opinion that the industry has passed through the worst that can come to it and that 1922 will see much better times for all Baker county stockmen.

More than \$200,000 was disbursed by the federal government among the members of the Oregon National Guard units during the past year as compared with less than half that amount for 1920.

Lane county's hop crop this year sold for nearly \$500,000. The crop in the county amounted to 6500 bales, and an average price of 35 cents a pound, or \$70 a bale, was received by local growers.

According to the records in the Astoria customs house, 569 vessels loaded at lumber mills in the Columbia river district during the year 1921 and their combined cargoes amounted to 537,582,057 feet of lumber.

With the Carey act contract with the state executed and a definite allotment of water made by the state water board, the North Canal company is now ready to proceed with development plans in the vicinity of Bend.

Mrs. C. E. Copple, wife of a Hood River orchardist and banker, received from D. Tancred of Kent, Wash., a White Leghorn cockerel for which she paid \$250. This is the highest-priced chicken ever brought to the valley.

Portland is to have a new Orpheum theater. In addition to the four-day-a-week show now running in Portland, a \$1,000,000 structure to house shows under the Junior Orpheum plan will be opened within the next 18 months.

Methodist Episcopal churches of the Portland area, which includes Washington and Oregon, have set aside the first week of next April as "clean-up" week, when churches and parsonages and surrounding grounds will be renovated.

The largest gain in postal receipts ever made in Oregon City was recorded at the local postoffice for the year 1921. The gain is 19.7 per cent over last year and places the office high among the others of its class in the state.

A well defined plan is said to be under way at Astoria to form an organization which will control the output of the various logging camps in the lower Columbia river district and thus regulate the prices at which logs shall be sold.

Only 67 out of a total of 7642 claims for cash bonus and loans examined by the world war veterans' state aid commission have been rejected, according to a report prepared by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission.

The Lakeview chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution urging that from the money to be derived from the sale of Lake county road bonds the sum of \$90,000 be set apart for construction of a road from Lakeview to Klamath Falls.

Seaside probably will be the site of the next state Elks' convention, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the officers of the Oregon State Elks association at Portland. Final decision was left to George Collins of Medford, president of the association.

W. C. Henderson, acting chief of the United States biological survey, will be in Portland January 20 to confer with the attorney-general of Oregon on the controversy over the Malheur bird reserve, raised by the settlers in the Harney valley irrigation district.

Owners of automobile stage lines operating between Portland and Salem intimate that some action probably will be taken in the near future to test the constitutionality of at least two of the highway conservation laws, approved at the recent special session of the legislature. The most objectionable of these laws, it was said, is the one providing for an increase in the license fees.

Following receipt of a pledge from members of the state fish commission that they will not again appear before the legislature in quest of appropriations, and a statement to the effect that the fishing industry of the state is at present imperiled because of insufficient funds to repair damage to hatcheries resulting from recent storms, Governor Olcott signed house bill No. 6 carrying an appropriation of \$64,500.

Governor Olcott vetoed house bill No. 31, providing for a special election on May 19, to be held in connection with the regular primary contests, for the purpose of referring to the voters of the state two resolutions and an enabling act, approved at the recent special session of the legislature. One of the resolutions, which was scheduled to go before the voters at the special election, authorized an increased gasoline tax with which to provide funds to finance the proposed 1925 exposition in Portland. The other resolution authorized Linn and Benton counties to levy a tax with which to redeem outstanding warrants. The enabling act provided for putting the world's fair machinery in motion.

RUSSIA INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Step is Regarded As Practically Being Recognition of Soviet.

Cannes.—What is regarded by the majority of the delegates here as amounting to recognition of the soviet government of Russia was decided upon by the allied supreme council when the British proposal for an international, financial and economic conference with the participation of Russia and Germany was approved unanimously.

Some time during the first two weeks of March has been set for the momentous gathering and Genoa, Italy, has been designated as the place where it shall be held.

An invitation to the United States to participate has been extended through the American ambassador to Great Britain, George Harvey, who is here as official observer for his government.

Russia's participation in the Genoa conference is conditioned upon acceptance of a number of conditions; namely, that she cease bolshevik propaganda abroad, that she undertake not to attack her neighbors and that she recognize all the honorable obligations entered into by preceding Russian governments.

Official announcement was made that soviet Russia would be represented at the forthcoming economic conference at Genoa. This information was contained in a wireless dispatch received by the supreme council before a formal invitation to the soviet government had actually been drawn up and the speed with which the Russians have replied to the announcement that they were to be invited was construed to mean that they are very desirous of joining the nations on almost any terms acceptable to the allies.

Notification of indorsement by the British cabinet of the written pledge binding Great Britain immediately to aid France to the full extent of her military and naval resources in case of aggression by Germany is expected from London. The pact was agreed upon by Premiers Briand and Lloyd George.

