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FOREST TELEPHONE LINES

A total of 386 miles of telephone line was built in the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1926. Of this total, 209 miles were built in Oregon and 177 miles in Washington, as shown in a statement issued by the district forester, Portland, Oregon.

The telephone is an important tool in protecting the national forests from fire; speed in reporting fires being one of the first requirements is fully recognized by the government foresters. The entire forest service telephone system in the north Pacific district now embraces 9,423 miles of line, 6,156 miles in Oregon and 3,267 miles in Washington. The total construction cost of the system to date is \$639,192. Forest fire lookouts on the mountain peaks and rangers, guards and patrolmen in the valleys below are connected by this system, which is built primarily to speed up action on forest fires.

In addition to the regular telephones, road and trail crews and large fire camps are connected, where possible, by means of army emergency wire and portable telephones. Many of the lines are known as "tree lines," are built under pioneer conditions and considerable ingenuity is at times required in their construction and maintenance, it is said. Many tools, special porcelain hangers, tree nails and other devices have been worked out

COMPULSORY CO-OPERATION

Australia, world experiment station in untried things for agriculture and labor, is trying out compulsory co-operation in the state of Queensland. Under the new law, when a majority of the producers of any farm commodity vote to cooperate in the marketing of that commodity, then all the producers of that particular commodity must sell through the same co-operative agency or not sell at all. This plan has in it an element of coercion, but the farmers of Queensland justify it on the theory that if there are so many selfish farmers who will not help themselves, then they must be made to, rather than to be permitted to remain outside the organizations and hinder them by selling in competition. Across the border in Canada is a scheme for centralized control that while it does not go as far as the Australian plan, is not far removed from it in principle. The co-operative sets minimum f. o. b. prices and fixes dates when products may be marketed and the percentage which each producer may market, also a percentage of export shipment. The purpose is to regulate prices by controlling the supply that shall be marketed.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

August Ross, prominent citizen and a member of the city council, dropped dead in Beaverton last week.

Six veins of coal, one running six feet in width, have been opened on the John Day river, 23 miles west of Canyon City.

Approximately \$40,000 will be expended in improvements on the Oregon national guard's new encampment grounds near Gearhart.

The forest service will construct 31 miles of new telephone line in the La Grande section of the Umatilla national forest this summer.

The Klamath country lost one of its earliest pioneers when Martin R. Frain, 94, died at the home of his son, W. L. Frain, of Topay, Or.

J. H. Jensen, 60, farmer, residing in the Lewis and Clark district near Astoria, died while driving an automobile between Astoria and his home.

There will be no increase in the salaries of Salem school teachers next year, according to a decision reached by directors of the school district.

The operating revenue of the Valley & Siletz Railway company during the year 1926 was \$259,799, according to a report filed with the public service commission.

Following what he thought was a coyote that had been after his turkeys, Orb Lowell at his place near Harrisburg last week, shot and killed a blue Arctic fox.

Early gardening is going on at Sweet Home. Several farmers have cabbage plants three inches high, lawns are being mowed and a general clean up is in progress.

Cleveland Martin, living near Gold Hill, has eight ewes which gave birth this spring to 20 lambs. Two of the ewes had triplets and one gave birth to quadruplets.

After many months of slow construction because of a "pay-as-you-build" policy, the new Christian church at Vernonia was occupied for the first time last Sunday.

Rebuilding of Marcola's fire-swept business district started last Thursday when Riley Garrison, whose garage was dynamited to check the flames began reconstruction.

Mrs. Darwin Davis was seriously injured at Seaside Monday, when a gold ball she had placed on a hot stove exploded, throwing acid and hot rubber in her face and eyes.

Plans were offered at a meeting held in Grant Pass last week of Josephine county poultry men for formation of a Rogue river valley co-operative poultry marketing association.

Salem is growing more rapidly than any other municipality in Oregon, with the exception of Klamath Falls, if telephone connections and construction are considered an indication.

Net sales of water by the Bend municipal system in the first nine months of operations were \$58,716, according to the auditor's report. Operating expenses for this period amounted to \$17,408.

Astoria banks announced that they will institute a system of service charges on average monthly balances of less than \$50 and will reduce interest rates paid on savings deposits after April 1.

Silverton voters approved a \$45,000 bond issue to improve the city water system last week. The count was 111 to 32. It was planned to carry out extensive improvements providing an additional flow.

A 50-gallon capacity moonshine plant, fully equipped and carefully hidden away in sagebrush, was found last Sunday by Bend boys who were eight miles southeast of town on a jackrabbit hunt.

The 14th annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution convened in Corvallis last week, with 16 of the 30 Oregon chapters represented and more than 100 delegates and visitors in attendance.

Thirty miles of barbed-wire drift fence will be constructed in the Fremont national forest, in the Chewaucan and Sycan cattle and horse division, in the coming season. The fence will be primarily for the purpose of keeping cattle out of sheep range.

