

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The new \$2,500,000 plant of the St. Helens Pulp & Paper company was completed and began operation last Saturday.

The city of Marshfield sold \$76,417 worth of improvement bonds to Portland buyers at a premium of \$33.80 a thousand.

Turkey growers of Vale expect to ship 3000 birds for the Christmas trade. About 1500 were sold for Thanksgiving.

C. S. Heintz, who for the past four years has served as postmaster in Roseburg, has been nominated by President Coolidge for another term.

Budget appropriations totaling \$1,030,504 have been authorized by the Coos county court for 1927. This exceeds last year's budget by \$574,473.

The report of the chief of engineers recommends to congress an appropriation of \$34,000 for Tillamook bay and bar work for the year ending June 30, 1928.

Naomi, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fischer of Maupin, died in a Bend hospital as the result of swallowing concentrated lye three months ago.

A lynx two feet high and three feet long was trapped recently by "Brick" Whitehead on the north fork of Deep creek. It had five claws on its front feet and four on its rear feet.

Farmers of Malheur county are planning a rabbit drive, it being estimated that more than \$50,000 worth of farm produce was destroyed in that county this year by the pests.

Due to depression in the lumber business, the Baker White Pine Lumber company has announced a 5 per cent reduction in the wages of all employes receiving more than \$3.40 a day.

Twenty-three people were killed and 458 others injured in 3212 accidents on the highways of Oregon during November, according to a report compiled by T. A. Rafferty, chief of the state traffic squad.

Linn county's tax levy on the 1926 roll, necessary to meet budget requirements, will be 27.1 mills, the same millage as the year before, according to the statement of the county assessor to the county court.

An air mail light has been installed 1 1/2 miles east of Haines. The light is a revolving type of 1000 watts. If one light burns out another globe automatically is lighted. The light is visible at Baker, 11 miles away.

Following a public hearing in Hood River the county court and advisory board cut the tentative budget \$2,561.84 and set the county's assessment for next year at \$277,507.16, an increase of \$10,871.45 over that of 1926.

C. A. Reed, 48, switchman employed in the Spokane, Portland & Seattle yards in Astoria, was killed instantly when he was crushed by a 75-ton crane, which overturned on the main line near the Astoria Lumber company plant.

No deaths were recorded in the Cottage Grove district during the month of November, according to C. E. Frost, health officer, who has filed his monthly report. This is the first time that an entire month has passed without a death.

A rock of about 50 pounds weight crushed out the life of Basil Chambers, 32, at the Hauser Construction company quarry on Coos river. The rock loosened in the hill and came down without warning, striking Chambers on the head.

Lee Clark, rancher of the Hermiton project since 1910, was burned to death at his home when his clothes ignited while he was dressing near a red-hot stove. Mr. Clark was past 90 years of age and possessed all his faculties to a remarkable degree.

A large female cougar that had been preying on goats and young hogs of farmers southwest of Falls City for some time was shot and killed last week by Alfred Ferguson. It measured six feet six inches from nose to tip of tail and weighed 115 pounds.

Mrs. Henry Padjen of Sisters has traded 11 silver black foxes for a band of 250 sheep, according to word received from Bend. Mrs. Padjen is said to have raised the foxes, and her trade was made with a Lake county rancher. At present prices the sheep are valued at more than \$3000.

A proposed legislative measure providing for a super-irrigation commission, to be known as the state reclamation board, vested with broad powers, including authority to step in and manage the affairs of any irrigation district that is in default of any of its obligations, was considered recently at a meeting of the trustees of the Oregon reclamation congress in Portland.

Douglas county was relieved of the responsibility of maintaining the Rock Creek-Forest boundary section of the North Umpqua road. It will be kept in condition by the forest service until such time as the road is opened through to eastern Oregon, according to notification given the county court.

The city commission is still waiting for applications for the position of city manager of Astoria, according to Major Setters. Although the office was declared vacant as of January 3 some weeks ago and applications invited, the only one received to date has been that of S. A. Young of Seaside.

Joseph Burain, a young farmer of Lacombe, was in the Lebanon hospital suffering from wounds about the face and head caused from a delayed explosion of dynamite while blasting stumps. Fragments of the stump were thrown into his face when he sought to learn whether two charges had been set off.

An Indian woman, placed in the women's ward of the Pendleton city jail went on the warpath, piled the bedding from two cots in the ward in front of the ward door and set fire to it. Over-indulgence in vanilla extract, Chief of Police Gurdane said, was the cause of the woman's attempt to burn up the city jail.

