

Oregon News Items of Special Interest

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Salem teachers have protested against the proposal to open the school buildings to dances by a vote of 37 to 3.

Approximately 30,000,000 feet of pine timber in Klamath county will be sold by the state land board at an auction to be held in Salem, January 29.

Taxes of all kinds collected in Baker county in 1926 will total \$748,245.02, an increase of \$59,051.13 over last year, when the amount was \$689,193.89.

It has been found that the Stayton city water is unfit for drinking, following analysis at Oregon Agricultural college and the state bureau of health.

Besides paying out \$1508.37 during the year in charitable work, the Albany Kiwanis club has donated \$400 to Albany college as a student loan fund.

Portland ranked third among the leading cities of the United States in point of gain in building activity during the year just closed compared with the year 1924.

Smallpox prevails at present in almost every part of Oregon, according to a weekly health report issued by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health.

Six persons gave skin at Marshfield to save the life of Dennis Cuniff of Gold Beach, an aged pioneer of that city, who, in December was burned as he sat by his fireplace.

Through the work of local American Legion post, Klamath Falls has received a pulmotor which will be kept at the fire station and used in all emergency drowning cases.

Harwood Hall, for the last ten years superintendent of the government Indian school at Chemawa, has sent his resignation to Washington and will retire from the institution.

B. J. Kelly, San Francisco business man, was probably fatally injured when his automobile overturned on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, 18 miles from Klamath Falls.

Bend will become headquarters for the state highway department for 11 counties in central and eastern Oregon. The division office will be permanently installed by February 1.

The district meeting of the Willamette Valley Typographical conference was held in Eugene Sunday. Members of typographical unions from Astoria, Portland, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene were present.

Apparently obsessed with the idea that his wife was untrue to him, John Butchek, 46-year-old foundryman, killed her with a hatchet in a fit of jealous rage following a quarrel at his home in Portland.

One hundred and three mills, reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 9 manufactured 65,533,880 feet of lumber; sold 95,970,793 feet, and shipped 89,872,291 feet.

Mayor Baker, Chief of Police Jenkins and five city policemen of Portland were made defendants in a \$40,000 damage suit filed in circuit court by Lydia Bishop, who charged false arrest and imprisonment.

Raymond Miller, Dallas youth convicted of manslaughter for having run down and killed J. C. Hayter with an automobile December 16, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and fined \$100 by Judge W. M. Ramsey.

A total of 21 1/2 miles of trails was built in the Siuslaw national forest during the year 1925, according to a report issued at the office in Eugene of R. S. Shelley, supervisor. The total cost of building the trails was \$5205.

Two hundred citizens of Lincoln, Yamhill and Polk counties attended a booster meeting at Taft to urge immediate construction of a cutoff road from Otis to a point on the west side

coast highway, either at Midway or New Grand Ronde.

The Coos County Association of Law Enforcement which met at Coquille re-elected Sam Malehorn, deputy sheriff, president of the organization. The body is composed of justices of the peace, constables, police and members of several fire departments.

Authorization of an exhaustive survey of all coast streams of Oregon not now open for commercial fishing with a view to determine those suitable for silverside salmon egg-taking stations was made at the monthly meeting in Portland of the state fish commission.

Judge McCamant of Portland will be asked to reply in person to the charges Senator Johnson of California has made against him before the senate judiciary committee. The committee will await his arrival before again considering his nomination by President Coolidge to be federal judge of the circuit court of appeals for the ninth circuit.

The public service commission has ordered an investigation of livestock rates, charges and regulations in the state. The investigation is necessary, it was said, because of an order issued recently by the interstate commerce commission affecting interstate rates on livestock.

The state supreme court has set January 23 as the date for hearing the appeal case of Barrett Brothers who recently obtained an injunction in the Linn county courts restraining the Union Bridge company from completing the approaches to the new bridge spanning the Willamette river at Albany.

Loss from sheep-killing dogs to sheep owners in Linn county during 1925 was \$3165.61, claimants of damages alleged. Because dog licenses did not total this amount, the county court apportioned money to pay the claims. The total amount taken in on dog licenses in 1925 was \$1925.10 on 2068 licenses.

The following Oregon postmasters have been recommended for appointment by Willis C. Hawley, representative from the first district: C. W. Halderman, Astoria; Harry E. Jones, Jefferson; William G. Smith, Mill City; Reber G. Allen, Silverton; Mrs. Ollie Gillespie, Willamina; Lyman H. Shorey, Woodburn.

Ellis Williams of Cottage Grove, who on October 23 was shot in the groin by a deputy sheriff when he resisted arrest on a charge of transporting liquor, began suit in circuit court at Eugene against Sheriff Taylor, Melvin Turnbull and T. H. Maxwell, deputy sheriff, for \$25,963.33 damages on account of the injury.

