

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The Eugene Masons have decided to erect a new temple next year.

Fire completely destroyed the Chilcoquin hotel at Chilcoquin, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The total assessment of public utilities of Union county is \$5,583,283. Last year's assessment was \$5,127,436.

The Eugene lodge of Elks has appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of remodeling its temple.

Members of the Willamette Valley Grain Growers' association held a conference in Salem to discuss market conditions.

Seventy-six carloads, or approximately 22,000, more sheep were shipped out of Bend this fall than in the fall of 1927.

The Pacific northwest intercollegiate conference meeting, scheduled to be held in Spokane, has been switched to Portland.

To relieve the shortage of dwelling houses in Albany a building and loan association is planned by several business men of that city.

The 14th annual convention of the Oregon Hotel Men's association was held in Portland with more than 100 delegates in attendance.

Cooperative marketing and banking were discussed at the annual convention at The Dalles of the Oregon State Horticultural society.

The Medford school district census for this year, just taken, shows the largest school population in the city's history, the number being 2342.

The fourth annual Winter fair and eighth annual Southern Oregon Poultry show, combined, was held in the Chautauqua building in Ashland.

Axel Erickson, a logger, was drowned when he accidentally fell into the Nehalem river at the Birkenseld Lumber company camp at Birkenseld.

Attorneys of the state, at an informal gathering in Salem, presented to the supreme court an oil painting of Justice George H. Burnett.

Two additional units of 25 miles and one of 12 miles on the Klamath-Eugene line will be contracted by the Southern Pacific on December 21.

Fred C. Schulte, former constable and deputy sheriff at Reedsport, was found guilty of accepting a bribe from B. O. Roberts, confessed bootlegger.

Dr. Mabel Aikin and Mrs. S. E. A. Smith, both of Portland, were appointed by Governor Pierce as members of the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls.

Construction of the retaining walls for the streets in the devastated district of Astoria and of the tunnels for the protection of the trunk sewers has been completed.

William A. Marshall, who was reappointed a member of the state industrial accident commission has served in this capacity since the creation of the department in 1913.

An artesian well with a flow of 120 gallons per minute has been encountered at a depth of 425 feet at the workings of the Eastern Oregon Oil Exploration company near Hermiston.

A quarantine on all dairy and breeding cattle brought into Oregon from California became operative December 1, many cases of tuberculosis in southern Oregon having been traced to California.

The demand for the appropriation of further funds to complete the Tongue Point naval base along lines originally planned is being carried direct to Secretary of the Navy Denby by Senator McNary.

A shipment of eight black foxes, valued at \$8000, has arrived at Klamath Falls by express, consigned from New Brunswick, Maine, to Captain H. E. Hansbury, who is starting a fox farm on upper Klamath lake.

Head officials of the California-Oregon Power company in San Francisco have authorized immediate construction of a half-million-dollar power plant on Link river in Klamath Falls with a capacity of 4500 horsepower.

The Oregon Walnut Growers' association, in session at Salem, voted to hold its convention next year at Newberg. L. S. Otis of Newberg was elected president and C. E. Scheuster of Corvallis was re-elected secretary treasurer.

As a result of the wind and rain storm that swept the state last week, streets in Warrenton were flooded; rocks fell on the Columbia River highway and trees blocked other roads; seaside and Warrenton telephone switchboards were burned out; the burned area of Astoria was flooded when a high tide backed up over the seawall; Young's bay and John Day drawbridges were put out of commission temporarily; and minor damage was done at Hood River.

The state highway department has granted permission to the Coast Power company to reconstruct and extend its power line on the Roosevelt highway between Manhattan and Garibaldi.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock a memorial tablet placed on the old Methodist church at Jacksonville, which is said to be the oldest Protestant church building now standing west of the Rocky mountains, was unveiled.

General Manager A. F. S. Steele of the Apple Growers' association has received a letter from United States Senator McNary to the effect that stered apples may be utilized as security for loans with intermediate credit banks.

Farm acreage in Oregon for 1923, exclusive of 11 counties which have not reported, aggregated 4,946,973.57 acres as against 5,419,954.88 acres in 1922. This information was contained in a statement by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

Petitions numerously signed by persons residing in 36 counties of Oregon urging the appointment of Wallace McCamant of Portland, to the United States court of appeals, ninth circuit, San Francisco, have reached Washington and will be submitted to President Coolidge.

More satisfactory distribution of harvest labor to the end that both the employer and employe may be benefited will be attempted by the Seasonable Employment commission, which was organized at a conference held in the offices of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, at Salem.

