## **OREGON NEWS ITEMS** OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

### Early fruit trees are blossoming in Eugene.

Bend's first automobile show was held last week with 14 makes of cars, including 35 models, on display.

The erection of a cannery in Newberg was assured at a meeting in that city of more than 100 fruit growers.

Indications of a good mohair season for Oregon growers are seen in reports from the east of continued firm markets.

Lane county pear growers have begun their first spraying of the year as the buds are now shooting forth on the branches.

L. W. Metzger, contractor, will construct a building in Marshfield for the Coos and Curry Telephone company to cost \$150,000

In a special school election Klamath Falls voters approved by a ten to one relation to designing an automobile vote a \$25,000 bond issue for the purchase of a new school house site.

Enactment of a law authorizing the books probably will be requested at the next session of the legislature.

Samuel Boyer, 50, warehouseman for year. several years at Briedwell station, eating his lunch.

per, Coos county.

Engineers of the Long Bell Lumber company have started a survey from the Southern Pacific railroad near ber in that locality.

The Nevada-California-Oregon railroad has asked the interstate commerce commission to authorize six miles of new line northward from Lakeview into timber tracts.

Senator McNary's bill to appropriate \$500,000 for a veteran's hospital at Portland, was disapproved by General Frank L. Hines, director of the veterans' bureau, in a letter to congress.

Salem merchants have petitioned the city council to draft an ordinance prohibiting preachers, peddlers, musicians and various religious sects from operating in certain sections of the business district.

The public service commission has suspended until a date to be fixed by the commission the proposed new tariff filed some time ago by the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of thern Oreg

Cutting of bag limits and shortening of open seasons for fish and game in the interest of wild life conservation is a definite program agreed upon by the state sportsmen's association at its annual meeting in Portland.

Theodore T. Geer, who served as tenth governor of the state of Oregon in the years 1899-1903, died at his home, 470 East Fifty-third street North, Portland, as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered recently. The ex-governor was 73 years old.

Miles Cannon, field commissioner of the bureau of reclamation, Washington, D. C., met with 300 Klamath irrigators to hear complaints and recommendations of the water users. Cannon's findings on this project will be submitted in a report to the secretary of the interior.

A meeting of the labor officials of Oregon, California and Washington probably will be held within the next fow weeks to determine the best methods to be used in handling unemployed in the three states, it is announced by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

Helen H. Moore, 19-year-old daugh ter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, of Salem, was declared winner of the first prize in the contest conducted by the Salem chamber of commerce with windshield sticker appropriate for advertising that city.

A new town will spring up at Odell state to print its public school text- lake within the next six weeks with a population of more than 1500 persons, according to the railroad con-A welfare clinic under the auspices tractors on the Eugene-Klamath line, of the Portland school of welfare work who plan to establish camps at Odell of the University of Oregon will be where a small army of workers will held in Pendleton March 12 and 22. be quartered probably for the next

The winter fishing season on the west of Amity, committed suicide by Columbia river will close Saturday placing strychnine in his coffee while and no commercial fishing wil be permitted from then to the opening of the Fourth-class postmasters have been regular spring season at noon on May appointed in Oregon as follows: Mrs. 1. The winter season has been a fair-Sarah Damewood, Azalea, Douglas ly successful one for the comparativecounty, and William A. Legore, Pros- ly few fishermen who have had their nets in the water.

Roy Klein, secretary of the state highway commission, announced that he had instructed John Baker, dis-Kirk and leading into company tim. trict attorney of Hood River county, to proceed with the prosecution of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company on charges of wanton destruction of trees along the Columbia river highway in the vicinity of Castle Rock.

> A list of bootleggers and moonshiners in Wasco and Sherman counties, was received by Sheriff Chrisman from Sheriff Hill of Tulare, Cal. The list was taken from the body of Roy Vincent, alias "Alabam," who was killed by the California sheriff while resisting arrest in connection with the Mosier bank robbery of last November

While engaged in blasting stumps on their land between Aurora and Wilsonville, Naef brothers, prosperous farmers, found in the wreckage of one big stump a \$10 gold piece and two silver dollars. A careful search fail-

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ed to reveal any more money. There is a general impression that the money was a part of the loot stolen from the Aurora bank.

The Fidelity & Deposit company, with headquarters in Maryland, which in April, 1923, bonded George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director, in the amount of \$5000, has notified Governor Pierce and Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, that the protection afforded the official under the bond would be terminated at the expiration of the 30-day period.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending February 21, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included: C. A. Moran, Portland, faller; Ernest Soash, Scappoose, truck driver, and A. E. Aldridge, Rector, logger. A total of 599

accidents was reported. Fines collected through the activities of the state traffic officers operating under the direction of the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department during 1923 aggregated \$28,761.15, according to the annual report of the traffic department. Fees totaled \$33,429.63. The report indicates that the traffic officers covered 247,996 miles and made 1576 arrests.

Allotments amounting to \$430,174

public roads for the forest road sections of the Roosevelt highway, Senator McNary was advised. These funds are to be used as follows: Reedsport, Coos bay section, three miles, \$68,674; Brush creek, Mussel creek section, \$75,000; Neskowin-Siletz section, 22.5 miles, \$228,500. Another allotment for still another section is for \$58,000.

County agricultural conferences to consider the agricultural program adopted at the economic conference at the Oregon Agricultural college the last of January will be held soon in four counties. Such conferences have already been held in Lane, Josephine, Jackson and Deschutes countles. Crook county will have one February 28-March 1; Malbeur, March 5-6; Union, March 7-8, and Hood River, March 10-12.

The best loaf of bread in a recent baking contest for negro club girls in Arkansas received a score of 97.25 points. A member of the staff of the University of Arkansas judged the bread, which was baked by girls representing clubs conducted by negro home demonstration agents in nine Arkansas counties. The lowest score, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, was 92.5 points, showing a variation of only five points in the quality of all bread baked in the contest.



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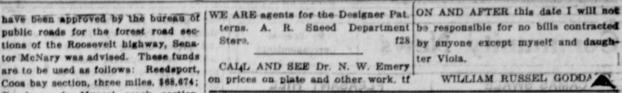
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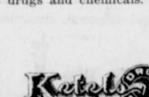
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W. C. Culbertson, one of the owners of the Cornelius and Seward hotels in Portland, was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed Arthur C. Spencer as a member of the state bonus commission.

In future all auto camps operating within the corporate limits of the city of Pendleton will be required to pay an annual license fee of \$1000, according to the provisions of an ordinance adopted by the city council.

Formation of a three-county export commission league in support of the McNary-Haugen bill for farmer relief took place at a meeting at The Dalles attended by more than 200 farmers and business men from Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties.

The Oregon State Retail Merchants' association closed its sessions at Eugene with the adoption of a resolution pledging the support of the merchants to the McNary-Haugen wheat price regulation bill and the Kelly-Stein manufacturing bill now before congress

A uniform system of accounting and statistical records covering all transactions of the various automobile passenger stage and truck corporations operating in Oregon will be demanded in rules and regulations now being formulated by the public service commission.

I. H. VanWinkle, attorney-general, acting at the request of Governor Pierce, will assign a special prosecutor to Yamhill county to assist the district attorney there in handling the cases against Walter Tooze Jr., and J. M. Templin, prominent residents of McMinnville.

At a meeting held in Condon and composed of the majority of farmers and business men of Gilliam county, two resolutions were adopted with-out a dissenting vote, urging congress to pass the McNary-Haugen export corporation wheat bill. In addition to this, every man and woman present contributed to a fund to be used in defraying expent and roganized dilliam Farmers themselves into and Business Men's league.



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