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OREGON NOTES

News in Brief, Gathered From
Various Parts of the State

Industries on Coos Bay reopened after a suspension of but two days for the Christmas festivities.

The Dalley Clay Products company's plant at Warrenton has begun operations on a commercial basis.

Five house bills and two senate bills passed at the recent special session of the legislature were vetoed by Governor Olcott.

The Southern Pacific company will expend \$47,000 or more in betterment of its tracks within the city limits of Marshfield.

Plans for erection of a community hall are being developed in the vicinity of Oakville, about ten miles southwest of Albany.

Approximately one out of every four marriages in Deschutes county is an unsuccessful one, according to official county records.

Reports at Washington, D. C., are that Jonathan Bourne, Jr., former senator from Oregon, is in a serious physical condition.

Salem will witness a building program involving the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in the year 1922, according to C. P. Bishop.

Oscar Hoffman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, of Needy, in Clackamas county, accidentally killed himself while out hunting.

The Christmas business of the Medford postoffice was greater by 20 per cent this Christmas than the Christmas business of any year in its history.

Gaston has started work on a drainage system along Front street and is rushing the work through and giving employment to a large number of men.

There were 222 industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Robert J. Burkhardt, Albany dairyman and dairy breeder, was elected president of the Oregon Dairyman's association at its 29th annual session at Corvallis.

A conference of representatives of various western Oregon cities will be held at Roseburg, February 21, to consider the regulation of free automobile camp grounds.

So much shipping is coming to the port of Coos Bay's new dock that the port commissioners are discussing the need for a turning basin opposite the 800-foot frontage.

Thirty-one persons were killed in traffic accidents on the streets of Portland in the past fiscal year, according to the annual report of the police traffic bureau.

Beavers that have been destroying fruit trees on several farms in the river bottom north of Eugene will be trapped, according to Ed S. Hawker, district deputy game warden.

In spite of the low price of quicksilver and the total suspension of the industry in the United States, there is considerable activity in the quicksilver mines in the Gold Hill district.

No further steps have been taken with reference to the second murder indictment pending against Carson D. Beebe, acquitted at Albany on the ground of insanity, of the murder of John Palmer.

In order to be sure that every child in La Grande of toy age was not forgotten Christmas, two of the largest stores of the city turned over to the Red Cross all toys left on hands Christmas eve.

The state board of control has accepted from the contractor the new dormitory recently completed at the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem. The structure cost approximately \$50,000.

Dr. W. Carlton Smith, physician at the state penitentiary, filed a report with Governor Olcott in which the doctor expressed the opinion that Abraham Evans, under death sentence for murder, is insane.

Extremely heavy loads will be kept off certain roads in Lane county, according to an order made by the county court. The roads included in the order are said to have been cut up badly this winter.

The Oregon public service commission has denied the application of the Southern Pacific company for an increase in fares on the lines of the Salem Street Car company and the Eugene Street Car company.

First appraisals of property to be used as security for loans under the so-called Oregon bonus bill probably will be made this week. It is expected that funds on these loans will be forthcoming about February 1.

In response to a telegram announcing the plan for breaking ground for the new \$1,000,000 Elks' temple to Portland, President Harding telegraphed the Portland lodge of Elks, congratulating them on the coming event.

Send commercial club directors went on record as strongly opposing the King bill, introduced in the United States senate, with the object of changing the national forest service from the department of agriculture to the interior department.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during the month of November, 1921, exceeded those of the same month a year ago by 70,416 gallons, according to a statement compiled by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Distillate sales showed an increase of 70,709 gallons.

The Oregon auto law, passed by the

session of the legislature last winter and under which this year's licenses were issued on the weight of cars, will be tested in the courts in an endeavor to have it declared unconstitutional by Attorney Lindsay of Medford, who will bring the test case shortly.

Three bridges in Marion county, which were washed out as a result of the heavy rains a few weeks ago are to be replaced. One of these bridges will be built on the Abiqua river, ten miles southeast of Silverton, another on the North Santiam river near Stayton, and the third near Marion.

A force of 200 men is being recruited to combat the pine-destroying beetle in the yellow pine forests south of Klamath Lake, beginning March 15. It was announced by T. D. Woodbury, assistant United States forester. An appropriation of \$150,000 for the work will be available in two months.

