

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The second annual Hood River county poultry show was held in Hood River.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Midway grocery and the House Electric Shop in Milton.

The coast fork of the Willamette river was frozen over last week for the first time within 25 or 30 years.

Christmas turkeys brought Douglas county growers 32 1/2 cents a pound, with a few lots purchased at 33 cents.

Fir Grove school building of school district No. 116, near Oregon City, was destroyed by fire caused by a defective flue.

Two fires causing a loss of more than \$5000 and the destruction of two houses, were results of the cold spell at Ashland.

Will Church, United States commissioner, and Mrs. Church were burned to death in a fire which broke out in their home at La Grande.

Ice on Ewauna lake in Klamath county six inches thick has brought about the temporary shutdown of the mill of the Ewauna box factory.

The government has been asked to pay Astoria the sum of \$7496, representing the cost of street improvements near the postoffice building in that city.

Twenty-three horses, the last in the street cleaning bureau, will be retired by the city of Portland within 90 days, when the entire bureau has become motorized.

The state irrigation securities commission refused to certify bonds of \$98,000 for the Shasta View irrigation district and \$95,000 for the Malin irrigation district.

Fire destroyed the interior of the factory section of the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills company, in the North Portland industrial section, and did \$60,000 damage.

J. H. Chambers of Cottage Grove purchased 56,000,000 feet of government timber five miles west of Cottage Grove and contiguous to about twice that amount which he already owns.

Jesse Edwards, known as the father of Newberg because of his numerous development enterprises, died in that city Mr. Edwards came to Newberg in 1881 and was the oldest citizen of the city.

More than one-half the water in one of the water supply reservoirs of Oregon City drained out when residents of the city left faucets and taps running to prevent their pipes from freezing.

James H. Mills of North Bend and Emil F. Klinks, Newport, have been appointed to the United States military academy at West Point. The appointments were made from the Oregon national guard.

There were 135 fire alarms with losses of \$25,948.50 in Portland in November, as against 122 alarms with losses of \$23,862.19 in October, according to a report made by Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

C. K. McCormick, county clerk of Union county, was elected president of the County Clerks' Association of Oregon at the association's annual two-day session in the Multnomah county courthouse.

Oregon's death rate will be lower this year than at any time in its history, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health reports. The figures on the death rate are not yet available.

Investigation of the lawfulness of the rates and practices of the Puget Sound Power & Light company, which operates in various sections of the state of Oregon, was ordered by the public service commission.

George Griffith, who some time ago was appointed deputy state treasurer by T. B. Kay, state treasurer-elect, has announced that he will accept the office. Mr. Griffith will enter upon his new duties January 5.

The public service commission has authorized the Eastern & Western Lumber company to establish its logging railroad across certain county roads in Clackamas county. It was said that nine grade crossings are involved in the order.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has requested permission of the public service commission to discontinue its toll station at Merlin, Josephine county. If the request is approved the toll station will be discontinued January 17.

Another investigation of the Umatilla rapids irrigation project, which would reclaim 95,000 acres of land in Oregon and Washington, is provided for in an amendment to the interior department appropriation bill offered by Senator McNary.

Amendments to the present laws relating to state depositories to the end that all deposits of state funds shall be made upon competitive bidding by the banks of the state, was recommended in the biennial report of the state treasury department.

Congratulations have just been sent the Portland Grade Teachers' association by J. W. Crabtree of the National Education association on the fact that 15 schools of the city have 100 per cent of their teachers enrolled in the national association.

The legislature, at its next session, will be requested to amend the present salary laws so as to provide compensation for the deputy state treasurer and deputy secretary of state in the amount of \$300 a month. These officials now receive \$250 a month.

The booklet recently issued by the Jackson county board of commissioners to advertise Jackson county has proved so popular that the 10,000 printed in the first order will not be sufficient and the commissioners are contemplating issuing 10,000 more.

As the result of action taken by the state game commission at a recent meeting, a letter was sent to President Coolidge by I. N. Fleischner, of Portland, chairman, protesting against the proposed extension of Crater lake national park to include Diamond lake.

The West Coast Power company, which owns and operates a string of electric plants between the Umpqua and Yaquina bays, along the Oregon coast, has taken over the plant at Florence, having purchased it from G. G. Bushman of Springfield and H. M. Peterson of Florence.

