

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The combined value of exports from Portland for February reached \$3,741,986.

John J. Roberts has let a contract for a three-story apartment house in Salem that will cost approximately \$100,000.

Poison, planted maliciously in one of the logging camps near Bend recently, has caused the death of 17 valuable dogs.

Taxes in Marion county due during 1924, based on 1923 valuations, aggregate \$1,610,172.62, or \$54,665 less than last year.

Due to the fact that comparatively little hay has been fed, a large surplus will be held by livestock men after the winter is over.

The Methodist Episcopal church and the parsonage adjoining it in Brownsville were burned to the ground with a loss estimated at \$16,000.

Deputy assessors have received notice that taxes will be reduced 9 per cent in Union county for the coming year on all improved farm lands.

William D. Wallace, 79, Oregon pioneer, died at Jasper. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wallace, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852.

George Campbell, 12-year-old Bend boy, accidentally discharged a pistol which he thought was unloaded, the bullet lodging in the muscles of his thigh.

Roseburg's city beautiful commission has started a movement to eliminate wooden signs, and unattractive awnings from the city's business streets.

Forty per cent of Portland's crimes during the month of February were cleared up by the police, according to the monthly report of the inspectors' division.

John L. Cooper, who for 30 years has guided tourists through the fastnesses of the Cascade mountains, died at Salem following an operation for appendicitis.

Pending an investigation, the public service commission has suspended the new tariff filed by the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph company until August 30 of this year.

Robbers entered the stores of Peter McDonald and D. L. Vandiele at St. Paul and appropriated 90 dozen eggs, and a large quantity of shoes and other wearing apparel.

The state highway commission will receive bids for paving the Albany-Corvallis section of the Pacific highway at a meeting to be held in Portland on Monday, March 10.

The national guard units of the state are so nearly recruited up to strength at the present time that the advisability of stopping recruiting in the near future is being considered.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, is in California, where he will spend 10 days or two weeks assisting the authorities there in their fight against the foot and mouth disease.

At the request of a large number of residents of Yoncalla, the city council has passed an ordinance requiring a license fee of \$20 for all public dances given in the future.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Sarah A. McCanux, Dayton, \$30; William S. Conine, Roseburg, \$18; Charles F. Foster, Portland, \$12; Margaret M. Bates, Portland, \$30.

Robert Crawford, in charge of the flax industry at the Oregon state penitentiary has returned from California, where he spent two weeks investigating various kinds of hemp machinery.

Nearly \$90,000 more in construction work is going on now in the city of Eugene than was on the schedule a year ago, according to the records in the office of the city building inspector.

Jean Simpson, manager of the state game farm at Corvallis, and F. C. Stellmacher, president of the Santiam Fish and Game association, liberated 200 pheasants on the reserves at Scio and Tangent.

McMinnville voted at a special election to amend the city charter so that it would comply with the state law on holding and conducting municipal elections. Five other proposed amendments were defeated.

An appropriation of \$1000 to aid the promotion of the so-called Umatilla Rapids irrigation project, on the Columbia river below Pondleton, was authorized by the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce.

The public service commission filed in the circuit court at Salem an answer to the bill brought by the Friends operating in Oregon to join the commission from putting in effect lower grain rates, under an order issued by the public service department a few weeks ago.

Indications of activity in the wool market are evident in Klamath county by contracts between woolbuyers and sheepmen. A number of contracts have been drawn with the price set at 40 cents and \$1-a head advance made on the clip.

Albany may have a pickle factory if plans of about 190 Linn and Benton county farmers materialize. If sufficient acreage is planted to cucumbers a California pickling company has guaranteed to build a factory for processing them.

The eastern Oregon basketball tournament to decide what team will represent district No. 1 has started. Ten teams qualified to enter—Ontario, Prairie City, Baker, North Powder, Union, La Grande, Imbler, Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph.

The public service commission, in telegrams sent to the interstate commerce commission, has recommended the issuance of certificates of convenience and necessity to the Malheur Railroad company and the Valley & Siletz Railroad company.

Portland's bank clearings for February exceeded those of any February in the history of the clearing house. With clearings for the month of \$140,729,922, the total was 9.72 per cent above the highest total for this period which was ever set before.

The Curry county grand jury at Gold Beach returned a not true bill after hearing evidence on the killing of Lawrence Hare by Paul Mumpower, state liquor agent. A not true bill also was returned in the case of A. E. Neill, who was working with Mumpower.

In 1923 the state fire marshal's department, under the jurisdiction of Will Moore, state insurance commissioner, obtained confessions from 24 persons who were parties to the crime of arson. Fires started by these persons resulted in losses aggregating \$54,000.

More wheat was exported from the Columbia river during December, 1923, than from all of the other ports in the United States combined. The December shipments from the Columbia river totaled 2,568,893 bushels against 2,382,107 for the rest of the United States ports.

Five hundred thousand trout five and six inches long were recently liberated in the McKenzie river above the state hatchery near Vida, according to E. H. Goff, superintendent of the plant. These trout are longer than those usually liberated, being held over from last year.

