

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Roseburg-Coon Bay highway has been closed.

Portland soon will have another automobile stage terminal.

Band grocers have signed an agreement to retail no bread not made in band.

Ninety-six violators of the prohibition law were arrested by the morals squad of the Portland police force during the week ending November 26.

Headquarters of Willamette university has announced that \$803,960 of the endowment fund of \$1,250,000 has been subscribed.

More than 100 people attended an annual Oregon products dinner given at Bend under the direction of the woman's civic league.

At a special election recently the people of Falls City voted a bond issue of \$15,000 to purchase the electric light and power plant there.

The state land department, through George G. Brown, clerk, turned over to the state treasurer during the month of November a total of \$155,748.

Only one dog may be kept inside city limits of Eugene by one person, firm or corporation if an ordinance introduced in the city council is passed.

A total of 153,653 motor vehicle licenses for the year 1922 had been issued by the state motor vehicle department at the close of business November 20.

Ray Ritner of Pendleton, acting treasurer during the absence from the state of Governor Olcott, arrived in Salem Sunday night and will remain all Christmas.

The foundation has been completed for the new Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company mill at Bend and construction of the frame work of the building will be started immediately.

Following the examples set by the Riverside and Crabtree communities in Linn county, Knox Butte citizens have inaugurated a movement in their district for a community hall.

Vessels of all trades entered at Portland for 11 months ending Thursday numbered 1062, with a total tonnage of 2,884,862. In the same period 2,884,397 tons were carried.

Schools throughout Union county are making vigorous protests following the action of the county court in cutting off the appropriations for the city nurse and the county library.

The Tillamook County Mutual Telephone company, with headquarters at Tillamook, has filed an application with the Oregon public service commission requesting a slight increase in rates.

Twenty carloads of dried prunes have been shipped this fall from the plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, according to J. O. Holt, manager, and ten carloads are left in the warehouses.

The state highway department, at a meeting to be held in Portland December 13, will open bids for the construction of roads and bridges aggregating a cost estimated at approximately \$500,000.

In order to preserve the surface of the number of roads in the county during the coming winter, the Lane county court has issued an order regulating the weight of loads to be hauled on particular roads.

November, 1922, was the coldest month in the last seven years, according to the figures of Lee Goettling, weather observer at Eugene. The rainfall during the month was the lightest since 1914.

The balance in the various funds of the city of Portland on November 30, which marked the end of the fiscal year, was \$1,919,945.47, according to the financial statement compiled by William Adams, city treasurer.

Clyde LaFollett, member of the lower house of the legislature from Marion county, narrowly escaped being arrested when an automobile in which he was riding plunged off the Wheatland ferry and into the Willamette river.

Three men lost their lives and \$30,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire of an unknown origin swept Ben Hur hotel at 247 Oak street, Portland. The dead are: Christosomo Marzano, 24; Thomas Carino, 26, and J. McDonald.

Some relief was noted in the carteration by the mills of the north coast last week, according to the figures of a report for the week ending November 25, issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. Shipments were within 8 per cent of new records placed on the books of the mills reporting to the organization.

The business was 13 per cent below normal and production was 4 per cent above normal.

The district attorneys of Oregon will hold their annual convention in Eugene December 16 and 18, according to announcement by Clyde N. Johnston, Lane county prosecutor, who is secretary and treasurer of the state association.

Speeders and other violators of traffic laws totalling 6791 fell into the hands of the motorcycle speed squad of the Portland police force during the past 12-month period, according to the annual report filed with Chief of Police Jenkins. Fines aggregating \$23,355.35 were collected from drivers.

As a result of the tremendous numbers of motor tourists visiting the Oregon caves of the Siskiyou national forest, which followed the opening last season of automobile roads there, Fred Cleator of the Oregon office of lands will see about utilization of state land in that region for recreational purposes.