Silver Falls timber company camps, which opened a week ago, were forced to close again because of the heavy snows which fell during the past week.

ready making preparations to handle the season's strawberry tonnage, which will reach approximately that of last year. Growers have been able to contract their berries to canners at a minimum price of 9 cents a pound.

That there will be no modification of the scheduled advance in grazing fees for national forests is indicated, in a letter received in Salem by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, from W. M. Jardine, secretary of the federal department of agriculture. There will be no increase in fees during 1927, but after this year an increase will be applied in installments of 25 per cent each during the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. The full increase will be applied during the years from 1931 to 1934, inclusive.

A prime factor in the upbuilding of a community is the community newspaper.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Moro, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business March 23, 1927.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscouunts, acceptances or bills of exchange, sold with endorsement of the bank (including items shown in 29, 30 and 32, if any)	\$182,431.77
2. Overdrafts secured and unsecured	773.73
3. U. S. government securities owned, including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any	5,000.00
4. Stocks, securities, claims, liens, judgments, etc., Federal Reserve Bank	1,600.00
5. Furniture and fixtures	1,808.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking building	1.00
7. (a) Lawful reserve with federal reserve bank	8,705.13
8. (b) Cash on hand in vault and due from other banks, bankers and trust companies	7,926.39
Total cash and due from banks, items 8, 9, 10, and 11	\$16,631.52
12. Interest, taxes and expenses paid	1,114.36
13. Other assets, if any, Liberty Bell Banks	13.00
Total	\$209,373.58
LIABILITIES	
14. Capital stock paid in	\$ 45,000.00
15. Surplus fund	5,000.00
16. (a) Undivided profits	2,500.00
17. Demand Deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve	\$2,800.00
18. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds	112,545.03
Total demand deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, items 23, 24, 25, 26	\$12,545.03
19. Time and Savings Deposits, subject to reserve and payable on demand or subject to notice	16,628.35
20. Time certificates of deposit outstanding	16,628.35
Total of time and savings deposits payable on demand or subject to notice, items 27 and 28	\$16,628.35
21. Notes and bills rediscouunted with Federal Reserve Bank	4,200.00
22. Bills payable with federal reserve bank or with other banks or trust companies	22,500.00
Total	\$209,373.58

STATE OF OREGON, County of Sherman, ss.
I, S. W. Searcy, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct—Attest:
W. H. Ragsdale, Omer G. Sayre, P. C. Axtell, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 1927.
W. C. Bryant, Notary Public, my commission expires September 28, 1928.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE BANK OF MORO

at Moro, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business March 23, 1927.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscouunts, acceptances of bills of exchange, sold with endorsement of the bank (including items shown in 29, 30 and 32, if any)	\$206,181.50
2. Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1,190.48
3. Stocks, securities, claims, liens, judgments, etc.	2,600.00
4. Banking house, furniture and fixtures, \$2150.00	2,150.00
5. (a) Cash on hand in vault and due from banks, bankers and trust companies designated and approved reserve agents of this bank	18,288.02
6. (b) Cash on hand in vault and due from other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,201.74
Total cash and due from banks, items 8, 9, 10 and 11	\$19,489.76
12. Interest, taxes and expenses paid	3,802.86
Total	\$235,414.60
LIABILITIES	
13. Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
14. Surplus fund	5,000.00
15. Net amounts due to other banks, bankers and trust companies	329.33
16. Demand Deposits, other than banks, subject to reserve	\$7,754.51
17. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds	57,754.51
Total demand deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, items 23, 24, 25, 26	\$57,754.51
18. Time and Savings Deposits, subject to reserve and payable on demand or subject to notice	83,110.76
19. Time certificates of deposit outstanding	83,110.76
Total of time and savings deposit payable on demand or subject to notice, items 27 and 28	\$83,110.76
20. Notes and bills rediscouunted including bonds or other securities sold under repurchase agreements with contingent liabilities	48,220.00
21. Bills payable with federal reserve bank or with other banks or trust companies	16,000.00
Total	\$235,414.60

STATE OF OREGON, County of Sherman, ss.
I, F. E. Fortner, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct—Attest:
E. O. McKoy, L. Barnum, J. W. Hoeh, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 1927.
J. L. Searcy, Notary Public, my commission expires March 3, 1930.

AMERICAN CENTRAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the thirty-first day of December, 1926, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$1,000,000.00
Income	15,408,056.24
Net premiums received during the year	376,429.82
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	148,201.21
Income from other sources received during the year	\$5,927,681.87
Total income	\$16,972,368.14
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$2,977,794.98
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	100,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,897,158.19
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	204,266.44
Amount of all other expenditures	504,598.00
Total expenditures	\$5,683,818.60
Assets:	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$7,750,505.54
Cash in banks and on hand	484,663.98
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1926	1,149,545.52
Interest and rents due and accrued	112,268.75
Total admitted assets	\$9,486,973.79
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 715,671.97
Amounts in earned premiums on all outstanding policies	5,310,220.35
All other liabilities	252,810.24
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000	\$6,278,702.56
Business in Oregon for the Year:	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 88,112.58
Losses paid during the year	42,882.87
Net income	\$ 45,229.71
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