

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Astoria started its community chest drive November 13, with a budget of approximately \$22,000 to be raised.

The radio was used for the first time in Oregon last week in connection with mobilization of the national guard.

The Yamhill county Sunday school convention will be held in Dayton Methodist church, November 18, 19 and 20.

The Farmers' union meeting at the Sweet Home high school building last week began forming a turkey pool for the holiday season.

Some 25 acres of farm land in the Tucker creek district near Astoria were flooded recently when a dike broke before the high water.

Malheur county this year will complete six new school buildings—Owyhee, Annex, Owyhee dam site, Grouse creek, Indian creek and Rockville.

After three years of depression Condon is booming again. Six new houses are under construction and prospects are good for another big farm crop.

La Grande's first case of infantile paralysis since the disease became prevalent in certain parts of Oregon, was reported to the city health officer last week.

Lincoln county school board voted to spend \$6000 in erecting a new schoolhouse to accommodate the growing number of scholars of Oceanlake and Delake.

Warde B. Stringham of the Woods-Cross Canning company, and E. L. Wright, both of Salt Lake city, are planning the establishment of a cannery at La Grande.

A long detour in entering Roseburg was made necessary recently, and will continue in use for perhaps a month, as a result of the collapse of one of the piers of the Deer creek bridge.

A definite decision to establish an infantile paralysis quarantine station at the northern border of Douglas county was announced recently by Dr. T. W. Laraway, county health officer.

Contractors who were awarded the bid on the construction of a number of residences and an office building at the Owyhee dam site started work Monday. The work is to be completed within 100 days.

Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent, has organized the departments for the annual county teachers' institute for Clackamas county to be held at the Oregon City high school November 18 and 19.

Orders were issued last week for the closing of Eugene high school as a precautionary measure against infantile paralysis, as the result of the death of William Van Wagner, 15, a student at the school.

Linn county district boundary board granted the petition of certain residents of Greenville school district, the latter part of the week, for a change in boundaries between that district and Sweet Home district.

Arnold D. Collier, Lane county club agent, accompanied by Millard Shelton, 18, of Marcola, and Lois Bailey, 14, of Eugene, left recently for Chicago as Oregon's representatives to the national livestock exposition.

A proclamation promulgated by Governor Patterson recently, designates Thursday, November 24, as a public holiday, and requests the citizens of Oregon to join in appropriate observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Pilot Butte, one of the prominent mountain peaks located on The Dalles-California highway near Bend, was donated to the state highway commission last week. The butte will be converted into a state park.

North Bend, through her chamber of commerce, went on record at the weekly session last week as favoring continuation of the ferry Roosevelt connecting the break in the Roosevelt highway from North Bend to Glasgow.

The grounds of the Oregon soldiers' home are the best kept and the most beautiful to be found at any soldiers' home in the United States, according to Colonel B. K. Cash, federal inspector, who completed an official visit to the Oregon institution recently. In his report of the grounds Colonel Cash designated the grounds as "excellent," the only such report made during his tour.

The giant toboggan slide which is being built by the Portland Ad club as a winter sport attraction on Mount Hood, will be dedicated and thrown open to use by the public on December 10, according to a recent announcement.

Although property valuations in 18 Oregon counties for the year 1927 show a decrease when compared with those for the previous year, the total valuations for the 36 counties will aggregate approximately \$1,800,000 in excess of the year 1926.

Oregon fishermen and cannery have paid nearly \$53,000 into the fund for the slaughtering of some 85,000 seals and sea lions during the past six years.

Albert Lane, 25, was killed instantly at the plant of the Siltcoos Lumber company at Siltcoos when he became entangled in the gears of a moving derrick.

The peak population in the history of the Oregon state penitentiary was reached last week when the prison register showed a total of 611 prisoners. More than 550 of the convicts are employed regularly in the various departments of the institution.

