

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Feed and grain dealers from all parts of Oregon gathered at Salem recently for their annual convention.

Drilling for oil has started in Coos county near Coquille and is to be continued to a depth of 6000 feet, if necessary.

Fall-sown grain is in splendid condition, it is evident, since the snow is almost gone, farmers of the Dayton vicinity report.

The 1930 budget adopted by the Corvallis chamber of commerce totals \$11,830. This figure is \$830 more than the 1929 budget, which was \$11,000.

Increase in the price of milk is announced by the Medford Milk Distribution association to 12 cents per quart and 7 cents per pint for grade milk.

Edward F. Wells, West Woodburn farmer, was instantly killed when an Oregon Electric work train struck his automobile on the West Woodburn crossing.

The chinook winds which melted the snow at Astoria did work that would have cost the city \$67,000, according to the estimate of the street superintendent.

Ollie Jones and Clifford Stephenson, charged with larceny of a number of horses from the range in Rye valley, were found guilty by a jury in circuit court at Baker.

Prospects for the peach crop this year in Hood River valley are not good, according to S. C. Oxborough, a west side grower. Many buds have been killed by frost, he reports.

Registrations of out-of-state automobiles at the Ashland chamber of commerce in January ran 104 ahead of the same month last year, and were the highest in seven years, except in 1928.

Logging led the 1929 accidental death toll in Lane county with ten men killed, automobile fatalities totaled seven, the annual report of W. W. Bramstetter, county coroner, says.

C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, and E. A. Britton of Roseburg, Coos-Douglas scout executive, were the principal speakers at the spring teachers' institute at Bandon recently.

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers will celebrate Oregon's 71st birthday anniversary February 14, with a statehood banquet and valentine dance at the Multnomah hotel in Portland.

Editors and publishers from all over the state and points up and down the Pacific coast arrived in Eugene recently for the sessions of the 12th annual press conference at the University of Oregon.

Authorization for an appropriation of \$50,000 for a statue of Theodore Roosevelt on Battle rock, Port Orford harbor, Oregon, was proposed in a bill introduced in the United States senate recently.

A much discussed issue in Linn county, the employment of a county agent, is to be referred to the voters of the county at the May primary. The county court refused to provide for an agent in the 1930 budget.

Melting snows and additional rainfall have improved mining conditions throughout southern Oregon, and there are now a good many miners operating small placer mines in the hills that have not been operated since the beginning of the war in 1914.

More than 30,000 pounds of turkey left Medford recently for Boston, shipped by the farmers' exchange cooperative in the January pool. This amount was 8000 pounds in excess of the receipts anticipated by managers of the exchange, they said.

Thousands of steelheads were able to ascend the Columbia and Willamette rivers during the freeze-up, and commercial fishermen were unable to catch them. This fact, according to State Game Warden Clifford, will insure a large run in four years.

A plan for the organization of the agricultural industry on a sound cooperative basis looking toward a federation of commodity agencies over the entire northwest is suggested by the agricultural committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Mount Angel Co-operative Creamery, R. J. Berning, Charles Bachler and Joseph Bernat were re-elected directors. The past year was a profitable one, the increase in business being nearly \$100,000 over the year before.

A farmer or producer who butchers his own livestock and sells his meat products from his own wagon on the streets of an adjoining town or city, comes within the state law which regulates the sale of meat and poultry, according to an opinion prepared by the attorney-general.

Street lights have been turned on at Florence after several months of being a dark town. The recent cold snap prevented the power company from fulfilling its contract to have them on by January 15. The business district is lighted by 100-watt lamps. Extensions will be added as required.

There were 895 fires in Portland that caused a total loss of \$911,813.45 last year, Fred W. Roberts, fire marshal, said in his annual report, and the bureau answered a total of 2547 alarms, of which 1852 had to do with brush fires, burning flues, grass fires and false alarms that caused no loss.

January's export business from Portland, which covered products that ranged alphabetically from apples to wheat, rolled up a volume of \$8,113 tons having a valuation of \$4,321,456, exceeding the showing in January last year when \$5,275 tons were floated for foreign destinations, the combined value of which was \$3,320,922.

