

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Fisher Robinson, 37, a covered wagon pioneer of Oregon and a resident of The Dalles for nearly half a century, died there last week.

Raymond Walls, 26, suffered fatal injuries Sunday afternoon when struck by logs in the three-mile chute at the Ralph Davis camp on Bear creek in Walla-walla county.

Egg producers of Coos county have formed the Coos County Egg Producers' association with a total of 12,000 hens, the object being to find a home market for eggs.

The first wool sale in Ontario for 1928 was reported last week when Steve Woodward of Westfall sold the crop from 1400 sheep to J. M. Johnson for 35 cents a pound.

The 1927 hop crop of the Willamette valley is practically all sold, only a few small lots remaining in the warehouses, for which a price of 20 cents a pound is being offered.

Firemen answered 2028 alarms, of which 444 caused a total loss of \$731,275.12, last year, Edward Grenfell, fire marshal at that time, declared in his annual report, filed recently.

Ten cougars in 10 days is the record recently made by Delmer and Stanley Colegrove in the Pistol river region of Curry county. They were paid a bounty of \$25 each for the animals.

Members of the Linn-Benton county Jersey Cattle club at their annual meeting in Albany last week unanimously endorsed the proposal to restore a county agent to Linn county.

Portland's infant mortality rate for 1927 was 46.2 to every 1000 births, a rate seldom attained by cities in our class," Dr. John G. Abels, city health officer, declared in his annual report.

C. P. Ragsdale, stockman and rancher of eastern Oregon, is the owner of an artesian well that was tapped recently on his ranch near Jamison that is flowing at the rate of 270 gallons an hour.

The stork was extremely kind to Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of Pondosa, near Baker. They became parents of triplets born at St. Elizabeth's hospital last week. They were girls, all of them.

The annual mid-winter meeting of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of Union county will be held in La Grande on the evening of February 7, with clams as the main item on the dinner menu.

Miss Marie Iverson of Medford was elected president of the Crater Lake union of the Christian Endeavor in the annual convention of the southern

Oregon district, which was held in Grants Pass last week.

A committee of Medford business men is considering a proposition of E. C. Miller of Portland, to erect a ten-story modern office and store building in that city to cost \$325,000, local interests to furnish \$75,000.

Forty hotel managers of southern Oregon and northern California were guests of the Del Rocio hotel at Grants Pass when the southern Oregon branch of the Hotel Men's association was formed last week.

An excellent outlook for the dairy industry of the northwest and of that section in particular was pictured to dairymen who attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Dairymen's association at Haines last week.

Pneumonia took the greatest toll in Portland in many weeks when 15 deaths were reported for last week by Dr. John G. Abels, city health officer, and the total of 101 deaths from all causes also was an exceptional week's record.

Students in agriculture in the college in Corvallis have joined with others of the institution in favoring the use of the designation "Oregon State college," in preference to the title Oregon Agricultural college, by which name the institution has long been known.

The first community auction sale idea is proving popular with farmers throughout Yamhill county. The idea of their getting together to sell goods in a co-operative sale seems to appeal, and numerous listings have been received. Household goods, live stock and farm implements are the most frequent entries.

Sweet Home and Foster have quite a few new residents. The people are mostly those interested in the highway and railroad building. They have been forced in many cases to locate in private homes for accommodation.

Miss Betty Rickett, pretty telephone operator of Reedsport, received shock and burns last week when the Coos and Curry telephone office was destroyed by fire. The blaze started from an explosion in the wood-burning stove used to heat the quarters.

William Heltman, 74, was kicked and trampled to death by horses on his farm near Dodge, Or., southwest of Estacada. One horse kicked him under the belly of the other and the second horse then joined in the attack. The man was dead before a doctor could reach him from Estacada.

The total apple shipments from Imber will be 250 carloads, according to E. J. Hasen, Union Pacific agent at that point. Mr. Hasen has been agent in Imber for several years, and has given the local apple market careful study. He also stated that 30 carloads of potatoes would be shipped.

Within 11 years, second-growth timber on Grand Island has grown sufficiently to merit another logging off. The land was completely cleared in 1916, since when the alder and fir have grown so that they are declared to be equal to the product of 50 years of normal growth. Logging operations will soon take place.

