

News Notes From All Over Oregon

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A full-time school nurse will be employed by the Eugene schools the coming year.

The governing board of the Lutheran brotherhood of Oregon met at Salem Sunday.

More than 300 shrubs have been planted on the Eugene armory grounds during the past few days.

The Oregon public service commission has sent two engineers to Ogden, Utah to attend the grain rate conference.

The state fish hatchery at Oakridge has just taken 9,000,000 trout eggs, one of the largest takes in the history of the plant.

The report of the directors of the Lake county round-up, held recently at Lakeview, showed a deficit for the year of \$1500.

Trust companies in Oregon increased their resources \$1,407,059 to a new total of \$12,456,585 during the year ending June 30, 1924.

The pack of Marion county canneries for the year 1924 will aggregate 900,000 cases, the largest pack in the history of the county.

At a meeting of the Newport chamber of commerce a resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing a one-cent additional gasoline tax.

Orvil Gilbert, of Centralia, Wash., after investigation of coal supplies and shipping facilities, plans to start a briquetting plant at Marshfield.

R. C. Chase of Delmar in Coos county suffered a \$650 loss when two Alaska blue foxes slipped through the meshes of their netting and made their escape.

Federal farm census enumerators in all the counties of the southern Oregon district have been appointed by Ralph N. Laird, supervisor for the district.

Company I of the Oregon national guard has opened a school for non-commissioned officers at Silverton, instructions being given every Sunday afternoon.

During Sunday night services at Salem thieves visited the Friends church and First Baptist church and took from the two places a dozen overcoats and a many hats.

The Lane county budget committee has voted to restore the office of county club leader and rural school supervisor and has appropriated \$1000 for the work during 1925.

Purchase of 2600 acres of pine timber in Klamath county by R. E. Gilchrist, wealthy lumberman of Allouez, Mich., was announced. The purchase price was given at \$53,000.

Wild swans in much greater numbers than in previous years are being seen in lakes in southern Oregon, and many appear quite tame, according to Federal Game Warden Steele.

State and local officers made a roundup of alleged bootleggers and gamblers at Marshfield and arrested eight persons on liquor charges and 11 men on gambling charges.

Piling is being driven at St Helens for the foundation of a shingle mill which a Portland concern will build at that place. It is expected the plant will be in operation by February 15.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Rogue Valley Milling company's plant, consisting of a large three-story frame building on the edge of the main business district of Medford.

Mrs. Christine Erickson, 73, of Birkensfeld, was killed when an automobile driven by her granddaughter, Ruby Johnson, 18, skidded and overturned twice on the icy pavement near Rainier.

C. C. Sealey of Portland has taken office as resident engineer for the Oregon state highway commission in Klamath county, succeeding R. L. Kusy, who resigned because of ill health.

The Woodmen of the World of Eugene are planning to erect a home on the site of their present building. It was estimated that the proposed structure would cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

The Falls City cannery finished its season's run and closed down Saturday after completing the apple pack, which totaled 35,553 cases, two carloads of which have been shipped to England.

A number of state department occupying Rear space in the capitol building at Salem, needed for the legislature, which will convene in January, have started moving into other quarters.

It was announced at the offices of the Capital Ice & Storage company at Salem that the corporation plans to

spend approximately \$50,000 in expansions and improvements during next year.

The Klamath county court awarded a contract to Doty & Messenger for preliminary clearing and grubbing work on The Dalles-California highway for a distance of ten miles south of Crescent.

The annual meeting of the Old Oregon Trail association will be held in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce at Portland Thursday, December 11, according to W. E. Meacham, president.

Tillamook county's budget this year allows for the retirement of \$100,000 in outstanding warrants and \$26,000 for retiring bonds. Timber cruising will take \$20,000 and fair ground improvements \$30,714.

Taxpayers of Portland are paying approximately \$90,000 a year for the operation of city-owned automobiles and trucks, according to figures gathered by the tax supervising and conservation commission.

H. B. Anderson, a carpenter of Moro, died at The Dalles hospital from injuries received when an automobile he was driving skidded over a 60-foot embankment near Cape Horn on the upper Columbia river highway.

The apple packing plant of E. R. Pooley at Hood River and approximately 15,000 boxes of loose apples were destroyed when the structure, one of the best equipped of the mid-Columbia, burned to the ground.

