

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The Oregon Wool Growers' association held its annual state convention in Baker recently.

Postal receipts at the Astoria post-office during 1928 totaled \$67,214, an increase of \$250.47 over the 1927 receipts.

Illinois valley Port Orford cedar is being shipped to Japan. The logs are obtained near Bandon and hauled to Waters Creek by truck.

The Inland Grain company, a new \$25,000 corporation, has been organized at Freewater by H. S. Murray, A. L. Grover and John R. Barnes.

According to a recent survey, Eugene's population is now estimated at 27,542, an increase of 160 per cent since the decennial census of 1920.

Approximately 40 new business houses, representing a large number of various lines of endeavor, were opened in Medford during the year 1928.

The oil prospecting well at Fossil has reached a depth of 700 feet and the crew is now drilling in red shale. Work is going on continuously day and night.

All-time building records in McMinnville were shattered in 1928 when a total of \$463,984 was invested. The amount is \$237,000 more than was spent in 1927.

Medford and Jackson county during the year 1928 broke all records in pear shipments, lumber production, Crater Lake travel, school attendance and bank deposits.

Wasco county's total of tax to be raised for county purposes this year will be \$421,318.80. The county nurse, previously dropped from the budget, will be retained.

With a cash balance of \$155,532.97, the Linn county court enters the new year well supplied with funds. The balance is one of the largest in the history of the county.

John Laing of Haines and two partners have uncovered a commercial vein of ore in their mine 14 miles from Haines which shows values as high as \$450 per ton in silver-lead.

A seagull flew into a 2300-volt power line at Seaside one day last week, causing a short circuit and leaving the town without power for an hour. The gull recovered and flew away.

The sea-going tug Georgia M. Brown owned by the Star Towing company, went aground recently on the beach just south of the Siletz Bay bar when a tow line fouled her propeller.

Although there was no great activity in building in Pendleton during 1928, records show that permits issued during the year had a value of \$157,442, or \$63,691 more than in 1927.

Oregon land in 1928 yielded farm products worth \$565,000,000, surpassing the total of 1927 by nearly \$20,000,000. Eleven million more dollars was taken from the streams in fish.

The West Lane Lumber company plant near Swishome started up the first of the year with 49 employees. The plant, recently taken over by new owners, had been idle for about a year.

In the two months in which the cooperative shipping association of Walla Walla county farmers has been in existence, 3756 hogs have been shipped bringing the farmers a total of \$62,713.

Dogs killed 448 sheep and 19 goats in Linn county during 1928, according to records of claims filed with the Linn county court. The loss is more than \$5000. The court is now auditing the claims.

Richard Cayzer, artist, lost heavily at Tillamook recently when fire destroyed his studio with many valuable paintings. Mr. Cayzer was severely burned in an attempt to save some of his property.

A report compiled by Sheriff Taylor shows that 295 persons were inmates of the Lane county jail during 1928. This is considerably less than the three preceding years, which show an average of 525.

P. G. Gilmore, owner of the Gilmore hotel in Newport, was killed in an automobile accident six miles east of Toledo on the icy Newport-Corvallis highway. Mrs. Gilmore, who was trapped under the car, was badly bruised, but not seriously injured.

The total tax levy in Eugene this year will be 58.5 mills, according to County Assessor Keeney. Last year the total was 54.6 mills. The big item of increase is the 4-mill levy for construction of the McKenzie and Florence state highways.

The Hood River county court has announced that funds available for county fruit inspection work will be used in employment of a county agent. The cost of the agents annual work will be \$5000 a year, of which the county will pay \$2400.

Henry Holden, resident of the North Fork community, near Florence, was killed instantly when a large log rolled over him.

Sheriff Taylor of Lane county has recovered from an assault by thugs a few days ago, who waylaid him and knocked him unconscious. He was not robbed and the motive is supposed to have been revenge.

Ike Weatherford, whose hobby is aviation, recently purchased 80 acres of land near Arlington and has a crew of men erecting buildings and leveling the ground preparatory to establishing an aviation field.

Mary Margaret Grimes, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grimes, living 14 miles northwest of Junction City, was fatally shot by her 9-year-old brother Robert while the two were playing with a small rifle.

