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## Oregon News Items of Special Interest

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

E. F. Carion of Eugene has been elected executive secretary of the Oregon State Teachers' association.

An epidemic of spinal meningitis at Klamath Falls, which had been practically stamped out, has broken out afresh.

The public service commission denied the petition of the Klamath River Boom company for a franchise on the Klamath river.

W. A. Cannon of Medford was appointed state parole officer to succeed J. V. Starrett, who retired from the office on August 17 of last year.

Blossom day at Salem, which has been an annual event there for several years, probably will be set for April 4. Last year Blossom day was held April 12.

Florence White, 16, of Rogue River, guard on the girls' high school basketball team, sustained a broken right leg in a game with the girls' team of Jacksonville.

Mary Jane Brickley, one of the oldest residents of Oregon, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Pointer, near Middleton, Or., at the age of 105 years.

With a minimum temperature of 31, thin ice formed on irrigation ditches and frost prevailed over mid-Columbia fruit sections last week. Growers, however, reported no damage.

The state treasurer drew a warrant in the amount of \$472,215 covering interest due in New York city April 1 on \$23,000,000 of bonds issued and sold by the state bonus commission.

Announcement was made at an efficiency meeting of the Coos Bay Lumber company officials and workers that the company would adopt the 4-L minimum wage basis of \$3.40 April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schollars of Medford observed the 54th anniversary of their wedding. Schollars is 80 years old and his wife 85. He has been a resident of Oregon and Idaho since 1866.

Freddie Richert, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Richert, residents of Twomile, near Bandon, died in Bandon hospital from burns sustained while fighting a fire in the family kitchen stove with kerosene.

The Mount Hood irrigation district is seeking approval of a contract whereby the district would take over the Mount Hood Water company's water rights and irrigation system at a cost of \$7000.

The 7-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lambert, residents at the Snelstrom mill, five miles west of Crow, was burned to death when the house in which she was sleeping was destroyed by fire.

Postal savings bank deposits at Portland decreased \$1032 in February. The depositors' balance at Portland is \$1,416,168, by which the bank there continues to rank ninth in the country in volume of deposits.

The Southern Pacific company began preliminary work of erecting a new bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield to be used by the main line trains when the Natron cutoff is completed this summer.

Umpqua river jetty work was suspended when the money which the port was furnishing became exhausted. The jetty lacks about 2500 feet of being extended to a point where shoaling would be eliminated.

Gladstone voted, 198 to 41, to amend the city charter permitting the bonding of the city in excess of the prescribed limit, with the view of extending the water system to connect with the Portland Bull Run supply.

Substantial reductions in the rates of the Yamhill Electric company which recently acquired the capital stock of the Tualatin Valley Electric company, were announced at the offices of the public service commission in Salem.

Kiwanis clubmen landscaped the

Clackamas county courthouse grounds at Oregon City. Ornamental shrubs were planted and a general plan of beautification followed out designed by Oregon Agricultural college experts.

Discontinuance of street car service between Eugene and Springfield will take effect this week, according to an announcement by officials of the Southern Pacific company in Eugene. Buses are to be used for passenger service between the two cities.

Delegations of Indians from the Umatilla Indian reservation, accompanied by Senator Charles L. McNary, have tried repeatedly during the last three years to get the bureau of Indian affairs at Washington to re-establish the Indian industrial school at Pendleton without success, and any attempt to substitute the desired school for the proposed sanitarium is believed by McNary to be useless.

The public service commission has issued an order suspending proposed new gas rates of the Southern Oregon Gas company, which operates at Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Roseburg. A public hearing probably will be held at Roseburg or Medford.

Portland, compared to other coast cities, is relatively free of influenza, according to reports by the government health service at Washington, D. C. Since the first of the present year there has not been a single death from influenza reported in Portland.

Members of the Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club of La Grande have issued a statement attacking any installation of fish racks in inland streams in eastern Oregon, specifically the Willowa river, and in favor of a referendum vote to prevent commercial fishing in the lower Columbia river.

