

**OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

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

Mrs. Clara Houston has been named treasurer of Klamath county to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Vera Moser.

A \$2000 fountain in the sunken garden of the McMinnville city park will be built this winter from the Fred L. Soper memorial fund.

The Idaho Light & Power company, operating in the eastern part of Baker county, is establishing a line from Richland to Robinette.

The valuation of personal property in Oregon is \$17,553,560, according to an inventory conducted at the request of the state board of control.

During the past week there were shipped out of Medford four cars of canned pears billed to Chicago, while another three cars were shipped to England.

A total of 71,500 persons used Deschutes national forest during the past summer, compared with 68,700 in 1926, according to R. L. Fromme, forest supervisor.

The Burke Canning company, which has plants at Portland, Astoria and Gold Beach, is seeking a location for a fish cannery and storage point on Coos bay.

Plans have been prepared by the city engineer and the chamber of commerce committee for the first of several public landings for the Astoria waterfront.

Rabies in a dog, the first found in Marshfield in many years, was declared by examiners to have been the trouble with a fox terrier killed by its owner last week.

A levy of approximately 10.28 mills, to yield a total of \$11,714.09 on the basis of the last valuation, will be collected from Forest Grove property owners for 1928.

The total assessment roll of Marion county for the year 1927 is \$41,334,200 as against \$39,771,900 in the year 1926, according to figures compiled by the county assessors.

Designation of The Dalles-California highway between Terrebonne and Bend as one of the state's arterial, or through routes, was announced in Bend recently by C. W. Wanzer, state highway division engineer.

Tear gas, used effectively in the world war and since then adopted in many places to the task of quelling mobs, will be added to the defensive equipment in the hands of guards at the Oregon state penitentiary.

The Pacific Power & Light company has purchased the distributive system of the Fossil light plant and will extend its high-power system from Condon to Fossil, a distance of 20 miles. Fossil will then have a 24-hour light service.

Saturday was a red letter day for the Owyhee community, when visitors from all parts of Malheur county came for the county council meeting of the Parent-Teacher association and for the dedication of Owyhee's fine new school building.

Total taxable property in Union county exclusive of public utilities is given as \$19,739,140 this year, a decrease of \$120,270 over last year. The assessment rolls show the total number of acres of land under cultivation in the county as less than last year. This year's figure is 164,475 acres and last year the count was 169,288.

By Christmas day the second major railroad construction project in the Klamath basin during the past four years will be completed. Kenneth Houser, contractor, announced that the Bend-Chemult extension of the Great Northern railroad would be finished inside of 30 days and that probably 15 days later locomotives would be steaming over the line.

A Canada lynx was killed by Alfred Gentry, government hunter, in Grant county in October, in addition to two he killed in September, Stanley Jewett, in charge of predatory animal control work, said in his October report, issued recently. There were 371 predatory animals bagged by the predatory animal hunters in Oregon in the month. Most of them were coyotes.

Seventy-four of the 600 prisoners in the Oregon state penitentiary are serving life sentences, according to a compilation prepared by F. C. Halley, deputy warden. Of the total number of convicts, 134 are serving time for larceny, 75 for statutory offenses, 74 for murder, 46 for forgery, 40 for operating a still, 14 for manslaughter and 15 for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Gross receipts from motor vehicle fuel tax under all existing laws imposed since the year 1919 up to October 1 of this year were \$17,354,739.24, according to a statement issued by the secretary of state. The motor vehicle fuel tax returned to the state during the first nine months of 1927 a total of \$2,959,812.92 against \$2,680,024.95 for the corresponding period in 1926. The increase was \$273,787.97.

**High School Basketball Season Prospects Bright**

**Local Basketeers Open Season January 6; Three Players Ineligible This Term**

With a complete schedule of 11 games, and two more yet to be listed, the Springfield high school basketball team is being drilled in preparation for officially opening the season on January 6, when the University high school team will furnish competition on the Eugene floor.