Because of Governor Olcott's veto of the bill passed at the recent session of the state legislature, amending the charter of the Eugene lodge of Masons, the plans of the organization to erect a \$150,000 temple may have to be postponed for a year, according to members of the lodge interested in the project.

At the annual reunion held at La Grande of the Wing, Pin and Fleet foot club, the fish and game club of Union county, more than 150 sportsmen helped dispose of several deer that had been illegally shot, the club having purchased the carcasses from the fish and game commission following their seizure and use as evidence.

The University of Oregon graduate bulletin indicates that the women lead the men by a narrow margin in scholarship in the university for the fall term. With a total of approximately 1000 men and 940 women registered for the term, a total of 38 women and 31 men received no grade lower than B, next to the highest possible mark.

"Get rid of the water before 1922" was the new slogan adopted by the Oregon State Drainage association, when 100 of the members met at the seventh annual session held during Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college. More than 750,000 acres of wet land in the Willamette valley will demand community outlet ditches. It was reported.

It took only two hours and 30 minutes to raise Toledo's quota of \$15,000 in the proposed Toledo Investment and Improvement corporation, which organization has been planned to finance the construction of houses to be sold and rented to employees of the Pacific Spruce corporation mill, which will begin operations after the first of the year.

William A. Douglas of Gold Hill, who acquired the Bina Danielson gold quartz mine, three miles southwest of Gold Hill two years ago, has completed a 125-foot drift into the main ledge of the mine, uncovering a large body of ore. The new works are under the old works, where many thousands of dollars of rich ore was recovered some 20 years ago.

Unless the proponents of the proposed 1922 exposition are able to determine by Thursday whether the fair legislation considered at the recent special session of the legislature was legally approved, it is probable that Governor Olcott will veto the bill passed during the closing hours of the assembly authorizing a special election to be held May 19 in conjunction with the regular primary contests.

The county court has called for bids for the final cruise of the Douglas county timber lands. For the past three years Douglas county has been having cruises made of its standing timber for the purpose of obtaining definite information and data upon which to base a cash assessment. Next year will mark the completion of the task and the 1922 assessment rolls are expected to carry the timber lands on a basis of their cash value.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, acting upon the advice of the attorney general, refused to accept for filing in his office house joint resolution No. 3, providing for submission to the voters of the state at a special election May 19 the question of amending the constitution so as to authorize the financing of the proposed 1922 exposition through a gasoline tax. The secretary of state, in explaining his action in refusing to accept the resolution for filing from F. W. Drager, clerk of the senate, said it had not been signed either by Roy Hiltner, president of the senate, or L. E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives. Because of the omission of these signatures the secretary of state held that the resolution was not completed.

WILLIAM SCHULMERICH HEADS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Wm. Schulmerich was elected president, J. C. Leedy, vice president, Chas. Herb, of Banks, secretary and Wm. Rueter, of Orenco, treasurer of the Washington County Farm Bureau at the annual meeting of 250 of its members on December 29th. Other executive committee members elected were L. L. Crawford, Manning; Ernest Rueter, Forest Grove; A. E. Westcott, Banks, and R. Beamish of Cedar Mills.

County project leaders elected were D. G. Lilly, Horticulture; R. C. Oglesby, Poultry; Wm. Schulmerich, Dairying; R. G. Scott, Angora Goats; J. C. Leedy, Onion project; E. E. Jones, Rodent Control and Chas. Herb, Farm Crops.

During the day Geo. A. Mansfield, State Farm Bureau president and Col. Wm. A. Aird, State Farm Bureau secretary, addressed the gathering.

The program of the Farm Bureau for next year will place special emphasis on potato growing, more corn, improvement of livestock, boys' and girls' club work, rodent control, horticulture and poultry.

THE CAPITOL

News of General Public Interest at the County Seat

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams left last week for an extended stay with Claude Williams, in Arizona.

Alva Patton, who is with the Y. M. C. A. at Boise, Idaho, spent the holidays with his parents in this city.

The regular meeting of the American Legion was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Kinney, Tuesday night of this week.

W. V. Wiley, of this city, is stepping high these days on account of the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to his son, Richard, and wife, of Denver, Colorado.

The Hillsboro club re-elected last year's officers at its meeting last Wednesday night. They are: Dr. L. W. Hyde, president; C. E. Wells, vice president; Glenn Bell, secretary; F. J. Sewell, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malldore, of Enuclaw, Wash., were callers in this city last week. They had been spending the holidays with their son, C. M. Bell, and family at Cornelius. This was their first visit to Oregon after residing in Washington since 1888.

