

**News Notes**

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17 1/2 per cent reduction in power rates and promises its patrons a cheaper rate for lighting.

Twenty-eight local land offices have been abolished in an executive order signed by President Coolidge. The order is effective April 30. The offices to be closed include those at La Grange and Burns.

Opposition which had developed to defeat the confirmation of Colonel Creed C. Hammond of Oregon for chief of the bureau of militia affairs, was withdrawn and the senate approved the appointment.

The city of Gearhart has filed with the public service commission application for permission to construct an undergrade crossing involving the tracks of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company.

Coos bay's estimated dredging for 1925, set at 400,000 yards before investigation of shoals was made, is found to be only a small project, and 40,000 yards probably will be the extent of work done this summer.

Approximately 100 students in the fraternities, sororities and Lausanne hall, the girl's dormitory, are confined to their beds with the flu epidemic which has invaded the Willamette university campus at Salem.

Three thousand men will be at work on the Southern Pacific company's new line over the summit of the Cascades between Eugene and Klamath Falls within a few weeks.

Thirty-four fires caused a loss of \$76,586.06 in the city of Portland last month, according to the report of Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

A complete survey of the city of Roseburg to determine any areas not afforded suitable fire protection has been ordered by the city council.

There is more influenza in the state now than at any time all winter, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, reports.

Milton S. Woodcock, pioneer of Benton county, regent of the agricultural college and president of the First National bank of Corvallis, died at Corvallis.

Swan Martin, transient, was killed in the Southern Pacific railroad yards at Salem when he fell under the wheels of a train on which he was stealing a ride.

Delegates from all parts of the state attended the three-day annual convention at Astoria of the state organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Between \$1500 and \$2000 was stolen from the Bank of Dayton when J. L. Sherman, president, alone in the institution at the time, was held up by a robber, forced into the vault and made to hand over a bundle of currency.

Intervention has been denied the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad, a narrow gauge line running out of Nevada into Lakeview in the eastern Oregon railroad construction case now up before the interstate commerce commission.

Oregon taxpayers will pay the United States government \$1,386,443.97 in tax upon 1924 incomes for individuals and corporations, according to the audit of the Portland office of internal revenue, which, however, is not yet fully complete.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company has acquired a one-half interest in the branch railroad from Prunedale to Umapine from the Walla Walla Valley Railroad company, according to a deed filed in office of the Umatilla county recorder.

In the first two weeks of March mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association sold considerably more lumber than they produced. The report for the week ending March 14 showed sales of 107,341,606 feet, compared with manufacture of 104,039,679 feet.

H. H. Corey and Edward Ostrander, members of the Oregon public service commission, left Friday for Washington, D. C., to attend hearings of the interstate commerce commission with relation to the proposed central Oregon railroad development and the Columbia basin case.

Constitutionality of the law enacted at the recent session of the legislature providing for drastic increases in the fees for the operation of automobile buses and trucks between fixed terminals, will be attacked in the courts as soon as the necessary legal papers can be prepared.

Martin Christenson, Clackamas county game warden, received a shipment of 140 China pheasants from the state game farm at Eugene. These were hens and were distributed into three different sections of Clackamas county, where last season China pheasant roosters were distributed.

A rock-crushing plant, with several crushers to be electrically driven, is being installed on a gravel bar on the upper Willamette river at the mouth of the north fork, four miles below

low Oakridge, to prepare ballasting material for the Klamath Falls-Eugene line of the Southern Pacific between Oakridge and Springfield.

The Columbian ground squirrel, also called the big red squirrel by farmers in the wheat belt, is being attacked by the method of using calcium cyanide, according to Fred Benson, Umatilla county agent. Demonstrations were conducted last fall and the results then were sufficiently encouraging to cause the campaign to be continued this spring.

Within four years smelt may be running in the Clackamas river as well as in the Sandy, if the united efforts of the state game commission, state fish commission and the United States bureau of fisheries are successful. A transference of 100,000 smelt from the run in the Sandy was made under the superintendence of Hugh Mitchell, director of commercial fish hatcheries. The transference will be repeated each year until, as it is hoped, an annual run in the Clackamas will be established.

Many curtailments of expenses are recommended by Game Warden Burghdoff in a report which will be submitted to the state game commission at its next meeting. The total contemplated reduction is \$56,797. Reductions recommended follow: Warden service expense, \$19,000; predatory animal control work, \$5000; fishway and ditch screening, \$6000; game farms, \$3000; fish distribution, \$2800; education department, \$32,000; and hatchery operation, \$17,000. To offset these curtailments it is estimated that there will be an increase of \$13,300 in bounties, \$23,000 in construction of the eastern Oregon game farm and \$3400 in operation of additional hatcheries.

**Will Probe Grain Gambling, and??**

Washington, D. C.—Instructions to examine the books and trading records of all grain exchanges in the country and those of a number of large brokers were sent by Secretary Jardine to field agents of the grain futures administration.

The action constituted the agriculture department's first step in its investigation of the causes of the recent fluctuations in the price of wheat.

The orders went to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other points. The examination will cover trading accounts since the price decline began a few days ago. Records of the exchanges and brokers are expected to show plainly whether buying and selling were the result of abuse of trading privileges.