F. M. Lucas and C. W. Harris, owners of a large farm in the Tule lake section, filed suit in circuit court to recover \$2500 damages from a group of seven livestock men on the charge that stock owned by the defendants had been driven into the plaintiffs' grain fields and destroyed the crops.

Extravagance in the conduct of his office and an affidavit that he at one time had purchased liquor from a policeman employed by the city of Astoria were two reasons advanced by Governor Pierce for the attempted removal of Dr. Thomas Ross of Portland as a member of the state fish commission.

William M. Ramsey, practicing attorney at McMinnville, was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed Harry Belt as circuit judge of the 12th judicial district, comprising Yamhill and Polk counties. Judge Belt will retire from the circuit judgeship January 5 to accept a seat on the supreme court bench.

United States senators and representatives in congress from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho will be asked to attend a meeting of cherry growers from the four states to be held in Portland some time in January to discuss an increase of the import duty on foreign cherries from two to five cents a pound.

The first "loch laven" trout eggs to be received in Oregon came from Montana last week when 1,000,000 were taken to the hatchery of the state game commission on the McKenzie river. The trout are of Scotch stock and are really Atlantic salmon which have lost seagoing habits, according to Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden.

A total of \$5,981,943 will be required in 1925 and 1926 for the operation of all state departments and institutions for which the legislature authorizes appropriations, according to the estimates of proposed expenditures approved by the state budget commission. Copies of the report will be sent to the legislators for their consideration.

The best news for the last week in the lumber industry received from all parts of the country by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association came from the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which includes most of the large mills of western Oregon and Washington. New business for the 120 mills reporting for the week ending December 13 was 19 per cent above production and 17 per cent above shipments.

Re-election of all of the present officers until the next annual conventions is held, and selection of Corvallis as the site for the 1925 deliberations, to be held some time in May, featured the closing session of the 14th annual convention of the Oregon Farmers' union at The Dalles. Herbert Egbert of The Dalles will continue as president, W. P. Lafré of Eugene as vice-president, and Mrs. G. E. Jones of Monmouth as secretary-treasurer.

Unless sportsmen and game conservationists want to see beaver largely exterminated in Oregon they must urge the state legislature to order the closed season on these little fur-bearers permanently. In the opinion of Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, who submitted a report to the state game commission showing that in the four months from November 1, 1923, to February 23, 1924, more than 12,000 beavers, valued at \$425,825, were taken by licensed trappers of the state.



ALL-AMERICAN TEAM Selected by Dumb Dan

- Journeys _____ end
- Fishing _____ tackle
- Cost _____ guard
- Railroad _____ center
- Subway _____ guard
- Flying _____ tackle
- Bitter _____ end
- Foreign _____ quarter
- Draw _____ back
- Answer _____ back
- Come _____ back

BLONDE BESS OPINES

"When the boss refers to 'circumstances not under his control'—I just know he is thinking of his wife."

His Opinion

Blikins: Did you hear that Adolph the butcher was shot by detectives who mistook him for a burglar?"

Terance: "Perfectly natural mistake, I'd say."

Yep—Total Loss

Smithers: "Sam Shofet has just been run over by a train. Not a thing left."

Julius: "What!—not even the \$1.15 he owed me?"

Almost—Not Quite

Portly Gent: "Sambo, your a cynic."

Sambo: "No, boss—a gin-hic!"

In Them Yonkers, N. Y.

A safety first sign to speeding motorists reads: "Fools used to blow out the gas—Now they step on it."

Nut Stuff

Hail, oh hail, the glad New Year, One-nine-two-five is almost here. A larger load we want to pack, Just watch us on our income tax.

Mary had a little beau, Its fleece was just plain dough. They spent it all in trying to See—the latest movie show.

Hi-de-diddle, Sam and his fiddle, Are knocking them cold out west. His ol' man laughs, as Sam the Ham, Poses as Signor Ve Fest.

Ed Purd's Philos

"Many a hard-boiled bird is tenderer after coming off the fire."

THINGS

Which Should be Heard and not Seen Radio tenors.

