

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Organization of the Lane County Association of Collection Agencies has been effected at Eugene.

The tax levy in The Dalles this year is 48.50 mills, or 4.33 mills lower than the 1927 levy of 52.83 mills.

Eugene's postal receipts for January totaled \$12,977.51, an increase of 3.1 per cent over January, 1927.

Forest fires in Clatsop county during 1927 burned over 888 acres and destroyed timber valued at \$21,855.

Forty-three tons of honey were shipped from Redmond to Portland, destined for Hamburg, Antwerp and Bremen.

Mayor George L. Baker has announced that he will be a candidate for mayor of Portland for the fourth time.

Records of the Hood River Traffic association show that 169,000 boxes of apples of the 1927 crop remain in cold storage.

Benjamin James Hawthorne, 90, retired attorney and former professor of the University of Oregon, died in Eugene.

O. A. Kratz, city manager for the past five years of the Astoria city government, has been selected as city manager of Dubuque, Iowa.

Fifteen girls of West Linn have organized an out-of-doors sports club. Hiking, tennis and swimming will be participated in by the members.

Fred Schmidt, the broccoli raiser of Coos and Douglas counties, has added 420 acres to the prospective plantings for 1928. He expects to plant 2000 acres.

Two hundred and eighteen cars of farm produce were shipped from Vale during 1927. Wheat, livestock and potatoes composed the bulk of the shipments.

Charles Valentine Foeller was given a sentence of two years in the state penitentiary, at Roseburg after pleading guilty to a charge of possession of a still.

Lakeside, 17 miles north of North Bend, is planning a general improvement system and will start with bonding Eighth street for the nucleus of the system.

Ed Jenks has been awarded a 10-year lease for the Cottage Grove post office, and will start at once the erection of a fireproof building on North Ninth street.

Portland postal receipts during January totaled \$240,165.27. This total, compared with that of \$228,733.61 for January a year ago, revealed an increase of \$11,431.66.

While fishing on upper Floras creek near North Bend, Harvey Anderson, 24, was drowned when he lost his balance and fell into the raging torrent. He leaves a widow and two children.

The honor of being the first eagle Boy Scout in Yamhill county goes to Allan Patchett, 17. He has earned 22 merit badges, though only 21 are necessary for the award.

The school census of Coos county reveals a total of 8370 children, a decrease of 720 since the 1926 census.

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the town of Powers being the only district to report an increase.

Lenore Powell, Linn county treasurer, has received a draft for \$3071.95 which is Linn county's share of the 25 per cent of revenue from Santiam national forest rentals during 1927.

Nine persons, five women and four men, received citizenship papers at Coquille, following a naturalization hearing conducted by W. W. Wiggins of Portland before Circuit Judge Brand.

Construction work has started on the new railway line from Nyssa to the dam site of the Owyhee irrigation project. The road will be 25 miles long and is to be finished in 10 months.

Pistol River, on the Roosevelt highway 16 miles south of Gold Beach, now has a postoffice with G. E. Guthridge as postmaster. Mail, heretofore received twice a week, is now received daily.

Fifty-four Albany men have submitted bids for carrying the mail between the Southern Pacific depot and the Albany postoffice. Judd Ross, who died a few weeks ago, held the contract for many years.

Henry Zorn of the Champoeg farm has signed up 40 acres of flax for this year. The original Champoeg townsite, where the old school house stood, where the first stage station was built, where the first bowling alley appeared and where the first brick yard in that locality made its first brick and ground where, in the early 30s, stood a gristmill, will grow flax this year. S. M. Smith will grow 19 acres. Others will grow flax in 1929. The land is said to be ideal for such a crop.

Organization of the Linn-Benton Schoolmasters' club was effected at Albany with a membership of 42 schoolmen from the two counties. J. D. McLaughlin, superintendent of the Corvallis schools, is president.

A check for \$34,247.52, representing Klamath county's share of receipts derived from sales of United States forest service timber and forest lands during 1927, has been received by the county treasurer's office.

After several months' delay, Clackamas county has received a check from the United States treasury for \$350,589.17, representing payment in lieu of taxes for reforested Oregon & California Railroad company grant lands.

The St. Helens Wood Products company is installing new machinery and making additions to the broom handle factory which will increase the daily output of broom and mop handles from 30,000 to 40,000 in an eight-hour shift.

When the state text book commission meets in Salem next November for its biennial session, it will give consideration to textbooks for six elementary school subjects and nine high school subjects, according to circulars being issued by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

One hundred cherry trees, gift of the Imperial Japanese government to the Coos Bay Lumber company, were burned by the customs office of Marshfield, upon orders from the federal board of horticulture. The trees were refused admission because of fear that they carried fruit tree disease.

Investigation has been started into the failure of the Portland brokerage firm of Overbeck & Cooke, which suspended with accounts on its books estimated at substantially more than \$2,000,000. Indications point to an aggregate loss by the hundreds of customers of the company that may run to \$1,500,000.