Fire which started in the cold storage rooms in the basement damaged the plant of the Cherry City Baking company at Salem to the extent of \$50,000. The Cherry City Baking company's plant was one of the largest of its kind in the Willamette valley.

An audience of more than 250 assembled at the First Presbyterian church in Oregon City last week and celebrated a memorable event in the history of that church, the complete cancellation of every financial obligation against that organization.

Three cases of typhoid were added to the 10 or 12 already developed in the city of Coquille. Children are the victims of the recent reports. Dr. P. M. Drake is yet undecided as to the source of communication, but the indications point to the city water system.

Lima beans have grown to extraordinary size on vines from which Mrs. George Hockema harvested the crop last week. She found that the plump product ran from an inch to an inch and one-half in length and from one-half to three-fourths of an inch in width.

Five sets of twins arrived in Portland during October, according to the monthly report of the bureau of health compiled by Dr. J. G. Abele, city health officer. The city has 212 brand new boys and 173 baby girls. The population of the city was estimated at 332,835 in the report.

With the widest variety and finest quality of exhibits ever seen in Klamath Falls, the second annual potato show was held last week. The celebration marked the largest potato harvest in the history of the Klamath basin—over 800 cars. Last year over 400 cars were shipped.

Receipts of the 1927 state fair exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$10,000, according to a financial statement prepared by Mrs. Ella Shultz Wilson, secretary of the state fair board. The report showed total receipts of \$73,222.45, including \$1393 on hand September 23.

The annual rush for favorite automobile license plates is on. The drawing was held Saturday with more than a dozen applicants for number "1" on hand. About \$90,000 has been received so far, covering about 3000 applications. The demand for numbers 13, 25, 50 and 100 was also heavy.

Albany may vote upon a charter amendment to provide means for installing a new street lighting system as the result of action on the part of local civic organizations in appearing before the city council recently. The proposed plan would follow procedure at La Grande, Pendleton and Portland.

A mining excitement is current in northern Curry county, near the head of Flores creek, where ore has been discovered and a number of claims staked. The district has the first blackjack ore found in that section. Samples of ore which have been assayed run \$80 to the ton and a large proportion of zinc.

Further reductions of intrastate freight rates on certain farm products shipped in excess of 600 miles were announced by the public service commission in Salem recently. The new order of the commission extends the scope of a previous ruling with relation to intrastate shipments of grains and other farm products.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during October aggregated \$255,470, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal recently. There were 69 fires reported to the department. The most disastrous blaze was at Oregon City, where a warehouse, tools and equipment were destroyed with a loss of \$55,000.

A check for \$47,813 has been forwarded to the treasurer of Coos county by the department of the interior, representing the amount due to December 31, 1926, under the Coos bay wagon road lands act. Under this law the county is entitled to 25 per cent of the net receipts from sales of land, timber, mineral leases on the lands, title to which reverted to the federal government.

Rigdon Brothers of Woodburn have received the contract for constructing a new highway bridge at New Era, according to announcement made at the offices of the state highway commission in Salem. The bridge will cost approximately \$29,500.

Three Roseburg churches were entered last week and thoroughly ransacked, apparently by persons seeking money. Aside from a typewriter belonging to Rev. Mr. Knotts, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, nothing of value was taken.

COL. ALEXANDER McNAB



Col. Alexander McNab, who has been appointed American military attache in Mexico City, one of the most important observation posts in the army.

PRESIDENT IS GUEST TO AVIATION NOTABLES

Washington, D. C.—The capital played host to the aerial aristocracy of the world when eighteen men and a lone slip of a girl, all of whom gained world-wide fame last summer for daring trans-oceanic flights, gathered in Washington to eat lunch at the White House and to see one of their number, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, receive the Hubbard medal.

