

AVERAGE RAINFALL OF FEBRUARY HERE IS ABOVE NORMAL

With a total precipitation for the past month of 6.6 inches February shows 2.2 inches above the average for a period of 16 years which is 4.4 inches, according to monthly report prepared by Gerald M. de Broekert, local weather observer.

The average temperature for the month was three and one-half degrees above the 11-year average which is 42.9 degrees. This month the average was 46.4. Two days during the month the mercury dropped below the freezing point, February 19 and today when a mark of 30 was reached.

The average stage of the river for the past 16 years in February is 5.6 feet. This month the average is 6.7 feet showing 1.1 feet above the normal.

The following table shows the maximum and minimum temperatures and the precipitation for the month:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
1	61	44	.49
2	59	49	.59
3	59	49	.40
4	54	44	.47
5	52	43	.56
6	49	39	.29
7	49	37	.56
8	49	41	.61
9	51	33	.42
10	46	37	.26
11	46	39	.64
12	47	47	.56
13	55	49	.02
14	52	42	.03
15	53	37	0
16	45	31	0
17	42	23	0
18	46	33	0
19	54	39	.01
20	61	42	.10
21	57	42	.40
22	59	45	.10
23	53	43	.09
24	57	41	.48
25	60	41	.02
26	64	38	.02
27	58	39	.12
28	64	39	0

FARM PUBLICATION LISTS MADE READY

Pamphlets on various phases of agriculture distributed by the Oregon Agricultural college have been received at the office of O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent. The booklets are on file at the office for those who desire them. "The state college publishes pamphlets on many topics of interest to farmers and if copies of any special booklet are desired we can obtain it if we haven't it listed here," Mr. Fletcher said.

Suggestive points on culing the poultry stock; Suggestive points on feeding for egg production; selection and preparation of fowls for exhibition; Supplemental irrigation for the Willamette valley soils; The management of Willamette valley soils; Oats and vetch versus corn or sunflowers for silage; Forage crops for Oregon coast counties; Strawberries; The home vegetable garden; Official testing of dairy cattle in Oregon; Balancing rations for dairy cows; Growing and curing hops.

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Marriage License Demand is Better

Although February has only 28 days, one less than the leap year of 1924, the matrimonial business showed much better this month, according to figures compiled at the office of the county clerk. Up to late this afternoon a total of 28 licenses were issued in February. Last February, although the leap year prerogative of feminine proposal was in vogue the total number was only 19.

The one license issued up to late today was for Stanley Walk and Gladys Holk, both of Eugene.

ARMORY SERVICES CONTINUE TO DRAW

By H. W. HALL

A helpless and inoffensive violin played a very important part last evening at the armory where the Democratic revival party is conducting a campaign. The violin was used with telling effect in driving a wedge into the ranks of sleeping Christians, and most have gotten hold of some who are not professing anything. The violin looked harmless enough, but place it in the hands of a master at illustrating vital point that should be brought out, it takes on an entirely different aspect and becomes, not only an instrument for man's delight, but also an instrument in the hands of God for showing up man's short comings and what his relationship to his heavenly father should be, if he fulfilled on his part the father's plan concerning him.

There have been only a few sermons delivered to date in this campaign, but it is no secret that Victoria Booth-Gilborn Demarest is a master in bringing out biblically and make them alive and vitally important.

As one stood at the corner of Oak and Seventh yesterday afternoon and saw the women pouring from the armory at the close of the lecture which had been delivered to them exclusively, one wondered where they all came from. It was estimated that about 2000 of them attended the lecture and so some expressed themselves, "it was simply wonderful."

It was learned that the evangelist spent for some length upon the importance and exalted place womanhood occupies, and drew a sharp contrast between the Virgin Mary and Eve, the wife of Adam. Many of the women were visibly affected as she unfolded the beautiful character of Mary, who yielded herself to God, as she said "yes"—how different it was with Eve, who listened to Satan. She explained that there were two classes of women today, the Marys and the Eves.

Tomorrow's program will be as follows: At 3 o'clock the evangelist will deliver a sermon that has often been requested to be repeated, but time is too short and valuable to repeat sermons, it was stated. This sermon is on "The Lily of the Valley."

Tomorrow evening will be the "Prodigal Son." Tonight will be "Samson and Delilah."

Church Group has Registration set

Pleasant Hill Christian Endeavor union was the first to complete its quota of registrations in Lane for the annual international convention to be held at Portland July 4 to 10, according to announcement today.

Christian Endeavorers of Eugene have been invited to attend the statewide rally to be held at the First Presbyterian church at Portland next Monday evening, it is announced. The meeting will be in honor of E. P. Gates, general secretary of the C. E. Mr. Gates will be accompanied by Paul C. Brown of Los Angeles, Pacific coast C. E. secretary. Special recognition will be given visiting delegations of Endeavorers at the rally, it is announced.

EARLY EUGENE RECALLED; BANKS NOT IN VOGUE IN FIRST FEW YEARS

Few Stores, Some People and Many Dogs Comprise City; Frogs Chirp in Nice Pools in Streets of the City

By MILDRED CARR

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A MEAGER collection of wooden structures stood along either side of a short length of muddy street scarred with deep ruts and wagon tracks. Shaggy horses pulling heavy farm wagons progressed laboriously through the hub-deep mire. A line of wagons with empty shafts waited in front of Titus' livery stable. Diagonally across the street stood Henderson's dry goods store, a two-story frame building, on one side of which, a naked gray outside staircase led upstairs to the Odd Fellows hall. A scattering of loafers smoked on the porch of the old Hoffman House facing the dry goods store from the opposite corner. Charles Baker, proprietor of the heat and only hostelry in the little town, arose from his place among the cypress pipes and followed by a voluntary escort of assorted dogs, made his way down the street to the butcher shop. From the swinging doors of various saloons came the clink of glasses on the bar, the blur of voices within and the pungent smell of whiskey and beer.

