

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Pine Valley is considering erecting a new school building.

Thomas G. Hawley was nominated for postmaster at Multnomah.

Student registration at Oregon Agricultural college for the college year now totals 4174.

Wheat shipments from the Columbia river to all ports for the cereal season reached 18,323,785 bushels.

At a meeting of the Newport city council, Jess Frey, councilman, was elected mayor to succeed Carl Ryckman, resigned.

City ordinances prohibiting minors from frequenting pool halls and the curfew ordinance are now being enforced in Eugene.

The Roseburg Elks lodge has voted to proceed immediately with the conversion of Farquhar island into a city park and playgrounds.

Establishment of a government naval base at Tongue Point was favored in a resolution passed by the Monmouth Commercial club.

The first carload of broccoli to be sent from the Umpqua valley this year was shipped from Roseburg by the Umpqua Broccoli exchange.

Charles Colvin, a Beaverton young man, was killed instantly when east-bound Southern Pacific train No. 130 struck a "bug" he was driving.

The Madras flour mill was destroyed by fire starting from an unknown cause. It was feared for a time that the entire town would be burned.

A vigorous campaign to prevent overloading of trucks operating on the highways of the state is to be started under the direction of the state traffic department.

Nearly 150 different automobiles of 29 different makes were displayed by 21 leading automobile dealers of Portland at the 15th annual automobile show in that city.

There was a total of 522 accidents in Oregon industries during the week ended February 7, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Maurice E. Crumpacker, well known attorney of Portland, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative of the third congressional district.

The Chester-Fisher Logging company has filed with the public service commission application to establish a logging railroad over the Nehalem highway near Astoria.

The Astoria board of school directors has decided to dispense with the services of the school health officer after the first of the coming month, leaving the health department in charge of the school nurse.

All northbound traffic over the Southern Pacific railroad was held up by a landslide in Cow creek canyon. The slide buried the tracks for a considerable distance, but was discovered in time to prevent a wreck.

Recent increases in the price of gasoline in Oregon are to be included in the country-wide investigation of gasoline prices which the department of justice has been ordered by President Coolidge to make at once.

Rats, which eat food similar to that of humans, are being used in experiments by Mrs. Jessamine C. Williams, professor of household science at Oregon Agricultural college to determine the value of various foods for children.

Wages of Lane county road laborers in 1924 will range from \$3.50 a day for common labor to \$12 a day for men with large tractors, according to a schedule agreed upon by the members of the county court, to be effective March 1.

George Pendleton, farmer living in the vicinity of Broadacres in Marion county, was killed when an automobile truck in which he was riding was struck by a southbound Oregon Electric train at a crossing north of the Broadacres station.

Judge Weatherford, in an address before the Albany chamber of commerce, urged that body to start a move among like organizations throughout the state to get a law passed to tax the government-owned timber lands in Oregon.

One-twelfth of the roads built under federal aid since 1916 are in Oregon, according to a report from the secretary of agriculture. Of approximately 26,000 miles completed in the United States under joint agreement, 2147 miles are in Oregon.

S. R. Thompson, who was elected president of the permanent organization of the Oregon Export Commission league, in a meeting at Arlington of officers of the various county organizations, left Sunday night for Washington, D. C., to lobby for the McNary-Kaughen bill.

Oregon's share of the appropriation for forest road and trail projects is the largest of any state within the national forest system, according to word received by George H. Cecil, district forester, from Washington, D. C. The state will get \$136,686 in 1924.

A caravan consisting of 75 persons from Umatilla appeared before the Umatilla county court at Pendleton with petitions bearing more than 1000 names asking that a new bridge be built over the Umatilla river near Umatilla where it flows into the Columbia.

Salem hop dealers, as a result of the recent flurry in the hop market, are now holding their product for 40 cents a pound. It is said that there are less than 1000 bales of prime hops in the state, and these can be moved at any time at prices ranging from 31 to 33 cents.

The Hood River Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges are launching a campaign to obtain co-operation of householders in entertaining delegates to the annual convention of Oregon grand lodges at Hood River in May. It is anticipated that 4000 guests will be present.

Confirmation of the sale of 600,000 pounds of wool, the total crop in the hands of Baker county wool growers, to Koshland & Co., Boston, was received at Baker. The price received by the wool men was 40 cents a pound, with the exception of one lot that brought 42 cents.

