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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Lane county farmers' week will be observed in Eugene December 14 to 18. The budget for 1921 for Jackson county calls for an expenditure of \$660,000.

Ashland's city budget for the coming year is \$50,000, necessitating a levy of 23.5 mills.

The American National, fourth of Klamath Falls' banks, opened for business last week.

For county road and bridge purposes Lane county has expended during the year \$284,846.07.

Exports moving from Portland to foreign ports during October were valued at \$9,459,963.

Division state highway engineers from all sections of Oregon held a two-days conference in Salem.

During a roundup by the police in Salem 16 drunks and alleged bootleggers were taken into custody.

Twelve houses are quarantined in La Grande for scarlet fever, 15 for smallpox and 7 for diphtheria.

The people of Springfield are planning to hold a community Christmas tree on a prominent business street.

At the municipal election in Bend last week the 1921 budget of \$70,299.50 was adopted by a vote of 233 to 22.

The mills of the Eugene Excelsior company in Eugene will resume operation after having been idle for a number of weeks.

The Pendleton water department is present is laying nearly half a mile of new mains on streets where paving is to be done shortly.

The Yamhill Mutual Telephone company has filed application with the Oregon public service commission for an increase in rates.

There were two murders, four suicides and six deaths from accidental causes in Portland and Multnomah county during November.

First Lieutenant Amos O. Waller, medical corps, 5th Oregon infantry, has been advanced to the rank of captain in the national guard.

Earl Pearcey of Forest Grove has been elected president of the Oregon State Horticultural society to succeed J. O. Holt of Eugene.

A tide of 10 feet 7 inches last week flooded a large portion of the southern part of Marshfield and put several industries out of commission.

The Klamath Logging company, recently organized with a capitalization of \$250,000, will build a saw mill in Klamath Falls next spring.

Damage estimated at \$210,000 was wrought by a fire which started in the basement warehouse of the General Cigar company in Portland.

Reports of the Eugene banks show that the deposits of the three institutions increased more than a million dollars during the past year.

Next year's convention of the Oregon State Hotel association will be held at Astoria, it was decided at the recent session held at The Dalles.

The Salem Floral society has changed its name to the City Improvement league and has announced a program of city beautification and betterment.

Lake county has 549 farms, a decrease of 163 from the number in 1910. However the number of acres of improved land shows a large increase.

All street work in Klamath Falls has stopped for the winter. During the summer and fall approximately \$185,000 was spent by the city on paving.

Naval radio men engaged in testing receiving apparatus at Tongue Point, near Astoria, last week picked up a radio call from Nauen, in northern Germany.

The Oregon Humane society estimates, in figures filed with the secretary of state, that its needs from the state for the next biennium will be about \$6900.

The annual poultry and pet stock show of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association will be held in the municipal auditorium in Portland December 13 to 18.

L. D. Roberts of Turner met with a less when his herd of five milch cows broke away, got on the railroad track and were all run down and killed by a railroad train.

Ranches bordering the banks of Coos river will be served soon by a highway skirting the northern bank of the river from Eastside to the fork, a distance of eight miles.

A convention will be held at Dallas on December 18 to nominate a candidate for county judge, after which petitions will be circulated for the recall of Judge A. D. Robinson.

There were four fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ended December 2. The victims were Victor Marlow, trouble man, Portland; Floyd Hardy, truck driver, Portland; Joseph E. Caldwell, laborer, Parkersville, Ky., and Harvey Straw, rigger, Powers. A total of 466 accidents were reported.

An Evening in the South Seas

Chautauquus Presents Native Maori Singers



Ellison-White present on the closing evening of the Chautauquus-Festival a big program, "An Evening in the South Seas," an attraction entirely unique on the American platform.

Five Maori singers have been brought directly from New Zealand, and they will present for the first time in this country the bewitching native music of their New Zealand home. Headed by N. H. Papakura, famed throughout New Zealand as the leading tenor of the islands, and coming from a race that is essentially musical, they present a most interesting program.

The Oregon Duroc Breeders' association will hold an auction sale of choice hogs at the state fair grounds at Salem on February 2. There will be 20 or more consignors from Oregon, Idaho and Washington, while buyers will be in attendance from all sections of the Pacific northwest.

Nine carloads of packed apples and pears were shipped last week from Beaton county orchards to New Orleans, the growers receiving as high as \$2.75 a box for their fruit.

As Tillamook county does not have common point rates similar to Astoria and other Oregon cities, a movement is on foot to apply to the interstate commerce commission at Washington.

The state fish and game commission has closed all fish hatcheries and egg-taking stations in Klamath county for the winter and laid off the six or eight men employed during the summer.

Claims against the city of Klamath Falls for damages totaling \$2735 have been filed by six survivors of the Houston hotel fire, in which at least nine persons lost their lives September 6.

Sheep entered the Hampton school house in Deschutes county and devoured the school register containing the records of every pupil attending the school since the district was organized in 1911.