Springfield's chances for developing a successful team this year appear much better than last. Several letter men are back, and interclass basketball, which has just been completed, has demonstrated that the experienced material is showing improvement and several green players have the possibilities of excellent form.

Coach Leonard Mayfield will be handicapped for the first part of the season due to ineligibility of three experienced players, McPherson, Cowart and Freeman Squires. If these men live up to eligibility requirements for the remainder of the term, they will get into the official games during the latter part of the season and will undoubtedly bolster the team to a notable degree.

**May Be Advantage**  
This, in a way, will prove an advantage to the team, however, as it will make it possible for several less experienced men to play in official games early in the season, games from which they undoubtedly would be crowded by the more experienced McPherson, Squires and Cowart. Thus the team will have several more experienced men for the end of this season and the beginning of next than they would have if the three were eligible to play the whole season.

Unlike the situation at the beginning of the football season, Mayfield is not faced with the problem of keeping up the reputation of a former season. The local football team last year had an exceptionally good record, with the result that its weakness this year were magnified in the eyes of fans accustomed to victories. The basketball team last year was weak, its successes were few, and it admittedly had a poor season. Any showing this year will look good in comparison.

**Mayfield Optimistic**  
And Mayfield appears quite confident that there will be at least a few victories tied to the belts of the local basketeers when they finish the last game in March. The men have been persistently showing improvement under his tutelage, although he has made practice to date chiefly a drill on fundamentals. Several freshmen, especially Lynch, have shown ability on the maple court.

Among the potential first stringers now practicing are Redding, E. Squires, F. Squires, McPherson, Deeds, Roof, Cowart and Lynch.

**Schedule Given**  
The basketball schedule, as arranged by Huck Harper, manager, is given herewith. Harper is now dickering with Woodburn high school for two more games to add to the following list:  
January 6, University high school, there.  
January 13, St. Mary's high school, here.  
January 18, Cottage Grove high, there.  
January 25, University high, here.  
February 1, Coburg high school, here.  
February 8, St. Mary's high, there.  
February 14, Cottage Grove, here.  
February 17, Lebanon, here.  
February 29, Coburg, there.  
March 2, Shedd, here.  
March 9, Lebanon, there.

**CARE SHOULD BE USED WITH CHRISTMAS TREES**

Chief Jess Smitsen today issues the usual annual warning to be careful with lighted Christmas trees lest house fires result. He warns against the use of inflammable materials for decorations or placing the tree too close to walls or window curtains.

Among his list of don'ts are: avoid candles, look for cross circuits in tree electric wiring; use of celluloid materials.  
In case of fire call the fire department then do what you can to put out the blaze are his instructions.

**NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC**

Springfield Dog Ordinance requires all dogs to be licensed. Licenses \$2.00 per year for male dogs and \$5.00 per year for female dogs. When dogs placed in pound for want of license, additional charge for release from pound is \$5.00 and 50c per day for keep. For dog licensed, but not wearing license tag, \$1.00 charge for release from pound. Beginning January 1st, 1928, Dog Ordinance will be strictly enforced.

JESSE SMITSON, Chief of Police.

**"Mile a Minute"**



A racing boat, with 24 aboard attained a speed of a mile a minute, at New York last week—the fastest ever recorded. A new "fan tail" propeller, invented by Johannes Plum—exceeding even the wildest dreams of the builders, makes the new speed possible.

Leaburg Youth In—Frank Aya of Leaburg came to Springfield yesterday for treatment of injuries to his ankle, received while playing.

**INTEREST SHOWN IN WEST COAST WOODS**

Longview, Wn., December 22—More than 2300 requests for information on West Coast woods were received by the West Coast Lumber Bureau during the past month. It was announced here today. The requests came from every state in the Union and from 17 foreign countries.

Sixteen hundred and five of these requests for lumber facts came from prospective builders who wanted to get particulars about the home designs that won prizes in the Bureau's recent West Coast woods architectural competition. Almost all of the inquiries resulted from Bureau advertisements in various publications.