A million eastern brook trout eggs to replenish the game commission's stock of these fish used for egg-taking purposes was received by the game commission from the northern part of Washington and sent to the Tumalo hatchery. The young fish will be planted in East lake and Elk lake in eastern Oregon, where egg-taking stations for this species of fish are now maintained.

The Pacific Power & Light company of Portland has purchased the W. C. Siver and Southern company electric light and power interests in eastern and central Oregon and western Idaho for \$1,850,000. Three companies are included in the deal, the Deschutes Power company and the Enterprise Electric company of Oregon, and the Grangeville Electric Light & Power company of Idaho.

The interstate commerce commission upheld the differential in favor of Portland on freight rates applied to grain and grain products from the Columbia basin to the ocean ports of the Pacific northwest, refusing to disturb the rulings which it had laid down in the Inland Empire Shippers' league case of 1921. The ruling is the

outcome of a complaint brought by the Walla Walla county farm bureau, supported by a number of other organizations.

Letters were sent to the United States army aircraft chief in Washington, D. C., by George E. Love, legislative committee member of the American Legion and chairman of the state aeronautical committee, regarding proposals for suitable landing fields in Oregon. As soon as a reply to these letters has been received Mr. Love will communicate with all posts of the state, asking for the appointment of aircraft committees to locate fields for commercial and emergency landing places.

For flax measuring 35 inches and over for processing at the state flax plant operated in connection with the Oregon penitentiary, the growers will receive \$40 a ton this year, according to announcement made at the executive department in Salem. For flax measuring from 30 to 35 inches the growers will receive \$38 a ton, from 27 to 30 inches, \$33 per ton, from 24 to 27 inches \$28 per ton, and under 24 inches \$22 per ton. For mowed flax the state will pay to the growers \$20 per ton.

Pensions have been granted to the following Oregonians: Arthur E. Smith, Portland, \$15 a month; Fred W. Munthe, Portland, \$12; Thomas J. Hudson, Portland, \$12; Etta Bloom, Portland, \$20; William W. Harder, Portland, \$12; Valpur Baron, Portland, \$20; Carl H. Lohmann, Portland, \$12; John E. Johnson, Portland, \$24; Fannie Lettenmaier, Oregon City, \$20; Joel C. Booth, Lebanon, \$18; Simon T. Winghamam, Salem, \$18; Charles Spinner, Columbia City, \$50; George E. Rolfe, Brownsville, \$24.

The Oregon state tax commission has filed original mandamus proceedings in the state supreme court to compel Harley J. Slusher, sheriff of Clatsop county, to serve delinquent warrants and collect state income taxes aggregating \$2000 from the Astoria North Beach Ferry company, Union Fishermen's Co-Operative Packing company and Frank C. Hesse. The suit was filed for the purpose of determining the validity of collecting delinquent state income taxes under warrants issued by the state tax commission and to protect the sheriff against personal liability in connection with the seizure of property to satisfy the tax delinquencies.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The balance existing between demand and supply of labor reflects the general stability of the country's business. Where there is a job there is a man to take it, and where there is a worker unemployed there is a place waiting for him, reports the United States Employment Service.

Portland—H. O. Tenney perfects flax-pulling machine that may revolutionize harvesting fiber flax.

Klamath County votes special \$75,000 school bonds, by 5-to-1 majority.

Astoria—Port of Astoria shipped 557,600 cases of salmon by water, during 1925.

North Bend shipped 6,000,000 feet of lumber during December, in three ships.

Astoria—Merger of Columbia Trust & Savings with Astoria National Bank gives more than \$3,000,000 deposits.

Astoria—December lumber shipments were 38,599,945 feet.

Hillsboro—Community building operations for 1925 totaled more than \$300,000.

Hillsboro—Puget Sound Power & Light Company spent \$30,000 and telephone company \$25,000, in plant improvements during 1925.

Eugene—Fire loss here during 1925 was \$16,216, or less than one dollar per capita. Average fire loss per capita for the nation is about \$5.00.

Medford—\$5,000,000 has been received, for local products shipped East this year.

Junction City—Six miles of wood-

en railroad from Horton sawmill over summit of Coast Range, already built.

Oregon built eight miles state pavement, 250 miles rock surfacing, 500 miles standard road grading, and 10 important bridges during 1925, paying \$10,500,000 for building maintenance, and interest and maturities of bonds.

Oregon fisheries planted 34,644,500 baby trout in state streams during 1925.

Clackamas County laid 30 miles of hard-surface highway during 1925.

Salem—Building operations here for 1925 reached \$1,784,635, a new high mark.