An investigation of the proposed water pipe line from Clear lake to Willamette valley cities as far north as Salem was heartily endorsed at a meeting at Eugene attended by 75 business and professional men of Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Springfield and Junction City.

About 400 farmers assembled at Arlington and formed the permanent organization of the Oregon Export Commission league. Eastern Oregon was well represented. Farmers and wheat growers from Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco and Umatilla counties were present and assisted in the organization.

Arrangements have been completed for the construction of the first unit of the Eugene-Springfield irrigation project, according to announcement made at the offices of the state engineer. The project includes some 18,000 acres of land, and the water will be diverted from the McKenzie river.

The state game commission and sportsmen of eastern Oregon have been aroused over an attempt to have a bill introduced in congress to create an antelope and sage grouse reserve in the southeastern corner of Harney county, which would take in an amount of territory greatly in excess of the original reserve plan.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Mary J. Helms, Beaverton, \$30; Thomas S. Williamson, Albany, \$12; Jesse Kotovsky, Salem, \$12; Phoebe J. Rowley, Williams, \$30; Charles B. Compton, Seaside, \$24; Harold Rasmussen, Portland, \$15; Fred Schmidt, Oregon City, \$12; Mary O. Woody, Hood River, \$30.

By following a policy of selective logging through a tract of pine timber bordering the Dalles-California highway on its new location from Lava Butte to a point nine miles south, the Shelvin-Hixon company will leave a scenic border of pines along the state road. Mature trees are being marked for logging, but other timber will remain untouched.

Ten of the more important railroads operating in Oregon have filed in the Marion county circuit court at Salem

a suit to enjoin the public service commission and I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, from enforcing orders issued recently by the commission providing reduced maximum freight rates on hay, grain, grain products, potatoes and onions.

The commercial club at Pilot Rock has sent a request to the public service commission for a schedule of the existing freight rates as they affect growers located in the vicinity of that city. It was intimated in the letter received by the commission that an investigation of the rates will be attempted with a view of determining if they are just and reasonable.

The state of Oregon, with a population of 783,389, has \$417.87 of bankable resources per capita, as compared with \$467.14 for the entire United States, according to a statement prepared by Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks. The statement shows that Oregon has a total of 281 banks, the average population per capita per bank is 2752 and the aggregate resources of these institutions is \$312,216,530.70.

A deed filed for record in the Clatsop county clerk's office entails the transfer of property, which revenue stamps on the document show is valued at \$5,974,509. By it the Crossett Timber company, the Big Creek Logging company and the Crossett Western Lumber company sell to the Crossett Western company all their timber land holdings, sawmills, logging railroads and camps and other property in Clatsop, Washington, Tillamook, Linn and Yamhill counties, Oregon, and Cowlitz county, Washington.

Beckkeepers in Wyoming have found it necessary to call upon the Biological Survey of the United States department of agriculture for advice and help in controlling field mice about the cases where bee colonies are packed during the winter months. Due to the severe weather condition in


this State, it has been found advisable to place one or more colonies in large cases and pack the lower edges with straw. Field mice nest in the straw, enter the cases and hives, and destroy much of the honeycomb. Several pounds of poison and instructions for its use have been supplied by the department and distributed by the State bee inspector. A small can of poison will be placed at the entrance of each hive in an attempt to prevent such depredations this winter. If successful, this practice may soon become common in packing.

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT AT CRESWELL SATURDAY

A group of ladies from the Springfield Neighbors of Woodcraft went as guests of the Creswell circle Saturday evening when the degree team from here put on their work and initiated two of the Creswell ladies into the organization. In the degree team going from here were: Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd, captain, Mrs. Harvey Eaton, Mrs. R. L. Burnett, Mrs. A. McPherson, Mrs. Lilla Rhodes, Mrs. B. Doane, Miss Bessie Bench, Mrs. Er-

nest Skinner, Mrs. Noah Hildebrand, Mrs. Ben Skinner, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, Mrs. George Cowart, Mrs. Arthur Peterson, Mrs. Sam Richmond and Mrs. Charles Eggimann. Besides the team the following ladies also went: Mrs. Mary Magill, Mrs. O. F. Kaiser,

Miss Florence Kaiser, Mrs. Walter Laxton, Mrs. Moody Neet, Miss Pauline McPherson, Mrs. R. P. Mortenson and Mrs. Ike Webb. Following the ceremony a social time was enjoyed. The ladies returned to Springfield the same evening.



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