

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

George Franklin Elgin, 62, life-long resident of Oregon, forest ranger and ex-legislator, died at his home in Salem.

Bandon harbor between the Moore mill and the ocean, will be dredged this summer, government engineers have announced.

Dr. Harold C. Bean of Portland was appointed a member of the state board of health to succeed Dr. C. M. Barbee, who died recently.

Announcement of the resignation of Dean William G. Hale, head of the University of Oregon school of law, was made at Eugene.

More than 2000 rabbits were killed in a drive northeast of Bend when 140 hunters, armed with shotguns, covered several sections of land.

A number of Salem high school students were called on the carpet for pitting with eggs automobiles passing the school structure recently.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the building and machinery of the S. ayton flax plant at Stayton. The loss is estimated at \$6000.

Delegates from six Pacific and northwestern states attended a two-day convention of the Northwestern Electric Light & Power association at Portland.

The Pendleton Woolen mills, which have been closed since the death of Chauncey Bishop in January, resumed operations last week with a full crew of workers.

A district convention of the American legion was held in Pendleton Saturday, with legionnaires from Union, Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties in attendance.

The government will be asked to send the United States dredge Col. P. S. Michie to Coos bay at once. Shipping is crippled there by the channel and bar conditions.

A special election will be held in Canby March 19 to vote on the question of levying a special tax of \$3000 to purchase more land for the union high school grounds.

A branch of the state library, to serve the various counties in the interior, is to be established at Arlington, if the city will furnish quarters and a local librarian.

Crushed under tons of gravel and rock, Harry Woods, 22, was killed, and his companion, Clinton Moore, was buried for 38 minutes in an accident in a gravel pit near Bend.

A special election for the city of Hubbard has been called by the city council for April 28 to vote on bonds of \$10,000 for establishment of an electric lighting plant.

The Southern Pacific has the necessary material on the ground and will begin at once the erection of a fine new passenger and freight depot at Algoma in Klamath county.

Former Senator Robert N. Stanfield plans to return to Oregon in about two weeks, he says probably to engage once more in the sheep business. He will make Portland his home.

Reports filed with Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, show that a total of 35 fires in Oregon outside of Portland during February resulted in losses aggregating \$146,930.

Transfer of the annual summer encampment of the Oregon national guard from Medford to Gearhart has been finally approved, except for minor details, by the war department.

After several weeks' investigation, a Baker county credit bureau was organized at a meeting of merchants in Baker, to prevent their incurring losses from the present credit system.

Governor Patterson issued requisition papers looking to the return to Oregon of Albert Brownlee, who is wanted in Lane county for murder. Brownlee was under arrest at Walla Walla.

Carl Pope was appointed state land attorney for Marion county to succeed Brazier Small, who has resigned. L. F. Coma was appointed state land attorney for Lake county. He will succeed O. C. Gibbs.

More than 70 per cent of the 243 Oregon high school students who participated in the Bible study examinations in January failed, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

Allan Jones, for the past four years bailiff of the state supreme court, has resigned to accept employment in the claims department of the United States veterans' bureau, with headquarters in Portland.

Governor Patterson has received information that federal quarantine has been ordered on alfalfa hay shipments to the state of Nebraska from Baker, Malheur and Union counties because of the alfalfa weevil.

W. H. Canon, for the past two years state parole officer, has sent his resignation to the state board of control.

Fishing above tidewater on the Umpqua river was closed by the Fish Commission of Oregon, meeting in Portland.

Rufus A. Farrens, prominent farmer living 16 miles southwest of Ione, was killed, on the Gooseberry market road near Ione when his automobile left the highway and overturned, pinning his body beneath the car.

Operations of Oregon's state government in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1926, cost \$10,692,423, or \$12.23 per capita, according to a summary compiled by the United States department of commerce.

Discontinuance of three of the five remaining federal land offices in Oregon, leaving only those at Roseburg and The Dalles, has been recommended to Secretary Work by William Spry, commissioner of the general land office.

Monmouth is now a full-fledged city, the postoffice department has decided. Department officials notified Representative Hawley of Salem that they have ordered the village delivery service now in effect at Monmouth changed to city service.

Tentative approval of Portland's plans for the change of the harbor line in connection with the \$2,000,000 unit of the Laurgaard waterfront development project has been given by the war department, Senator McNary notified city officials.

Patrons of mail order insurance companies, which have been flooding Oregon with circulars bidding for business, patronize such concerns at their own risk, Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, warned in a bulletin issued at Salem.

Beekeepers of the Hermiston-Stanfield district decided at a meeting attended by C. J. Hurd, Oregon Agricultural college specialist, and Walter Holt, Umatilla county agent, to form a co-operative association for the marketing of their product.

Pauline Looney, who was born April 9, 1845, died at her home in Jefferson. She was the daughter of Jess and Ruby Looney, pioneers of 1843 and the first child born to them on their donation claim at Looney Butte, where she lived for many years.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district with Medford business men the latter agreed to subscribe \$25,000 in bonds to complete the work of cementing the canals of the Medford Irrigation district to prevent seepage losses.

Under an ordinance passed by the Salem city council for the protection of radio listeners operators of electrical apparatus generating or causing high frequency oscillations which interfere with radio broadcast transmitting or receiving, must take out permits.

Bids for the first seven miles of the canal for the Vale project now are being advertised by the government and drainage work has started. It is expected that the surveying will be completed in time for advertising the 25 miles of railroad construction to the Owyhee dam by April 1.

The relief fund, created by the state of Oregon to assist in reconstructing public property destroyed by the Astoria fire disaster of 1922, this year will pay 10 per cent of the cost of the projects which benefit from this relief fund. This will bring the amount paid by the state to 54.3 per cent.

