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SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE CALLED

Legislature to Convene January 12 to Consider Workmen's Compensation Funds.

Governor Olcott announced Monday that he would soon issue a formal call for a special session of the legislature to convene on the second Monday in January, 1920. The main object of the special session will be to consider the present workmen's compensation, as the present rate is considered too low to meet the needs of those injured who must necessarily depend on relief from the accident funds. The state industrial accident commission has declared that the present rates of compensation are far too low to meet the demands of injured workmen saying that it is impossible for them to meet living necessities at the present rate of compensation.

The accident commission reports that many leading employers, who are contributing to the fund, believe that the present rates are too low. It has been reported that many employers have lately been supplementing out of their own funds the compensation awards.

PHYSICAL CLASSES AT HIGH SCHOOL

County Health Nurse Urges Large Sale of Christmas Seal Stamps.

Physical culture classes have been started at the High school. Owing to the reports made by Miss Mary A. Brownell, Lane county health nurse, physical culture is being urged for all the schools.

In one month's inspection of Lane county, Miss Brownell reports that out of 296 children which were inspected, only 59 were free from physical defects needing attention. There were 155, or more than 50 per cent whose tonsils needed attention, 61 had defects of teeth, and many others needed medical attention.

These facts show the importance of the work done by the public health nurses which is one of the new phases of work of the Oregon Tuberculosis association through which Oregon contributes through the purchase of Christmas seals.

Miss Brownell says: "If the people of Oregon only realize what a tremendous public health problem confronts them nothing could stop them from buying up every Christmas seal in sight. Only through sale of the seals can the county public health nursing be extended, throughout the state. The annual seal sale is the chief means of supporting the Oregon Tuberculosis association, and 90 per cent of the entire proceeds will be applied on Oregon's public health program."

G. A. R. LODGE HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the G. A. R. Circle No. 28 was held Friday afternoon, December 5, in the Woodman hall. The regular business was attended to and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Emily Dority, senior vice-president; Mrs. Alma Signor, junior vice-president; Mrs. Kathryn Horton, treasurer; Eliza Huntley, chaplain, Sarah Adams, guard.

As all of the members were not present at the meeting, the election of the other officers was not held. They will be elected at the next meeting which will be held the first Friday in January.

Another important feature of the meeting was the appointing of the committees for raising funds for the erection of a monument in the G. A. R. plot in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Two committees were elected which are as follows:

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LANE COUNTY TAXPAYERS TO DECIDE ON \$2,000,000 ROAD BOND ISSUE

At the annual taxpayers meeting to be held at the Lane county court house in Eugene December 29, the taxpayers will have an opportunity of passing on the \$2,000,000 road bond issue recommended by the special county committee which met Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the event the bond issue is approved by the taxpayers, the issue will then be voted on at a special election which will probably be at the primaries next May.

The committee recommendations were that the bonds be 5 per cent serial bonds, to run twenty years and to commence retiring the first issue at five years.

The vote of the committee was 13 to 1 in favor of the bond issue. Many of the members were not present when the final vote was taken.

The type of road to be built was not discussed, although it is generally understood that the roads will be improved with a macadam surface. It was brought out in discussion that after a road has been pounded down with a macadam surface for several years, pavement can then be put on and will stand the strain of traffic much better.

The committee recommended that the county court pay interest, but not sinking fund, on the bonds, out of the general fund. Funds received from automobile licenses, which it is said may reach \$15,000 next year, will be applied on the interest of the bonds, if carried, and the remainder of the interest paid out of the general fund.

The committee considered the various projects on which the money is to be expended. Tentative figures for each project were submitted at Tuesday's meeting, but it was declared by the county engineer that these should be figured closer and revised, so the committee left the amounts to be expended on each project for later consideration.

The road from Springfield to Lowell was recommended to be built by the way of Jasper and Fall Creek.

The McKenzie road will be improved from Thurston to Blue River. The Mohawk-Wendling project was recommended to start from Hayden bridge to Wendling by way of Marcola.

The Camp Creek project from Mohawk road was voted to be from Hayden bridge to Camp Creek.

The Bear Creek-Pacific highway project of 10 miles was voted, also the Ferguson road-Pacific highway of 6 miles.

