

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Yamhill county's expenditures in 1928 are estimated at \$651,122.46. This compares with \$558,525.10 spent in 1927.

The Bank of Dayton, in its statement of December 31, 1927, registered a total gain of \$15,000 in resources for the year.

Clover growers of Clackamas county attended a clover conference held at the Oregon City chamber of commerce rooms last Monday.

Total sales of stamps and stamped paper at the Sandy postoffice for the year ended December 31, 1927, was \$2178.22; a gain of \$316.59 over the previous year.

Charles Walker, Beatty stockman, was found guilty at Klamath Falls on a specific charge of stealing a cow by a jury which deliberated a little more than two hours.

The Northwest Society of State Highway Engineers will hold their annual meeting at the Multnomah hotel in Portland, January 28, according to a recent announcement.

With a yard full of lumber and a scarcity of logs as the cause, the Oregon Trail sawmill at North Powder has shut down and will probably not open again until spring.

Of a total of 8573 children examined in the elementary schools of Marion county, only 34 per cent were found free from defects, while 5642 were found with defects of some kind.

A 66,000-volt line has been built by the Pacific Power & Light company between Pendleton and Athens at a cost of \$15,000 a mile. Next summer this will be extended to Walla Walla.

Bids for highway construction jobs in three counties and a park concession in Umatilla county will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland, Thursday, January 26.

A new high population record was set at the state penitentiary in Salem when 651 prisoners were registered. All of the convicts, with the exception of those in the hospital, are employed regularly.

Mrs. Ella Shulz Wilson was re-elected secretary of the state fair board. A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was elected president. H. R. Crawford of Salem vice-president and A. Bush of Salem treasurer.

W. J. Culver was elected Marion county roadmaster for the 15th consecutive time. Virtually all of the hard-surfaced highways in Marion county were constructed under Mr. Culver's supervision.

The Mt. Hood Railway company's tracks have been kept open constantly during the recent storm and service has been maintained to Parkdale. About 85 cars of apples along its track are awaiting shipment.

Seaside is to have an aviation school, a tract of 60 acres having been purchased for that purpose in the north end of the city, with a mile of river and ocean frontage. The school will be opened in July.

Cook county expended \$23,897.26 for road projects during December, it was revealed at Coquille by figures compiled in the county clerk's office. The greatest amount was spent on general roads, totalling \$14,089.70.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during December aggregated \$395,042, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. There were 76 fires reported, of which three were of an incendiary origin.

The state legislature would be prohibited from interfering with legislation enacted by the voters, under the provisions of a proposed constitutional amendment filed in the offices of the secretary of state at Salem last week.

Late registration at the Oregon Agricultural college has increased the total for this term to 3297, the largest enrollment of degree students for the second term in the history of the college, according to the latest report issued by E. B. Lemon, registrar.

Decision to solicit support for the proposed wool warehouse in Baker was made at a meeting of the Baker County Wool Growers' association in Baker last week, and a committee was appointed with a view of determining the sentiment of sheepmen in regard to the project.

The Coquille chamber of commerce will petition the federal radio commission to permit the establishment of a broadcasting station there as the center of Coos county. This action came as the result of a meeting of the chamber last week.

Loss by fire in Astoria during 1927 was lowest of any year since the big disaster of 1923, according to the annual report of Fire Chief C. E. Foster. The total loss last year was \$17,997.05, on which insurance totalling \$10,250.08 was paid.

Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, has advised A. S. Edmonds, assistant traffic manager in Portland, that the company has decided to purchase \$5,000,000 worth of new equipment, including 25 model freight engines to be placed in service in the Pacific northwest.

A serious outbreak of smallpox was found at Grand Ronde in northwestern Polk county by County Health Officer Dr. A. B. Starbuck. Four children in one Indian family and three other children, one a white girl, were found to have the disease. This is the second outbreak this winter.

Jack Glover, 11, Laurelhurst school, Portland, won first prize for the best essay on "Highway Safety," submitted by Oregon elementary students in the 1926-27 national safety campaign held under the direction of the National Automobile chamber of commerce. He was awarded a gold medal valued at \$15.

Fay Dinsmoor, Oakgrove orchardist, lost his chicken house and 400 hens last week. He had adopted the new system of lighting his henery before day in order to get his birds out early. Gasoline lanterns were used. He retired after lighting the lamps, and the family was aroused later by the fire.

Within a stone's toss of the Pacific ocean at Winchester bay, near Reedsport, roses are in bloom, according to Mrs. S. M. Scott, resident of that district. The sunshine of recent days has caused the buds to unfold, she said, and open spaces of the commons are turning a brighter green from new grown grass.

Wheat is being threshed in heavy snow at the Fred W. Eppinger ranch north of Baker. The grain could not be threshed during the fall because of the rains. It seems little damaged by the snow and is running about 40 bushels to the acre. So far as known this is the first wheat that has been threshed there in January.

There was one fatality due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending January 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was James R. Stemmerman, of Marshfield. There were 483 accidents reported to the commission during the week covered in the report.

Portland became 77 years old Friday, when the city had one of its several birthdays. It was January 13, 1850, that the legislature of the territory granted to the city its charter and a few days later the city council confirmed that charter. It became effective February 8, 1850, and the first election was held April 6 when Hugh D. O'Bryant was elected mayor.

Reports recently given out by Postmaster Tulley at Wallowa indicate a steady gain in receipts for the office during the past year. Stamp sales for the quarter ending December 31, 1926, were \$1671.85 and for the similar quarter ending December 31, 1927, the sales were \$1720.78, a gain of \$48.93. This gain has been consistent through every quarter during the past year.