Marriage licenses have been issued the following couples the past week: Peter Borgen and Meta Pearl Smith; Arthur Manning Seely and Grace C. Thompson; Joe Gallant and Clara Rasmussen; Lawrence C. Brabant and Esther Cheever; Lester M. Davis and Jenny C. Olson.

Harry Emerson sued Edith Emerson for divorce. They were married at Vancouver, in 1915. The husband charges the wife has called him vile names and swore at him, and also told him she did not love him. He swears that one Guy Skeely, of Roseburg, has had a hand in making trouble for the couple.

Misses Florence and Esther Freeman were struck by an auto driven by Agent Morley of the American Railway Express at Fifth and Base line streets one night last week, both being slightly injured but not seriously. They were taken to their home by Mr. Morley. No one was held responsible.

George Subauer, of Cornelius, was brought to this city one day last week for medical and surgical assistance for injuries received when his automobile ran into the machine of G. Richen, of Gaston. His foot was injured, he received a bad scalp wound, besides serious bruises. It seems that both drivers were at fault.

J. R. Marshall, a former Hillsboro dentist, now practicing in Portland, was in the city one day last week and informs us that Dr. E. M. Erwin, who also formerly lived here, and the two shared offices, has gone to Chicago, where he will take active part in a medicine cabinet company of which he is president. Dr. Erwin, has, for several years, been living in Mandan, N. D.

The will of the late Geo. Armentrout was filed in probate this past week. B. W. Armentrout is named in the instrument as executor, and the legacies are \$100 to Mrs. E. G. Tucker, daughter, at Lewiston, Idaho; \$500 to Annavilla Hanson, Portland, another daughter, and the balance of the estate, which amounts to around \$3500, goes to his sons, Frank, of Tillamook, and B. W. Armentrout, of near Banks, share and share alike.

The Washington County Bar association met Saturday last week, and re-elected the old officers, Benton Bowman, of Hillsboro, president, and Miss Manche Laury, of Forest Grove, secretary-treasurer. Benton Bowman, in behalf of the association, presented Judge Bagley with a beautifully engraved watch chain, to which he responded in a fitting manner. The association will again meet in February at which time a banquet will be given.

Mrs. Clara Jack passed away December 26, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, after an extended illness. Her age was 52 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morris, pioneers of Oregon. She is survived by four children: Ross, Harvey, Della and Elsie, the husband having been killed last January when a passenger train struck his team and won at Wilcox, Hazel. The funeral occurred from the Christian Church Thursday of last week.

Circuit court cases filed; Margaret McAdoo, who married Herbert McAdoo, in St. Peter, Minn., in 1915, wants a divorce. She alleges from St. Peter McAdoo went to St. Paul in 1916, and that was the last she heard of him in the way of support. She wishes her maiden name of Pink restored.—Ida May Montgomery wants a judgment against J. W. Hubert as follows: On a note, \$300 and interest; rental of a building at Sherwood, \$15; rental of a Chevrolet car, \$50.—The State Industrial Accident Commission sues H. Callahan, logger, for \$25.64, and R. H. Graham, a saw-mill man, for \$18.25.

Chris Dappen, who works for the Bocker basket factory, and who keeps his auto in the Gus Wehring garage, came very nearly losing his life the other day when about noon he went to get his car the door of the garage closed and the room being filled with fumes from the machine, he was overcome and fell in a faint and was not discovered until 9 o'clock that night, when Mr. and Mrs. Bocker returned home from Portland and heard the engine of the car running and went to the garage and found Mr. Dappen still unconscious on the floor. They carried him out into the air which revived him and he soon became all right.

RED CROSS BUILDS ROADS IN CHINA

"Important as was the presentation of 850 miles of excellent highway to the Government of China by the American Red Cross at the conclusion of its famine relief operations, of equal, if not greater importance, is the effect of the accomplishment upon the Chinese people themselves," according to John Earl Baker, advisor to the Chinese Ministry of Communications, who directed the Red Cross relief work in China, upon his arrival at National Red Cross headquarters to report.

"The work of the American Red Cross has taught the Chinese people in the famine provinces that famines are largely preventable. It taught them that they can do for themselves that which is necessary to prevent a recurrence of the disaster that are as old as China herself. A good system of transportation is the most effective barrier that can be erected against famine in China and the greatest work of the Red Cross in China was in convincing the Chinese that such a barrier could be erected.

