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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Salem will be host to the annual encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, June 21 to 24.

Bandon is to have a new cheese factory. It will be able to handle 15,000 pounds of milk daily.

Machines in the new \$1,000,000 addition to the Oregon Pulp & Paper company's plant at Salem were put in operation last week.

J. F. Cramer, principal of the high school at Coquille, was elected to the superintendency of the Bandon schools and will take charge in September.

The state land board turned over \$118,365.06 to the state treasurer during March, according to a report by George G. Brown, clerk of the board.

Fire which destroyed the girls' dormitory building at Klamath agency last week threatened to raze a large section of the Indian reservation settlement.

Klamath was subjected to a real April fool's joke when it awoke to find four inches of snow on the ground and every indication of continued stormy weather.

Marion county growers are reported gratified as a result of contracts already executed covering their loganberry and strawberry crops for the next two seasons.

Governor Patterson, in a proclamation issued in Salem, has urged the citizens of Oregon to co-operate in observing American Forest week, April 24 to 30, inclusive.

The season's first crate of asparagus was forwarded to Portland last week by the Mid-Columbia Vegetable Growers' association. The first shipment was made March 22.

Although large crowds daily visit the Sandy river, smelt are not running heavily this year. Troutdale residents declare there are fewer fish in the stream than for many seasons.

Divorces and marriages ran a close race in Multnomah county during the month of March. One hundred and thirty-four marriage licenses were issued and 132 divorces suits filed.

Mrs. Amanda Gardner Johnson, 94, formerly a negro slave, died in Albany last Monday at the home of her employer, Miss Maude Henderson, a direct descendant of her original owner.

With three rowboats lifted and whisked away a distance of 50 feet, and other craft turned upside down and hurled into the water, Oak Grove witnessed a miniature cyclone recently.

It is thought that children bent on having school dismissed some months ahead of time kindled two fires in the basement of school 67, five miles east of Milton. Little damage was done.

If a committee appointed by the Union County Pomona grape to canvass farmers of the valley reports favorably a producers' public market will be established in La Grande this spring.

The Willamette river closed April 1st to commercial fishing. The season will reopen November 15. Chinook salmon have been running freely, but the height of the run had not been reached.

The most rain for March since 1922 fell in Eugene last month, according to the report of the local weather observer. Precipitation was 2.87 inches, the highest since 6.28 inches fell five years ago.

Sam Laughlin, cashier of the Yamhill State bank, was appointed a member of the state industrial accident commission to succeed Dillard Atkins. Mr. Laughlin will assume his new duties May 1.

One automobile was demolished, another was damaged and Edwin Burke, an employe, narrowly escaped death when 70 tons of bundled paper crashed through the floor of Paul Traglio's warehouse in Salem.

One man, Bert C. Pickman of Portland, sustained a fatal injury subject to the provisions of the state workmen's compensation act during the past week, according to a report issued by the state accident commission. Pickman was a barrel maker by profession. There were a total of 608 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

Mrs. E. E. Hurley of Umapine, living six miles from Freewater, was seriously burned when gasoline, which she was using for cleaning purposes,

exploded. The Hurley home was burned and a baby was injured by the explosion.

La Grande's building permits for the first three months of 1934 total \$545,205, which is a larger figure than for any one year in the city's history. Permits for March alone set a new record, calling for \$275,000 worth of new construction.

An increase of 200 over the first day's registration a year ago is shown in the report of the registrar regarding enrollment for the third term. This brings the total long course students for the year to 3753.

Ninety thousand dollars worth of bonds were sold last Tuesday by the city council at Ashland to provide funds for the Lilia pipe line and the reconstruction work on the water mains throughout the city.

Portland's general cargo exports for March were valued at \$799,312 and for the corresponding month in 1932 were valued at \$502,202, so it was shown in a comparative statement issued by the Merchants Exchange.

February's total, however, reached \$1,415,815.

Gus Holmes, Ernest Erickson and Albert Berken, laborers, are in a hospital with serious injuries as a result of a dynamite explosion on the Friend extension of the Great Southern railroad, near The Dalles. The men were drilling a rock when the blast occurred.

For the first time in years the Hammond Lumber company mill at Mill City is on the verge of being compelled to shut down on account of no logs. Heavy snows in the mountains this year have prevented logging, and approximately 17,000,000 feet stored last summer has been cut up.

