

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

At a well-attended meeting at St. Helens the Columbia County Lincoln club was organized.

La Pine's fourth disastrous fire in as many years resulted last week in a gross loss of \$20,000.

Mrs. Hattie Kessler, 50, committed suicide at her home at Tualatin by jumping head foremost in a well.

Oregon will be entitled to 10 votes at the democratic national convention to be held in New York city June 24.

Onion growers of Tualatin will ship about eight carloads this year, several carloads short of the 1923 shipments.

Approval of the McNary bill, designating the Old Oregon Trail as a national highway, was given by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Henry J. Hansen, 30, was drowned, while his wife looked on, when he was pitched out of a boat in a slough of the Clatskanie river near Clatskanie.

Small landslides on the Tillamook branch of the Southern Pacific, brought down by continuous rainfall, caused delay to trains operating over the road.

Hearing of the application of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of southern Oregon for increased rates has been set for February 15 at Medford.

Circulation of petitions was started at Astoria seeking the recall of Wayne Maunula, city commissioner from the third ward, and John Arnold, city commissioner from the fourth ward.

Cash turnover by the state land department to the state treasurer in January aggregated \$125,876.43, according to a report prepared by George C. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

Notice of increase of capital stock from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 has been filed with the corporation department by the Fidelity Savings & Loan association, with headquarters in Portland.

Two years in the state penitentiary is the longest sentence that has been meted out to a bootlegger in this state as far as Dr. J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director, has been able to learn.

Steps to clear Oregon's name of its "unenviable reputation" as a clearing house for divorces were taken by the annual convention of the Episcopal church of Oregon in session in Portland.

Owing to the start of logging operations at Millwood by the Silverton Lumber company, the Southern Pacific has again placed its logging train in operation between Millwood and Silverton.

About 20 women from surrounding neighborhoods met at Freewater and formed a woman's apple show association to promote household exhibits among women and children at the annual apple show next fall.

Utility companies of Oregon plan to expend not less than \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 during the year in business building and payroll activities, according to the Oregon public building information bureau.

John C. Herring, Cape Heeeta rancher, accused of aiding and hiding the three Florence bank robbers for several days after the robbery was committed December 11, was acquitted by a circuit court jury at Eugene.

The Umatilla irrigation project gets \$940,000 for operation, maintenance and continuing construction during the next fiscal year in the interior department appropriation bill as passed by the house. The appropriation for the Klamath project is \$695,000.

Deposits in the banks of Oregon at the close of business December 31, 1923, aggregated \$274,091,633.95, or approximately \$5,000,000 less than on September 14 of last year, according to a report prepared by Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

State tax collected on gasoline and distillate sold in Oregon during the year 1923 aggregated \$2,046,964.33, according to a statement prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The tax was paid on 72,789,723 gallons of gasoline and 3,314,155 gallons of distillate.

A committee was appointed at Salem to confer with similar committees from Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Harrisburg, and other Willamette valley towns with relation to the proposal to pipe water from Clear Lake, Lane county, to the various towns for municipal purposes.

The six counties in district No. 1 of Oregon—Baker, Union, Grant, Malheur, Harney and Wallowa—will send high school basketball teams to Union, February 28 to participate in a three-day district tournament to determine the championship and decide on the team to enter the state basketball tournament in March.

H. P. McCormick, president and principal stockholder of the Columbia County Lumber company whose plant at St. Helens was destroyed last April, entailing a loss of almost \$250,000, has announced that the company would immediately start the construction of a modern plant.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 31, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Chauncy Bellis, choker setter of Medford. A total of 547 accidents was reported.

The Astoria street railway system was offered to the city of Astoria, the port commission or anyone who will operate it, for the salvage price of about \$70,000 at a meeting of the directors of the Astoria chamber of commerce with Guy W. Talbot, president of the Pacific Power & Light company.