CHINESE-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS END

Washington, D. C.—The Chinese people will resist, by every means at their disposal, an attempt by the Japanese to open direct negotiations with Peking over Shantung, representatives in Chinese national and provincial organizations, who are here as unofficial observers at the conference, declared in a statement.

The Shantung conversations between the Japanese and Chinese delegates were adjourned sine die when the Chinese declined to accept a Japanese counter-proposal for payment for the Kiao-chow-Tsinanfu railway by a 15-year loan redeemable by China in five years upon six months' notice.

Japanese delegates found unacceptable the two Chinese alternative proposals "in their present form" providing for a single immediate cash payment, or installments covering 12 years with an option to take up remaining notes within a shorter period. The Chinese offer included the appointment of a Japanese chief accountant.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY HURT

Narrowly Escapes Death When Auto Axle Breaks.

Cannes.—George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, narrowly escaped death here in an automobile accident. Accompanied by Richard Crane, former American minister to Czechoslovakia, in whose car he was riding, and Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, Ambassador Harvey was on his way for a round of golf.

The axle of the machine broke, and Mr. Harvey was thrown out, landing heavily on the road. He was able to arise, but was rushed back to his hotel in a dazed condition.

Mr. Crane was uninjured, but Mr. Steed suffered from bruises and shock. Delegates to the allied supreme council, at which Ambassador Harvey was acting as observer for his government, sent expressions of sympathy and congratulations at his escape.

Newberry Declares His Innocence.

Washington, D. C.—A sweeping declaration of his innocence was made by Senator Newberry, republican, Michigan, in the senate. Taking the floor for his defense in the ouster proceedings brought by Henry Ford, defeated democratic candidate, Senator Newberry emphatically denied personal knowledge of the collection or expenditure of the large campaign fund spent in his behalf.

SAYS MEN'S LOOKS IMPROVE

That Males of the Race Are Growing Handsomer is Contention of British Surgeon.

According to Sir William Orpen, the painter, men are growing more handsome every day, says the North China Herald.

That their faces are changing is a scientific fact, vouched for by Prof. Arthur Keith of the Royal College of Surgeons. In his annual report on the museum of the college he says:

"For many years past it has been the custom to accept and preserve in the museum all human remains found in Great Britain when they were found under such circumstances as gave an approximate clue to their date. In time, it is hoped, sufficient material will accumulate to provide a basis for a physical history of the inhabitants of these islands."

From the evidence accumulating under his care Professor Keith has become convinced that definite changes, particularly in the face and jaws, have been taking place in the last century or two.

Whether these changes are for the better Professor Keith does not say. But Sir William Orpen was quite decided on the point.

"Of course we are growing more handsome," he said. "A firmer type, a stronger jaw is developing. I should say. Men are approximating more to what is known as the strong, silent type, so beloved of fiction."

"I believe you can make yourself like anything you like within limits. One of these limits is that you become like the people you live with, either in actual life or in the life of the mind."

"I have found that husbands grow like their wives, and wives grow like their husbands very frequently."

Sir William's theory perhaps may account for the fact that there is a type dentist, a type prize fighter, a type journalist, a type doctor, and so on.

PROFITABLE WELLS TO OWN

People Willing to Pzy Liberally for Dip Into Water That Contains Radium Emanations.

A mighty profitable piece of property in these days is a radium well—the term referring to water that contains the precious "emanations" of that wonderful mineral. People are flocking to the Isle of Pines (south of Cuba) for "dips." On that island, at Santa Fe, are four radium wells that are alleged to be very remarkable. Not far away, at Santa Barbara, are eight more.

The wells are not much to look at—mere holes dug in the ground and surrounded by ring fences. There are hotels, which charge only \$50 a day for room and board, with dips thrown in. Outsiders may have the treatment at \$5 per dip.

The method is simple and rather primitive. A piece of canvas is spread on the ground; the patient sits in the middle of it and two muscular men lift the ends. Lowered into the water hole one is immersed for a moment or two only.

More would be too much. The heart might be dangerously affected. Even after so brief a dip the body of a person thus immersed is almost as red as a boiled lobster. It gives one a notion of the strength of the emanations.

Women who take the dips are warned to avoid wetting their heads. The radium water turns the hair green.

Prospecting in Australia.

While five applications have been made for the reward of \$50,000 (\$250,000) offered by the federal government for the discovery of oil in payable quantities in Australia, no definite indications of large deposits of oil have been made known, says a Melbourne dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor. In western Australia 50 samples from the supposed oil region in Kimberley have been forwarded for analysis to the geological department, and the minister for mines, J. Scaddan, says that some of the analyses gave evidence of mineral oil similar to that found in Sumatra. It was hoped that further investigation might lead to the discovery of oil.

Education in Hawaii.