Cargo lumber shipments from the Columbia river for the month of November were much less than during the previous month, according to statistics compiled by Deputy Collector of Customs Lamb at Astoria. Sixty-nine vessels loaded at the mills on the river in November and their combined cargoes totalled 48,354.418 foot of lumber.

With but three or four days' work remaining on the Crescent lake dam for the Deschutes county municipal improvement district, all possibility that snow will prevent its completion is removed. With favorable weather, all of the work contracted by the United Contracting company for the Tumalo project will be completed by February 1.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court has been filed in the circuit court at Salem by the city of Portland, in its suit brought against Sam A. Kozor, secretary of state, and the Associated Oil company to restrain the state from collecting gasoline tax on cars operated by the municipality. In the circuit court an order was issued adverse to the city of Portland.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending November 30, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Earl Perkins, state traffic officer, Oak Grove; Erick Erickson, logger, St. Helens, and Jack McIver, carpenter and millwright, Winchester. A total of 453 accidents were reported.

The salmon pack of the Columbia river district, which is considered one of Oregon's greatest industries, did not equal in value this year the pack of the five fruit canneries located in Salem. The canned fruit pack in the five Salem canneries aggregated 677,000 cases, which were sold at an average of \$4 each. This would fix the value of the fruit pack of these concerns at \$3,948,500.

J. E. Wheeler of Portland, member of the Super-Wheeler Timber company and part owner of the Portland Telegram, has purchased the defunct Klamath Pine Manufacturing company's plant at Pelican City, according to announcement made at Klamath Falls. The plant adjoins that of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, and comprises a 63-acre site, and a small sawmill. The mill will be enlarged and a box factory added.

With the coming of winter Union county market and county road work is being wound up for the season. Several projects are now completed, among them being the market road work on the Union-Medical Springs road, and graveling on the market road between Cove and Union. Construction work on the Cove-Island City road is being completed. Grading on the Island City-Elgin road and the graveling on the La Grande-Kamela project are both completed and open to travel.

Oregon's outstanding debt on September 29, the close of the fiscal year, was \$50,138,722.58, according to the biennial report completed by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer. The indebtedness includes state highway bonds in the amount of \$24,500,000, district interest bonds aggregating \$734,000, farm credit bonds totalling \$450,000 and world war veterans' state aid bonds of \$15,000,000, less \$25,000 redeemed highway bonds and less a sinking fund of the world war veterans' state aid commission of \$520,297.42.

Award of a sale of 7,157,000 feet of timber on the Breitenbush river to the Hammond Lumber company by the Santiam national forest was announced by C. C. Hall, supervisor of the reserve. The area involved in the sale is adjacent to a rich timber belt sold to the Hammond company about a year ago. A logging road has been constructed through this tract to tap the larger holdings. Under the sale contract the lumber firm pays \$2 a thousand feet for the Douglas fir and red cedar, \$3 for the white and sugar pine and 50 cents for the hemlock.

The historic mill race extending past the campus of the University of Oregon at Eugene will be straightened at a point opposite Villard hall to make more room for a sidewalk and Franklin boulevard. The city council has authorized the expenditure of \$2000 in the work.

TOO MUCH EVEN FOR IMAGES

Statues on British Parliament Buildings Unable to Stand Awful Climate of London.

The outer walls of the houses of parliament in London are crumbling. Hundreds of carved images, mostly of imaginary royal figures, have been unable to withstand the ravages of the weather, combined with the smoke-laden London atmosphere. They suffer also from the lack of respect shown them by hundreds of pigeons which roost on the scepter and sharpen their beaks on the noses of kings.

Scarcely a day passes but a monarch's hand or toe falls into Palace yard. Not long ago a king's head was found in fragments on the terrace.

During the recess scaffolding will be erected and many workmen employed, at a cost of \$55,000, picking off the loose bits. Thus may one man in a day uncover scores of kings.

Sir John Gilmour, who represents the government department that looks after public buildings, is of the opinion that none of the kings or other distinguished folk will be allowed to stick it out much longer on the outer walls of parliament. "I think the day will come before long," he says, "when all the statues will have to be taken away. The situation does not agree with them."