Federal prohibition officers have notified operators of cider plants that they must cease manufacturing cider unless the finished product contains benzoate of soda. Cider manufacturers allege that the order will ruin their business, as the soda content spoils the flavor of the apple product.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Verda A. Orchard, Portland, \$20; Delbert A. Lyons, Central Point, \$12; James W. Hackman, Timber, \$18; James Moriarity, Portland, \$18; Carl Woolman, Baker, \$24; James Arthur, Portland, \$15; Andrew Bratz, Portland, \$12; William C. Hicnbotham, Estacada, \$18.

Mrs. Robert Byers of Los Angeles, bride of a week, was drowned in the Willamette river at Harrisburg, when an automobile driven by William J. Parks of San Francisco plunged down the steep ferry approach on the Pacific highway into 16 feet of water while the ferry boat was on the opposite side of the river.

There were two fatalities in Oregon industries during the week ending December 6, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Walter Stuart, Seaside, brakeman, and Amos Breedon, Black Rock, pile driver. A total of 637 accidents were reported during the week.

All train service on the Eugene-Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific railway was tied up on account of damage to a steel bridge across the Suislaw river near Linslaw, 36 miles west of Eugene. A fir tree four feet in diameter fell across the bridge and caved in the top part of it so that trains were unable to operate over it.

The total value of taxable property in Oregon, including that equalized by the state board of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, is \$1,042,419,618.66, according to a report prepared by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. Last year the total value of the taxable property was \$1,009,499,160.33.

The outlet of Siltcoos lake, which is only two miles from the Pacific ocean in western Lane county, is again clogged by sand, due to wind and high sea. The state fish and game commission this fall cleared the channel of obstructions in order that salmon might enter the lake to spawn but it is now worse than ever, reports state.

Some decision with regard to reorganizing new irrigation projects in Oregon should come from the secretary of the interior in the next few weeks. In the last several days a determined drive has been made by the Oregon delegation in both houses of congress, supported by representatives of four new projects in the state, for some definite step toward the development of further irrigation.

Tillamook harbor improvements have been approved, subject to minor modifications, by the board of river and harbor engineers, as a result of a hearing in Washington, D. C., at which the Oregon delegation and residents of that section placed new facts before the board. If this project is completed the federal government will appropriate about \$350,000.

The secretary of the interior at the request of Representative Sinnott, has held up patents to land in Oregon involved in the cases of F. A. Hyde, C. W. Clark and others. Mr. Sinnott acted on the telegraphed request of Attorney-General Van Winkle of Oregon. The cases involve state lands used under the old lieu land law to obtain title to government lands.

RANGE STOCK INDUSTRY LOOKS PERMANENT

Western States Have Half Billion Acres Suited to No Other Profitable Use

Permanence of the range cattle and sheep industry in the eleven western states has been recognized and the state colleges, including O. A. C., are to join efforts in helping the range livestock men with some of their knotty problems. These states have an area of 650 million acres which can be used only for grazing.

More than a third of the area is public lands not under control and so badly overgrazed that users are not getting full carrying capacity. It furnishes much of the spring and fall grass and needs wiser handling.

Control of animal diseases and parasites, coordinated production and marketing, culling sheep for increasing weight of fleece, and improving feeds and feeding are other items in the program. The situation for Oregon will be opened up in the agricultural conference to be held at the college January 21-25.

Growers, investigators and national leaders will assist in working out the program in these subjects and also for fruits and vegetables, field crops, dairy products and poultry.

After the group programs have been generally worked out they will be submitted to a general conference for coordination with all the others for a comprehensive plan of farming in Oregon.

In the study of the effects of hot-water sterilization on teat-cup rubbers of milking machines, the United States Department of Agriculture found that the life of these rubbers when regularly sterilized by this method varied from 6 to 17 weeks. It was also found that hot water gave better results in reducing the number of bacteria than did the use of either chlorin solution or salt and chlorin solution. The Bureau of Standards, cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture, found that it is very important that these teat-cup rubbers be made of so-called pure gum compound, and that they should be thoroughly cleaned before sterilization, as a little butter fat remaining on them has a destructive effect in connection with the heat.

Here from Junction City

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Washburne spent Sunday in this city with Mr. Washburne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washburne. They came here from Junction City where Mr. Washburne is vice-president of the First National bank.

FOUR L BULLETIN TELLS OF GEORGE DAVENPORT

An article on George Davenport, local chairman of the 4L's, written by D. W. McKinnon, secretary of that organization, was published in the 4L Bulletin for December 1. The Bulletin is issued in Portland, from district headquarters. A character sketch of Mr. Davenport, under the title "Men Who Make the 4L Work" appeared, together with Mr. Davenport's photograph. His capacity for understanding disputes between employers and employes, his work as a pioneer lumberman, his early history and hobbies are set forth. Mr. Davenport left Springfield December 1 to visit his mother, now 98 years old, who still resides in Bowling Green, Ky., he old home.

H. T. Mitchell was taken ill Saturday evening, and is still confined to his home at 6th and B streets.

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