

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

August Rossi, prominent citizen and a member of the city council, dropped dead in Beaverton last week.

Six veins of coal, one running six feet in width, have been opened on the John Day river, 23 miles west of Canyon City.

Approximately \$40,000 will be expended in improvements on the Oregon national guard's new encampment grounds near Gearhart.

The forest service will construct 31 miles of new telephone line in the La Grande section of the Umatilla national forest this summer.

The Klamath country lost one of its earliest pioneers when Martin R. Frain, 94, died at the home of his son, W. L. Frain, of Topsy, Or.

J. H. Jensen, 60, farmer, residing in the Lewis and Clark district near Astoria, died while driving an automobile between Astoria and his home.

There will be no increase in the salaries of Salem school teachers next year, according to a decision reached by directors of the school district.

Silver Falls timber company camps, which opened a week ago, were forced to close again because of the heavy snows which fell during the past week.

By an overwhelming vote of about 13 to 1, a \$300,000 bond issue has been authorized by the taxpayers of Union high school district No. 2 at Klamath Falls.

A decision to hold a celebration in Hermiston some time this spring to mark the completion of McKay dam was made by the Hermiston commercial club.

The operating revenue of the Valley & Siletz Railway company during the year 1926 was \$259,799, according to a report filed with the public service commission.

Following what he thought was a coyote that had been after his turkeys, Orb Lowell at his place near Harrisburg last week, shot and killed a blue Arctic fox.

Early gardening is going on at Sweet Home. Several farmers have cabbage plants three inches high, lawns are being mowed and a general clean up is in progress.

Cleveland Martin, living near Gold Hill, has eight ewes which gave birth this spring to 20 lambs. Two of the ewes had triplets and one gave birth to quadruplets.

After many months of slow construction because of a "pay-as-you-build" policy, the new Christian church at Vernonia was occupied for the first time last Sunday.

Rebuilding of Marcola's fire-swept business district started last Thursday when Riley Garrison, whose garage was dynamited to check the flames, began reconstruction.

Mrs. Darwin Davis was seriously injured at Seaside Monday, when a golf ball she had placed on a hot stove exploded, throwing acid and hot rubber in her face and eyes.

Plans were offered at a meeting held in Grants Pass last week of Josephine county poultry men for formation of a Rogue river valley co-operative poultry marketing association.

Salem is growing more rapidly than any other municipality in Oregon, with the exception of Klamath Falls, if telephone connections and construction are considered an indication.

Net sales of water by the Bend municipal system in the first nine months of operations were \$58,716, according to the auditor's report. Operating expenses for this period amounted to \$17,408.

Astoria banks announced that they will institute a system of service charges on average monthly balances of less than \$50 and will reduce interest rates paid on savings deposits after April 1.

Silverton voters approved a \$45,000 bond issue to improve the city water system last week. The count was 115 to 32. It was planned to carry out extensive improvements providing an additional flow.

A 50-gallon capacity moonshine plant, fully equipped and carefully hidden away in sagebrush, was found last Sunday by Bend boys who were eight miles southeast of town on a jackrabbit hunt.

The 14th annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution convened in Corvallis last week, with 16 of the 20 Oregon chapters represented and more than 100 delegates and visitors in attendance.

Thirty miles of barbed-wire drift fence will be constructed in the Fremont national forest, in the Chewaucan and Sycam cattle and horse division, in the coming season. The fence will be primarily for the purpose of keeping cattle out of sheep range.

The Salem Nut Growers' Co-operative association transacted \$40,894.53 of business during 1926, according to the annual report of the organization. The association handled 170,996 pounds of walnuts and 2546 pounds of filberts.

Appointment of Henry W. Meyers of Salem as superintendent of the Oregon state prison, was announced by the state board of control. Meyers will take charge of the prison April 1, and will receive an annual salary of \$4000.

Mrs. Sarah Trask, 75, believes "It's the climate" in Grants Pass, for while visiting there with her son, Lem Trask, she has started cutting her third set of teeth. It now appears that she will be forced to discard the set of false teeth which she has been using for the last 25 years.

The state treasurer last week sent to New York a check for \$1,535,863.32 covering highway bond principal which amounted to \$700,000, and interest. The payment is due April 1. It was reported by the state treasurer that the outstanding highway indebtedness was reduced by this payment from \$26,066,750 to \$25,366,750.

Imperial, ghost city of central Oregon, in the high desert country east of Bend, must pay a tax of 20 cents for each of its lots this year, although only a few stakes mark the site of the town once advertised as the seat of a four-year high school. Imperial is hard to locate these days, because the last deserted building has been moved away.

Said to be the first of its kind in Oregon, a long-distance water stage recorder is to be in operation on the Deschutes river at Denham Falls by the start of the 1927 irrigation season. Connected with Bend by wire, this recorder will automatically register the volume of water in the river, recording the readings in an office in Bend, 12 miles from the falls.

Thomas Richmond and Fred Assenheimer of Douglas county were recommended for membership on the fish commission to represent the second district, and Sam Hughes of Marion county and Otto Hartwig of Portland, from the state at large, by a group of dealers and fishermen representing the coast district, who conferred with Governor Patterson recently.