Many inquirers stated that they were planning to build a home at once. Such a large number requested plans of the design that won first prize that the Bureau arranged to have working drawings and specifications made. These were offered to those interested at a cost of \$25.00 per set and a number of sales were made at once, some by telegraph.

Requests for the designs have been received even from such far distant countries as Poland and Norway.

**Marriage Licenses Issued**

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: Lester Gates, Eugene, and Esther Viola Harper, Springfield; Kenneth Wilshire, and Ellen McCullan, both of Eugene; Louis Layne and Dorothy Miller, both of Cottage Grove; John Chazem and Grace Pasley, both of Eugene; Harold Matton and Opal Clark, both of Swiss home; Fred Goebel, Ashton, and Kathryn Owen, Eugene; Claud Blascom and Goldie Eicher, both of West- fr.

CALL AND SEE Dr. N. W. Emery on prices on plates and other work. tr

**The "Average" Man**



Roy L. Gray, Ft. Madison Ia., has been termed America's "average" citizen. The American Magazine, after careful survey, gives the title to Gray because he earns an average income; conducts a one-man tailor shop and clothing store in the average small sized town; belongs to church—but doesn't attend regularly; has an average education; and his principal interests are in his family of wife and two children—and his business.

**TYSON NAMED OFFICER COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

W. P. Tyson, veteran Boy Scout worker of Springfield, was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Lane County Boy Scout council at the annual meeting at the Osburn hotel Monday night. Mr. Tyson will serve as the vice-president for Springfield for the coming year.

Among Springfield people attending the annual meeting were Mr. Tyson, Clayton Barber, C. L. Aldrich, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxey. Miss Winifred Tyson played piano numbers during the dinner.

**WALKER SELLS OUT**

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Lebanon to Bush and Sons of Eugene, and they in turn transferred it to Harry Howe of Salem, who is operating the place at present.  
The big deal has been under way for some time, but final consummation of the transactions between Mr. Walker and the Bush family at Eugene were not completed for announcement until today.

**Methodist Church**

Christmas day services include: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., when children will receive annual Christmas treat. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Pastor's morning topic, "Gentleness as an Element of Greatness." Evening, "A Hebrew and a Greek Story of Christmas Hospitality." Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

**Baptist Church**

Sunday school program tonight, 7:30 o'clock. Recitation and singing by the primary department, and pageant, "The Nativity," by young people. Sunday services will be in keeping with the scripture teaching of Christmas. The girls quartet will sing at the morning services, and there will be a duet. Morning sermon topic, "What Mean Ye by This Service." The evening will be largely devoted to a musical program, with anthems by the choir, solos and congregational singing.

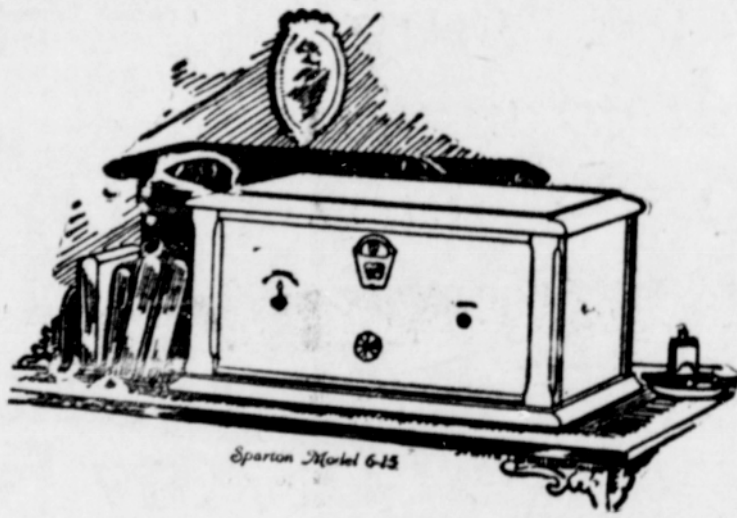
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