

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Astoria started its community chest drive November 13, with a budget of approximately \$22,000 to be raised.

The radio was used for the first time in Oregon last week in connection with mobilization of the national guard.

The Yamhill county Sunday school convention will be held in Dayton Methodist church, November 18, 19 and 20.

The Farmers' union meeting at the Sweet Home high school building last week began forming a turkey pool for the holiday season.

Some 25 acres of farm land in the Tucker creek district near Astoria were flooded recently when a dike broke before the high water.

Malheur county this year will complete six new school buildings—Owyhee, Annex, Owyhee dam site, Grouse creek, Indian creek and Rockville.

After three years of depression Condon is booming again. Six new houses are under construction and prospects are good for another big farm crop.

La Grande's first case of infantile paralysis since the disease became prevalent in certain parts of Oregon, was reported to the city health officer last week.

Lincoln county school board voted to spend \$4000 in erecting a new schoolhouse to accommodate the growing number of scholars of Oceanlake and Delake.

Ward B. Stringham of the Woods-Cross Canning company, and E. L. Wright, both of Salt Lake city, are planning the establishment of a cannery at La Grande.

A long detour in entering Roseburg was made necessary recently, and will continue in use for perhaps a month, as a result of the collapse of one of the piers of the Deer creek bridge.

A definite decision to establish an infantile paralysis quarantine station at the northern border of Douglas county was announced recently by Dr. T. W. Laraway, county health officer.

Contractors who were awarded the bid on the construction of a number of residences and an office building at the Owyhee dam site started work Monday. The work is to be completed within 100 days.

Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent, has organized the departments for the annual county teachers' institute for Clackamas county to be held at the Oregon City high school November 18 and 19.

Orders were issued last week for the closing of Eugene high school as a precautionary measure against infantile paralysis, as the result of the death of William Van Wagner, 15, student at the school.

Linn county district boundary board granted the petition of certain residents of Greenville school district, the latter part of the week, for a change in boundaries between that district and Sweet Home district.

Arnold D. Collier, Lane county club agent, accompanied by Millard Shelton, 18, of Marcola, and Lois Bailey, 14, of Eugene, left recently for Chicago as Oregon's representatives to the national livestock exposition.

A proclamation promulgated by Governor Patterson recently, designates Thursday, November 24, as a public holiday, and requests the citizens of Oregon to join in appropriate observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Pilot Butte, one of the prominent mountain peaks located on The Dalles-California highway near Bend, was donated to the state highway commission last week. The butte will be converted into a state park.

North Bend, through her chamber of commerce, went on record at the weekly session last week as favoring continuation of the ferry Roosevelt connecting the break in the Roosevelt highway from North Bend to Glasgow.

The grounds of the Oregon soldiers' home are the best kept and the most beautiful to be found at any soldiers' home in the United States, according to Colonel B. K. Cash, federal inspector, who completed an official visit to the Oregon institution recently. In his report of the grounds Colonel Cash designated the grounds as "excellent," the only such report made during his tour.

The giant toboggan slide which is being built by the Portland Ad club as a winter sport attraction on Mount Hood, will be dedicated and thrown open to use by the public on December 10, according to a recent announcement.

Although property valuations in 18 Oregon counties for the year 1927 show a decrease when compared with those for the previous year, the total valuations for the 36 counties will aggregate approximately \$4,800,000 in excess of the year 1926.

Oregon fishermen and cannerymen paid nearly \$53,000 into the fund for the slaughtering of some 85,000 seals and sea lions during the past six years.

Albert Lane, 28, was killed instantly at the plant of the Sitcoos Lumber company at Sitcoos when he became entangled in the gears of a moving derrick.

The peak population in the history of the Oregon state penitentiary was reached last week when the prison register showed a total of 611 prisoners. More than 550 of the convicts are employed regularly in the various departments of the institution.

Fire which started in the cold storage rooms in the basement damaged the plant of the Cherry City Baking company at Salem to the extent of \$50,000. The Cherry City Baking company's plant was one of the largest of its kind in the Willamette valley.