The proposed Elmira road to the coast via Alvadore was passed, as was the Smithfield road of two miles from Alvadore. The 22 mile project to Smithfield from Alvadore road went through.

The following projects were approved: End of macadam on Elmira road to Noti, six miles and Eugene-Crow-Hadleyville road 17½ miles.

The Eugene to Cottage Grove road by way of Lorane was divided into two projects, one reading "Eugene to Lorane" and the other "Cottage Grove to Lorane" and approved.

The London Springs road of 10 miles was lengthened eight miles more over the original project, to extend to the fork of the Coast fork river.

CHICAGO CHOSEN FOR 1920 CONVENTION CITY

At a meeting of the Republican national committee at Washington Dec. 10, Chicago was chosen as the meeting place for the Republican convention in 1920, June 8 being set as the opening date.

The committee meeting was notable for the large number of prominent men and women present from all parts of the Union.

Senator Poindexter was in New York. It was announced that W. A. Orr who was secretary to Governor Whitman during his term as governor of New York, would have charge of the Poindexter campaign in New York. General Leonard Wood was a favorite candidate for the ticket in the conversation.

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The Row river to Sharp's creek project was extended six miles to Disston making a total of 17 miles.

The following projects were approved: Goshen to Lowell, 12 miles; Lowell to Reserve, 7 miles and the Willamette Coast road by way of Reserve to Summit, Pacific Highway to Blachly, Blachly to Deadwood, Forest Reserve and then the Reserve to Florence, 134 miles.

The Cloverdale road was voted to extend from a point on the highway south of Creswell to the Coast fork bridge on the Goshen-Lowell road.

In the Sluslaw river to the county line project it was voted that the road should run through Grenada south to the county line.

The Prairie road Eugene-Junction City of 11 miles was amended to pass by way of Irving.

About 90 miles were added to the projects at the Wednesday session. The main addition was that of a highway commencing at Lorane, following the Sluslaw down to tide water, passing through Mapleton and on to Cushman. Another addition was a road to begin at the northwest county line on the coast, following the coast line to Hecta head and then to Mercer lake and on to the coast road.

The proposed road construction plan involves the building of 450 miles of highway.

CITY IS WITHOUT FIRE PROTECTION

Because of the cold weather and many faucets left running to keep them from freezing, the reservoir has been entirely emptied and there is only 30 pounds of pressure at the present time. Hence the city is without adequate fire protection.

In case of fire the people are urged to close their faucets, thus giving all possible supply for fire fighting. Extreme caution to prevent fire hazard is also urged.

NEWSPAPER IS FARMER'S TRAVELING SALESMAN

Local Press Puts Grower in Touch With Demand for His Products.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 11.—The short course on using the home newspaper to sell farm produce, which will be offered at O. A. C. Farmers' Week, December 29 to January 3, is receiving widespread attention from the farmers and valuable support by the newspapers over the state.

"The value of such a course to the farmers cannot be emphasized too strongly," says Homer L. Roberts, formerly a news writer for the Malheur Enterprise, and now a student in industrial journalism. "The home press offers the quickest and cheapest route to a seasonal market. The newspaper is the farmer's traveling salesman."

"I know of a farmer who had a new strain of wheat peculiarly adapted to his locality, which he desired to introduce to his neighbors. He advertised, and the supply of seed was quickly exhausted. The stockman who raises purebred stock will find that the home paper will place him in touch with just the buyer with whom he wants to deal."

Fruitgrowers will find these advertising lectures of immense practical value, Mr. Roberts predicts. He has seen the plan worked out in the Brogan peach section of Malheur county. The grower advertises his fruit, prices and the time the fruit will be ready, with the result that much of the crop is sold in his own neighborhood.

The art of writing ads that sell, pre-

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YOU GET YOUR TOLL REFUNDED

Fees Collected on Messages Between Springfield and Eugene to Be Returned.

In a statement given out by local telephone officials it is announced that they plan to refund the toll fees collected from Springfield and Eugene patrons of their lines. The difference between the old and the new rates will also be refunded, the plan being to credit subscribers on the bills when sent out.