Sale by public bidding of approximately 730,000,000 feet, board measure, of ripe western yellow pine and other species of timber on the Klamath Indian reservation of Oregon has been approved by the secretary of the interior. The timber is the tribal property of the Indians living on the reservation.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending February 28, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were A. E. Aldridge, Beaverton, logger, and James McGraw, Leneve, hook-tender. A total of 613 accidents were reported.

The Roseburg chamber of commerce withdrew from the United States chamber of commerce after a membership of a few days, when members of the local post of the American Legion presented literature bearing the name of the United States chamber opposing adjusted compensation for world war veterans.

Although Oregon frequently has been charged with extravagance in the operation of its educational system, figures in possession of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, show that Maryland is the only state that spent less than Oregon for education in 1920, based on total expenditures.

Just as the highway commission was about to open bids for paving with concrete 10 miles between Albany and Corvallis, an opinion was received from the attorney-general that the advertisement for this job was illegal. The illegality consisted in advertising for one type of pavement, which prevented competition.

Investigation resulting from the announcement by Governor Pierce that he intends to go before the legislature at its next session and urge an increased appropriation for the conduct of the state prohibition department has revealed that the entire \$25,000 allotted to the department for its first year's operations was spent in less than nine months.

The Indian school enrollment at Chemawa will be reduced approximately one-third and more than 300 students now attending the institution will be prevented from continuing their education there if legislation now pending before congress is not blocked. The house has inserted a provision in the appropriations bill prohibiting Alaska children from attending the Chemawa institution after July 1, 1924, which the senate had amended, but Senator McNary is not sure that an attempt will be made to have it reinserted.

Mystery of Silk Underwear Solved by Col. Harbaugh

Petty scandal stories concerning County Commissioners Emmett Sharp and Nels Roney have been freely circulated by those backing the recall movement against the two officials. One of the most fictitious stories told is the "Mystery of the Silk Underwear" which costs "\$5 a suit," according to the recallers. The "Mystery of the Silk Underwear at \$5 a suit," if ever silk underwear could be bought for that price, is solved by Colonel J. J. Harbaugh, juvenile officer, in the following affidavit:

"I, J. J. Harbaugh, being first duly sworn, depose and say: That, acting under the direction of the county court of Lane county, Oregon, it is made my duty to investigate, determine the need and issue requisitions for clothing and provisions for persons dependent on the county.

"That I read the matter published in the Morning Register, of Eugene, Oregon, on Sunday, February 24, 1924, by Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, wherein he made the statement that the county commissioners of Lane county, Oregon, had on January 3, 1924, caused to be purchased and paid for out of county funds, on requisition No. 942, two suits of silk underwear for a certain Eugene woman.

"That I have investigated the matter and find that I issued requisition No. 942 on January 2, 1924, on Hampton's Dry Goods store for two suits of underwear for Fred Withrow 532 Oak street, who was at that time working for the county liquidating a long term jail sentence and fine.

"That I have in my possession a receipted bill for two suits of men's wool underwear bought on requisition No. 942 of Alton Hampton on January 3, 1924, for Fred Withrow.

"That said statement published by the said Elbert Bede, on said date setting forth that the county records show that two suits of silk underwear were bought and paid for by said county court, by requisition No. 942, for a certain Eugene woman, or that any silk underwear for any person was bought and paid for by the county court of Lane county, on requisition No. 942 or other, issued by me during my service under said court, is an unqualified falsehood without a shadow of justification.

"J. J. HARBAUGH, Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of March, 1924.

"CHARLES M. STEVENS, Notary Public for Oregon."

Without Malice Sam, impaneled for jury service at a murder trial, had seemed a little too anxious to serve.

"Do you know the accused?" he was asked.

"Yassah—dat is, nossuh," he replied, realizing that if he made an affirmative answer he would be barred from serving.

"Have you made up your mind as to his guilt or innocence?"

"Oh, no, suh."

"You think, then, that you could give his case a fair hearing?"

"Yassuh," replied Sam. "Leastways, ez fair ez de ole scamp deserves."

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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 1940A 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.

No. 9.

Deductions for contributions to corporations or organizations "organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes" * * * no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual" are deductible to the extent of 15 per cent of the taxpayer's net income for 1923, computed without the benefit of this deduction. Every church constitutes a religious corporation or organization for the purpose of this deduction. Donations to missionary funds, church buildings, pew rents, assessments, and dues paid to churches are deductible.

Deductions for contributions to political campaigns are not allowable.

And Why Not?

The tough young woman of heroic proportions had applied for and received the job of assistant cook and general factotum in a restaurant. Suddenly there was the noise of battle, and next morning she appeared in court, unruffled and undamaged.

"What did you mean by knocking those two helpless men unconscious?" demanded the magistrate.

"Well," answered the athletic lady, "the cook told me to beat up a couple of eggs."—American Legion Weekly.

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