The trans-oceanic fliers listed as luncheon guests of President Coolidge were Colonel Lindbergh, Commander Richard E. Byrd with his "crew" of George O. Noville, Bert Acosta and Bernt Balchen; Clarence D. Chamberlain and Charles A. Levine, Lieutenant Hagenberger, first to negotiate the California-to-Hawaii flight; Arthur C. Goebel and Captain William V. Davis, winners of the Dole race; Paul Schuller and Martin Jensen, second in the Dole flight; Ernest L. Smith, another Pacific flier, Schlee and Brock, the round-the-world fliers, and George Haldeman and Ruth Elder, the latest toasts in trans-oceanic flying circles.

The Hubbard medal is conferred by the National Geographic society. Only seven other men in history have gained it. Commander Robert E. Peary, Captain Roald Amundsen, Grove Carl Gilbert, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Commander Byrd.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

James Rolph Jr. was re-elected mayor of San Francisco.

The V-4, largest submarine in the world, was launched at the Portsmouth navy yard.

Judge Flem D. Sampson, republican, of Barbourville, was elected governor of Kentucky by a majority of 20,703.

Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., was appointed a member of the federal trade commission by President Coolidge.

Dr. Eugene Russell Hendrix, retired senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, died at his home in Kansas City. He was 80 years old.

L. E. Slack, former United States attorney, was elected mayor of Indianapolis by the seven members of the city council. The election came on the 35th ballot.

Ministers Briand of France and Markinkovitch of Jugoslavia signed a treaty of friendship, in peace and war. It is designed to offset Italian influence in the Balkans.

Mussolini Kills Suffrage in Italy.

Rome.—The parliamentary reform measures announced by Premier Mussolini, in effect, do away with democratic universal suffrage in Italy and make Italy a one-party nation in which only the fascists will be directly represented. The reform measures, together with the labor reform proposals, are felt here to constitute one of the most important changes introduced by fascism into Italian political and economic life, and to be one of the most audacious parliamentary reforms ever undertaken in the history of modern parliamentarism.

Lindy Makes a Fast Flight.

Mitchell Field, N. Y. — Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh hung up another record by establishing the phenomenal time of 3 hours and 20 minutes in flying the 600-mile direct airline distance from Selfridge field, Detroit, to Mitchell field.

Seattle Has Birthday Sunday.

Seattle, Wash. — Sunday was Seattle's 76th birthday anniversary. On November 13, 1851, ten adults and 12 children disembarked from a small vessel at Alki point and joined two men, Lee Terry and David Denny, who had built a log cabin there.

FIGHT EXPECTED OVER REVENUE BILL

Party Lines Will Be Drawn in Framing New Tax Measure.

Washington, D. C.—Having wound up its public hearings, the house ways and means committee will retire behind closed doors to start the actual drafting of a new revenue bill.

Party lines undoubtedly will assert themselves in the committee and there is no assurance that completion of the task will find republicans and democrats in the same accord that developed two years ago in the writing of the committee report on the present revenue law.

The first big fight is expected to concern the size of the reduction. Secretary Mellon, backed up by President Coolidge, has placed the maximum cut at \$225,000,000, but practically the entire democratic membership of the committee is convinced that a larger slice should be made.

Whether they will be able to swing sufficient republicans over to their point of view, and thereby establish a temporary majority, remains problematical. Another fight will develop over the treasury recommendation to repeal the federal inheritance tax. This will be opposed by Chairman Green, some of his republican colleagues and a majority of the democrats.

Democrats, at least, will endeavor to seek reduction of the tax on corporation incomes, now 13½ per cent, below the 12 per cent figure suggested by Secretary Mellon. They also are regarded as likely to head a move for repeal of the miscellaneous, or nuisance, taxes, which the treasury has advised the committee to retain.

BURNS MAN REVEALS ALLEGED OIL PLOT

Washington, D. C.—Investigation of jury tampering in the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy case reached a sensational climax when a Burns detective hired by Harry F. Sinclair to shadow the Teapot Dome jurors went before the grand jury, revealed his true identity and told an amazing story of how Burns operatives were ordered to trail the jury even to the extent of "provoking a mistrial if necessary."

