

**Oregon News Items of Special Interest**

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Tillamook will have free delivery of mail beginning May 1.

Hop contracts are beginning to be made at Salem for the 1926 crop.

Fire starting from an overheated stove destroyed the Oakridge hotel at Oakridge.

Plans are being drawn for construction of a \$20,000 new school house in the Pine Grove district of Hood River.

February 1 marked the starting date of lambing operations among many big sheep outfits that produce early lambs.

A series of one-day farmers' institutes or extension schools has been arranged by O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agent.

Whether teachers employed in the Salem schools shall receive salary increases probably will be decided at the polls at the May election.

Fourteen rural telephone lines running out of Woodburn have been transferred by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to an incorporated company.

Reports from the mountains east of Albany give the information that snowfall is deficient by about four or five feet this year, as compared with normal years.

Thomas K. Campbell, incumbent, has filed his candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of public service commissioner from the state at large.

The Pacific Newsprint Mills, with headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by Joseph H. Rowan, V. A. Johnson and T. B. Handley. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Work has been started on clearing for grading of the 6.88-mile stretch of Redwood highway between Kerby and Selma, by McNutt Bros. of Eugene. A force of 60 men is clearing the right of way.

The voters of Salem at the election next May will be asked to vote a special tax levy of \$5000 annually for a period of three years to finance the activities of the Salem zoning commission.

The Yamhill County Game Protective association met Tuesday night at McMinnville for the purpose of discussing the advisability of closing coast streams to commercial salmon fishing.

Mrs. Emma Bryant, school superintendent of Washington county, has announced her candidacy in the May primaries for the republican nomination to the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

Definite plans for enlarging the plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company at Salem were made at a meeting of the board of directors. Controlling interest in the mill is now owned by Fred W. Leadbetter of Portland.

A huge tusk, thought to be of some pre-historic animal, was found by workmen engaged in digging a sewer in Salem. The tusk measured seven feet in length and approximately nine inches in diameter at its thickest point.

The rainfall in Pendleton during 1925 was slightly more than the normal of 14 inches, according to figures compiled by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather recorder. The precipitation during the year was 14.15 inches.

The state land board sold to Frank Boutin of Portland approximately 30,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber in Klamath county for a consideration of \$162,752. Money derived from the sale of the timber will go into the irrevocable school fund.

Jennie Greathouse, 65, of near Crawfordville, was taken to the Linn county jail at Albany, when she failed to pay a fine of \$350 imposed upon her in the justice court, on a charge of possession of mash fit for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

Cullison and associates of Portland were successful bidders for the contract of cruising 100,000 acres of timber land in Coos county for \$25,000. The concern has until February 1, 1927, to complete the work. The cruise will start within the next two weeks.

The spread of smallpox and other contagious diseases in Albany has caused the authorities concern as to the methods in which to combat the epidemic without closing all public gatherings. More than 100 cases of smallpox were reported in the last two weeks.

All military training camps for Oregon citizen soldiers will be held within the borders of Oregon this year for the first time since the war, according to Brigadier-General George A. White, commander of the Oregon national guard, who has returned from Washington, D. C., where he conferred with war department officials.

Location of Fort Williams, established on Sauvies island about May 1, 1835, by Nathaniel Wyeth as the first American foothold in this state, will be shown on future maps of this district issued by the United States geological survey, according to word received.

The large Booth-Kelly Lumber mill at Wendling and the camps above closed Saturday for two weeks. The mill then will resume operations and the Springfield mill will close for two weeks. It is expected that they will alternate in this way until the market is better.

The Lincoln county grand jury in session at Toledo, took no action in the alleged deportation of Japanese laborers from the Pacific Spruce sawmill at Toledo, last July. The matter was presented to the grand jury by District Attorney Conrad at the special request of Governor Pierce.

Because of the growing importance of the potato crop in Klamath county, a potato show will be staged at Klamath Falls next October, according to announcement by the chamber of commerce. The potato crop last year yielded \$250,000 and estimates are made that this will be doubled this fall.

The public service commission has authorized reductions in rates on sawlogs shipped from Hulbert and Cochran to the log railroads at Menefee and Oswego, on the lines of the Southern Pacific company. The reductions amount to 27 cents and 32 1/2 cents on 1000 feet from Hulbert and Cochran, respectively.

Salem and Canby probably will become within a short time the most prominent bulb-growing sections in the United States, according to Jan de Graaf of Holland, who is spending a few days there investigating conditions. Mr. De Graaf is part owner of one of the largest and oldest bulb producing corporations in Holland.

A deficiency appropriation for rivers and harbors which will make immediately available the sum of \$286,000 for deepening the channel at Tillamook harbor will probably be added to the first deficiency bill when it reaches the senate shortly. Chairman Francis E. Warren of the senate appropriations committee has notified Senator McNary.