Weekly sales records of mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the current year were greatly exceeded in the week ending March 13, when 108 mills reported bookings aggregating 129,372,967 feet. The reporting mills manufactured 107,947,524 feet and shipped 115,896,947 feet.

Bend will be the site of a fall meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, if plans tentatively worked out by K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, president, and Hugh Sproat of Pendleton, secretary, are approved. The meeting will take up problems of central and southern Oregon wool growers.

Three persons are in The Dalles hospital in serious condition, suffering from spotted fever due to woodtick bites. The patients are Wilbur Buxton and C. C. Manchester of Grand Junction, Colo., and James Malarkey of Ashwood, Or., all of whom were working on sheep ranches in Wasco county.

Wallowa county farmers, organized in the Alder Slope Ditch company, will construct an irrigation ditch seven miles in length in the Alder Slope territory near Enterprise, drawing the supply of water from the Wallowa river and Hurricane creek, which streams have been filed on by the farmers.

Twelve tons of blasting powder, designed to tear 25,000 cubic yards of solid rock from a point about 7½ miles south of Seaside, was set off Saturday by the Motor Investment company, Portland contracting firm, which will rock ten miles of the Roosevelt highway south of Seaside this spring and summer.

Professor W. L. Powers, secretary of the Oregon reclamation congress, and head of the department of soils at Oregon Agricultural college, was notified from Washington, D. C., of the passage of the Columbia basin appropriation of \$25,000 to complete allocation of the waters of the Columbia river.

Nearly 250,000 rainbow and cutthroat trout from the Roaring river hatchery in Linn county were released in streams of Benton, Linn and Polk counties by the state game commis-

sion. The fish were all released in waters recently closed by the game commission, so that they will be given time to mature.

Income tax collection checked by the Portland office totaled \$1,348,275.01 according to a statement by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for Oregon. This amount was from 15,640 taxable returns. On the same date—March 19—last year, the total taxable returns numbered 28,720 and cash received totaled \$1,291,530.62.

In the belief that a \$250,000 bond issue is the only solution of the problem of financing many proposed municipal improvements, the chamber of commerce of Klamath Falls has formally endorsed the bond issue and pledged itself to do everything possible toward having the proposal placed on the ballot at the May primary election.

The state highway department of Oregon expects to spend \$7,000,000 during 1926 in improvement of roads under its control, according to a survey of prospective highway construction for the year, issued by the bureau of roads at Washington, D. C. To this sum the federal government will contribute \$1,319,943 from available federal aid funds.

Following the action of the state board of control in increasing the salary of J. Lyman Steed, superintendent of the state school for the deaf, from \$1800 to \$2100 a year, beginning September 1, superintendents of a number of other state institutions have indicated that they would seek similar increases in their paychecks within the next few weeks.

A copy of the income tax initiative measure sponsored by the Oregon state grange and the farmers' union was filed with the secretary of state at Salem, together with a request that it be referred to the attorney-general for ballot title. In event sufficient signatures are obtained the measure will be referred to the voters of the state at the general election in November. The measure is similar to the income tax measure that was repealed by the voters of Oregon at the general election in 1924 with the exception that it increases slightly the exemptions and eliminates fractional percentage rates.

## STATE POWER EXPERIMENT IS PROPOSED

The proposition of state owned electric power projects does not meet with favor when submitted to a vote of the people.

It is a notorious fact that the federal government is reducing general taxes hundreds of millions annually, while city and state government in-

creases by leaps and bounds. Adding industrial projects to the functions of government simply increases by leaps and bounds.

In the state of Oregon the State Grange and so-called Housewives Federation are seeking to initiate for a popular vote, large bond issues for a state power plant.

Competent engineering authori-

ties, including State Engineer Percy Copper, say such state power monopolies would discourage investments of private capital in similar industries.

Destructive competition and power development where a state is already fully supplied are voted down in Western states about as fast as submitted.

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