A balance of more than \$17,500 was put into the general fund of the Pendleton city water commission after paying all expenses, meeting an interest charge of \$13,800, and putting aside \$8000 to retire bonds, according to the report of the commission made to the city council for 1923 operations.

Prune-growers of the Willamette valley and Umpqua districts who are affiliated with the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association will meet in Salem within the next ten days for the purpose of reincorporating the organization under the new contracts to be signed up, effective January 1, 1925.

Officers throughout the state have been notified by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, that his department has cleared away the congestion resulting from applications for 1924 motor vehicle license plates, and that from now on they are free to use their own judgment in the enforcement of traffic regulations.

Lumber exports from Portland for January climbed to 56,087,561 feet, valued at \$1,673,347, establishing a record for a single month's business superseding that of December, with 42,562,502 feet. January's lumber exports far surpassed those for January 1923, which were 18,049,859 feet, valued at \$465,709.

Market for canned goods throughout the eastern section of the United States is good and the market for dried prunes is improving, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, who has just returned to Eugene from a month's trip through different sections of the country.

One thousand men will be employed clearing the first 11 1/2 miles of the right-of-way of the Oakridge-Kirk extension of the Southern Pacific line after the weather becomes better in the spring, according to George H. Kelly of Portland, who with Frank W. Sullivan, also of that city, has the contract from the Utah Construction company to do this part of the work.

Despite the fact that the domestic demand for prunes has not been up to standard during the past few months, the Oregon Growers Co-operative association of Salem has announced that it has disposed of practically one-half of the 1923 crop. Most of these sales have been made through export channels, and a large part of the crop has been sent to Germany.

The Oregon public service commission has authorized Judge Henderson, counsel for the Iowa railroad commission, to represent the state of Oregon at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission, which involves an application of the New England railroads for a greater division of through freight rates from the western carriers.

The Indians of the Klamath reservation have launched a movement through their tribal council for government permission to sell all the timber on the reservation, valued at more than \$35,000,000, with payments to extend over a period of years. Delegates of the federated tribes will proceed to Washington and endeavor to obtain consent of the department of Indian affairs.

The state will appropriate \$5000 to match a similar contribution by Willamette valley cities, for further investigation of the proposal to pipe water from Clear Lake to Salem, according to announcement by Rhea Luper, state engineer. Mr. Luper declared the supply of water in Clear Lake sufficient for 1,600,000 persons, and could be doubled through storage. He also said 30,000 horsepower could be developed, which is more power than is required by all the towns between Salem and Eugene.

It is estimated that approximately 500 fresh fruit growers will be out of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association when the present contracts expire in 1925. At the expiration of these contracts the association will go on a strictly dried fruit basis. The chief centers for these growers are Salem, Hubbard, Canby, Newberg, Estacada and Sheridan. In all of these areas there is an inclination, it is said, among growers to retain organization in some form, and sentiment in the Salem district is said to favor steps leading eventually to a berry growers' canner, operated on a co-operative basis.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN? The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE? Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW? Instruction on Form 1040A and Form 1040, also the law and regulations.

WHAT? Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over \$6,000 for the year 1923.

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In computing his net income for the year 1923 a taxpayer may deduct from gross income all losses incurred not only in his business, trade or profession, but in any transaction entered into for profit not compensated for by insurance or otherwise.

To be allowed, losses not incurred in trade or business must conform closely to the wording of the statute. For example, a loss incurred in the sale of a taxpayer's home, which at the time of purchase was bought without intention of resale, is not deductible because it was not a transaction entered into for profit.

Losses sustained in the operation of a farm as a business venture are deductible. If sustained in the operation of a farm operated merely for the pleasure or convenience of the taxpayer, such losses are not deductible.

MARKET AGENT COMPARES FARM PRODUCT PRICES

Says Remedy for Split Between Producer and Consumer is Co-operative Selling Agency

By C. E. SPENCE, Market Agent
The collapse of the farming industry has been bringing to light a world of facts and figures between the growing and consuming ends that are causing our greatest men to think and plan remedies. The papers and magazines of the whole country are now showing up the profits added between the farm and the consumers' tables are greater than the price paid the grower for the products. They are beginning to realize that such a top-heavy system will bankrupt the farming industry and indirectly paralyze other business branches.

