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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will hold its 27th annual convention in Bend, June 29 to 31.

Stephen C. Curtis, who celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary in Woodburn on October 11, died there last week.

The general merchandise store at Woodson, near Westport, was burned last week. The loss was estimated around \$11,000.

Sam Egli, who operates a warehouse at Canby, shipped during January five carloads of potatoes and two of onions to Los Angeles.

The city of Portland prosecuted 1956 cases in municipal court in January. Fred Jensen, deputy city attorney, reported to City Attorney Grant recently.

The state land department remitted to the state treasurer \$140,161.08 in December, according to a report issued by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

A wool buyer was in Harrisburg last week and offered 30 cents for wool on a contract. None of the farmers made contracts, considering the price too low.

Receipts at the Salem postoffice last month established a new record for January. Receipts aggregated \$20,283.02 as against \$18,155.06 for the same month last year.

Schools of Eagle valley at Richland and at Newbridge, near Baker, which were closed for some time because of a widespread epidemic of scarlet fever, have been reopened.

Building permits aggregating \$217,000 were issued in Salem during the month of January. It was said that this figure exceeds that of any previous January in the history of the city.

China pheasants have become a nuisance to the farmers of Malheur county and permits for trapping are being issued. The game commission will pay 75 cents for each of the birds alive.

The annual report of the Children's Farm Home, near Corvallis, shows that institution to be in a flourishing condition, and indications are that it soon will be able to care for 200 inmates.

J. Russell Scott has arrived in La Grande from Kalspell, Mont., to begin his duties as Scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county Council, consisting of Baker, Wallowa and Union counties.

Citizens of the Phoenix school district in Jackson county have voted, 116 to 50, to pass a bond issue for \$33,500 for remodeling the school building and installing a gymnasium and auditorium.

Twenty-four and a half feet of snow has fallen at the lodge in Crater Lake national park this winter, according to John Maben, caretaker at the lodge. It is believed that this is the heaviest snowfall for 15 years.

It will cost \$65,000 to stage the Portland Rose Festival next June 13-18, according to a tentative budget submitted to the festival board of directors by O. W. Mielke, chairman of the budget committee.

Rainier, Knappa and Warrenton high schools are tied for district honors in the Lower Columbia Debating league. The championship will be decided on February 11 in a debate between the three schools.

Under the leadership of Julius Roesch, La Grande capitalist, a company has been temporarily organized to construct a seven-story hotel building in La Grande this spring. A 100-room building is planned.

La Grande's second municipal artesian well "came in" last week and was flowing approximately 200 gallons of water a minute from a depth of 1260 feet. Drillers were still at work hoping to increase the flow.

Because she refused to follow him in his imagined incarnation of Jesus Christ, Alexander Hill, religious fanatic, strangled to death Minnie Washington, 17-year-old Indian girl, on the Siletz reservation, last week.

Baker county will ship four cars and Grant county will ship one car of cattle to the Portland market this week. Coles & Dodd are sending two cars from Haines and N. K. Greener is shipping two cars from Robinette.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: John L. Johnson, Portland, \$20; Lee G. Day, Portland, \$40; Margaret A. Michaelson, Portland, \$30; Veaze E. Hawkins, Portland, \$25; James B. Shea, Portland, \$25; Dell Morgan, Portland, \$30; Philip J. Schaumburg, Portland, \$30; Donald Guy McPherson, Portland, \$20; John W. Moffatt, Oregon City, \$20; Lawson Conwell, Charleston, \$25; Jane Day, Salem, \$30; Charles F. Kennedy The Dalles, \$30.

There was a total of 415 industrial accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending February 3. All of the accidents were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.

John E. Ellison, 42, was killed instantly while working in a logging camp of the Snells-Strom Brothers Lumber company at Vaughan, 25 miles west of Eugene. A log struck a dead tree and the top of the tree fell and struck Ellison on the head.

Building permits in Eugene amounted to \$161,925 in January, according to announcement by Will H. Alexander, city building inspector. This is a better record than for January, 1926 the amount represented in the permits issued in that month being \$153,700.

A total of \$325,000 will be available for Columbia county roads during 1927, according to announcement of County Roadmaster Hall of Rainier. More than 50 per cent of this amount will go in the form of payrolls. It is claimed. Last year a total of \$259,777.99 was spent on Columbia county roads.

The Citizens bank of North Bend was merged with the Coos Bay National bank of Marshfield last week and the latter institution became responsible for deposits and the business. "Too many banking institutions on the bay," was given as cause for the merger. The bank had \$117,000 in deposits.

Word was received in Roseburg recently from Washington, D. C., that President Coolidge had signed the bill leasing to the Boy Scouts organization of Douglas county 80 acres of land in the Umpqua national forest for a permanent camp site. The grounds are located at the confluence of Wolf creek and Little river.

Between 1,120,000 and 1,125,000 pounds of high grade wool will be sheared from approximately 120,000 Klamath sheep this spring, according to estimates of E. M. Hammond, wool grower, and C. A. Henderson, county agent. Hammond and Henderson estimated that within the past year there has been an increase of 30,000 ewes.

The new tariff of the Portland Electric company, authorizing increased rates for water service in the towns of Cornelius and Gaston, was suspended by the public service commission recently. It was said that negotiations are now in progress whereby an agreement will be reached between the electric corporation and the water patrons.

Water in the recently completed McKay dam near Pendleton is now 80 feet deep, according to word from officials there and water has backed up a distance of two miles. C. L. Tice, reservoir superintendent, estimates that the basin is one-fourth full. This reservoir is expected to reclaim about 11,000 acres of land in that district next spring.

General cargo loaded at Portland during January consigned to foreign destinations represented a total value of \$1,503,234, registering an appreciable increase over the showing for the opening month of 1926, when the figures were \$704,810. The value of general cargo floated in January, 1925 was \$1,098,291 and for the same month in 1924 it was \$529,905.

Thirty-one persons from outside the state took up residence on Oregon farms during January. W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon state chamber of commerce announced recently. A part of this group reported investments totaling \$111,640, some of them did not report their investments, and the sum of the investments not reported was estimated at \$22,000, making a total of \$133,640.

During the eight years ended December 31, 1926, 1273 persons were convicted of starting forest fires in national forests of Oregon and Washington, says a report just issued by the United States forest service office in Portland. Of the 1273 cases, 727 were in Oregon. More convictions were obtained in 1926 than in any other year of the eight. The total for last year was 206. In 1925 there were 181.

Certificates of settlement for the claims of two Oregon counties under the Oregon and California railroad land grant tax refund act have been forwarded to the secretary of the treasury by Controller-General McCarl. The Coos county certificate calls for payment of \$503,706.98 to that county in settlement of its tax account against lands within its borders from 1915 to 1926. Lincoln county will receive \$31,527.11.

Enrollment in Portland grade schools and high schools at the beginning of the second term of the year showed considerable increase over the registration for the first term of this year. It also was greater than the registration of a year ago. In the elementary schools 36,239 students registered, and in the high schools 11,442 students enrolled, making a total enrollment of 47,681. Registration figures for January, 1926, show a total enrollment of 46,348, with 35,773 in elementary schools and 10,575 in high schools.

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