It is the opinion of Vaughan MacCaughy, territorial superintendent of public instruction in Hawaii, that nowhere in the world is there "a more beautiful or significant schoolyard" than may be seen there. The public school department comprises 42,000 children of more than a score of races, while there are 1,300 teachers and 167 schools. The department was recently given supervision over 175 foreign-language schools, with 20,000 pupils. It maintains several highly specialized technical schools as well. There are sixty private schools besides the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. —New York Evening Post.

A Modified Attitude.

"You used to say you would never marry a man who drinks," replied Miss Cayenne. "With so much bootleg material in circulation I'd probably be a widow very soon unless he reformed."

Not His Habit.

Villager (to perspiring tourist)—Turn to the right at the bottom of this road and you'll see the Red Lion saloon; you pass that— Tourist—Pass it! Not if I know it!—Tit-Bits.

TURN CHURCH INTO 'CENTRAL'

Phone Workmen, Following Disaster at Pueblo, Colo., Use Odd Makeshift.

Time out of mind the church has been an asylum for the helpless and the suffering in times of disaster, but it remained for a church in Pueblo, Colo., in the first few hours of confusion following the last flood, to throw open its doors to a telephone company, so that a temporary switchboard might be established in its basement and the vitally necessary system of communication with the outside world might be re-established.

No sooner had the waters receded than the telephone men were on the ground seeking to restore service. The flood had ruined their central office equipment and they sought in vain to find another building in which to house the temporary headquarters. Then Rev. Frank E. Eden, pastor of the First Baptist church, came to their aid with an offer of the use of his building.

Gangs of installers quickly transformed the basement of the church edifice into an up-to-date central office and for some time Pueblo's only means of communication by telephone was through a switchboard—probably the first in history—set up in a house of worship.

Telegraph instruments were also installed and during the period in which the church was put to this emergency use the pastor's sermons were accompanied by the click of Morse instruments and the low murmur of the voices of the telephone operators as they transformed into action the spirit of service which he preached.

GIVE UP CONTEST WITH SAND

Washington Railroads, After Unsuccessful Fight, Move Their Tracks to Get Out of the Way.

After fighting night and day to keep their tracks free from windblown sand, two railroads running along the banks of the Columbia river, near Wallula, Washington, have given up the struggle and are soon to move their roadbeds to the top of the bluffs, out of reach of the sand. For months teams of horses and scrapers have struggled with the sand.

During the flood season the river deposits sand and silt on the Columbia's banks to a depth of from ten to fifteen feet, and as the water recedes, the wind picks up this fine, rounded material and carries it over the surrounding country. On the farm of H. R. Ostrom a pen and shed filled with four hundred sheep were buried overnight, and a few branches bearing apples protruding from the surface of the sand-dune is all Eric Johnson can show for a forty-acre orchard. —Popular Science.

Growing Demand for Peanuts.

Americans are eating peanuts in a number of ways. They eat peanuts straight, peanuts in many forms of candy, salted peanuts on the tables like salted almonds, peanut butter, peanut oil and peanut meal or flour. And all the possibilities of the peanut have not yet been realized by the public.

American farmers are not supplying the American demand for peanuts. Shelled peanuts by millions of pounds and peanut oil by millions of gallons come from China and Japanese possessions on the Asiatic continent, and insular Japan grows peanuts for export and runs oil mills for crushing them. Kobe, and Osaka, Japan, and Shanghai, China, are perhaps as great peanut marts as our own city of Petersburg in Virginia. India raises peanuts and Spain is a peanut exporting country.

The European taste is turning to peanuts and peanut products just as the American taste has turned already. The peanut has a great future.

One on the Parson.

A southern clergyman tells of an occasion when a friend of his had obtained a job for a colored man who had been for a long time out of work. The clergyman thought that the man must be getting pretty shabby, so he looked up a suit—they were much of a size—and took it around to the man's house.

The man's wife took it, and the clergyman waited in the room, as he says, "ready to be overwhelmed with thanks." But when the woman returned she said:

"My husband thanks yo', sah, but he says that he don't hold with parson's clothes, but if you've got anything as would suit a man he'll be glad to have a look at it."

"You-All."

Prof. Annette B. Hopkins, of the English department at Goucher college, says that the only way to iron out sectional accents and colloquialisms is to get 'em young and train 'em. If a student is not made aware of her peculiarities of speech before she is seventeen or eighteen, Professor Hopkins finds, it is usually too late for effecting permanent corrections. "To achieve a speaking vocabulary unpolled by localisms," she said recently, "requires more than four years of college." Thus, at Goucher, "you-all" is a firmly established institution. —New York Evening Post.

Too Dangerous.

Vicar.—You mustn't neglect their education, Mrs. Craddock. Why, I had to pinch severely to send my boys to school.

Mrs. Craddock.—Ah, sir, but Craddock is too feared o' the law to do anything like that!—Tit-Bits.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed executors of the estate of August Quasdorf, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and have qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned executors at the Independence National Bank of Independence, in said county, within six months from the date of this notice.

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