Means are sought by the board of directors of union high school district No. 8, consisting of Marcola, Mabel and Wendling school districts in Lane county, to raise \$20,000 for the erection of a school building on a site selected at Marcola.

Definite steps toward the issuance of bonds for an additional pumper to supplement the present equipment of the Bend fire department and for the construction of a new fire station or the enlargement of the present one were taken last week.

A 10 per cent increase in the number of motor vehicles in operation in the city, traffic fatalities in Portland during the past 12 months decreased about 15 per cent and the number of wreck victims were little more than half those of 1923.

Deficiency appropriations aggregating \$23,014.89 were authorized by the state emergency board at a special meeting in Salem. Of this amount \$15,516.89 was appropriated to cover interest payments on securities voted by several irrigation districts now operating in Oregon.

It is reported that the forestry department has recognized as a part of the federal forest road-building program the forest reserve section of the Weston-Elgin mountain highway. Funds have been allotted for a survey of the first unit of five miles, which will take it to Tollgate.

The Salem Walnut Growers' Co-operative association announced that the entire crop for 1924 had been sold with the exception of a few thousand pounds now in storage at Dundee. The demand for this year's crop showed improvement over last season, and the prices were very satisfactory.

Purchase by the Southern Pacific company of 29 acres of land along the right of way of the Eugene-Klamath Falls line, four miles north of Kirk, was announced at Klamath Falls through the filing of the deed with the county clerk. The purchase has revived interest in the speculation as to the location of the division point of the new railroad.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending November 26, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Frederick Stover, Salem, wood hauler; Mrs. Frank Eastman, Medford, canner; and Dale A. Perry, St. Helens, policeman. A total of 421 accidents was reported.

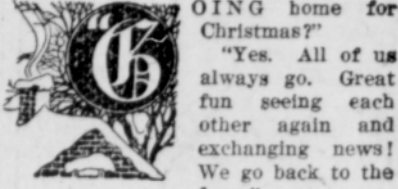
Announcement was made at Klamath Falls of the signing of contracts for two new irrigation districts which will cover approximately 8000 acres and represent a construction cost of between \$150,000 and \$300,000. Preliminary work will start at once. The two districts are the Malin and Shasta View irrigation projects, which have been hanging fire for several years.

Acting under a legal opinion handed down recently by the attorney-general, Bart Fisher, state tax commissioner, will send out approximately 4000 notices to individuals, corporations and partnerships preparatory to collecting the fourth installment of the state income tax. There also will be included in these collections approximately \$100,000 in deferred payments of the tax.

Plans for development of the Clear Lake water and power project are to be carried in a bill to be introduced in congress by Representative C. W.

For Mother's Christmas

By ETHEL COOK ELIOT
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"Coming home for Christmas?"

"Yes. All of us always go. Great fun seeing each other again and exchanging news! We go back to the farm."

"Yours must be quite a family now, with all the children. But I suppose your mother gets in extra help, and you all help, too."

It was not impertinent, because it was my best friend speaking. She is just frank and sincere. She had dropped into my office after hours, not to buy insurance from me (yes, I am a female insurance agent and not a failure at it either!) but to say "good-by" before herself leaving the city for the holidays.

"No, there's no extra help to be gotten these days in the country any more than here. Not any that's worth while. So mother does it all herself. But she likes it. Christmas only comes once a year."

We said no more about that, but after my friend had gone I remembered her clear, frank eyes and the way they had received my reply. They had been slightly skeptical. I couldn't get that skepticism out of my mind.

The result was that, after much thought, I suddenly closed office a whole week before Christmas, practically kidnaped my youngest sister away from her home in a nearby city—that comfortable home with its full nursery, cook and nurse girl—and whisked her away to the country to give mother a little surprise.

At first I thought the surprise was to turn out an unpleasant one. We arrived in the early afternoon without warning. There was mother in a huge apron, her hair tied up in a towel, the front hall full of brooms and mops, housecleaning. She could not conceal her chagrin from us, we had so suddenly appeared. It certainly was different from our customary homecoming. Then, she met us at the front door, her arm linked in father's, dressed in her best silk, her white hair freshly curled, behind them the house shining in spotlessness. And then the pantry filled with pies, cakes, roast ham with its cloves, and mother's wonderful jelly tarts! Such an inviting, homelike, hospitable house! Such a sparklingly clean pantry full of good things!



