

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The main mill of the Coos Bay Lumber company announced that operations in the main mill would be on a five-day schedule.

Fall-sown wheat is in good condition generally in Oregon, but weather conditions have prevented much seeding of spring grain.

McKenzie Pass is now buried under from seven to 12 feet of snow for a distance of 23 miles over the summit, according to recent reports.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during March, aggregated \$188,669, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal.

The new state highway steel bridge over the John Day river at the Old Oregon Trail highway crossing near The Dalles has been opened to traffic.

A report of the three Baker banks shows resources amounting to \$4,876,741.87 and deposits of \$3,876,754.82, a gain of \$87,452.93 in less than three months.

The Clatskanie telephone company has asked the public service commission for permission to increase its rates in the city of Clatskanie, effective May 1.

Since the beginning of the system in 1920 to the present date, the Yamhill county court has spent a total of \$436,960.64 on the various market roads in that county.

Sprague river, small lumbering community 40 miles east of Klamath Falls, was in a fever of excitement as the result of discovery of placer deposits of gold and platinum.

Struck in the face by a golf club in the hands of a boy she was teaching the rudiments of the game, Mrs. Helen Copeland Kilgore, Culver, Jefferson county teacher, lost her left eye.

A heavy hail storm in Clackamas county last week slightly damaged the cherry and peach crop, but the apple blossoms, which are not far enough advanced, were not injured.

The directors of the Jackson County Fair association have set the dates of the fair earlier this year, August 31 and September 1 to 3, in hopes of getting better weather than in the past.

Louis Weber, who has a ranch at Long Prairie in Tillamook county, has a cow that gave birth last week to a calf with two bodies and eight legs but only one head. It lived only a short time.

At a recent meeting of the Lincoln county court contracts were awarded to Curry & Hamar of Toledo for the construction of bridges across Crab, Buck and Cascade creeks in the south end of the county.

Schools at Richland and Newbridge, in Baker county, which were closed for some time because of an epidemic of scarlet fever, have been reopened. All public meetings were called off during the epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Underwood celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary last Wednesday at their home in Dufur. They came to Wasco county in 1877 and settled at Dufur, where they took up a homestead.

Clatsop county will celebrate the annual Scotch Broom festival near Astoria on May 24 this year, at that time paying tribute to the shrub which banks the Clatsop plains region with gold each spring.

While oiling a chain on a caterpillar at Arlington, Bert Kane, the driver caught his clothes in the machinery. His clothing was completely torn from his body, one arm broken in three places and his chest crushed in.

Governor Patterson announced the selection of J. K. Weatherford of Albany, H. J. Elliott of Perrydale, Polk county, and Judge J. Fred Yates of Corvallis, as members of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college.

Veda Miller, 4-year-old daughter of Leslie Miller of Siletz, was seriously burned last Sunday when sparks from a burned-off fern area flew some 15 feet through the air, catching in the child's clothing and enveloping her in flames.

A check for \$1,069,840.50, Lane county's share in the Oregon & California land grant tax refund, was received recently by Grace Schiska, county treasurer. The check was the largest ever to be presented at a Lane county bank.

Patrons of the Southern Pacific company at Scio and Crabtree have filed with the public service commission a protest against the proposed action of the railroad corporation in eliminating daily round trip service on the Shelburn branch.

Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger of Dallas, C. C. Colt of Portland and William McKinney of Baker were reappointed by Governor Patterson as regents of the University of Oregon. They will serve for terms of 12 years. Their present terms expire April 15.

Fred Floeter, Jr., 14, of St. Lawrence, was shot fatally while on a hunting expedition with three other boys. The shooting took place about a mile from St. Helena in a wooded section where the boys had gone, with a .30-30 rifle, to hunt cougar.

Representatives of the Marston and Yamhill courts held a conference in Salem recently and decided to proceed with the remodeling of the Newberg bridge during the present year. The cost was estimated at \$30,000, which will be borne equally by the two counties.

Claude V. Davis, 46, is dead of internal injuries suffered last Thursday when his team of horses ran away near Roseburg. Mr. Davis had been loading wood on a steep hillside when one of the reins broke, frightening the horses. They bolted, throwing him from the wagon, which passed over his body.

For the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people toward the proposal to consolidate Oregon City, West Linn, Gladstone, Parkplace, Canemah and Clackamas Heights into a single municipality, there is a possibility of a trial ballot being taken by mail in the several communities concerned.

Garland Ganger, 10, lies in a Pendleton hospital with his left hand practically blown off and his right eye injured to such an extent that he may lose the sight, following the explosion of a dynamite cap, ten miles west of Pendleton. His hand was blown off with the exception of the little finger.

Coos county's share in the recent disposition of land-grant moneys made by the government to Oregon and California under the Stanfield act of 1925 is \$503,706.98. It was announced by the county treasurer. A check for that amount has been received and the money is being assigned to the various county funds.