The Eastern Oregon Peace Officers' Co-operative association met in La Grande last week and elected Clint Haynes, La Grande police chief, president; Henry McKinney of Baker, vice-president; S. H. Bureleigh of Enterprise, secretary-treasurer; Amos Helm of La Grande, assistant secretary; Jesse Breahears of La Grande and District Attorney Blodgett of Nyssa, members of the executive committee.

Business of the Harrisburg National bank has been purchased by the Junction City State bank, and consolidation of the institutions was effected last week. This deal presents the unusual situation of a state bank acquiring a national bank. Deposits amounting to between \$70,000 and \$75,000 were taken over in the transfer. The Junction City State has more than twice that amount of deposits. The change leaves Harrisburg with one bank, the First National.

With growing conditions absolutely ideal, Douglas county broccol growers are looking forward to one of the biggest crops in the history of the industry. The present fear is that the unusually warm January weather will bring the crop on too early, at a time when the market is flooded with California cauliflower, resulting in lower prices. The present estimate is that there will be more than 600 carloads shipped out of the Umpqua valley during the last of February, March and April. An effort to standardize a crate for Oregon shipments has so far met with failure, and the several shipping organizations will probably each use a different style of crate.

K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, president, and Bob Thompson of Heppner, vice-president, were unanimously re-elected to their positions by the Oregon Wool Growers' association at the close of their 31st annual convention in Pendleton last week.

In celebration of the installation of a new water system, the town of Fairview, 13 miles east of Portland on the Columbia highway, will hold a meeting and entertainment in the auditorium of the town's new schoolhouse on Thursday night, January 26.

Delegates to Pan-American Conference



Photo shows President Coolidge with members of the American delegation to the Sixth International Conference of American States which opens at Havana, Cuba, January 16. They called at the White House to discuss plans for participation in the conclave. Left to right are: Judge Morgan O'Brien; Charles E. Hughes, former Secretary of State; Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg; President Coolidge; Henry P. Fletcher, United States Ambassador to Italy; former Senator Oscar Underwood; J. G. Scott; and Dr. L. F. Rowe, director of the Pan-American Union.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Mrs. Kickbush in—Mrs. John Kickbush of Waltherville was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Mrs. Price Here—Mrs. Walter Price and Alvin Price of Marcola were Springfield visitors Monday.

DePue at Salem—Attorney Frank DePue went to Salem on business Monday.

Montgomerys at Noti—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery were visitors at Noti Sunday with his relatives.

Here From Rainbow—Mrs. George Williams of Rainbow was a Springfield visitor Saturday.

Coburg Man Visitor—Business was transacted here Monday by Paul Garboden, Coburg.

Chase in own—M. L. Chase of Chase Gardens was a business visitor here Monday.

Hemenway in Springfield—E. E. Hemenway of Eugene Motor Route B was a visitor here Saturday.

Creswell Man in—E. W. Mathews of Creswell paid Springfield a visit Saturday.

Mable Man Here—L. G. Paris of Mable was a Springfield visitor Sunday.

Rev. Sykes ill—Rev. Gabriel Sykes was confined to his home with illness early this week.

Here From Goshen—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gossler of Goshen were visitors here yesterday.

Jasper Man in—J. R. Conrad of Jasper paid Springfield a visit yesterday.

Lester Kirk Visitor—Lester Kirk, who lives north of Eugene, paid Springfield a visit Tuesday.

Creswell Woman Here—Mrs. F. E. Roberts of Creswell paid Springfield a visit Tuesday.

Mrs. Potter Here—Mrs. C. E. Potter of Waltherville was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Girl Has Pneumonia—The small daughter of George Cannon, who lives on the Elmira road, is suffering from pneumonia.

Is In Hospital—Dale Curtis, Lebanon is in the Pacific Christian hospital seriously ill.

Peterson at Eugene—I. M. Peterson master of the local Masonic lodge, attended a lodge affair in Eugene Monday evening.

Returns From California—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacIntosh have returned from a two weeks' trip to California.

Goes To Portland—W. H. Lambert went to Portland to spend this week with his wife and daughter, Jean Martin.

Here From Florence—Mrs. Charles Johnson of Florence spent a few days of this week here attending to business interests. She stayed at the American hotel. Mrs. Johnson is a former Springfield resident.

Judge Bryan Here—Judge Bryan, of Weiser, Idaho, brother of the late Joseph Bryan of this city, visited in this city Monday. He visited C. E. Kenyon, cashier of the Commercial State bank, and a former resident of Weiser.

Gladys Walker Hurt—Gladys Walker sustained a painful gash above one eye when she fell and struck her head on the table at her home Monday evening. Three stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Plan Food Sale

The women of the Home Missionary society will hold a cooked food sale Saturday, January 21, in the A. R. Sneed store. Pies, cakes, salads, and other foods will be on sale from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Iowa Minister To Preach
The Rev. C. E. Crandall of the Des Moines, Iowa, M. E. conference will preach at the morning service Sunday January 22, at the Methodist church here, at 11 A. M. His topic will be "What is Man?" At 7:30 P. M. the regular pastor Rev. Sykes will preach especially for young people. His sermon topic will be at this time, "First Things First."

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
Epworth League 6:30 P. M.
Rev. Blom Preaches—Rev. C. H. Blom of the Springfield Baptist church preached at evangelistic services at Junction City this week.

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