

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

During the past year Benton county has retired \$87,000 worth of indebtedness, leaving its obligations at the present time \$341,000.

Official records of the city health bureau now show 10 cases of infantile paralysis in Portland. Two new cases were reported last week.

Three places were robbed in Woodburn Saturday night and an attempt to enter a fourth was unsuccessful, the robbers evidently being frightened away.

Announcement is made that a new \$100,000 theatre will be built in Medford next spring by L. Neidemyer and Earl Fehl. The house will have a capacity of 1570.

C. E. Secoy, who farms near Ontario, had 11 acres in clover this year from which he realized from seed and hay \$1433, besides retaining 20 tons of hay for his own use.

A slide 40 feet long and 10 feet deep came down on the tracks of the S. P. & S. railway at Bugby, near Astoria, taking out the telegraph lines and blocking the tracks.

The number of building permits issued in Portland for October, 1927, and their valuation was somewhat less than for October, 1926, but greater in value than for September, 1927, the permit division of the city building inspector's office announced.

Portland's total deepsea commerce the first 10 months of this year exceeds that for the entire year 1925 and is greater than for the first 10 months of 1926, the record year in port history. It now appears that the 1927 total deepsea trade will set a new high record.

Revenues of the state corporation department during the fiscal year, July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, aggregated \$396,774.34, or an increase of \$3207.38, when compared with the receipts for the previous 12 months, according to the annual report completed in Salem recently.

Public utilities operating in Oregon this year will contribute property taxes in the amount of approximately \$6,500,000, or 15 per cent of all such taxes paid in the state. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 in the last four years due to a revision of valuations and the increased public demands.

Over 1700 pounds of rabbits were canned in Medford recently at the Rogue River cannery, this making an estimate of 1128 cans which will be offered for sale at local grocery stores. Another large canning of rabbits will be held within the month.

While his breakfast burned on the stove in his shack on Catching Inlet, six miles from Marshfield, and with his dog locked in behind him, Caleb Greene, 56, was clubbed to death with a saved-off baseball bat almost on the doorstep of his humble home last week.

Believed to be the largest vegetable of its kind ever grown in the Deschutes basin, a turnip nearly three feet in circumference and weighing 21 1/2 pounds, is on exhibit in the Bend chamber of commerce office. The big turnip was grown on the Livessay farm, near Sisters.

The Oregon Telephone company, with headquarters at Marshfield, has filed notice with the public service commission that it has eliminated six-party line service at its McMinnville exchange. Common battery service instead of magneto service has been established at Forest Grove.

Organization of the fruit growers of Oregon, Washington and California into one large and effective association was predicted in Salem by Seymour Jones, state market agent, who has returned to Salem after attending a meeting of the fruit growers and farmers of California, held at Stockton recently.

The apportioned property valuations of all public utilities in Oregon for the year 1927, exclusive of the Western Union Telegraph company, have been fixed at \$168,967,161.25, according to a statement prepared by the state tax commissioner. The property valuations of these utilities in 1926 aggregated \$161,875,994.35.

F. G. Schattauer of Honolulu has purchased 50 head of western Oregon cattle which will be shipped to the Hawaiian Islands December 1, by way of Portland. The cattle were purchased mostly in Marion and Polk counties. The total paid for the animals was \$15,000, according to Dr. W. M. Lytle, state veterinarian.

A person to be eligible to appointment as justice of the peace must have lived in the district for six months prior to such appointment, according to a legal opinion prepared by the attorney-general recently. The opinion was sought by Governor Patterson in connection with the selection of a justice of the peace in Coos coun-

November was the cloudiest month of the name since official records were begun in Portland in 1871. The sun was hidden by clouds 96 per cent of the time, there having been only 14 hours and 36 minutes of sunshine, out of a possible 234 hours and 6 minutes. One day was partly cloudy and the remaining 29 were cloudy; on 24 of these days rain fell in measurable amounts.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 1, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included: Robert K. Young, Portland, loader; Edward Hanses, Oregon City, buckar, and Frank A. Bunda, Portland, saw operator. There was a total of 705 accidents reported to the commission during the month.

A request that the new day school for Indian children at Burns be expanded into a boarding school, presented to Charles H. Burke, commissioner of Indian affairs, by Senators McNary and Steiwer and Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, was given little encouragement by that official. Commissioner Burke explained that additional expenditures for Indian schools is frowned upon at present by the budget bureau.

That L. Madovich, a logger, went through 41 years of life with his digestive organs in his chest and his heart on the right side of his body, was disclosed at a post-mortem performed at Astoria following his death last week. Madovich, apparently, was normal. His stomach was where his heart should have been and the heart was high up on the right side. His lungs were exceptionally small, the left one being only slightly larger than an ordinary teacup.

Tommy Fields of near Redmond last week rode a horse which reared to its death, breaking its neck when it jumped a ditch and tumbled through a wire fence. The boy was pinned under the horse, but escaped without injury.

Total number of school children in Lane county as enumerated during the late census is 15,063, according to revised figures announced by E. Moore, county school superintendent. This is an increase of 127 over the number counted last year, the census of 1926 showing 14,941.

An unpleasant situation exists for the Gold Hill school budget for the ensuing year. At a recent election the taxpayers were asked to pass on the budget and vote on a 6 per cent increase on the levy. They adopted the budget, but rejected the increased tax levy necessary to provide for the budget. A new election will be called to reconsider the tax levy.