The trustees of Albany college have been notified of a bequest left the college by the late Ellen E. Geary of Portland. Miss Geary was a daughter of one of the early presidents of the institution.

Out of a total of \$25,903,851.92 that has been expended by the highway department from its inception in 1913 to December 1 of this year, more than half, or \$13,244,398.37 has been expended this year.

Robbers early Friday broke into the State bank of Imbler, made an ineffectual attempt to dynamite the safe, and escaped after breaking into a barber shop and jewelry store and stealing valuable articles.

Mining men representing practically all of the important mines in eastern Oregon met in Baker last week to consider means of meeting the present depressing conditions in the mining industry. Increased cost of production coupled with a permanent low selling price has proved to be a combination that cannot be coped with, and mining has practically come to a standstill.

Leslie Murray, defeated candidate for representative from Multnomah county at the primary election last May, has filed in the Marion county circuit court legal protest against the election of Herbert Gordon of Portland who was a successful candidate for the office. It was charged by Mr. Murray that Mr. Gordon's election was illegal for the reason that he was a candidate for two offices at the same election.

The habit of yelling fire when there was no fire almost cost Fred Worthington his life when the Eugene city jail, in which he was a prisoner, was partially destroyed by a blaze of undetermined origin. Worthington shouted for help and his cries were heard by the firemen in their sleeping quarters, which were close to the jail. The men thought the prisoner was trying to spread a false alarm, and rolled over in bed for another nap.

A crew of railroad surveyors has been working quietly for several weeks in the eastern part of Linn county for what is said to be a logging road into the timber belt on the upper Crabtree river. The survey started near the town of Crabtree, a station of the Woodburn-Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific, and extends easterly for a distance of 20 miles into the fine belt of timber owned largely by the Hammond Lumber company.

Twenty house bills passed by the legislature at its special session last January and later vetoed by Governor Olcott, and one bill enacted into a law at the regular legislative assembly in 1919 and vetoed by the late Governor Withycombe, will be submitted for the consideration of the 1921 legislature when it convenes at Salem, January 10. Eleven of these house bills which met disapproval at the hands of Governor Olcott had for their purpose the designation and location of state highways and post roads, while the remaining nine bills had to do with various subjects of state and county government.

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In the cross-cut tunnel connecting the Union and Last Chance mines in the Cornucopia district a ledge of high grade ore was struck, one streak carrying values of \$500 or more to the ton.

Success of the night schools which the Astoria district has maintained for the benefit of aliens who desire to become citizens has been demonstrated by the fact that 234 students have enrolled.

Frank Wagner, alias Dutch Frank, the safe robber who escaped from the penitentiary at Salem about three months ago, was killed instantly in

a duel with officers at Columbia Beach near Astoria.

The C. K. Spaulding Logging company, which operates extensively in the Willamette valley, has closed the Salem plant of the corporation. Approximately 400 men were thrown out of employment.

Governor Olcott, who has been at Harrisburg, Pa., attending the governors' conference, will return to Salem Thursday. Enroute home Governor Olcott spent a few days in Florida, where he has relatives.

A total of 2067 miles of highways in Oregon, involving estimated financial obligations aggregating \$38,479,930.94 and actual expenditures totaling \$21,648,563.28 have been authorized under the direction of the state highway commission during the years 1920 and 1921, according to a report prepared by Roy Klein, secretary of the commission.

Reports reaching the capitol at Salem indicate that not less than five persons have applied for the secretaryship of the Oregon state fair to succeed A. H. Lea, who resigned recently to accept a position in Portland.

Lack of proper spark arresters on logging engines is charged by the government in a suit filed against the Oregon Lumber company of Baker, for \$11,840 damages for the alleged destruction of 11,840,000 feet of timber in the Oregon forest in eastern Oregon.

Telephone Credit

The telephone company will be compelled to borrow large amounts of money in the next few years, not only to extend its service to new subscribers, but to take care of the constantly increasing use of the service by present subscribers.

A lender in business will demand of a borrower ample security and will insist that its value be maintained without deterioration. He must be shown that this security has an assured earning power. He must be satisfied that his investment is safe; that it can be disposed of at any time without loss and that it will bring him a continuous return.

At the present time this company's operations in Oregon are conducted at a deficit. Its expenses are greater than its revenue. No return is being received by its stockholders from their property in Oregon. Not even the interest on its bonds properly chargeable to its Oregon properties is being paid from Oregon receipts.

With new capital scarce and commanding high rates of return, a business showing operating results such as these will find it difficult, if not impossible, to secure money for its necessities.

We assume that the people of Oregon wish to treat the utilities doing business in this state justly and fairly, and in this belief we have asked the Public Service Commission to approve a schedule of rates increasing our revenues. The amount asked for is relatively small to the individual rate payer, but the aggregate will place us in a position where we can obtain the outside capital necessary in our operations.