A serious epidemic of scarlet fever, with some chickenpox and influenza, exists at Valsetz, isolated lumbering town in the coast range mountains of western Polk county. Dr. A. B. Starbuck, county health officer, visited the place last Thursday and ordered strict quarantine in homes where the disease has broken out.

Nevius hall, the fine new community house recently completed by the Episcopal church in Baker on the property adjoining St. Stephen's church on First street, just north of Broadway, was dedicated with an interesting service last week. Bishop Remington delivered the dedicatory sermon. The hall cost about \$12,000.

The large new dairy barn on the D. D. Longbottom farm about four miles west of Alsea burned to the ground last Saturday night. Four horses, 30 dairy cows and three young heifers were burned to death. All the contents of the barn, including about 50 tons of hay, a gasoline engine and a new cream separator, were destroyed.

Six hundred feet of track was destroyed and two carloads of logs were dumped at Camp No. 7 of the Coos Bay Lumber company at Powers. This was the second accident in a few days when logging cars took a downward trip to destruction. Loggers ran to safety as the cars, heavily loaded with logs, careened down the incline.

Construction of a modern milk condensing and powdering plant will be undertaken soon by the Lower Columbia Co-operative. Dairy association, stockholders of the organization decided at their annual meeting in Astoria recently. The structure will be near the business center of Astoria and will represent an investment of more than \$50,000.

For construction and improvement of roads in and adjacent to the national forests of Oregon, \$631,000 has been allocated for the next fiscal year, together with \$453,000 for roads required mainly for forest protection and administration. Oregon forest roads this are granted approximately \$1,075,000 out of a total of \$7,500,000 available for all the national forests.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gaston Lyons celebrated her 101st birthday in Eugene last week. Mrs. Lyons, oldest member of Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Eugene, is a descendant of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gaston, one-time captain of a regiment of minute men in the revolutionary war and a member of the New Jersey committee of safety.

Thirteen persons were killed by traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of December, according to a

report prepared by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Approximately 464 persons were injured. The report showed that there were a total of 3363 accidents reported during the month. Of these 1368 were due to carelessness on the part of drivers. A total of 246 accidents were due to speeding. In 75 cases the drivers were intoxicated.

Date for a special election at which the Klamath Falls electorate will vote on the \$300,000 sewer bond issue was set by the city council for February 23. It is proposed by the city to build a new trunk line sewer and disposal plant.

The Miles Linsen mills, which were established in Salem two years ago, now are on a sound financial basis and will pay dividends on future operations, according to a report filed with the directors at their annual meeting in Salem recently.

John Yoakum of Coquille was elected to the Port of Bandon commission at the meeting of the board there last week. He succeeds Philip Johnson, resigned.

Mid-year students graduating from Portland high schools will number approximately 755, the office of the superintendent of schools reported. Of this number 355 are boys and 399 girls. Jefferson high school, with 115 to receive diplomas, has the largest outgoing class.

Pacific university celebrated the 74th anniversary of the granting of its charter Sunday night in the college gymnasium at Forest Grove. A huge white birthday cake with the span of years written upon it—1854-1928—was served to the student body and faculty members.

Oregon corporations paid approximately \$325,000 less in federal income taxes last year despite the increase in their tax rate under the revenue law of 1926, according to the preliminary report on income statistics for the calendar year 1926 issued by the treasury department.

"Old Dobbin," whose days of utility are rapidly drawing to a close, is coming to a sad end in Klamath county. Thousands of horses, running wild on the range, are being caught and sold to the Butte Packing company of Montana. They will be butchered and sold as cheap meat in Europe.

H. H. McDowell, proprietor of the Mack Marie lodge at North Beach, was fatally shot near Booth on Silt-coos lake last Sunday, when a shotgun in the hands of L. M. Kimmel of Roseburg was accidentally discharged. The two men, lifelong friends were shooting ducks when the accident happened.

Increase in assessed valuation of Klamath Falls coupled with economy of various municipal levying boards has resulted in a material reduction in 1928 taxes. The millage rate is 58 mills, as compared with 70.8 mills last year. Assessed valuation of the city has increased from \$7,061,036.13 to \$8,326,012.75.