An audience of more than 250 assembled at the First Presbyterian church in Oregon City last week and celebrated a memorable event in the history of that church, the complete cancellation of every financial obligation against that organization.

Three cases of typhoid were added to the 10 or 12 already developed in the city of Coquille. Children are the victims of the recent reports. Dr. P. M. Drake is yet undecided as to the source of communication, but the indications point to the city water system.

Lima beans have grown to extraordinary size on vines from which Mrs. George Hockema harvested the crop last week. She found that the plump product ran from an inch to an inch and one-half in length and from one-half to three-fourths of an inch in width.

Five sets of twins arrived in Portland during October, according to the monthly report of the bureau of health compiled by Dr. J. G. Abele, city health officer. The city has 113 brand new boys and 173 baby girls. The population of the city was estimated at 122,225 in this report.

With the widest variety and finest quality of exhibits ever seen in Klamath Falls, the second annual potato show was held last week. The celebration marked the largest potato harvest in the history of the Klamath basin—over 800 cars. Last year over 600 cars were shipped.

Receipts of the 1927 state fair exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$10,000, according to a financial statement prepared by Mrs. Ella Shults Wilson, secretary of the state fair board. The report showed total receipts of \$73,222.45, including \$1295 on hand September 12.

The annual rush for favorite automobile license plates is on. The drawing was held Saturday with more than a dozen applicants for number "1" on hand. About \$90,000 has been received so far, covering about 3000 applications. The demand for numbers 13, 25, 50 and 100 was also heavy.

Albany may vote upon a charter amendment to provide means for installing a new street lighting system as the result of action on the part of local civic organizations in appearing before the city council recently. The proposed plan would follow procedure at La Grande, Pendleton and Portland.

A mining excitement is current in northern Curry county, near the head of Flores creek, where ore has been discovered and a number of claims staked. The district has the first blackjack ore found in that section. Samples of ore which have been assayed run \$80 to the ton and a large proportion of zinc.

Further reductions of intrastate freight rates on certain farm products shipped in excess of 600 miles were announced by the public service commission in Salem recently. The new order of the commission extends the scope of a previous ruling with relation to intrastate shipments of grains and other farm products.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during October aggregated \$255,470, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal recently. There were 69 fires reported to the department. The most disastrous blaze was at Oregon City, where a warehouse, tools and equipment were destroyed with a loss of \$55,000.

A check for \$47,813 has been forwarded to the treasurer of Coos county by the department of the interior, representing the amount due to December 31, 1926, under the Coos bay wagon road lands act. Under this law the county is entitled to 25 per cent of the net receipts from sales of land, timber, mineral leases on the lands, title to which reverted to the federal government.

Rigdon Brothers of Woodburn have received the contract for constructing a new highway bridge at New Era, according to announcement made at the offices of the state highway commission in Salem. The bridge will cost approximately \$29,500.

Three Roseburg churches were entered last week and thoroughly ransacked, apparently by persons seeking money. Aside from a typewriter belonging to Rev. Mr. Knotts, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, nothing of value was taken.

BLACKSHEEP!

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Miss Seebrook with a sigh.

They danced again, and in the handclapping that followed the first number he turned to find the Governor, calm, and with no marks of his escapade upon him.

At midnight Seebrook and Walters came in from their card game, and after a few pleasant words, the party broke up.

In Archie's room the Governor hummed one of his favorite ballads as he slipped out of his coat and picked a speck from his snowy waistcoat. "It's evident," he remarked goodhumoredly, "that you are perturbed, anxious, and have slight symptoms of paralysis a la itans. Pray be seated and I will do my best to restore your peace of mind."

But Archie was not to be thwarted in his purpose to learn just what the Governor meant by endangering their security so recklessly. He slammed the transom tight and drew down the shades.

"You needlessly exposed yourself to observation by sneaking down the fire escape of this hotel—I know that!"