Attainments of Edgar Grimes of Harrisburg, 1928 national 4-H club leader champion, bore fruit recently in the appropriation of \$850 by the county court to restore the office of Linn county club leader, vacated five years ago by failure of the court to provide funds.

C. Marsters of Roseburg was elected president of the Oregon state fair board at the annual meeting of the board held in Salem recently. This is Mr. Marsters' second successive term as president of the board. Mrs. Ella Shultz Wilson was re-elected secretary of the board.

While cleaning out the mail boxes used in the house and senate during the legislature two years ago, workmen found three letters which were overlooked and not taken to the post-office. This carelessness will be called to the attention of the mail clerks at the 1929 session.

A gavel fashioned from a piece of timber which had been in the White House for more than 112 years was presented to the Portland chamber of commerce by F. C. Knapp, president of the Peninsula Lumber company, in behalf of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

State prohibition operatives participated in 83 arrests for violations of liquor laws during December, according to a report filed with Governor Patterson by George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed in the cases aggregated \$725, with jail sentences totaling 520 days.

Sinking of a number of wells which, if successful, will provide Salem with an improved water supply, was announced by the Oregon-Washington Water Service company. Work on one of the wells was under way last week. The Salem water has had a peculiar taste for several weeks, and many householders have obtained their drinking water at springs and from wells outside of the city.

Merger of 125 retail grocery stores in the Willamette valley, presenting aggregate resources of nearly \$1,500,000, was perfected in Salem recently. The merger, created by the Willamette Grocery company, brings into existence one of the largest chain store organizations in Oregon. The organization will be allied for buying with a chain of 450 stores in Washington. Theodore Roth, president of the company, said.

Rural residents from various districts petitioned the Hood River city council for domestic water supply from the new \$250,000 Cold Springs municipal water system now under construction. City Attorney Smith informed the country residents that they may form water districts along the pipeline and that the city will deliver water to the districts at its pipelines. Each district will arrange its own distributing system.

S. G. Simon of Tangent was elected president of the Oregon Dairymen's association at the closing session of the 36th annual convention of the organization held in Medford. Berton Aldrich of Redmond was named vice president, and P. M. Brandt of Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. Marshfield was selected as the convention city for next year, with the understanding that an eastern Oregon city would be named the following year.

The public schools of Oregon are the largest single enterprise in the state and represent an investment of more than \$40,000,000 in buildings, grounds and equipment, according to the biennial report of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, which was filed with Governor Patterson recently. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, these schools expended \$22,000,000. Approximately 8000 teachers are employed and more than 187,000 children are enrolled. There are 9624 clerks and school board members.

State highway maintenance forces are spreading gravel south from Myrtle Point toward Bridge, where the distance is supplied with reserve piles of gravel for 11 miles. This gravel is being leveled with a grader as fast as laid. The state expects to oil half of the road this spring or summer. The thoroughfare is the state highway between Coos county and Douglas, and there are said to be many soft and bad places in the road as far as Camas valley, due to trucking of logs in the summer months.

Raymond Moore, 29, garage employe, was dead and his nephew Clyde Moore, 23, was in custody after a wild flight through the hills as a result of the discharge of a rifle in the hands of the nephew during a tussel with the uncle. The shooting occurred at Radio park, 18 miles from Grants Pass.

The Southern Oregon Sales company, prominent fruit buying, selling and packing concern of Medford, announces that it will start work February 1 on the construction of a cold storage and packing plant to cost \$100,000. It will be one of the largest plants of the kind in the state.

Linn county has increased its equipment by nearly \$10,000 during the last year, the inventory for 1928 shows. Value of machinery owned by the county now is \$133,134.15. Last year's inventory showed county equipment valued at \$123,136.50. The equipment consists chiefly of gravel plants, rock crushers and road machinery.

The Clatsop tax roll for collection in 1929 will amount to \$2,112,992.64, according to figures announced at the county assessor's office in Astoria. The roll is \$71,501.03 less than that collected during 1928. Although the roll totals less millage, levies are generally higher in view of valuation reductions amounting to \$2,000,000.

Linn county market roads built during the last season cost \$527.40 a mile, whereas the average market road cost throughout the state is more than \$6000, according to C. H. Leonard, county engineer, in his report to the state highway commission. The report states that 19 1/2 miles of market road were built at a total cost of \$102,541.32.