Farmers in the Willamette Valley are selling their prunes at five cents per pound, the best quality. The market agent department made a recent investigation of the spread between the farm and the restaurant and found that in all but one of the several restaurants visited the prunes sold for not less than 20 cents per dish of not more than five prunes. There are eight dishes in one pound

of prunes and the consumer in these places paid \$1.60 per pound for what the grower received five cents for. One popular priced eating house on Fourth street served prunes at five cents per dish, the smaller varieties, which would aggregate 50 cents per pound.

Of broad, a middle-priced eating house, one of the popular places of Portland, sold two slices, without butter for 8 cents. There were 12 slices of this size in the standard loaf. The consumer paid 48 cents per loaf. The farmer got for the wheat in this loaf one and six-tenths cents. There are 250 loaves in a barrel of flour for which the man who eats in a restaurant pays \$125, or at the rate of \$23 a bushel for wheat that the farmer gets 85 cents for.

Butter substitutes served in the lower priced eating houses retailed for 2 cents per square and 3 cents in other places. Nucoa sells for 30 cents, and with the lower price the consumer pays 64 cents.

Cattle raisers in eastern Oregon state they get from 4 to 4 1/2 cents for stock and that the cattle dress away about half. There are freight and many expense charges added before the beef reaches the consumer. The water in hotels and restaurants pays, from 50c to \$1 per pound for this meat.

Eggs the poultrymen sell for about 2 1/2 cents apiece go onto the restaurant plate at 10 cents each, or a spread of from 30 cents per dozen to \$1.30 per dozen for spreading them in the pan.

One hundred per cent is added to the farmer's price of potatoes in a 12 mile transit.

Went to Portland—Miss Oslil Gray of the Mode Millinery shop left Sunday to attend Buyers' Week and do her spring buying.

PUPILS TO GIVE PIANO RECITAL ON FEBRUARY 9

Children from Eugene, Springfield, Thurston, Pleasant Hill to be Presented by Mrs. Wimmer

Children from Eugene, Springfield, Thurston and Pleasant Hill will take part in the musical recital that Mrs. Belle Wimmer, a teacher in both violin and piano lessons, of Pleasant Hill, will give in Springfield February 9.

Following is the program:

1. March Romaine Gounod
2. Come and Sing Stella Livsey
3. Puss in Boots LeGrand
4. (a) Jolly Game Edna Mathews
- (b) Graceful Waltz Franklin
5. Airy Fairies Spaulding
6. Here We Go Stella Livsey
7. Fleeting Clouds Ella Herman
8. Aladdin March LeGrand
9. Flag Day March Fears
10. Morning Prayer Streabog
11. Waltz (6 hand) Streabog
12. Willow Brook March Weber
13. The Dainty Princess Greenwald
14. Silent Thoughts Lincoln
15. Rustic Merry-making Wildermere
16. Fairy Barque Smallwood
17. (a) Autumn Leaves Mack
- (b) Mountain Belle Kinkel

MISS GORRIE TO GRADUATE FROM OREGON UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 7.—(Special)—Maud F. Gorrie of Springfield is one of the 53 students at the University of Oregon who has completed the requirements for graduation in January 1924. Miss Gorrie will be graduated and receive a B. A. degree from the University in June. She is a major in the school of business administration.

Of the 53 students who have completed work for graduation 23 are men and 30 are women. Twenty-four students are candidates for the degree of bachelor of arts. Thirteen will receive a bachelor of science degree. One woman and six men will receive the degree of bachelor of business administration. Seven have completed the requirements for their master of arts degree.

Before the degrees can actually be granted they have to be passed upon by the faculty of the University and the board of regents.

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