The detective was listed on the Burns payroll as "William V. Long." His true name is William J. McMullin of Philadelphia, a second lieutenant in the army air service. He enlisted in the Burns' agency as a detective because he was out of work.

McMullin revealed to the grand jury that while employed by Burns to shadow the Fall-Sinclair jurors he was all the time in close touch with the government prosecutors and reported to them every move made by the Burns agency.

McMullin first told his story to Gifford Pinchot, former governor of Pennsylvania, at his home here. Pinchot sent him to Owen Roberts, chief government prosecutor, to whom he repeated his story. From then on McMullin worked with the government lawyers, although still on the Burns payroll.

HOOVER VISITS VERMONT

Hoover and Sargent to Review Flood Situation.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Hoover and Attorney-General Sargent were asked by the president to proceed to Vermont to begin a study looking toward rehabilitation of the flood area.

The Attorney-General was requested to go to Montpelier immediately and he will be joined there by Mr. Hoover. Mr. Sargent is a resident of Vermont and is familiar with the ground to be covered, while Secretary Hoover was engaged all summer in Mississippi valley relief work. The plight of the people of Vermont who were in the path of the flood has been described as very serious, and Governor Weeks has appealed for all the assistance which could be rendered.

Gas Container Explosion Kills 14.

Pittsburg, Pa. — Fourteen persons were known to have met death and more than 500 were injured, some seriously, here when a giant natural gas storage tank containing 500,000 cubic feet at the Manchester works of the Equitable company exploded, spreading death and destruction over an area one mile square.

California Roads to Get \$23,500,000.

Sacramento.—California will spend \$23,500,000 on highway construction and upkeep during 1928, the state division of highways announced.

Ford Plans Motor Plant at Yokohama.

Detroit.—Edsel Ford has announced plans for building a \$1,000,000 Ford plant at Yokohama, Japan.

REV. G. R. WILSON



Rev. G. R. Wilson, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Trenton, N. J., who was elected national chaplain of the American Legion at the Paris convention.

FAMOUS COWGIRL FREED BY JURY

Lakeview, Or. — Lorena Trickey, famous cowgirl, was found not guilty of the charge of murdering J. P. (Smiling Slim) Harris, by a jury which considered the case. The verdict was read amid a wild and unrestrained demonstration.

The judge's gavel and the protests of the court were drowned out by the wild demonstration which followed the pronouncement of the verdict. Lorena appeared stunned. For a few minutes she acted as if she was under a hypnotic spell.

Cowboy "yip-yips," women's screams, laughter, cheers filled the courtroom for more than five minutes.

Lakeview was satisfied and happy that Lorena had been acquitted. To those who sat through the long, tense hours of the courtroom drama, there could have been no other outcome.

GENERAL OBREGON BOMBED

Candidate for Presidency Survives Attempt of Assassins.

Mexico City. — An unsuccessful attempt was made here Sunday to assassinate General Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico.

Obregon's cheek was cut by glass from the windshield of the automobile in which he was riding. The windshield was shattered by the explosion of two bombs thrown as Obregon passed near the United States embassy.

Companions of Obregon in another automobile shot and seriously wounded two of the bombers and the other was arrested.

U. S. Bond Issue is Oversubscribed.

Washington, D. C. — The United States still is in a fair condition of prosperity. Treasury officials reached this conclusion when the books closed on the offering of \$400,000,000 in seven month, 3½ per cent treasury bonds. The issue was oversubscribed two and one half times, subscriptions totaling \$1,067,000,000. The money will be used in retiring outstanding bonds of the second Liberty.

Communist Party Expels Trotzky.

Moscow. — The central communist committee expelled Leon Trotzky from the communist party. Others expelled were Gregory Zinovieff, Leo Kameneff, Radek, Smilga and Preobrazhensky.

Idaho State Debt is \$5,500,000.