While the combined business carried by 195 stock fire insurance companies and their 65 subsidiaries, operating in Oregon, showed a gain of \$9,000,000 in 1927 as compared with 1926, approximately 75 stock life insurance companies showed a gain of \$33,680,026.94 in outstanding risks at the close of 1927 over the same period of the preceding year.

Roseburg's building record for 1928 was the best in the city's history, except for the year of 1925. The total amount was \$439,165, which was only \$72,000 less than the city's banner year. The new court house, now in process of construction, and the medical arts building, for which the contract was only recently let, constituted the two major projects of the year.

Inheritance tax in the amount of \$709,212.58 was collected by the state inheritance tax department during the year 1928, according to announcement made by T. B. Kay, state treasurer. The state treasurer administers the inheritance tax law. The income from inheritance tax during 1928 was \$83,000 in excess of that collected in any one year in the history of the department.

Poultrymen of eastern Oregon will meet in Pendleton on January 11 to hear the report of a poultry survey made by the Oregon Agricultural college for the part of the state east of the Cascade range. The college was asked to make the report early in the fall when poultrymen met there to draw up a plan whereby they could take advantage of the new "pick up" or "in transit" freight rate offered by the Union Pacific.

Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, have been set aside for the dedication of the newest addition to Linfield's campus, Melrose hall. At that time Baptists, the people of McMinnville and the college will join hands in the opening of a building which is the initial movement toward a series of new buildings which will include a library, a chapel, commons building, dormitories, a new gymnasium, a new science hall and a new music hall.

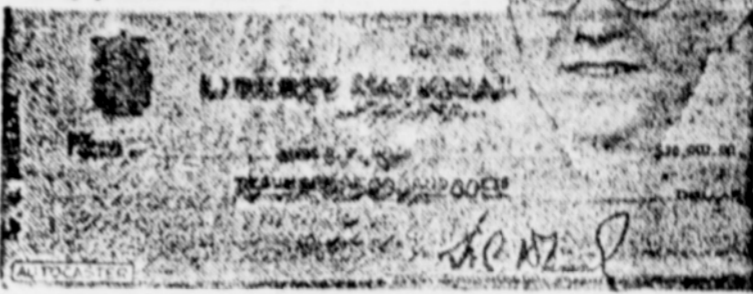
Joe Miller of Alder slope has been chosen head of the Walla Walla County Marketing association, formed at Enterprise recently. There are six other directors, with one of them acting as secretary-treasurer. Information from the county agent shows that during the two months co-operative shipping has been done from the county, more than \$60,000 worth of hogs alone have been marketed by the farmers of the county, as well as a considerable number of sheep and cattle.

Legislation providing relief from depredations by dogs among sheep in Oregon is the purpose of a movement started in Albany by local sheep owners, who complain that their losses are constantly growing greater. In Linn county proceeds from dog licenses during 1928 totaled \$3112.35, while claims for sheep losses have already far exceeded this amount. During 1927 dog licenses yielded \$2843, while claims were nearly \$6000, leaving sheep owners to bear half their losses.

The land settlement report of the Oregon chamber of commerce from January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929, includes the following information: Number of inquiries received, 12,123; signed questionnaires returned, 735; number stating they were coming to Oregon to locate, 667; with specified capital investment of \$1,875,223; letters mailed out, 31,723; pieces of literature mailed out, 25,920; callers at office, 2,618; new settlers reported, 457; investment, \$2,123,316.50 and acreage, 387,031.

Chester P. Mills Wins Durant Prize

Major Chester P. Mills, former Dry Chief of New York, and the \$25,000 check he received from W. C. Durant as the first award in the essay contest sponsored by Durant for the best plan for making prohibition effective.



LEGISLATIVE MEASURES WILL BE SENT TO NEWS OFFICE DURING SESSION

Through the courtesy of Senators Bell and Bailey and Representatives Potter, Howard and McCready the Springfield News has been placed on the mailing list to receive copies of bills introduced and discussed in both houses of the legislature.

On account of the curtailment of expenses fewer numbers of copies have been sent out this year than heretofore, so the copies at the News office are open to access by the public.