Textbooks adopted by the state textbook commission for use in the public schools of Oregon cannot be used legally for a period in excess of six years, according to an opinion prepared by the attorney-general recently. The opinion was sought by Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

The city of Medford had an enviable record during the last year in the matter of fires and comparatively little fire loss, according to the annual report submitted by Fire Chief Roy Elliott. The fire department answered 150 alarms of fire and the total fire loss was only \$69,971.89, on which \$68,261.89 of insurance was paid.

The outbound cargo movement for the Portland district during 1927 has amounted to 2,669,319 tons, valued at \$133,141,330, and in 1926 it was 2,655,132 tons with a value of \$134,599,159. The inbound movement for last year was 2,395,980 tons with a value of \$145,691,691, and in 1926 it was 2,390,889 tons valued at \$141,293,756.

The most costly and stubborn fire in Tillamook in years caused damage estimated at \$80,000 last week when the Masonic building was burned so badly that it is expressed that the upper floor and walls may fall at any time. The fire lasted five hours and four firemen were overcome by the heavy smoke, which hampered fire fighting efforts.

Complications by lumbermen and logging concerns estimate that is lumber, logs and poles, Coos bay shipped during 1927 approximately 300,000,000 feet of forest products. This is a smaller amount than was shipped in 1926 by about 25,000,000 feet.

Postal savings in Oregon for the fiscal year ended June 30 totaled \$2,607,832, according to John M. Jones, Portland postmaster, who has just received a copy of the department annual report. This is an increase of \$244,630 over the previous year, the report shows. There were 6422 depositors for the year and the government paid \$36,817 in interest.

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Brigadier-General Frank R. McCoy, who has been delegated by President Coolidge to supervise 1928 presidential election in Nicaragua, has arrived at Corinto.

The Norwegian cabinet of Ivan Lyske, which assumed office in March, 1926, resigned as a result of conservative losses in October elections, when the labor party won a striking victory.

With two ex-United States senators—Lenroot of Wisconsin and Thomas of Colorado—as their spokesmen, public utilities corporations came out into the open before the senate interstate commerce committee in opposition to any blanket inquiry into their industry.

Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, returning to his post after a long sick leave, was received like a conquering hero as he landed on the soil of France, military bands playing national airs and steam whistles of harbor craft at Havre joined in shrieking welcome. Arrival in Paris also was the scene of enthusiastic reception.

Big Optical Disc Finally Cast. Washington, D. C.—Triumph finally has crowned a three-year effort of the bureau of standards to cast a six-foot disc of optical glass. Four previous attempts to create the disc, as a first step toward the building of one of the largest reflecting astronomical telescopes ever undertaken, were unsuccessful because after months of labor the three-ton mass of molten glass failed to cool without cracking or cooled with imperfections that ruined it.

Labor Asks for Real Beer. Miami, Fla.—The American Federation of Labor will demand of both major political parties the inclusion of 2.75 beer in their campaign platform. This announcement was made here by President William Green after the legislative council of the federation had heard the plea of the United Brewery Workers, presented by Joseph Overfield.

Minnesota Dean Heads Idaho School. Moscow, — Dr. Frederick James Kelly, since 1915 dean of university administration at the University of Minnesota, will succeed Dr. Alfred H. Upham as president of the University of Idaho.

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FARM RELIEF FORCES SPLIT ON FEE PLAN

Washington, D. C.—Within the short space of a week's hearings by the house agriculture committee, the outlook on farm relief legislation has shifted, and the well-drilled house farm bloc, which last year had the McNary-Haugen bill passed has split into at least two camps. The equalization fee die-hards are under one tent, and some of their ex-allies are banded together to support a bill which they believe would meet administrative approval.

Further crystallization of opinion is expected with continuance of hearings.

It was the equalization fee provision in the McNary-Haugen bill which was held primarily responsible for President Coolidge vetoing that measure last session, and that is the reason given by some of its ex-supporters for surrendering it.

Sentiment in the agriculture committee now seems to lean toward the McNary-Haugen bill inasmuch as the defeated fee section, although Chairman Haugen, a firm believer in the fee, has said that it would be useless to report the bill "stripped of everything essential to its operation."

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