USED ODD WEDDING COACHES

Steam Plow, Traction Engine, Tractor, and Other Vehicles Have Transported Bridal Parties.

An American bridegroom who made his journey to the altar in a steam plow has had many rivals in matrimonial carriages.

It is not long since a bridal couple and their guests made a dramatic appearance in a Kentish village on a traction engine, and a procession of trucks gayly decorated with flags, flowers and evergreens, says London Answers.

A wedding party drove up to St. Mark's church, Birmingham, one Easter Sunday in mourning, the coaches and the horses being incongruously adorned with white rosettes. A prettily decorated tramcar was the chosen vehicle of a Wolverhampton bridal party, the driver and conductor wearing white gloves and smart buttonholes and the journey to the church being heralded by the explosion of fog signals.

But perhaps the most novel journey of all was that of a young Austrian couple, whose wedding procession slid down a steep hill from the bride's home to Paysback church on seven toboggans decorated with pine branches and flowers.

Re-Proofing Your Raincoat.

Whatever the time of year, one needs a reliable raincoat in the country, but unless of a rubbered variety, many raincoats quickly lose their rain-proof qualities, and are useless for the purpose they were intended to fill. Here is a method of re-waterproofing cloth that will be found quite successful and easily carried out at home.

Take one and a quarter pounds of alum and dissolve this in five gallons of boiling water. In another bath dissolve one and a quarter pounds of sugar of lead. Then mix the two solutions.

Place the coat in the mixture and make sure that it is saturated with the liquor. Without wringing, put the coat in a hanger and dry, plunge into cold water and then hang out to dry again. This time it will be fit for use, and will withstand ordinary rain.

The Patriotic Spirit.

Animated by this spirit the partisan is enlarged into patriot. Before the lines of party sink into lazy obscurity; and the horizon which bounds our view reaches on every side to the uttermost verge of the great Republic. It is a spirit that exalts humanity, and imbues with it the souls of men soar into the pure air of unselfish devotion to the public welfare. It fought with a smile the cheek of Curtius as he rode into the gulf; it guided the hand of Aristides as he sadly wrote upon the shell the sentence of his own banishment; it dwelt in the frozen earthworks of Valley Forge; and from time to time it has been an inmate of the halls of legislation.—Thomas I. Bayard.

Darby and Joan.

"Darby and Joan" was first applied to a very happily married couple who lived in the eighteenth century and bore those names. They were John Darby, printer, of Bartholomew's Close, London, England, and his wife, Joan. The constancy and devotion to one another of this old-fashioned, simple and virtuous couple so impressed Henry Woodfall, who had served his apprenticeship with the printer, that he wrote a poem "Darby and Joan," in commemoration. This poem was printed in the London Gentleman's Magazine, and received a good deal of notice. The expression then passed into the English language as symbolizing the eventide of happy wedlock.

Big Demand for Radium.

The principal use for radium in the commercial world is as a luminous material on watch and clock dials and so on. It is not the radium that glows, but other substances which become luminous in the presence of very minute quantities of radium. More than nine quarts of radium, more than four million watches and clocks alone have been treated, and hardly a third has been used. Radium has been used in the production of the luminous material required.

APE EXPERT MONEY TESTER

Said to Be Impossible to Fool Animals of Siam With Any Counterfeit Money.

The people of Siam are very fond of keeping monkeys of various kinds as pets. Owing to their close association with human beings, these creatures become very intelligent.

One of the most remarkable things that these monkeys can do is to test money. In Siam there is a large amount of counterfeit money, perhaps more than in any other country in the world. As a consequence, the lot of the merchant is a difficult one. They have, however, surmounted the trouble to a large extent by making use of apes to test the coins. Sitting by the side of each merchant is to be seen a solemn-faced ape. Every piece of money handed to his master is at once given to the ape. The animal tests the coin with his teeth. If it is good, he throws it into the money box; if it be bad he flings it to the ground.