"Once shown, the Chinese are quick to grasp new ideas and self-help is somewhat of a new idea. When the operations of the Red Cross closed, many Chinese, both government officials and leaders in communities generally, saw ways of extending highway construction and irrigation facilities to safeguard them in the future.

"Perhaps this is demonstrated nowhere better than in the province of Chihli, where the American Red Cross dug 3,562 wells for irrigation purposes. These wells were dug as a means of reclaiming for agricultural purposes vast sandy areas along an old bed of the Yellow River. Inspired by the success of the American project, the Chinese themselves became active and today individuals and holders have dug wells probably equal in number to those dug by the Red Cross organization.

"The center of this renewed activity, vigor and ambition is Ting Chow, originally the center of the Kingdom of Chow, one of the oldest civilizations in the world. It was here that our workmen ran across centuries old walnut slabs upon which were beautifully carved passages from the Buddhist holy book. They were so old that it was impossible locally to find anyone to decipher them and they had to be sent to Peking for that purpose. When we arrived we found the natives using these rare relics, centuries old, for kindling."

The work system of relief, that upon which all American Red Cross operations in China were conducted, was heartily endorsed by Mr. Baker. By the employment of heads of families and the payment of workers in food, which money could not have been purchased because of its scarcity, enabled the Red Cross to feed 900,000 starving Chinese during some portion of the famine period.

While Southern Pacific Company officials have become accustomed to the recklessness of motorists after receiving many reports of autoists running into the sides of trains, breaking down crossing gates and running down crossing flagmen warning them of approaching trains, etc., they express surprise and wonder at the latest instance of foolishness—that of using railroad tracks for a highway.

A few days ago at Barnard, Calif., two machines occupied by eight people turned off the county road at a Southern Pacific crossing, because of snow, and started down the tracks which had been cleaned by a snow plow, at a point where trains are moving frequently in both directions. One of the machines had stuck in a switch "frog" and the wheels of the other machine had slipped over the ends of the ties on one side when the Southern Pacific Company's Shasta Limited came along. That the occupants of the machines were not seriously injured or killed is considered by the railroad men to be most surprising. As it was, the engineer stopped the train but two car lengths from the first machine.

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NEW MASONIC HOME NEARS COMPLETION

Superintendent and Matron Now Occupy Quarters in Structure.—New Year Celebrated there by Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roark, Superintendent and Matron of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home came out from Portland the day before New Year and occupied the new Home which is now fast nearing completion.

The hard wood floors have been put in and the work of painting and decorating is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Roark, while realizing that the Home was not ready for the residents who will eventually occupy the beautiful home, felt that it was their duty and province to be on the ground and took occasion to celebrate the coming of the new year by having their household effects moved in and hope to soon be comfortably located.

Furniture, fixtures, etc., have been ordered and some of the furnishings have already arrived.

Just how long it will be before the structure will be ready for use has not been definitely determined.

As yet there are no applications for admission on file with the Home Committee, although blanks have been sent out on request of prospective residents.

The first installment of beds has arrived and will soon be in place. With its life and marble work inside, forty-five spacious rooms, up-to-date heating and lighting systems, attractive auditorium, smoking room and parlor, the structure presents a pleasing appearance. The outer walls are of brick, and the roof is built of tile.

According to W. C. Knighton, architect, practically \$30,000 will be saved on the original estimate, as a result of a decrease in the prices of materials. The building together with all furnishings will come within the \$180,000 mark, it is said, whereas an earlier estimate placed the building cost alone at \$270,000.

Steps will be taken later to beautify the three-acre campus upon which the home is situated. A paved driveway will be laid connecting the building with the main highway which passes just in front of the campus.

The committee responsible for the construction of the home follows: Will Moore, Pendleton lodge, No. 52, chairman; Frank J. Miller, St. Johns, No. 17; Oliver P. Conover, Laurel, No. 13; Lloyd M. Graham, Holbrook, No. 30; J. S. Roark, Mt. Tabor, No. 42; Rose J. Wilson, St. Mary, No. 8; Lena C. Mendenhall, Corinthian, No. 54; Pauline Moore Riley, Esther, No. 11.

HOLSTEIN CLUB WILL MEET SATURDAY, JAN. 7