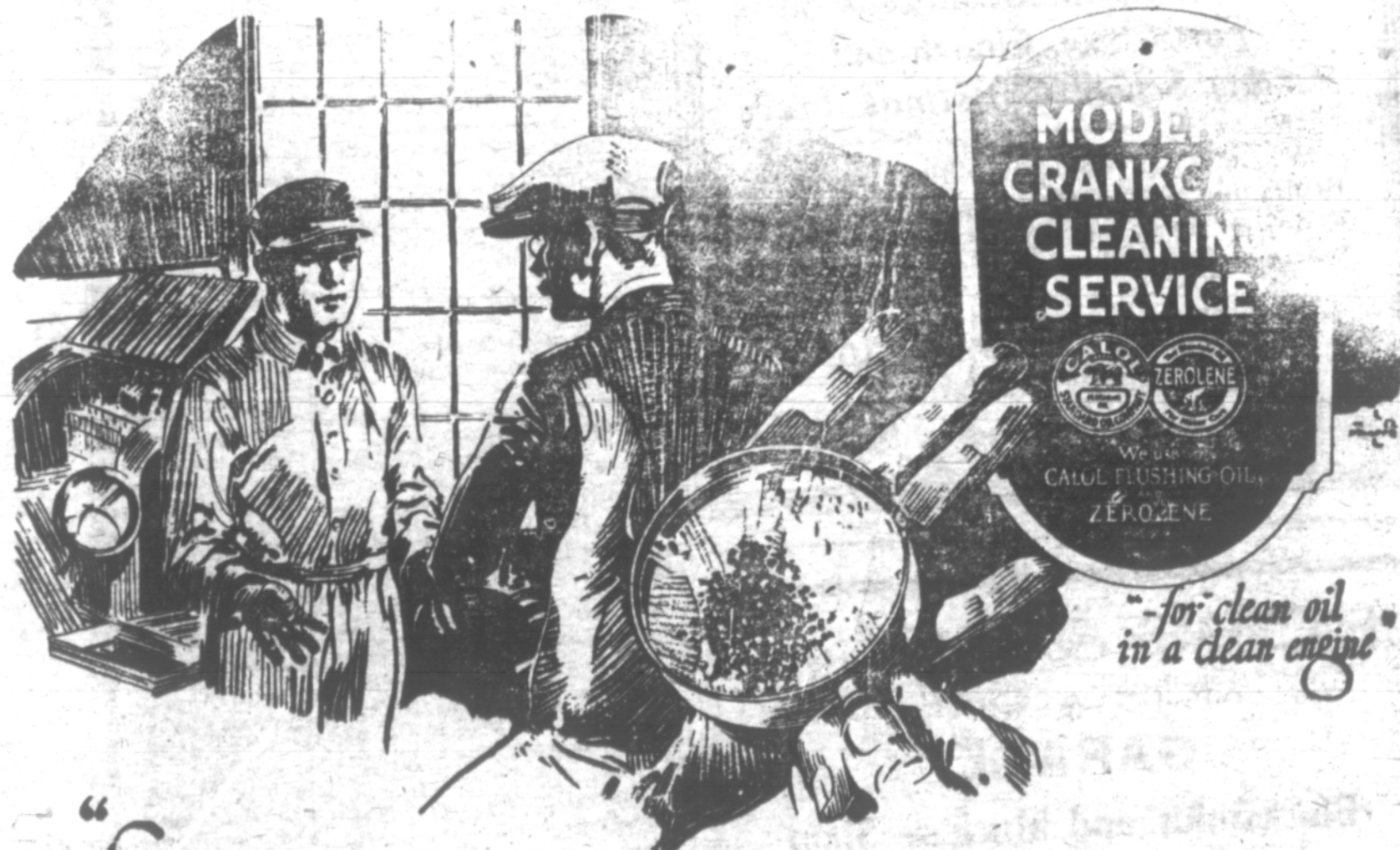
Under present conditions an adequate telephone service—efficient and sufficient—is dependent upon higher rates.

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A total of 464 cows, representing 106 herds in Oregon, were officially tested for milk production in November, according to the report of H. N. Colman, superintendent of official testing for the breeders' association and the Oregon Agricultural college. The downward trend of prices in the wholesale markets is reflected in bids received by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, for furnishing supplies and materials to the various state institutions during the period from January 1 to July 1, 1921.

State legislation which will offer the alternative of a \$2000 farm or home loan or a cash compensation at the rate of \$15 per month of service for world war veterans will be passed by the American Legion, department of Oregon, as a result of action by the state executive committee, in session in Portland last week. With all preparations complete and everything in readiness for the intensive, state-wide canvass through which Oregon's 11,840,000 quota of the \$23,000,000 national fund to be raised for

the state's children in the war-swept areas overseas is to be raised by January 1, the European relief council officially opened its campaign Monday. Jay H. Dobbin of Enterprise, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association; Mack Hoke of Pendleton, secretary-treasurer, and C. C. Berkeley of Hay Creek, vice-president, were re-elected by acclamation at the closing of the 23d annual convention at Pendleton. The place for holding next year's convention will be named later by the executive committee.



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