The suit brought in the federal court in Portland to test the constitutionality of the state gasoline tax law will be appealed to the United States supreme court for final determination, according to announcement made at the attorney-general's office in Salem. Judge Wolverson of the federal court held that the gasoline tax law is constitutional.

The state lime board, at a meeting in Salem, considered the opening up and development of four new lime deposits. The lime would be used in the manufacture of fertilizer. One of the deposits is located eight miles north of Silverton in Marion county, another near Dallas and the third on Marble mountain in southern Oregon. Another deposit is near Gold Hill, not far from the state lime plant.

Reclamation is as deserving of state aid as primary and secondary education, main highways or agricultural experiment stations, Secretary of Interior Work declared in a letter to Senator McNary of Oregon, in which the cabinet member defended the section of the pending interior department supply bill requiring a pledge of state assistance from Oregon before construction on the Vale, Baker or Owyhee projects is authorized.

Directors of the Portland chamber of commerce have authorized the foreign trade committee of the chamber to make a survey to determine what specifications and clearances for a proposed bridge spanning the Columbia river at Longview and Rainier would give assurance that if the bridge is built it will not obstruct navigation of the river. The chamber is opposed to present specifications calling for 155-foot vertical clearance at low water.

The mill and timber holdings of the Coos Range Lumber company at

Mabel, 20 miles northeast of Eugene, will be sold at auction by the sheriff February 26 and 27, to satisfy a judgment for more than \$253,000 held by the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings bank of Chicago and a second mortgage of approximately \$313,500 held by the Dollar Portland Lumber company. The sale will include about 7000 acres of timber land and 8 1/2 miles of logging railroad, and practically all of the town of Mabel.

Trucks operating under private contract with no fixed terminals cause the same degree of damage to the highways as do trucks operating under the classification of common carriers and should be compelled to pay their just proportion of money required for the maintenance of the traffic arteries, according to a brief filed in the state supreme court by the public service commission. The brief was prepared by W. P. Ellis, attorney for the public service commission in the suit brought by the Purple Garage company and other truck operators to restrain the commission from enforcing the state automotive transportation act against these carriers.

To obtain funds for Pacific college at Newberg a campaign will be launched Thursday to raise \$60,000.

Thirteen men students now are quarantined in the University of Oregon infirmary at Eugene as a result of an epidemic of mumps.

Organization of poultry men of Deschutes county will come up for consideration at a farm marketing conference to be held in Bend Thursday.

The safe in the Southern Pacific station at West Fir, near Oakridge, was blown open and \$200 in cash taken.

Twenty-two persons met violent death in Portland in January, according to an official summary prepared by Coroner Smith.

Reservation of public lands in Coos county as public parks and camp sites was proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Hawley.

Governor Pierce issued a requisition for the return of T. W. Lyle, who is wanted in Harney county on a forgery charge. Lyle was under arrest in Idaho.

William Cole and George Cabel, Columbia county prisoners, escaped from the jail at St. Helens after confederates on the outside had sawed away two bars.

A proposed amendment to the agriculture appropriation bill to allow \$30,000 for drilling wells for stock in the Modoc national forest was introduced by Senator McNary.

Herbert Armstrong, of the Menasha Woodenware company, North Bend, was chosen president of the Coos County Fire Patrol association at a meeting in Marshfield.

Under the direction of L. M. C. Anderson, county club agent, a series of meetings of the Boys' and Girls' clubs of Clackamas county are being held in various parts of the county.

The cement block Ferndale school, two miles north of Freewater, was gutted by fire. The building was erected in 1909 and it is estimated could not be replaced for less than \$20,000.

Rhea Luper, state engineer, announced the completion of the adjudication of water rights on Burnt river and its tributaries in Baker county, involving 245 water users and covering 27,425 acres.

The appointment of M. E. Weatherford of Arlington as county judge for Gilliam county was announced by Governor Pierce following receipt of the resignation of L. E. Fowler from that position.

Mother of six children, although only 29 years of age, Mrs. Sylvia L. Fisher, wife of J. W. Fisher, died in a hospital at Bend after she took poison at her ranch house four miles east of that city.

The flax plant at the state penitentiary at Salem will be enlarged in the coming spring in the way of building new, large, concrete retting tanks that will practically double the present capacity.

Sisters, located at the east approach to the scenic McKenzie pass country, prepared for the coming tourist season by organizing the Sisters chamber of commerce. Dr. H. L. Vincent is president of the new organization.

William O. Crosby, known in central Oregon through his work in investigating the water holding possibilities of the Benham Falls storage reservoir site, died recently in Boston, friends in Bend have been notified.

The city council of McMinnville voted to hold an election on the question of including the college campus in the corporate limits of the city and of voting on the \$50,000 bonds for the \$500,

000 building campaign of the college. Speaking before the Marion-Polk Realtors' association at Salem, Frank Durbin, Marion county dairyman and hop buyer, urged a reduction in taxes for the support of higher learning and advocated additional state aid in the education of farmers.

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