Ellsworth Kelley, convict, who is under death sentence for the part he played in the slaying of two guards during a break at the state penitentiary in August, 1925, is not entitled to release from the prison through habeas corpus proceeding, according to an opinion handed down by the state supreme court.

The necessity of improving the transportation possibilities of the Willamette river between Salem and Portland was stressed by representatives of a large number of industrial concerns at a meeting in Salem. The meeting was called by Colonel Lukesh, federal district engineer, to assemble information for submission to the war department.

From power sites in the Molalla river basin in Clackamas county, 38,900 horsepower may be developed 50 per cent of the time and 13,000 horsepower 90 per cent of the time, under regulated flow, according to a report from the U. S. geological survey. Regulation would be obtained by construction of a reservoir with suggested heights of 260 and 310 feet, the report states.

What threatened to be a strike at the Thomas B. Kay Woolen Mill of Salem was amicably settled, and 33 weavers went back to work. Because of poor conditions in the woolen market Kay was on the verge of making a cut in wages when the workers walked out. As the result of a conference the workers returned and accepted a 5 per cent wage cut, reaching a 50-50 agreement with the owner.

Governor Patterson has refused to remove Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, from his office, as requested by assessment certificate holders in The Bankers' Life Company of Iowa. The request for Lee's removal, on grounds that he refused to cancel the company's license in Oregon, was made to the governor both by letter and at a verbal hearing. The governor said he saw no reason why he should interfere with the operation of the insurance department as now conducted.

W. S. WASHINGTON



W. S. Washington, collateral descendant of George Washington, who has been elected worshipful master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., the lodge presided over by George Washington 138 years ago.

DEBENTURE LATEST FARM RELIEF PLAN

Washington, D. C.—While an apparently studied silence had settled over the house farm bloc concerning the disputed equalization fee provision of the McNary-Haugen bill, the export debenture farm relief plan of the National Grange was introduced Monday by Representative Ketcham, republican, Michigan, a member of the agriculture committee.

The Ketcham bill would set up a National export debenture board comprising the secretaries of agriculture, commerce and the treasury. The treasury member would be directed to issue export debenture certificates to exporters of wheat, corn, rice, fruit, tobacco, cotton, swine, cattle and poultry.

These certificates in turn could be used in lieu of tariff levies on imports, which method would allow exporting farmers to cash in on them by sale to importers. Surplus control would be effected under the bill by a provision for flexible debentures, the sliding scale ranging from a minimum of almost nothing to maximum of the tariff on the commodity involved.

"The bill aims," said Ketcham, "to set debenture rates at approximately one-half the present tariff rates on the various products and a flat rate of two cents a pound on cotton."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Granting of increased bonuses to enlisted men serving on submarines has been recommended to the house by Secretary Wilbur.

Automobile accidents in 1927 resulted in 20,891 deaths, an increase of 1240 deaths, or more than 5 per cent over the previous year.

Close to 2000 persons were without their regular jobs as a result of the fire which swept through five blocks of the business section of Fall River, Mass.

General Pershing and General Lasister have been honored by the Peruvian government, which approved a request to name two new streets after the two American generals.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh Saturday celebrated his 26th birthday by a 250-mile air jaunt from San Juan, Porto Rico, to Santo Domingo, where fully 100,000 enthusiastic spectators witnessed his arrival.

Uncle Sam's family is growing. The population of continental United States two years hence is estimated at 123,283,324 by Dr. Joseph A. Hill, assistant director of the census bureau. In 1920 it was 105,710,620.

University Punishes Hazards. Seattle, Wash.—Five members of Coach Enoch Bagshaw's varsity football team and four other students prominent in University of Washington campus activities have been punished for being members of the hooded gang that last week kidnapped Marion Zioncheck, student body president, hauled him and threw him into Lake Washington. Two of the number have been expelled from the university, six have been suspended from all athletic and other activities for 11 months, and the other has been suspended for a shorter period.

Miami Banks Closed by Rumors. Miami, Fla.—Anonymous letters predicting the failure of one bank caused that institution to suspend business here, resulting indirectly in the temporary closing of two others, and brought about a run on a fourth which called for \$7,000,000 from the federal reserve branch bank in Jacksonville to bolster its cash reserves.

It's a fine thing to be editor of a paper or magazine and not be asked to write anything for it or be compelled to read it. Yet, while being independent of fattening the child, the distinction may be dear-born.

One of the things that the proof reader wishes that the world knew and understood: that the 26 letters of our alphabet can be transposed 402,448,401,788,220,430,896,000 times.

LAND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE CALLED

Washington, D. C.—Problems of land settlement and farm development on the federal reclamation projects of the Pacific northwest will be given particular attention at the reclamation settlement conference to be held here on February 14-15, under the direction of Elwood B. Mead, commissioner of reclamation.

A broadcast invitation has been sent to that section by Dr. Mead, who believes that the securing and financing of some 2000 settlers needed for the Kittitas, Vale and Owyhee projects will be facilitated by conference discussions of the policies for the solvency of these projects upon completion. He figures that Kittitas must have 460 settlers, Owyhee 940 and Vale 375.