Portland has grown from a population of 347,781 to 354,000 in the past year, according to the estimate accompanying the new issue of the R. L. Polk & Co. city directory, just off the press. This, say the publishers, is a conservative estimate, despite the fact that the 1920 federal census gave Portland only 258,288 people.

Miners, assayers and chemists of central Oregon who have heard much in recent weeks about the "mystery metal" of the Grants Pass country, watched this white metal chill into large buttons when it was melted from rocks brought to Bend from the Golden Cross mine of Gold Hill, owned principally by Bend residents.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper Mill company will enlarge its plant at Oregon City to a new capacity of 200 tons of paper a day. The present capacity is 120 tons a day. Ground will be broken May 1 on the project and it will be completed January 1, 1928, at a cost of \$1,500,000, according to announcement made recently by Willard P. Hawley Sr. and his son.

A few days ago a large oil barge which was tied up at the oil station of the Pacific Spruce corporation at Toledo became fouled during the night and the following low tides stranded her, causing her to tip sideways and spill into the bay some 500 barrels of black oil, causing a loss of approximately \$1000. Some fear is expressed that it may result in the loss of clam

High School News

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Girls Interclass Games

The first girls' baseball game in the interclass rivalry series, was played Tuesday after school. The sophomores played the freshmen, with a final score of 23 to 17 in favor of the sophomores. Thursday afternoon the juniors play the seniors. Next week the sophomores play the winners of Thursday's game.

The line-ups for Thursday's game was as follows: Sophomores—catcher, Evelyn Jacobson; pitcher, Maxine Snodgrass; first base, Maud Brattain; second base, Dora Wagner; third base, Lena Frizell; right short stop, Esther McPherson; left short stop, Francis Frizell; right fielder, Lucille Richmond; left fielder, Okria Mooney.

For the Freshmen—Catcher Ruth Bettis; pitcher, Hildred Wycoff; first base, Verna Houk; second base, Eva Divine; third base, Bernice Cline; right short stop, Eileen Schantol; left short stop, Audrey Shults; right fielder, Nellie Sanky; left fielder, Nellie Wright.

Officers Nominated

The list of nominees for next year's student-body officers has been posted in the assembly. They are as follows: William Cox and Carl McKinnis, president; LeRoy Nice, and Winifrid

Tyson, vice-president; Melba Mellon, and Bertha Paddock, secretary; Jack Danner, Lawrence Roof and Esther McPherson, treasurer.

The election will take place some time during the first of May.

Baseball Team Defeated

Springfield High School's baseball team seems doomed to defeat. The first two games of the season were lost. The first game with Juncton City was called off because of rain. Also bad weather prevented the team meeting Cottage Grove as scheduled. The game was played at Cottage Grove Tuesday.

Quartet To Compete

The Springfield High school boys' quartet will go to the annual State High School Music Tournament the last week-end in April.

The members of the quartet are: Paul Potter, 1st tenor; Charles Nadvornik, 2nd tenor; William Pollard, baritone; Alfred Frese, bass.

Charles Nadvornik, who won first place in violin last year will compete again this year. He will be accompanied by William Pollard.

Alfred Frese will compete as bass soloist.

beds along the shore.

Marriage in Oregon is losing ground in the contest with divorce, a report by the department of commerce, Washington, D. C., authorized for publication, shows. In 1926 there were 7085 marriages and 3086 divorces in the state, according to figures which the government has assembled from state and federal bureaus. Marriages increased 1.4 per cent in 1926 over 1925 and divorces 6.9 per cent.

A telegram rescinding the order to transfer the Southern Pacific passenger terminal from Roseburg to Eugene was received in Roseburg last week from William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific lines. The order checked the preparations of passenger trainmen who were making plans to remove to Eugene immediately following the putting in operation of the new schedule, effective on April 17.

Members of the state highway commission held a meeting at Falls City recently and considered the boundaries for the proposed Falls-City-Valsetz highway improvement district organized recently under an act of the 1925 legislature. The district proposes to construct a cutoff highway to the coast. The road would be 25 miles in length and would reduce materially the distance between Willamette valley points and Taft.

Bonds of the state of Oregon and its numerous subdivisions now outstanding total the stupendous sum of \$202,398,359.51, according to a report compiled by State Treasurer T. B. Kay. In addition to the bonds there are county, school district, city and other warrants outstanding aggregating \$10,173,704.46, making a total debt of \$212,572,063.99. As an offset to this debt, there are assets, including sinking funds, amounting to \$39,586,011.01, reducing the net debt to \$172,986,052.98.

News Notes

A skit from the Boy's Glee Club negro minstrel to be presented in the High School auditorium April 22 was given in the regular assembly Tuesday.

Professor Tuttle of the U. of O. spoke at the Tuesday assembly on

the subject of "Making a poet Out of a Man."

The last six weeks of school began on Monday of this week. There are quite a few activities scheduled for this home-stretch but after all it is these activities which put the pep into high school life.

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