News has just been received in Medford from Washington, D. C., that the temporary branch office of the United States free employment bureau that has been conducted there the last year or so at the behest of the fruit growers' league of Jackson county, has been made a permanent office, effective May 1 next.

Officers elected by the Columbia county fair board for the ensuing year are: President, T. J. Graham of Marshfield; vice president, R. N. Lovelace of Rainier; treasurer, Elizabeth Murray, St. Helens; secretary, Paul C. Adams, Warren. The fair will be held September 2, 3, 4 and 5 at the county fairgrounds near Deer Island.

Hearing of the order suspending the tariff of Oregon railroads relating to intrastate livestock rates will be held in Portland May 24 in connection with a hearing of the interstate commerce commission, having to do with interstate rates. The tariff of the Oregon railroads was suspended last Thursday until June 15, at the request of the carriers.

Refusing to grant a request looking toward a referendum of the law under which county assessors are using a confidential statement sheet in fixing assessed valuations this year, Secretary of State Sam K. Koser made a decision denying the Greater Oregon association of Portland the right to have a ballot title prepared to invoke the referendum on house bill 72 of the 1937 legislature.

Two thousand railway ticket offices of the middle west and east will display Oregon beauties before prospective tourists within the next few weeks. Illustrated four-color posters advertising Oregon, "The Summer Playground of America," have been prepared by Herbert Cuthbert, manager of the publicity department of the Portland chamber of commerce, and are ready for distribution.

Production of lumber of 74 West coast mills for the week ending March 26 aggregated 73,406,583 feet, as against the previous week's production of 76,198,598 feet, according to the figures of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. New business totaled \$1,822,829 feet for the week, while new business for the week ended March 19 amounted to \$1,506,284 feet. Shipments of lumber for the week ended March 26 also exceeded the production figures, a total of 76,194,333 feet being reached, as against the previous week when shipments reached the month's record of \$1,057,048 feet.

The busy season for fruit growers is on in the mid-Columbia. Spring arrived in a hurry the past week, and orchardists in all sections are busier than since last fall, when the harvest of the record apple crop was on. While it is still too early to make predictions on the 1937 apple tonnage, the crop, it is believed, will be far short of last season. Two heavy yields do not follow in succession. Conservative growers and shippers place the 1937 apple crop around 3000 cars. No damage resulted to apple fruit spurs last January, when sub-zero temperatures were experienced. Some injury, how-

ever, was suffered by pears and cherries. It will probably not be heavy enough, it is believed, to have any effect on the season's yield. The freeze was severe enough to practically wipe out the peach crop for the season.

A new corporation known as the Stibley-Mills Lumber company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has been organized to operate the mill at Columbia City. The plant will begin operation in April, and between 60 and 70 men will be employed.

Half a million rainbow trout were liberated in the McKenzie river and tributaries recently. The fish have been taken from the McKenzie hatchery and differ from those that have heretofore been turned loose, in that they are from six to nine inches long.

Cost Of Wheat Farming

Details of Farm Survey Made Public
by U. S. Department

Wheat offers the best of the cash crop opportunities for success in the dry-land area of eastern Oregon, declares the bureau of agriculture economics, United States department of agriculture, announcing the results of a survey of costs and earnings on wheat farms in that region.

Perhaps the greatest improvements may be made, says the bureau, in the reduction of production costs through more efficient management of the labor program, employment of the right size and proper type of machinery, and the proper choice of motive power. The problem involves also the production of more of the feed crops for the livestock and the production of a larger proportion of the family food supplies.

Growing wheat by the summer fallow method in this region permits the farmer to operate a relatively large area, since a relatively long period of time is provided by this system in which to prepare the land for seeding. Favorable climate allows the wheat to stand for two to three weeks after it is ripe, without shattering, and provides a much longer harvesting season than in more humid areas.

The question of the best size of farm unit, says the bureau, is dependent largely on the experience and managerial ability of the farmer, but at least a section of land is needed on which to make a living. Greater efficiency in the use of man labor, work stock and equipment, and the larger volume of sales are the factors mainly responsible for the increased earnings on the larger farms in this area.