A letter received by the News from Senator Baily states in the event that anyone want a copy of any particular measure for them to write to Senator Bell or himself and such requested copy will be forwarded.

LOCAL LEGIONNAIRES TO ATTEND MEET TODAY

State officers of the American Legion will be present at the annual district conference of legionnaires and auxiliary to be held in Eugene today. The auxiliary groups will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon and at 6:45 a banquet will be held at the Chamber of Commerce for all ex-service men and members of the auxiliary.

Between 75 and 100 visitors are expected to attend including a probable delegation of 10 or so members from Springfield. Other towns to be represented include Cottage Grove, Junction City, Corvallis, Toledo, Newport, Lebanon and other towns.

Visiting officials include: Ben Fisher, state commander; Carl Moser, state adjutant; Harry Nelson, state community service chairman; Jerry Owen of the American Legion staff.

Minister Visits—Rev. Deming of Corvallis spent Sunday in this city visiting with Rev. Ted Goodwin who is conducting meetings here.

GIRL SCOUTS TO START WORK ON MERIT BADGES

Members of the local troop of Springfield Girl Scouts who met last Friday and elected officers, will meet this afternoon at the Brattain school at 4:30. Patrol work and work on the merit badges will commence.

Officers elected last Friday were: Eva Louk, president; Ethel Adams, vice-president; Ruth Stratton, secretary; Adeline Perkins, Evelyn and Barbara Adams, patrol leaders. Alta Manning is leader of the troop.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB TO INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

The ladies of the local Needlecraft club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. O. Wilson tonight at which meeting the following new members will be initiated: Mrs. W. N. Dow, Mrs. Jack Henderer, Mrs. George Carsons, and Mrs. Allan Kafoury.

After the initiation and the regular meeting the ladies of the club will entertain the husbands of the members.

Methodist Church Services

The following services are announced for the Methodist church for next Sunday:

Sunday school at 9:45. Junior church at 11 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject "Jesus Surveys a Church." The choir will sing the anthem, "How Excellent is Thy Name."—Woolley. Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. Evening Worship 7:30. Subject, "A Man of the Tombs."

M. W. A. AND NEIGHBORS WILL INSTALL FRIDAY

The Modern Women of America will install officers at their meeting Friday night to be held in the W. O. W. hall. The Royal Neighbors of America will hold installation on the same evening and probably a joint installation will be held.

CITY HEALTH REPORT FOR YEAR SHOWS 91 BIRTHS, 58 DEATHS

There were 91 births and 58 deaths reported to Dr. W. H. Pollard, the city health officer, during the year 1928 according to a report made public last Monday.

The report gives the following record of cases of sickness during the year, chicken pox 9; scarlet fever 18; measles 1; mumps 3; typhoid 1; diphtheria 1; influenza reported 24; pneumonia 3; cultures taken of diphtheria 3; specific diseases 5; tuberculosis 1.

There were 21 examinations made of well water during the year the report shows with the following results: 8 good for drinking purposes, 5 polluted, and 8 not fit for drinking purposes.

Dr. Pollard recommended that the city council take steps in regard to the city sewerage system. He suggested an extension of sewers needed.

Further recommendation brought out in the report was that grocery stores, confectionary stores, and all places where meals were served to the public be compelled to keep a well covered garbage can in the alley for collection of refuse and waste. Especial need of this during the fly breeding season was urged.

FIRE CHIEF SUBMITS REPORT TO COUNCIL

The loss from fire damage for Springfield during the past year was \$843,000 according to the report given in last Monday by Jesse Smitson, Springfield fire chief.

The report briefly states the following record for the year: calls answered 49; miles traveled 73; gallons of chemicals used 1087; and fire loss \$843,000.

Birthday Party Given

Monday night a birthday dinner party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson honoring Mrs. E. S. Riddell of Eugene.

Those present at the party were, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson and two sons, Donald and Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Riddell and sons, Robert and Sigrid, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson and son.

Mr. Riddell is Mrs. C. O. Wilson's brother. Mr. Riddell and family have recently moved to Eugene from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Springfield Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mulkey and two sons, Wayne and John, and daughter, Mary Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenneth Wilson of Salem were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson.



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