According to news from Gold Hill, recent summing up of the surveys made by the highway engineers in planning the new highway from Roseburg to Diamond and Crater lakes, indicate that the road will be constructed through the low pass in the Umpqua mountains at the headwaters of Trail creek, and join the Medford-Crater Lake highway at Trail.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: George Wedekind, Portland, \$40; John F. Hilton, Portland, \$20; Aaron C. Sample, Salem, \$25; Fred W. Zepp, North Bend, \$30; Claude Kaye, The Dalles, \$30; Duncan L. McKay Jr., La Grande, \$30; Henry Bolton, The Dalles, \$30; Waldon C. Long, Albany, \$12; William F. Turnbow, Umatilla, \$25.

The Wilson River Toll Road company, with headquarters in Portland, filed articles in the state corporation department in Salem last week. The purpose of the corporation is to construct a toll road from a point near Forest Grove to Tillamook. This proposed highway would shorten the distance between Portland and the Tillamook beaches approximately 35 miles.

Checks of \$500 each were received from the state by H. Christoffersen, chief criminal deputy sheriff of Multnomah county; George Jackson, county jailer; Ed Gloss, county constable, and P. V. Rexford, motorcycle deputy sheriff, as rewards for the capture of James Willos and Ellsworth Kelly, convicts who escaped in a prison break in Salem, Or., in August, 1925.

Nine per cent more lumber was cut in 1926 in Oregon and Washington than in 1925, the United States forest service and bureau of the census have estimated. The figures of the two agencies are based on the output of 65 mills whose cut represents 65 per cent of the total output of the two states. In 1926 the cut was 12,258,000,000 board feet; in 1925 it was 11,243,000,000.

By the middle of April, according to Hood River fruit shipping concerns, all of the record tonnage of the 1926 apple crop will have been forwarded

to market. About 25 cars remain to be shipped. The association is already making preparations to handle the season's strawberry tonnage, which will reach approximately that of last year. Growers have been able to contract their berries to canners at a minimum price of 9 cents a pound.

That there will be no modification of the scheduled advance in grazing fees for national forests is indicated in a letter received in Salem by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, from W. M. Jardine, secretary of the federal department of agriculture. There will be no increase in fees during 1927, but after this year an increase will be applied in installments of 25 per cent each during the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. The full increase will be applied during the years from 1931 to 1934, inclusive.

VETERAN LOAN CAN BE APPLIED FOR AT P. O.

Application forms for Adjusted Service Certificate loans are now available to World War veterans at any postoffice of Oregon and this Regional District, according to information received by Kenneth L. Cooper, Portland Regional manager of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau from headquarters in Washington D. C. loans can be secured upon execution of the war veteran's note and proper identification after April 1, 1927.

American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, D. A. V. of W. W. and Red Cross officials as well as postmasters have been authorized and instructed to assist in preparing these loan requests.

"Prospective borrowers are urged that loan requests be examined and mailed to the Regional Office of the Veterans' Bureau, together with the Adjusted Service Certificate, rather than to secure personal contact with the Bureau office," said Mr. Cooper. "Such action will bring more satisfactory and prompt result than a visit to the government office. There is no advantage in personal contact with a Bureau representative, post masters and service organizations being qualified to assist war veterans in this matter."

Mr. Cooper stated, too, that there should be a definite need for the loan before the request was made. If a local bank is willing to make the loan the Bureau should not be requested to do so.

STATE INSTITUTIONS COSTS ANNOUNCED

Interesting information in connection with the various state institutions of Oregon, exclusive of the institutions of higher learning, is contained in a statement made public by Secretary of State Sam A. Koser. This statement shows that during the month of February the maintenance cost per capita for inmates at the State Blind School was \$46.34 a month, that at the Tuberculosis Hospital \$45.40, the State Deaf School \$44.55, the Boys Training School \$37.90, State Soldier's Home \$38.35, State Employment Institution \$40.63, Girl's Industrial School \$34.16, Oregon State Penitentiary \$29.39, Oregon State Hospital on February 28 was 1,858, a gain of 19 for the month; at the State Penitentiary 595, a gain of 33 for the month; at the Feeble Minded Institution 825, a loss of 1; Boy's Training School 214, a gain of 13; Tuberculosis Hospital 188, a loss of 1; State Blind School 47, no change; State Deaf School 122, a gain of 1; Girl's Industrial School 76, no change; Eastern Oregon Hospital 935, a loss of 5; Soldier's Home 106, a loss of 3 and in the State Employment Institution for the Blind 55, a gain of 1. That the per capita maintenance cost at these various institutions for February closely approached the average per capita cost for the year as shown from the records of 1926 is indicated by the following averages for last year, Oregon State Hospital \$17.76, Oregon State Penitentiary \$26.59, Feeble Minded Institution \$16.35, Boy's Training School \$36.95, Tuberculosis Hospital \$46.16, State Blind School \$46.53 (eight months), State Deaf School \$41.64 (eight months), Girl's Industrial School \$33.24, Eastern Oregon Hospital \$16.67, State Soldier's Home \$39.09, State Employment Institution \$49.32.

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