Horf-beats (beck stage.) Ditto—Thunder and Lightning. Collectors at door.

Airplane's dropping bombs. Silk petticoats.

Our Health Column

Dear Dr. Hope: In telling me how to be beautiful you suggested early to be and early to rise, retiring before ten are arising before seven.

Now I can arrange to retire before ten—but is rather troublesome to arise before seven, as there are only five members in ur family. I don't believe I can get either mother or sisters to

go out and drag in a couple of neighbors to make it seven before whom I can arise each morning.

What shall I do? RUTH.

Cross-Word

Cross-word Puzzle Fan: "What word with five letters means a kick in the pants?"

Smart Feller: "That's easy.—It is F-L-A-S-K!"

Give \$55,000,000



James B. Duke, Power and Tobacco magnate of North Carolina, and George Eastman, Kodak king of New York, unbeknown to each other, on the same day announced gifts of their millions to charity and educational institutions. Mr. Duke gave \$40,000,000 and Mr. Eastman \$15,000,000. The latter, however, had formerly given away some \$28,000,000.

EBBERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, C STREET AT SIXTH

F. L. Moore, Minister. At the night services Miss May Fenno will give a solo, and lead the song service. An additional feature of the Fireside Hour will be the question drawer on "The Problem of Youth."

The message of the evening will follow on "A Study of the Preludes to Great Awakenings."

The church school meets at 9:45. The 11 o'clock hour will have for its theme "The Days of the Spirit." Epworth League at 6:30. All at "The Church of a Cordial Welcome."

Received Shipment—The Springfield Mill and Grain Company received a carload of coconut meal from Portland yesterday.

Home from Hospital—Charles West is at home at his residence in West Springfield after a month spent in the hospital.

SPECIAL PRICE on plate work. Dr. N. W. Emery, dentist, Sutton Bldg.

Should a Girl Marry Without Love?



By Flo

Dear Miss Flo: When I was sixteen I became engaged to a man who was ten years my senior. As I was so young he thought it would be wise to wait until I was older. He said he wanted me to be sure of what I wanted before I married him. He is a fine man, I admire and respect him more than any other man I have ever known, but now after three years I don't want to marry him. It is just within the last few months that I feel as I do. I feel as though I have missed something—I want to meet other men.

Our marriage has been set for June. It is to be announced next week. Once it has been announced I will go through with it. Will I be happy if I marry him. In making other people happy, do we not find our own happiness? Will I, in making this man's life wonderfully full, find peace and contentment of mind? Edna

keeps you from telling him how you feel. Why not be quite frank about it—tell him that you feel you should first know many other men—in order that you may be able to better judge. You say that you have been very happy for three years. You may decide after you have known other men that you care more for this man than you possibly could care for anyone else. I believe if you explain your problem to this man he will understand, and he will have a deep respect for your bravery in being honest about it. He is older than you and possibly understands better than you think.

The very fact that he was willing to wait until you were old enough to know your own mind suggests that he will be willing to give you a better chance to know just what you want before marrying anyone.

MASONS WILL INSTALL AT BANQUET FRIDAY

A 6:30 o'clock banquet and public installation of officers for Masons and their wives will be held Friday evening by Liberty Lodge number 171 in the Springfield Masonic hall. Officers were elected at a meeting Tuesday night.

Elected officers are as follows: S. Ralph Dippel, worshipful master; Theron Cogill, senior warden; Oswald M. Olson, junior warden; Clark E. Wheaton, secretary; Charles F. Eggenmann, treasurer; O. H. Jarrett trustee. Appointed officers are: Alfred J. Moran, senior deacon; Winfred May, junior deacon; Sidney V. Ward, senior steward; D. W. McKinnon, junior steward. As is the custom with retiring masters, C. A. Swartz has taken the office of tiler.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVED BY CHURCH PROGRAM

(Continued from page one) "The Christmas Doctor," by Arthur Junior Pengra. "My Dolly and I," by Pauline Anne Pengra. "Mother's Christmas Fairy," by Dorothy Seavey. "Why We Celebrate Christmas," by Gerald Burton. "I Can Spell Christmas," by Lorna Chase.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

Here from Leaburg—A. A. Johnson of Leaburg was in Springfield transacting business Tuesday.

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