Complete reorganization of the state board of barber examiners was provided when Governor Patterson named three new members of the board to succeed those who have served heretofore. The new members are Roy Neer of Portland, D. L. Johnson of Oregon City and Clarence D. Winston of Corvallis.

Reports at Salem indicate that offers of 22 cents a pound are being made for unsold 1925 hops. Contracts are being written at 18 cents for three to five-year contracts and at 19 cents for one-year contracts. It was said that there are now approximately 10,000 bales of unsold hops in the growers' hands.

No appointment of a successor to fill the vacancy of W. H. Canon, state parole officer for the past year under the administration of Governor Pierce, will be made until the newly created office of superintendent of the penitentiary has been filled by the board of control, it was announced from the office of Governor Patterson.

Property of the Portland Electric company, used in supplying water for the Tualatin valley, has been valued by the public service commission at \$247,800, according to an order prepared by the commission. The valuation placed on the property was of December 31, 1925. The valuation has to do with rate-making purposes.

Efforts to have the section of country containing the three falls in Silver creek, in the eastern part of Marion county, set aside as a government park are to be renewed, it was announced by members of the Marion county court. The section of the country which it is desired to include in the park is three miles wide by five miles long.

High School News

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SEASON TRAINS FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL QUINTET

Unsuccessful from the standpoint of games lost and won, but nevertheless a valuable training for future basketball teams, the Springfield High school basketball season which has just closed goes decidedly on the credit side of the book, in Coach Fenwick's opinion.

The team lost all games but one. The victory was scored over University High school in a contest here.

Seven lettermen will be back next year to represent Springfield on the basketball floor. They are Ormal Redding, Lawrence Roof, Thayer McMurray, Freeman Squires, Everett Squires, LeRoy Nice and Bill Cox. Others who receive letters this year but will graduate are Orval Eaton, Evan Hughes, Bill Pollard.

Coach Fenwick opened the basketball season this year without an experienced man on the team. Next year there will be at least seven. While the team made a poor showing at the first of the year, it gradually improved as the season progressed and showed evidence of first class basketball ability at the end of the year.

Committee At Work On Play

A committee has been appointed and is hard at work selecting the senior play. They expect to have one chosen by the first of next week.

Those on the committee are: Audrey Danner, chairman; Margaret Oederkirk, Marjorie Lindsey and Evelyn Walker.

Coach To Leave

Coach Walter Fenwick handed his resignation to the board last week. He plans to go to San Francisco about the first of April. Mr. Fenwick has been a good coach and S. H. S. hate to lose him. As yet no one has been selected to take his place.

Glee Club To Give Minstrel

The Boys Glee Club is preparing a negro minstrel, to be given next month. The program will consist of negro songs, monologues, and a one act play. Everyone that sees it is assured a laugh and a good time.

Girls Play Baseball

The girls started baseball practice Wednesday evening after school. It is hoped that the girls team will make a fine showing this year. Coach Fenwick announces that boys baseball practice will begin this week.

LOUIS RIZZI DIES AT PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Death came on March 8 to Louis Rizzi, former Eugene resident and well known in this and the Thurston districts. Mr. Rizzi died at Phoenix, Arizona.

Louis Rizzi was born in Borea, Italy, on February 14, 1895. He came to this country when seven years of age and resided in Portland, later moving to Eugene. There he met Miss Willa Mae Edmiston to whom he was married on August 2, 1923.

Since then they have spent the greater part of the time in the southern states. He was a great lover of music and a talented singer, and formerly sang in a theatre in Eugene. In poor health for many months, Mr. Rizzi entered a sanitarium at Phoenix in October.

He leaves to mourn his wife, also his father and mother and three sisters in Borea, Italy, and many friends.

DUNN IS SPEAKER AT BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Prof. Fredrick S. Dunn of the Latin department of the University of Oregon is the speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Methodist church brotherhood. Prof. Dunn's subject will be "Christian Origins."

The program and dinner start at 6:30 o'clock. Discussion of the lay conference at Roseburg will be a feature of the meetings.

The Methodist quarterly conference met Tuesday night, and on Monday night the Sunday school board conducted a session.

OR SALE—Payroll sheets, printed and in stock at the News office. Form suitable for road, construction work, sawmills, etc., with table to compute workman's compensation and deductions. No employer should be without these forms when they

ALLEGED BANDITS IN PLEA OF INNOCENCE

Albert Brownlee and Dewey Russell, accused of the fatal shooting of Eston Hooker, the hold-up of the Veneta pool hall and the wounding of William Maddaugh, proprietor, in circuit court yesterday pleaded not guilty to the charges. The accused men will appear for trial on March 28, but probably will be tried separately.

A demurrer to the charge of assault with intent to rob was filed at yesterday's hearing. E. O. Potter and Fred Smith have been named by the court to defend the two men, neither of whom has funds with which to finance his own defense.

The case has attracted statewide interest since the Veneta pool hall was held up on the night of February 27 by two masked men who later eluded pursuers on a manhunt through Western Lane county. Brownlee and Russell were later arrested, Brownlee in Walla Walla, Wn., and Russell in Eugene.

Two Pay Fines—Fines for traffic offenses were paid Saturday by L. E. Leabo and D. Derody. Leabo was fined \$10 for speeding while within the city limits, and Derody had to turn over \$2 to the city hall officials for cutting corners.

Birth Report Made—Deaths outstripped births in Springfield during February, according to City Health Officer W. H. Pollard. The Grim Reapers toll was seven for the month, while births totaled but six.

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