We Arrived in the Early Afternoon Without Warning.

How different today, six days before we were expected! Father had banished himself to the barn, and we found him disconsolately smoking by old Jim's stall. The house was chaos. All the rugs seemed to be up and the furniture out of place. Mother was cleaning!

"Oh, dear!" she greeted us. "I didn't expect you till Christmas Eve; ratin', an' ain't give a thought to Christmas comin', I wish—no, they're just high-spirited young folks makin' ready for a good time. That's all."

But in spite of herself there was a shadow on Grandma's face the rest of the day. She had hoped for a big surprise Christmas dinner, all to themselves, with no intruders.

She mixed and baked until after midnight, then slipped through the side door to her room. She was awakened by a slight step.

"W-h-y, Grandma," reproved the merry voice of Kate. "Nine o'clock! and you're still in bed. Not ill, are you?" with a sudden note of anxiety.

"No," apologized Grandma—"just overlept."

"All right. Merry Christmas! And come right into the hall when you're dressed. You may look now."

Grandma rose hurriedly. She heard the voices of Rose and Jenny Cady, and even Ed's.

"Not even a family Christmas together," her thought deplored. "And here so early means a lot more fixin' for the dance. I'd like—for 'em to have a nice time, of course," the thought finished loyally. "Young folks need pleasure."

As she opened the door to the hall there came low strains of music. Grandma looked startled for a moment, then a soft flush of pleased surprise came to her face. It was a Christmas hymn they had been accustomed to sing at home when she was a girl, and she had carried it on with her grandchildren. But she never had heard it in music.

In her eagerness she stepped to the parlor doorway, which was almost hidden in greenery. Suddenly two pairs of arms were inclosing her neck, and one pair belonged to Rose. Other arms were reaching for her; and be-



A Christmas Hymn They Had Been Accustomed to Sing.

rona, hesitating Sam, who was too big to kiss anybody, lifted his arms.

"Why—why, my dears," murmured Grandma, looking bewildered.

"Look up," laughed Sue.

Grandma did, and there was a huge bunch of mistletoe over the door.

"Lead the queen to her throne and render homage," ordered Kate.

There was a raised chair decorated with holly and mistletoe, near one side of the fireplace. Grandma was conducted to it deferentially, then the ushers sank to their knees with grave faces but snapping eyes.

"Hail to the queen of love and the kitchen," they chanted, and Jenny added, "including crisp doughnuts."

"Oh, my dears—my dears," softly.

"Now for the distribution of presents," cried May, springing up. Grandma had noticed round stockings along the fireplace, with an extra large one near her end, and sundry packages on the floor underneath.

The big stocking was laid on her lap, and packages began to follow. She recognized things she had wished, and books she had mentioned a desire to read. For Grandma, in spite of her perfect housekeeping, loved to read.

"I thought it was for a dance," she faltered, her hands caressing the gifts.

"O-o-oh, Grandma! The idea! On this day! It's for all of us, but mostly you."

Rose and Jenny were dancing about, as pleased as any of the family. Grandma's tremulous hands reached out and drew them close.

"You must stay with us all day, dears," she urged happily—"and Bill, too. There's plenty an' to spare cooked. Christmas has begun so wonderful that you must help us carry it through."

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If pure bred live stock continues to increase at the present rate, it will be doubled in America by 1933.

Cankerworms Quite Injurious to Trees During Abundance Periods They Do Much Damage.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Cankerworms have been known in this country since colonial days, but not until about fifty years ago was it realized that two species were present. They have since been known as the fall cankerworm (*Alsophila pometaria* Harris) and the spring cankerworm (*Paleacrita vernata* Peck). The economic and scientific history of these two species and the differences between them, together with a discussion of their feeding habits, distribution, means of dissemination, and measures necessary to control each species, are included in a new United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin 1238, "The Cankerworms," by P. A. Porter and C. H. Alden, entomologists. The bulletin is available, while the supply lasts, upon application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Cankerworms attack elms and apple trees by preference, but are often found on many of the common deciduous fruit, forest and ornamental trees. During periods of abundance, cankerworms do great damage, practically defoliating the trees they attack unless controlled. They are most likely to become abundant in neglected orchards or in shade and forest trees. Cankerworms are held in fluctuating degrees of control by many factors, among which are unfavorable weather, birds, and parasitic and predatory insects. Plowing during the summer and fall will aid in control of the spring species. Both species are readily controlled by proper spraying, and often by the use of mechanical barriers to prevent the ascent of the moths and newly hatched larvae.