Locked in the Bulletin office in Bend for several hours, a dog, Sunday afternoon, gained its liberty by "calling" a telephone operator, the operator's query, "Number, please," being answered by a "woof, woof." The operator listened to further "woof, woofs" then called a number of the Bulletin staff. A telephone instrument was found upset, with dog tracks nearby.

Reports have reached Astoria to the effect that a train of five loaded oil-tank cars, two boxcars loaded with provisions and a flat-car had broken away from the engine hauling the seven cars up the B. W. Timber company branch of the Kerry line and dropped down a four-mile grade at terrific speed before tearing up rails and leaving the track. The cars were demolished and it is estimated that about a week will be required to repair the line.

Business men and farmers in the Bandon area are desirous of obtaining a fifth ferry, which would operate over the lower Coquille river at the Dan-leison place and connect with the Roosevelt highway, which is 2000 feet southward. The ferry would permit travel over either the North Bank or the Roosevelt highway and would be a convenience for the ranchers living on the North Bank road between Coquille and Bandon, yet cut off from communication across the river.

Approximately 497 cars of celery were shipped from the Lake Labish district, five miles north of Salem, this season, according to announcement made by directors of the marketing association. Shipments in 1926 aggregated 364 cars.

The valuation on taxable property in Coos county for 1927 shows an increase of \$936,471, according to figures available at the county assessor's office. This shows a gain of 11.23 per cent and does not include the valuation of public utilities.

The Roosevelt highway between Seaside and Tillamook is closed to traffic because of high water, according to reports reaching the state highway department in Salem.

Governor Patterson has accepted an invitation to be in Medford to open the better homes exposition scheduled to take place four days in the local armory, beginning December 7.

Residents along the Willamette river met at Champoeg park Sunday to consider the construction of a new highway from Salem to Portland by way of Butteville and the Champoeg reserve.

Slashing his throat with a razor in a spell of despondency, William Benton, 84, civil war veteran, a resident

of the Oregon State Soldiers' home, at Roseburg, took his life last week.

More than 200 people are employed at the Ashland cannery in completing one of the biggest apple-canning seasons in the history of the institution. Twenty-five carloads have been sold and shipped.

The annual Curry County Teachers' institute, scheduled in Gold Beach November 22 and 23, was postponed until the infantile paralysis situation in Coos county, as well as Curry county, is changed.

Every state institution in Oregon was ahead of its financial expectancy for the biennium October 1 of this year, according to a report prepared by Carle Abrams, secretary of the state board of control.

Debaters of the University of the Philippines defeated opponents from the University of Oregon last week by a popular verdict on the subject of independence for the Philippines, which the Oregon team opposed.

Unless there is a revival in the lumber business in the near future the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company's mills in Salem will be forced to close indefinitely. Closing of the plant would affect approximately 300 men.

Guernsey cattle breeders of Linn county were organized recently after having existed heretofore as a two-county organization. The change was effected at a meeting of Guernsey breeders held in the city hall at Albany.

An exploding oil stove set fire to the Thom estate hotel in Lakeside, near North Bend, last week, and caused a loss of \$20,000 when it burned to the ground and the fire communicated to and damaged a garage next door.

Otto Erickson, well-known Washington county automobile dealer, was nominated for re-election as mayor of Beaverton by the largest vote ever polled at a town caucus last week. Mr. Erickson has served six terms as mayor.

Many fruit growers of Clackamas county, at a meeting of the Clackamas Producers' association in Oregon City recently, signed up for membership into the organization, and permanent officers will be elected at the next meeting.

A meeting of the road district was held last Tuesday night in the Mill City schoolhouse. It was voted to raise \$5000 by taxation, this money to be used for additional gravel and oil on the road between Mill City and Mehama.

The Sterling mine near Jacksonville, closed for several years, is again in operation. Gold was first discovered on Sterling creek in 1852 and records show that \$10,000,000 was taken from the diggings in the ensuing gold rush.

The Mercy hospital in Eugene is to be consolidated with the Pacific Christian hospital, creating the largest institution of the kind in the state, outside of Portland, President Sanderson of the International Bible mission, which owns both properties, has announced.

Community News

(Continued from Page 11) Walker and Myrtle Harvey of Springfield and Paul H. Pengra of Corvallis. Dr. Hill is a brother-in-law of the late W. J. Pengra and while here preached in the Eugene Baptist church.

THURSTON

Professor Park gave a party at his home last Thursday evening for the senior class in high school.

Crowe basketball teams played Thurston teams last Friday evening both Thurston teams won.

Mrs. Cumm and son, John, returned to their home near Salem last Thursday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray.

Mrs. William Rennie who underwent an operation some time ago has returned to her home here. She hasn't been very well for several days.

David Barnett, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnett, fell last Sunday morning striking on the oven door cutting a gash between his eyes to the bone which required a stitch to close it.

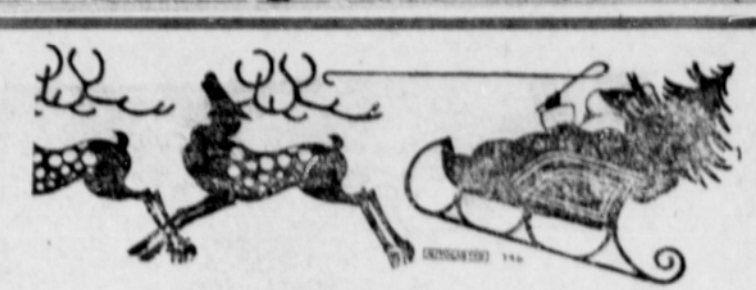
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