The strange part about the business is that no white person has yet been able to discover how the apes tell the good money from the bad. The merchants politely refuse to explain how the creatures are trained to carry out this useful office. The only sure thing about the affair is that the apes never make a mistake.

STATUES THAT HOLD SPIRITS

Buddhists Firmly Believe That Souls of Long Departed Sages Are Present in Images.

Marco Polo, the celebrated Venetian traveler, with his two uncles, was the first European to travel in China. In the oldest statue erected to his memory in Soo-Chow, China, the Chinese believe his spirit still resides. According to Chinese superstition, a fly or spider is the means by which the spirits of the dead are coaxed back to earth to occupy their statues. Five hundred similar statues, life size, line the walls of a dimly lighted room in the Buddhist temple of that ancient city. They contain the spirits of the sages they represent, devout Buddhists believe.

A spirit is unable to enter a statue unless another and freshly liberated spirit is there to receive it, say the priests. Through a door in the back of a new statue, therefore, a spider or fly is introduced. The door is then sealed and the insect is left to smother. Its spirit, fluttering about inside the statue, is taken possession of by the soul of the long-departed sage. Marco Polo was brought back in this way, the priests say. Worshipers burn incense before the statue and seek communion with the spirit of the alien who dwelt so long in China, and even ruled as governor of one of the provinces.

Story of the High Heel.

The high-heeled shoe was introduced in the Middle ages, when both men and women took to it.

Man, however, soon found that he could not live a man's life and do a man's work while wearing high heels, and so resumed his low-heeled shoes, leaving high heels to the ladies, with whom they have always been popular.

The modern high heel is, in its way, a triumph of art, being of wood, which is lighter than leather and keeps its shape. The heel contains a spring, which adds to the grace of its wearer's walk. As the instep is raised the figure is thrown slightly forward, and a pronounced elegance is the result. But it must be admitted the high heels, though improving the appearance, do not always improve the physique of their wearers, and are frequently the cause of ill-health.

Famous Explorer.

Louis Hennepin, a French Recollet friar, missionary and traveler in North America, was born at Ath, in Flanders, about 1640. He embarked for Canada and arrived in Quebec in 1675. Between that period and 1682 he explored the regions afterwards called Louisiana, and, returning to Europe, published an account of his researches. The geographical portions of his works are feeble, but they present much interest as descriptions of the manners of the aboriginal races which the author visited. He died in Utrecht about 1705.

Chinese Have Fondness for Birds.

In addition to using birds and their nests as food, the Chinese keep birds as pets. Their fondness for birds is one of the most pleasant features of their national character. Birds furnish them with much amusement.

Several kinds of bird pets are taught to catch seeds thrown into the air after jumping from perches held in the hand. Except in winter, one can always see people going into the open country early in the morning with their pets, to catch grasshoppers to feed them, and to teach their pets new songs.

Balked at Wearing Old Costumes.

At Princess Mary's costume ball no one could be found to represent the fashion between 1880 and 1900, in the fashion parade. They were so ugly that no one would wear them! Crinolines were there, and other eccentricities of fashion before and after that period, but that time of bustles, full and heavy trimmings, big sleeves and ridiculous hats were voted out altogether; they were not even considered funny or quaint enough to be given a place in the procession.—London Times.



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Why Insects Can Walk on Water. What makes it possible for the long-legged water flea to run right over the surface of a sheet of water? If we observe it closely, says "Science Siftings," we see that the end of each of its six long legs makes a slight depression where it rests upon the surface. The surface is elastic in fact and acts like a spring mattress. The physical basis of this mode of action may be explained as follows: The separate molecules of water cohere

with considerable firmness and therefore offer a certain degree of resistance to penetration by any solid matter—but this is true only in case the body cannot be wet, i. e., if it has a composition like that of the fats. This resistance is a result of the surface tension of the liquid, which acts like a stretched membrane. This is sufficient to support the weight of the water flea, though it would be practically negligible for ourselves.

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