W. G. Phillips, division commercial superintendent at Portland, has made the following statement to the public: "With reference to the order and its disposition of the matter of legal rates: It is the opinion of the company, guided by its legal counsel, that as a matter of law the commission has no authority to make an order or refund such as has been attempted. However, regardless of our legal conclusions, the fact remains that in course of the hearings in this proceeding the company voluntarily pledged itself to make refunds from August 1st, to all its patrons of any difference in the rates collected and the rates as established by the commission. In view of the legal opinion received by the commission from the attorney general, the commission has gone somewhat beyond this stipulation. Our position is that whether or not we are bound by this commission's conclusion, we are bound by our voluntary stipulation, and any effort on our part to reconcile the difference between these two viewpoints would be a hopeless matter to make plain to our many patrons. For this reason and a desire to avoid further misunderstanding, with our patrons on this point, we will carry out our stipulation modified to conform to the order which the commission has made. This puts us in the position of going further with refunds than were involved in our stipulation. Despite the fact that it involves a difficult accounting and mechanical problem, this refund will be made by way of a credit on the December bills, delivery of which to our subscribers is delayed for this purpose. With this declaration of purpose regarding the refund we hope that there may be extended some degree of leniency because of the innumerable details which are certain to present themselves, and we will gladly take up individual instances with all subscribers who may find reason to be dissatisfied with the disposition of this matter on their current bills."

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SOIL FERTILITY STUDIED.

The relation of lime, sulphur, phosphorus, manure and crop rotation to permanent agriculture has been made the subject of special investigations at O. A. C. and will be given emphasis at Farmers' Week.

Great "White Top" Settles Over Valley

Snow, snow, snow everywhere. And not a spot is bare.

Sometimes the white fleecy flakes, sometimes the small, hard flakes driven by a wind.

Snow started falling in Springfield early Tuesday morning, in fact much earlier than most of us roused ourselves from our downy, warm pillows.

It caused little disturbance in Springfield until late in the day when it almost turned into a silver thaw. During Tuesday night a change came and it just snowed in the good old fashioned way, continuing most of the day Wednesday, measuring about three inches by Wednesday evening.

Early risers Wednesday reported a fine pyrotechnic display in the sky over Eugene, due to the electric cars operating—or trying to operate. The car between Springfield and Eugene had great difficulty in making its first trips, in fact some of its passengers

COAL STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

Wilson's Offer Accepted by the Miners and Union Orders Return to Work.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—The United Mine Workers of America have accepted President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work. Final settlement of their wage controversy will rest with a commission to be appointed by the president.

Operators predict complete resumption of work by Friday and shipments of coal from the mines are expected by Monday.

This action ends the coal mine strike of five weeks and comes just in time to prevent much suffering over the country from the shortage of coal.

SMALL BLAZE AT SCHOOL HOUSE

Fire broke out in the high school building Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The local fire department was called and soon had the blaze extinguished.

Little damage was done to the building, the floor of one of the rooms on the second story being torn up in an effort to stop the blaze. The fire seemed to be between the ceiling and the floor.

The stove in the assembly room was being moved, but it has not been determined whether the fire started from that fire or from the stove in the geometry room which is just overhead of the other stove.

A number of students gathered about the building to watch the expected ruin of their "dear old halls of knowledge."

HEALTH ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING, ELECTS OFFICERS

A week ago last Friday night, the Springfield branch of the Lane County Health Association held a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah. The following officers were elected:

County Vice-President, Mrs. L. K. Page; City Chairman, Mrs. Paul Brattain; Supplies Chairman, Mrs. C. Wheaton; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah.

Miss Brownell, county health nurse, was present and gave a very interesting talk and a few instructions in regard to contagious diseases.

The arrangements for the Christmas entertainment at the Methodist church have been made and the various committees have been appointed to take charge. A good time is being planned for all.

completing parts of their trips on their trusty (?) "snow shoes."

The Booth-Kelly mill closed down Wednesday morning because of the difficulty of operating, and will not start again until next week.

While we had only about three inches of snow here, with a temperature early Thursday morning of nine degrees above zero, Eugene was threatened by a young blizzard Tuesday night; Albany was floundering in three feet of snow, Corvallis buried to a depth of four feet; Salem covered with two feet and one of the Southern Pacific trains stalled there. Portland labored with eight inches of snow Wednesday.

Compare this with great depths of snow, raging blizzards, and temperatures from 9 to 28 below in the middle and eastern states.

No serious difficulties with phone or power lines in this vicinity have occurred.