"The government is investing \$56,000,000 in reclamation projects. It is not reclamation any more than an empty building is a school," declares. "There will be no income nor benefit from the investment until there are settlers, houses leveled, fields and crops growing. These are the things which create earning power and are included in the estimates and plans of most foreign countries."

WOMEN OPEN BLUE BOOK

W. C. T. U. to List Wet and Dry Candidates for Office.

Chicago.—A blue book of wet and dry candidates for public office was opened to entries here by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Closing their two-day midwestern campaign conference, national officers of the W. C. T. U. sent out word that its organization lieutenants in every state, county and precinct were to place every aspirant to office definitely on record as friend or foe of prohibition.

Under the plan of attack outlined today by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national president, a resolution will be presented to every party leader from national chairman down to ward committeeman, demanding the insertion of a plank in the party platform endorsing prohibition and pledging its enforcement through the appointment of its "undoubted friends" to power.

Reforestation Bill Passed by Senate. Washington, D. C.—The McNary bill appropriating \$40,000,000 for reforestation and flood control upon American watersheds over a period of eight years was passed unanimously by the senate. The bill now goes to the house.

An Oversight. Sandy bought two tickets for a ball lot and won a \$1,500 car. His friends rushed up to his house to congratulate him, but found him looking miserable as ever.

"Why, mon, what's the matter with ye?" they asked.

"It's that second ticket. Why I ever bought it I canna imagine."—Laughter.

Excuses All Good

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Ignatius Collins was in court for running his car past a stop signal. "I have three good excuses," he told the judge. "The excuses were triplets. Sentence was suspended."

First-Class Jap

Wedding Costs \$35

Tokyo.—It costs the equivalent of \$35 gold to be married in first-class style in any of the larger Shinto shrines in Tokyo, according to a scale of charges just made public.

The \$35 ceremony includes the attendance of high priests, a clerical orchestra with flutes, cymbals and pipes like those used by Pan, and all possible trimmings. Second-class weddings cost \$25, and so on down to weddings classed as "pine," "bamboo" and "plum," the plum style necessitating a shrine fee of \$7.50.

In Tokyo, as elsewhere, it is not the initial cost but the upkeep that counts, and the groom of a first-class wedding may spend thousands of dollars upon the wedding reception and dinner and more thousands upon the gifts to guests.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.39; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.26; hard winter, \$1.21; northern spring, \$1.22; western red, \$1.20.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—49@52c. Eggs—Ranch, 24@27c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.25@9.35. Lambs—Medium to choice, \$11@12.85.

Seattle. Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.25½; hard winter, \$1.21; western red, \$1.20½; northern spring, \$1.24½; bluestem, \$1.41½; dark northern spring, \$1.43½; dark hard winter, \$1.37½.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S. \$24. Butterfat—53c. Eggs—Ranch, 24c. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12. Hogs—Prime, \$9.25@9.40.

Spokane. Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.00. Hogs—Good, \$9@9.18.

COL. C. B. ROBBINS



Col. C. B. Robbins of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, appointed to succeed Col. Hanford MacNider as assistant secretary of war.

Bark Vital Part of Tree

The stem of a tree, also called trunk and bole, is the main axis extending from the roots to the crown, or to the tip in case of an unbranched stem. Tree stems range from long to short, straight to crooked and from erect to prostrate. An examination of a cross-section of a stem will show bark, wood and pith, says the American Tree Association. In the central part of the stem is the pith. About it is the wood, which in many trees can be divided into the darker heartwood and the lighter sapwood. Between the wood and the bark is a thin layer known as the cambium. This is the most vital part of a tree, for it is here that all new wood and bark are made up.

British Coal Abundant

For her size, Great Britain has more and better coal than any other country in the world. The coal seams, lying one below another to an unknown depth, not infrequently cropping out on the surface, are proof that tropical conditions once prevailed in the latitude of these islands. The district which is now Great Britain was connected in primeval times with the continent, and the coal of England doubtless runs under the channel and the southern part of the North sea continuing in the coal fields of northern France, Belgium and Flanders.

More than \$35,000 of the \$111,000 estate of Rachel Jennetta Matheson of Salem was bequeathed to the children's farm home at Corvallis. The estate was admitted to probate recently. She also left \$1000 to the Salem Presbyterian church.

OBSERVER WANT ADS

LOST—Rubber tire chain. 29x4.75. Return to Observer office.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County.

In the matter of the Estate of William Schlias, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court his final report and account of his administration of said estate and that Monday, the 13th day of February, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate at Moro, Oregon, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1928.

ROY KESSINGER, Administrator of said estate. W. C. Bryant, Attorney. Last publication February 10, 1928.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

In virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county, upon a judgment and order of sale in favor of E. O. McCoy and against D. J. McLachlan, Mollie McLachlan and others, for \$4681.30, besides interest, I will sell at the front door of the courthouse in Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, on the 12th day of March, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, at public auction for cash, the following described real property all situated in Sherman county, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter of Section Seven, and the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section Eighteen, all in Township One South, East of Range Eighteen, East of Willamette Meridian, containing two hundred forty acres, more or less, according to the Government Survey thereof.

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