The right of the department to inspect such records is held to be established by the grain futures act. Officials here expect no objection.

**BASIN PROJECT IS FEASIBLE**

Engineers Declare Plan Economically Sound—Cost Set at \$193,539,595. Washington, D. C.—Report of the federal engineers who have been investigating the Columbia basin irrigation project stamps approval on the proposed reclamation of the great semi-arid portion in the south central part of the state of Washington, according to a resume by the department of the interior. In addition to finding no difficult engineering features in the project the report of the board includes a greater area than had been proposed by state engineers and other authorities. A total reclaimable area of 1,883,000 acres of first-class agricultural land is held to be feasible by the use of a gravity irrigation system, supplemented with short pumping lifts.

The total cost of the proposed plan is estimated at \$193,539,595, with an initial expenditure to irrigate the first lands of \$54,000,000.

**Lady Bugs to War on Aphid.**

Walla Walla, Wash.—Nine sacks of ladybugs, millions of insects in all, will be freed this week in orchards of the valley to eat the aphid. W. P. Brown, district horticulturist, stated. The extreme warm weather of the end of the week developed vegetation and fruit blossoms so rapidly that the beetles will be freed earlier than expected. The bugs were caught in the mountains, where they had been hibernating.

**Bellingham Protests Mexican Laborers**

Bellingham, Wash.—An open air gathering of 1500 persons, comprised mostly of laboring men, protested against the importation of Mexicans to this city to work upon the construction of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company's new million dollar sugar plant in course of construction.

**Quarantines Against Smallpox.**

Philadelphia.—More than 1200 persons are affected by a new smallpox quarantine established here. An area of several blocks was ordered roped off by health authorities following the reporting of a new case of the disease. A corps of city physicians are vaccinating residents in the area.

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### Quiz of Northern Pacific Land Grant

Washington, D. C.—A joint congressional committee has started consideration of the land grants to the Northern Pacific railway.

The inquiry is a result of representations by the departments of agriculture and interior that several millions of acres in the national forests are being claimed as lieu lands by the railroad. The railroad, according to these departments, already has had more than was authorized under the granting acts.

Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, was the first witness. He explained the railroad theory of the grant, placing emphasis on alleged failure of the government to conduct surveys of the granted lands as soon as the road was built, which he contended resulted in the loss of valuable tracts to the railroad.

The investigation into the Northern Pacific land grants by a congressional committee broadened when members of the committee indicated they would inquire not only into the present contentions of the railroad for 3,000,000 additional acres, but to the law and facts attending under which lands have been taken over by the railroad.

**I. C. C. Orders Rail Rate Probe**

Washington, D. C.—in conformity with the resolution adopted at the last session of congress the interstate commerce commission ordered an investigation into the existing freight rate structure of all the railroads in the country.

The action is designed to bring out particularly the bearing of railroad rates upon the agricultural industry.

In proceedings of recent years it has been claimed that railroad rates on crude raw materials have become too high as compared with the rates on finished goods.

Notice was given that representatives of all carriers, state, federal and local authorities, and shippers or organizations of shippers might file briefs or statements as to the procedure to be followed, or complaints, on affidavit, of discrimination. These will be received until May 15 and answers to them, in case answers are necessary, until June 15.

**STATE HELD NOT LIABLE**

Negligence of Officers No Grounds for Action Against Washington.

Olympia, Wash.—A survival of the theory that "the king can do no wrong," has placed the state in the peculiar position of admitting negligence in highway construction and escaping liability, according to an opinion issued to James Allen, highway engineer, by John H. Dunbar, attorney-general.

The modern rule of law is that the state cannot be sued for tort, and is not liable for negligence on the part of its officers or agents, Mr. Dunbar pointed out.

The question was brought up by Mr. Allen after the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company had presented a bill for damages resulting when earth and rocks from the government slide on the North Bank highway covered railroad tracks and necessitated employment of watchmen and removal of the debris by the railroad company.

**JAMES BARTON**



James Barton, adjutant of the Iowa department of the American Legion, who has been named adjutant of the national organization by Commander James A. Drain.

**RECALL OF TODD SOUGHT**

Kelso Mayor Accused of Illegally Ousting Engineer.

Kelso, Wash. — Recall charges against Mayor A. Ruric Todd were filed at the city clerk's office charging Todd with misfeasance, malfeasance and violation of his oath of office, alleging that he attempted to oust G. H. Norris, city engineer, attempted to force in C. M. Thomas as city engineer and one Abbott as chief of police, though neither was legally qualified; unlawfully appointed divers persons as officers; refused to revoke the police commission granted Charles Hall, although Hall admitted liquor to be stored on his premises; refused to sign warrants, and is not a legal resident of Kelso.

**Utah School Bill Killed.**

Salt Lake City.—Governor George H. Dern has vetoed, on the ground that it is unconstitutional, a measure passed by the last Utah legislature which would have prohibited the use of public school buildings for religious exercises only during school hours and one and one-half hours after the schools closed. The governor held that public schools could not be used for religious purposes at any time of the day or night.

**Dr. Elliot Observes 91st Anniversary**

Cambridge, Mass.—Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, observed his 91st birthday quietly at his home here.

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