Boise, Idaho.—Total bonded indebtedness of the state of Idaho is \$5,503,000, and annual interest payments total \$257,118.75, reports State Treasurer Defenbach.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.28; hard white, \$1.25; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.24; hard winter, northern spring \$1.21; western red, \$1.20.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 37@45c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.00@10.00.

Hogs — Medium to choice, \$9.00@10.00.

Lamb — Medium to choice, \$11@12.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.24; hard winter, western red, \$1.22½; northern spring, \$1.23; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.29; dark northern spring, \$1.40½; dark hard winter, \$1.35½.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—50c.

Eggs—Ranch, 45c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.25@10.00.

Hogs—Prime, \$10.00@10.10.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.00@9.50.

Hogs—Good, \$9.50@9.60.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS DISAGREE ON BILL

Equalization Fee Provision is Stumbling Block at Meeting.

Washington, D. C.—Unable to agree on a farm relief bill, representatives of three of the most powerful farm organizations broke up a conference here to submit proposals for a compromise on the vetoed McNary-Haugen measure to the respective conventions, assembling soon.

Despite the collapse of the conference attended by officers of the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau federation and the Farmers' union, hope was expressed by the delegates that some agreement might be forthcoming early in the year.

The controversial equalization fee provision of the McNary-Haugen bill, which the president vetoed, proved the stumbling block in the farm meeting. The farm bureau federation stood by this proposal as a means of raising funds to market surplus crops by levying fees on a variety of commodities.

The grange urged again its substitute — the export debenture plan — whereby costs of marketing surpluses would be taken from tariff receipts. An outline of this program was left at the White House.

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, came from a White House conference with the statement that he realized that final approval of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill in its present form was hopeless, but still expressing confidence that a relief measure would be worked out and enacted into law.

GREAT NORTHERN VALUED BY I. C. C.

Washington, D. C.—A final valuation of the properties owned and used by the Great Northern railroad, as of June, 1915, was fixed by the Interstate commerce commission at \$382,400,000. Nearly all of the railroad's claims for a higher figure were completely set aside by the commission in fixing the total, which will serve, unless court action modifies it, as a basis for future making of rates. The figure covers 7089 miles of main line transcontinental railroad, but excludes a considerable investment made by the system in Canada.

While the Great Northern's corporate book investment account has a total of \$384,273,853, the railroad itself contended for a total aggregate valuation of \$636,512,774. The railroad's principal complaint against the previously fixed tentative figure declared that it failed to include sums of money which it was entitled to capitalize under the general head of "going concern value."

PRODUCE SYNTHETIC RUBBER

New Substance, to Be Turned Out on Commercial Scale.

Frankfort, Germany. — Important progress by the German chemical industry since the war, including the development of commercial synthetic rubber, was described before the 60th anniversary meeting of the Chemical Industrialists' Protective Union.

It was announced that the German dye syndicate "I. G. Farbenindustrie" has sufficiently progressed with experimentation in producing synthetic rubber to apply for world patents and that synthetic rubber would soon appear on the world markets as a commercial commodity. The synthetic product was declared to be the equal of the natural rubber and cheaper in cost of production, thus permitting its active competition with the natural product.

Auto Injury Rate to Increase.

New York, N. Y.—A nation-wide upward revision of rates for personal injury or so-called public liability insurance on privately owned automobiles will be put into effect at an early date on account of the increasing number of motor accidents and large sums awarded as damages in such cases the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters announced.

Illinois Primary Law is Held Void.

Chicago.—Illinois' primary law, passed by the state legislature last summer, is unconstitutional, null and void, according to a decision handed down here in a test case by Judge Harry M. Fisher.

Milwaukee Granted \$500,000 Expenses.

Chicago.—Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson here has authorized the receivers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad to expend \$500,000 for betterments and replacements.

Notre Dame is Beaten by Army.

New York.—The Army football team supplied one of the greatest surprises of the 1927 football season by trouncing Notre Dame, 18 to 0.