Union Smelter Co. of Denver plans 160-ton smelter in Baker County.

Linnton—West Oregon Lumber mill, employing fifty men, will increase to two hundred fifty.

LaGrande—Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. makes new wage scale, with forty cents an hour minimum.

Astoria—Sanborn-Cutting Company canned 40,000 cases products during 1925.

The Dalles-California highway, from the Columbia to Klamath Falls, will be completed during 1926.

Portland—Portland Electric power Co. and Northwestern Electric Co. buy Stone & Webster holdings in Vancouver, Ranier, Kalama, and Woodland, for \$1,700,000. Will also buy Puget Sound Light & Power Co. service, in Tualatin Valley.

Portland—Telephone service here has increased 20-fold in twenty-five years. Telephone service for all Oregon increased 2250 per cent.

Ocean shipments from Columbia River increased 981 per cent in 25 years.

Tidewater—Crown Timber Co. will build railroad to Siuslaw timber holdings.

Salem—Permits asked for \$485,000 irrigation storage project on Five-Mile, Mill Creek and Dog River, and Mount Hood Flat.

Crater Lake National Forest cut for 1925 was 71,338,420 feet, almost double the cut in 1924.

75,000,000 salmon were released in Oregon waters during 1925. The salmon catch was estimated at \$13,000,000. The state has fifteen fish hatcheries.

Oregon farms have 10,000 radio sets.

Woodburn—Sash and door factory will be built here.

Portland—Northwestern Electric Co., Portland Gas & Coke Co., and Pacific Power & Light Co. plan \$2,000,000 office building.

Portland Electric Power Co. will spend \$3,270,000 in 1926 improvements.

Oregon farm and range yield for 1925 estimated at \$460,682,000, \$23,000,000 above largest previous yield.

The 560 acres of Oregon fruit in 1925 yielded an average of \$250 an acre.

Eugene—City laid 198,348 square yards of paving in 1925, totaling \$492,526.

Roseburg—Building record for 1925, passes \$800,000 mark.

Clackamas County has had seven new settlers with \$250,000 capital, within eighteen months.

Roseburg—North Umpqua road completed, to forest road at Steamboat.

Eugene—Bank clearings for 1925 total \$27,543,443, \$560,000 above 1924.

Lane County has 1500 miles of roads, more than 50 per cent being gravel or better.

Eugene—City has built five bridges during 1925, and started the sixth.

Wedderburn—Maclean Estate ships carload of fine myrtlewood to New York.

Astoria building for 1925 totaled almost \$1,600,000.

Salem—Crop of peppermint from 50-acre tract near here, brought \$27,000.

National "Good Roads Week" will

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When it comes to jobs where absolute dependency must be placed in lubricant, Pennzoil is chosen as the lubricant for motors because experience has proved that Pennzoil can be depended upon as a safe lubricant in any climate, according to Beebe & Kindle of Central Point, representatives of Pennzoil for Southern Oregon and the extreme northern part of California.

For this reason, the Stirling Expedition, which left San Francisco November 21, 1925, to explore the wilds of Dutch New Guinea carried in the hold of its ship two drums of Pennzoil, the lubricant to be used in motors of an airplane especially constructed for the explorers.

The expedition is unique in that for the first time explorers have brought into use the airplane. The expedition, headed by Matthew W. Stirling of Berkeley, California, and sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, is going in search of the Tapiro race of Pigmies reported to live in the jungles of Dutch New Guinea.

Previous explorers having seen the race of Pigmies, but were unable to locate them because of the dense tropical jungles and the difficulties encountered.

Arriving at New Guinea, the explorers will establish a base on the coast and fly over the island until they obtain their bearings. A large lake is reported in the center of the island, and they hope to land on this lake and make investigations from this point. By use of the airplane, the party will avoid the necessity of penetrating dense tropical jungles which foiled the efforts of previous explorers.

The airplane used by the explorers was specially constructed and as a test flown from Chicago to San Francisco. Pennzoil was selected because of its reputation for safe and sustained lubrication as reliability of performance is the first essential in dangerous flying over an unknown jungle, according to Stanley Hedberg, historian for the expedition.

Members of the expedition are Matthew W. Stirling, scientist of Berkeley, California, and Washington, C. C., and representative of the Smithsonian Institute; Stanley Hedberg, Chicago, historian; H. H. Hoyte, New York City, chief pilot; A. E. Hamer, Colfax, Iowa, chief mechanic; P. K. Peck, Elgin, Illinois, photographer and second pilot.

be observed during week of January 11 to 15. Delegates from states, counties, cities and foreign countries will attend this good roads convention, to be held in Chicago. Four hundred machinery firms will exhibit more than 300 carloads of road building machinery valued at \$2,000,000, much of it in actual operation.

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