Full details of the survey have been published in department bulletin No. 1446-D, "Cost of Producing and Incomes from Wheat Farming in Sherman County, Oregon," copies of which may be obtained from the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Stale cake is freshened by dipping it in cold milk then reheating in a medium oven.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Agricultural Insurance Company

of Watertown, in the state of New York, for the thirty-first day of December, 1932, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up \$1,000,000.00

Net premiums received during the year \$1,789,067.95
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 450,614.83
Income from other sources received during the year 98,855.58
Total income \$2,338,538.36

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses 2,087,945.00
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 220,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,758,008.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 146,112.15
Amount of all other expenditures 522,459.13
Total expenditures \$4,693,520.18

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$200,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 7,497,587.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 328,559.52
Cash in banks and on hand 774,372.94
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1932 946,587.61
Interest and rents due and accrued 21,888.81
Mails due on postage 61,250.62
Total admitted assets \$10,477,768.13

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$14,072.73
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 5,458,960.98
All other liabilities 870,694.29
Total liabilities \$10,545,727.99

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Net premiums received during the year \$ 90,285.88
Losses paid during the year 48,461.00
Losses incurred during the year 57,735.87

AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
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W. E. WATSON, Secretary.
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Broadway 1494.

We All Do It

In Villa Mar, Mexico, a battered ship's figurehead was washed up on the beach. The natives, seeing on it as a god, worshipped it. It's indeed pitiful, but then we all do that more or less, whether it is a beefsteak, art, pugilism or a wooden figurehead.—Atchinson Daily Globe.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

of St. Paul, in the state of Minnesota, for the thirty-first day of December, 1932, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up \$4,000,000.00
Income \$14,566,005.74
Net premiums received during the year 11,566,005.74
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 1,097,000.00
Income from other sources received during the year 82,824.82
Total income \$16,722,132.61

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses 7,542,186.78
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 640,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 4,431,971.34
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 448,120.71
Amount of all other expenditures 1,236,488.64
Total expenditures \$14,118,556.97

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 634,467.58
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 20,726,785.23
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 2,186,080.72
Cash in banks and on hand 1,515,000.00
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1932 1,520,554.21
Other assets 238,047.20
Interest and rents due and accrued 301,564.96
Total admitted assets \$29,854,788.53

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 1,946,081.65
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 12,479,840.30
Due for commission and brokerage 50,000.00
All other liabilities 945,000.00
Total liabilities \$15,420,921.95

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Net premiums received during the year \$ 97,447.98
Losses paid during the year 39,660.78
Losses incurred during the year 78,936.88

ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
F. R. BIGELOW, President.
J. C. McKEOWN, Secretary.
Fred Tegen, 204 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon, statutory resident attorney for service.
Kellan & Kishbaugh, 100 Porter Building, Portland, Or. 321 2822.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company

of Newark, in the state of New Jersey, for the thirty-first day of December, 1932, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Total premium income for the year \$8,088,896.04
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 30,062,197.25
Income from other sources received during the year 4,806,641.50
Total income \$43,957,734.79

Disbursements.
Paid for losses, annuities and surrenders \$2,148,094.22
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year 17,621,397.60
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 8,522,848.78
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 2,288,968.15
Amount of all other expenditures 2,978,480.48
Total expenditures \$43,580,688.23

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 6,536,701.68
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 148,450,830.92
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 109,878,487.58
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1932 58,092,019.89
Cash in banks and on hand 2,917,915.95
Net uncollected and deferred premiums 7,944,008.08
Interest and rents due and accrued, and other assets 9,118,704.96
Total admitted assets \$453,483,780.56

Liabilities.
Net reserves \$357,977,452.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid 1,489,846.17
Paid up liabilities 64,056,992.29
Total liabilities \$423,484,290.46

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Gross premiums received \$40,400.94
Premiums and dividends returned during the year 23,278.02
Losses paid during the year \$1,813.99

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
JOHN R. HARDIN, President.
J. WILLIAM JOHNSON, Secretary.
Stewart E. King, resident attorney for vice.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

WASCO COUNTY INSURANCE COMPANY

of Watertown, in the state of New York, for the thirty-first day of December, 1932, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up \$1,000,000.00

Net premiums received during the year \$1,789,067.95
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 450,614.83
Income from other sources received during the year 98,855.58
Total income \$2,338,538.36

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses 2,087,945.00
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 220,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,758,008.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 146,112.15
Amount of all other expenditures 522,459.13
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Assets.
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Mails due on postage 61,250.62
Total admitted assets \$10,477,768.13

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$14,072.73
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 5,458,960.98
All other liabilities 870,694.29
Total liabilities \$10,545,727.99

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Net premiums received during the year \$ 90,285.88
Losses paid during the year 48,461.00
Losses incurred during the year 57,735.87

WASCO COUNTY INSURANCE COMPANY.
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