"My dear boy, I was merely gathering a few blossoms of the crimson remolor from the ancient walls of the inn. You may have noted that I wore a spray of buds in my lapel when I joined you in the ball room. Now seat yourself on the bed and I'll tell you the whole story. When I left you I hastened into the drugstore and bought a stick of shaving soap. Then I bought a few cigars in a tobacconist's. In each place I conversed with the clerk, thus laying ample ground for an alibi. Hurrying back to the inn, I avoided observation by entering by the side door, slipped up to our rooms—and there you are! I exchanged our new bank notes for gold certificates negotiable in all parts of the republic. That means a net gain of ten thousand dollars to Red Leary."

"My God!" moaned Archie. "You don't think you can get away with this!"

"I think," returned the Governor imperturbably, "that we must and will get away with it." His emphasis on the plural pronoun caused Archie to cringe.

"You're getting me in pretty deep," mumbled Archie dejectedly.

"How about those blood stains on the sidewalk at Bailey Harbor?" asked the Governor in his blandest tones. "When you speak of getting in deep you forget that someone besides Hoky was shot back yonder. You came to me red-handed from a deed of violence, and I took you in and became your protector, asking no questions. It's the basest ingratitude for you to whimper over a small larceny when

you have added assault or murder to the liabilities of our partnership! But don't forget for a minute that we're pals and pledged to see each other through."

The reference to the blood stains reported by the Bailey Harbor police threw Archie back instantly upon the Governor's mercy. Complicity in the robbery of Seebrooks was as nothing compared with the haunting fear that the man he had shot in the Congdon house had died from the wound. Unable to determine this question he was floundering in a veritable sea of crime. The Governor was addressing with provoking indifference to his companion's perturbation.

"Sleep, lad, sleep! You may be sure that nothing will harm us tonight, and I have faith that more stirring adventures are ahead of us. I forgive you for your qualms and quavers, the pardonable manifestations of youth and inexperience. We walk on slippery places but we shall not stumble, at least not while the Governor keeps his head!"

Nothing appeared to Archie as of greater importance than the retention by his companion of the head that now lay chastely upon a snowy pillow. A handsome well-formed head, a head suggestive of family and the pride of race, though filled with the most complicated mental machinery with which a human being had ever been endowed.

"Put out the lights and get out to your couch!" the Governor muttered drowsily.

The man certainly wore his crimes lightly. He was sound asleep before Archie had got into his pajamas.

TO BE CONTINUED

Judge's Joke

WHEN GOSSIP MEETS GOSSIP THE "DIRTY" BEGINS TO FLY.

Little Girl Injured

Junia May, daughter of Mrs. Grace May, sustained a sprained ligament in her neck when she fell while engaged in a game of basketball at school Monday. Another player fell on the girl.

Maybe So—Maybe So

"Madge married a conductor and got a divorce the next week."

"He must have told her where to get off."

Half Way Job

"Officer, I'm looking for a man with one eye."

"Sure now, if he's a very small man wouldn't it be better to use both of them?"

A Punning Pair

"This is rough on me," chortled the dumb co-ed as the Stude who didn't shave kissed her.

Do You Remember

"Yonder comes a woman in a hobbie skirt." How colorless that sounds to-day.

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Gee Gosh

Archie—"Give me the gist of his remark."

Balde—"They were terrible."

Polite Father

Distracted Parent—"John, will you speak to those children?"

Father—"Good evening, children."

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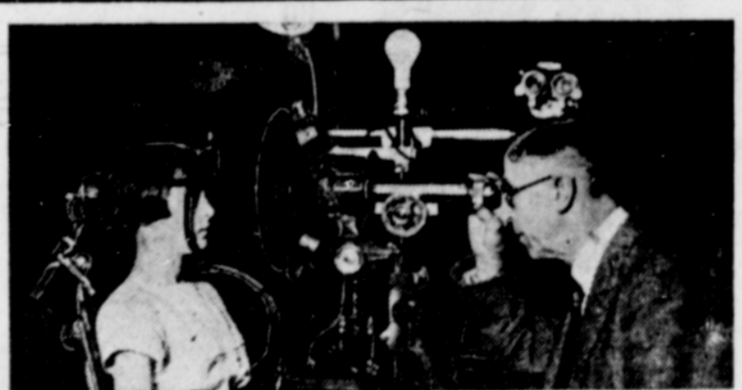
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