Building in Pendleton during the first 11 months of 1926 more than doubled that done in the city during the entire year of 1925, according to records at the building inspector's office. During the first 11 months of this year there were a total of \$165,493.45 in building permits issued, while for 1925 the total was but \$78,674.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: Shady Pickett, Portland, \$30; John E. Coffin, Portland, \$30; Frank Lechleider, Portland (St. Johns), \$20; Carl G. Givill, Milwaukie, \$20; minors of Justus J. Morris, Toledo, \$30; Louise R. Morris, Goble, \$30; William F. Gefeke, Delake, \$30; Wabehika or Wabehake, Warm Springs, \$20.

Executive heads of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Southern Pacific reported to the interstate commerce commission inability to agree on a plan of joint use of the Southern Pacific line by the northern lines in reaching Klamath Falls. As a result, the northern lines are to ask the commission to make some further order to meet the situation.

To develop the flax and linen industry in the Willamette valley on a large scale is the purpose of a \$3,000,000 Oregon corporation, just organized. The Pacific Flax & Linen Mills will be the biggest activity of its kind in the west. The plan calls for several scutching mills and these will probably be located at Aurora, Eugene, McMinnville and Albany.

A disease known as "red water," which causes the blood of cattle to clot, has been responsible for the death of a number of cattle in the northern part of Lake county. The malady is said to attack herds which are being fed in low, marshy land and has been experienced before in Warner valley and Klamath county. Treatment consists of vaccination and a change of feed and water.

The prune-growing industry of the state of Oregon, which has gained importance as a leading horticultural industry, is threatened with demoralization as a result of failure to develop markets and to hold others, according to a resolution adopted by the Oregon State Horticultural society at a recent meeting in Salem. The society urges growers and packers of prunes to join in a concerted effort to remedy this situation.

Marion county is the first of the beneficiaries under the Oregon-California land grant tax refund act to have its claim increased instead of reduced by interior department auditors who are going over the figures submitted by county tax officials. Secretary of Interior Work recommended to the secretary of the treasury that Marion county be paid \$119,355.56 instead of \$119,305.97, the amount set forth in the claim submitted.

Another slump in the production of lumber for 100 mills was noted for the week ending December 11 in the weekly report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which showed the total production had declined from 103,234,847 feet the week previous to 98,017,941 feet. Shipments also showed a decline of from 86,455,196 to 82,181,935 feet, but the demand was on the upgrade, new orders booked totaling \$1,166,437 feet compared to 78,074,994 feet the previous week.

A total of 961 miles of public highway had been completed by the state of Oregon at the end of the last fiscal year with federal aid, according to the annual report issued by Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads in Washington, D. C. The mileage completed with federal aid in Oregon has cost \$17,612,858, of which \$8,945,203 has been paid by the federal government. Of the improved distance 132 miles was completed during the year 1926, while 104 miles were under construction and 22 more miles had been approved by federal and state authorities.

FLORIDA LEADS RELIEF RECORDS

Heads Major Disasters of 1926. Red Cross Active in 62 Emergencies in Year.

ALSO SERVES FOREIGN LANDS

Preparedness to Cope with Great Disturbances Gives Good Results in Action.

Facing one of the largest rehabilitation efforts of its whole history, as a result of the Florida hurricane, the American Red Cross already had behind it a record of service in 62 disasters at home, up to the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1926.

When the hurricane struck Florida with such devastation and loss of life, the Red Cross National Headquarters was just congratulating itself that a year had passed without a major disaster within the borders of the country. The destruction in Florida has been tentatively estimated by Director of Disaster Relief Henry L. Baker, of the American Red Cross, in terms of relief work ahead of the organization. This takes into account all sufferers who must be cared for.

Careful surveys by experienced authorities place the injured at 4,000, exclusive of the stricken Gulf Coast cities of Moorehaven and Clewiston. Of the 1,200 injured sent to Miami hospitals, 500 were suffering with major fractures. In two other east coast communities the injured numbered nearly 1,000. The homeless were conservatively estimated at 50,000. Such figures sketch only vaguely the human and material problem which the American Red Cross is still doing its utmost to solve.

For comparison the other outstanding recent disaster, the Midwest tornado of March 18, 1925, can be described in more detail. In that catastrophe the final check showed 800 dead, 3,000 injured and 6,847 families of approximately 30,000 men, women and children rendered homeless. The final relief operations of the Red Cross were brought to a close March 18, 1926, exactly a year from the day the tornado struck five states.