No Banks Yet

Three grocery stores and another butcher shop, Luckey's jewelry store and two ice cream "parlors" contributed to the size of the business center. The town bakery led an anaemic existence in a little wooden building on a side street beyond the Hoffman House. Banks were not yet in style. A one-room shack bearing the legend "Wells Fargo Express Co." over its narrow doorway handled all the finances of the town. Frogs chirruped complacently from the depths of luxurious mudpools. This was Eugene in 1875.

"The first street lights we ever had were big lanterns set on posts," said Miss Carrie Rankin who, fifty years ago kept Eugene's most exclusive hat shop. Each merchant owned his own street lamp. Lamp lighting was a nightly ceremony. At intervals he trimmed the wick, replenished the supply of kerosene, washed the tin and glass exterior and set the lantern back on its post.

Raise Own Vegetables

"I remember when we first came here and for some years afterward, none of the grocery stores carried many vegetables. Most of the time they had none at all. Farmers raised just enough for their own use and never thought of selling any. Often they themselves brought their vegetables from the grocer in town. There was one man who peddled vegetables regularly, but he never had anything but melons and green onions in their separate seasons. Fruit was more expensive in those days than it is now. We used to pay \$3 a bushel for peaches."

Miss Rankin paused to wait on a customer, and I retired to a high stool whose padded top was covered by bright carpet within a neat halo of brass tacks. The tiny Norton shop on Seventh street was stacked from floor to ceiling with a forest of oddly assorted pasteboard hat boxes that

crowded everything else into a tiny aisle at the front and made the rear of the shop a region of mystery. A museum of hats was perched informally upon various objects—a chaotic miscellany of history in itself. Upon a wooden chest cabinet against the wall, stood a large mirror with an overhanging brow of curved curly-cues. Before it had paraded who can tell how many eras in hats. Where the small hand mirror with the pierce-crest edge and iron frame had first met the other members of this quaint company, only the more veteran among the hats could tell. Ostrich sprays, brilliant wings and other plumage spread themselves in vivid array behind the glass doors of a wall cabinet. The "notions" occupying more space than the arranged little shop could provide had been ordered with an eye to variety.

Customers Welcomed

In the dim surroundings, the tall slender old lady with a crisp white sweater and black skirt welcomed her customers with impartial courtesy—the thoughtlessly exacting and the many who apparently were regular visitors in the sordid little establishment. The mild old voice was kindly but it wasted few words and smiles were reserved for infrequent occasions.

Miss Rankin returned for an interval and I surrendered the bright topped stool for its taller brother. The shop faded into a fantastic background as she continued.

"The block this side of the post office was an apple orchard. There was a residence on the front part and a board fence all around the place."

"The Eugene Guard was established then and the office of its rival, the Oregon State Journal used to be where the business college is now. Kincaid was the editor. His residence stood in the next block—where the new theater is being built."

University Starts

"The university was just starting. I remember when it held its first commencement exercises in the old Christian church just beyond Kincaid's house because the Pepper Box, as they used to call Deady hall on account of its shape, was too small."

"The original court house is now the Yates hotel on Seventh street. It was moved there from across the street where it stood when we first came here, back in '75. The Hoffman House is partly remodeled but it still exists back of Gilmore's. Beside Day lives in one of the houses that was built in '75. Its there on the east corner of Charnell and Sixth. And there's the old Cooper house where Houghton, who established the First National bank, lives."

CAR LIGHT REFORM WILL TAKE EFFECT

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so that it can be shifted only with the use of tools.

Fog Light Defined

A fog light is defined in the act as a light which must be on the left of the axis not less than 24 or more than 36 inches above the surface of the highway.

The act provides that signal lights may be used on motor buses, but they must be of uniform color.

Under the new act headlights must be dimmed when the car meets another car on a wet hard surface highway. The new standard of lights does not require dimming under other conditions.

The cost of adjusting lights to conform to the act is provided in the act and is fixed at a maximum of 75 cents.

The act makes it unlawful to possess or sell cars not equipped with the lawful devices.

Men of the Arabian Akhwan tribe have been put to death for tobacco smoking. It is considered one of the greatest sins.

Bank Planning for New building soon

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 28. — (Special.)—Building operations on a new First National bank building to cost \$200,000 are expected to begin next month in Springfield, according to L. K. Page, first vice-president, who is in charge of the business end. The new structure will be mainly of concrete construction, two stories high, measuring 43 feet by 60 feet, and will be erected on the southwest corner of Fifth and Main streets on the lot owned for several years by the bank. The small wooden structure which has housed the A. E. Flowers Realty company and the Plummer cleaning and pressing parlors will probably be made shorter and moved to the back of the lot, turned to face Fifth street, Mr. Page said this morning. Bids for the work will be considered by the board of directors at a meeting next Tuesday.

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"The Belle of Barcelona," the operetta presented this week by the glee clubs of the Eugene high school will be presented again at the Elks club

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