Tuberculosis Rapidly on Increase Among Poultry

One hog in every seven in United States has tuberculosis. That startling statement comes after a perusal of the figures at the leading live stock markets where hogs are inspected under federal supervision. In 1908 only 2 per cent were infected, but by 1916 9 per cent were retained because they showed lesions of tuberculosis, and in 1922 the percentage had raised to 14.7.

Much of this disease is traced to farm poultry flocks. Tuberculosis among chickens is rapidly on the increase. Many hogs are shipped to market from modified accredited areas, that is, those that have been tested and found practically free from tuberculosis among the cattle, and yet the hogs would show considerable lesions on slaughter. Closer examination has shown these to be of the avian type, that is, due to contamination from farm poultry.

Handle Bees Carefully to Prevent Excitement

In handling bees wait until the day warms up, then handle them carefully so that they will not be disturbed any more than necessary. It is not good for bees to be disturbed very much, as unnecessary handling will cause excessive activity. This activity may cause the queen to lay more eggs than the hive can properly take care of, which is not advisable, points out E. S. Prevost, extension bee specialist at Clemson college.

When you are going through your hive and find a queenless colony it is best to unite them with a colony that has a queen.

Protection Needed for All Young Fruit Trees

The rabbit guards for young fruit trees should extend from the ground to a height of 14 inches. Guards of building paper or cornstalks may be tied on and are efficient for one year. Experience at the Kansas experiment station has shown that wire cloth, one-fourth or one-half inch mesh, makes the best rabbit guard and is permanent as long as the tree needs protection. The wire cloth is cut into pieces 15 by 14 inches and is fastened with hog rings. A four-foot high rabbit-proof fence is the best protection against jack rabbits.

It has proven economical to hog down corn.

Only silage from well-matured corn should be fed to the sheep.

Decided Improvement in Grasshopper Situation

There has been a decided improvement in the grasshopper situation in the northwestern states, according to the bureau of entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture. The loss by grasshoppers during the past season has been much less than that of the years 1922 and 1923. Splendid results have also been obtained by the entomologists of the Billings (Mont.) laboratory in the control of the Mormon cricket with the poisoned bran mash and by the entomologists of the Salt Lake City laboratory in the control of the alfalfa weevil with arsenical dust.

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"... a pinch of salt."
—Silas Marner.

The first time I ever realized that salt was not just salt, no matter where it came from, was one hot morning when we had to wait for hours while a Canadian fisherman who was to take us across the bay removed the roe from a large sturgeon that he had caught and prepared it for shipment across the lake to one of our flourishing cities, where it was to be converted into Russian caviar. His part of the process involved the use of a great quantity of salt. He told us he used only German salt, which he declared was four times as salty as our salt.

Recently our interest in salt has been quickened by the statements that the alarming increase in goiter is due to a deficiency in the salt we use. For a long time scientists were puzzled by the fact that goiter showed a tendency to be so common in certain sections of the world that they were known as goiter belts or goiter zones. Switzerland has long been known as a goiter zone. Recently it has appeared that we have a well-developed goiter zone in the region of the Great Lakes, one author claiming that a fifth of the school children in that area have enlarged thyroid glands, or physiological goiter. Goiter is rarely found among people living near the ocean. The reason became more or less evident when research workers discovered a few years ago that children suffering from goiter could be much benefited by minute doses of iodine.

Iodine is an element that is most abundant in the ocean—the iodine of commerce is derived from sea weeds. Sea foods, and salt secured by evaporating sea water, contain all the iodine needed to keep the body in good condition. It is claimed, however, that much of the salt sold nowadays is deficient in iodine, perhaps due to the refining processes that have given us whiter, finer salt than our parents knew.

One of the ironies of our everyday life is that the more we refine our foods, the more we find it necessary to eat something to take the place of what we have refined out of the original food. The highly refined salt must have iodine added. Those who live on bread baked from highly refined flour must eat bran to replace the bran sifted out of the ground wheat, and must eat yeast to supply the vitamin principle excluded when the wheat germ is left out of flour.