So terrible did the death and destruction impress itself on the experienced Red Cross forces rushed into Florida that Chairman John Barton Payne did not hesitate to call for a relief fund from the whole country of \$5,000,000. The Red Cross concentrated every resource in trained personnel on the stricken region.

The New Jersey munitions explosion, in July, while terrible as a spectacle, could not compare with either of these other two disasters in final destructiveness. It gave the Red Cross an opportunity for service in which Red Cross nurses treated 36 injured, and during the height of the emergency fed between 700 and 800 people driven from their homes. More than 400 cases were registered with the Red Cross after the explosions for assistance in regaining their hold on life through rehabilitation work. This latter is a regular part of the Red Cross relief operations in all disasters, and means a task continued long after the country has ceased to think of the occurrence itself.

The year has seen a new measure of disaster relief preparedness inaugurated by the Red Cross, under which a trained reserve of medical and other relief experts is constantly on call for any service. This preparedness justified itself in both the New Jersey explosion, and in the Florida hurricane. In the latter the Red Cross had at call more than 300 experienced disaster workers with a network of prepared Chapters all over the country. This preparedness, constantly demonstrated, is cited as material assurance that the country is better protected today than ever before from the suffering such misfortunes engender.

Bad as were domestic disasters in both the last fiscal year and recent months, some of those abroad in the same time have been comparable, especially a flood in Mexico. Altogether the American Red Cross served in the name of the American people in more than 15 foreign catastrophes.

The Tenth Annual Roll Call for membership to maintain such activities will be held from November 11 to 25, and is an opportunity for all to enroll themselves in the American Red Cross.

Marriage Licenses Issued

During the last week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: William Wray and Nora Blanton, both of Eugene; Eugene Buchner, and Lena Nugent, both of Walton; Paul Dodds, Eugene, and Theresa Purcell, Los Angeles; Harry Frost and Nelrentha Glass, both of Cottage Grove; Frank Edwin Maxey and Marjorie Neale, both of Eugene; Grover Reese, Drewsey, and Dorothy Parvin, Dexter; Everett Harrington and Della Long, both of Mapleton; Sherman Gibson, Fall Creek, and Vera Raines, Eugene.

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HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TO PLAY ALUMNI DEC. 31

Springfield basketball fans will see the high school team in action for the first time on the night of December 31, New Year's Eve, when the Alumni will be met by Coach Fenwick's unexperienced first-stringers.

Undismayed by the absence of letter men around which to shape a team, Coach Fenwick is choosing his men this week and has arranged to keep the potential first string practicing during the holidays.

Weakness in shooting is presenting itself as the chief obstacle to Coach Fenwick's optimism. This was displayed during the interclass games, when the players on the four teams made only 82 points out of a possible 475.

"This is a surprisingly low average, and shows a weakness which must be overcome if Springfield is to have even a fair team," said Fenwick today. "Drills on shooting will be a chief feature of the holiday practice."

Fenwick's table of interclass scoring shows that Thayer McMurray topped the list with 20 points out of a possible 53. McMurray played for the freshmen. Redding, a junior, and Danner, sophomore, placed second and third, respectively. The freshmen won the interclass tournament, with juniors, seniors and sophomores

following in order.

Potential first string men, as picked out following their display of talent in the interclass tilts, are E. Squires, F. Squires, McMurray, Danner, Roof, Redding, Cox, Thompson, E. Hughes and Orval Eaton.

FIRE CHIEF URGES CARE IN LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Extreme care on the part of celebrators of the Yuletide in lighting candles on Christmas trees is urged

in a warning issued this week by Fire Chief Jess Smitson.

"It would be far safer if all trees were lighted with electricity," said the Fire Chief. "But realizing that this is impossible, let me urge that every care be taken to prevent fire from breaking out from the candle-flames. This is a common happening at Christmas time, and many serious fires have resulted."

"I would also suggest that the trees be taken out of the house as soon as possible after the candles have been extinguished."

HOLIDAY RECIPE

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Heavy Chiffon, all silk to top, regular	\$1.95
Heavy Silk, full fashioned, flare top, regular	\$1.65
Holeproof Kiddies' Silk Socks, sizes 4 to 7, blue, pink, yellow, sand shades	60c
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Ladies'	
Regular 10c quality at, 15 for	\$1.00
Regular 25c quality at, 5 for	\$1.00
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\$13.00 Oregon City fancy assorted plaid virgin wool-blankets, size 66x84, weighing 5 lbs., marked down to	\$9.95
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