Construction of two new wings to the Oregon state penitentiary at a cost of approximately \$170,000 was urged by Henry Myers, superintendent, at a meeting of the state board of control at Salem. Myers said that some immediate action was necessary to cope with the rapidly increasing population at the institution.

Services of two crop specialists representing the federal government extension service in Marion county, with out cost to the taxpayers, may be obtained in the near future, according to a plan outlined at Salem recently by Walter T. Stolz. The department of agriculture will advance \$6500 for this purpose, provided \$3000 is raised locally.

A diversion dam in the Malheur river above Harper, almost two miles of tunnel through rocky hills and many miles of canal, is completed for the carrying of water to the 4000 acres of land within the Harper and Little Valley units of the Vale Irrigation project. The tunnels that will carry the water of the project are lined with concrete and are large enough for a truck to pass through.

A huge pine tree, which, according to a count of its growth rings, pushed its way above the Deschutes soil in 1280, was cut recently in the Fort Rock country and hauled into Bend for milling. The big pine scaled 13,500 feet, not counting the wood in its massive limbs. The 32-foot logs cut from the tree were so big that two tractors were required to haul them from the woods to the logging train.

George Horner and Jean Cox, two farmers of the Floras creek section, were attacked by a large female black bear while slashing brush on their property. One of the men threw his axe at the bear which hit the mark, but only served to increase her anger. Horner took refuge behind a tree while Cox hastened to the house for a gun. When the latter returned, a shot from the rifle mortally wounded the animal.

A total of 189 persons were killed and 4711 persons were injured in 30,181 traffic accidents in Oregon during the year 1929, according to the annual report of T. A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department, filed with the secretary of state recently. Approximately 13,890 of the accidents were due to reckless driving, while in 1025 cases drivers were exceeding the speed limit. Failure to give proper signals resulted in 2475 accidents. In 484 accidents the drivers were drunk. Of the total number of persons killed, 39 were pedestrians.

Salmon taken from both the Oregon and the Washington banks of the Columbia river with net gear and trolling equipment last season amounted to 26,976,391 pounds, valued at \$5,905,024, according to estimates of Master Fish Warden Hoyt.

A Umatilla county farmers exchange was formed at Milton recently, with Claude Harris, president, A. R. Shumway, vice president, and Ralph A. Tribou, secretary-treasurer. The company will handle hay, farm supplies, grain, fruit and produce.

BICYCLE ENTHUSIASTS TO GATHER IN EUGENE TO ELECT OFFICERS

The amateur Bicycle League of America will hold its annual Lane county meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in Eugene on Monday evening, February 17, at 7:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing new officers and discussing bicycle racing for the coming season. Every bicycle rider is urged to attend the meeting. A special effort will be made to get as many to join the League on Monday night as possible.

Many races are being planned for the local riders during the summer and the committee directing these desires to have the contestants present for the meeting to discuss ways and means of handling the races.

The first of these races will be held on February 22. The riders will leave the Cabin City auto park at Eugene at 8:00 a. m. and will return to the same place after a one hour rest period in Corvallis, the other terminus of the race.

Many valuable prizes are being offered for the race. The first prize will be a wrist watch manufactured by either the New Departure Manufacturing company, or the Eclipse Machine company. Second prize will be an Elco lamp contributed by the Delta Lamp company. The third prize is a pair of rims offered by the Lobdell company. The fourth is a pair of pedals by the Person Majestic company and the 5th is a number 1 pump donated by the Bridgeport Pump company.

All those finishing the race in seven hours will be entitled to 50 cents worth of repairing labor at the Moore Cycle Shop in Eugene. A pair of Fisk tires will be donated by the Moore Toy and Cycle shop to the person making the best time in the race to Corvallis. The second prize will be a pair of mud guards donated by the International Stamp Works.

This race as well as several others which will follow are all being backed by the Amateur Bicycle League of America. J. E. (Dinty) Moore is the state representative for the group.

The best junior and senior rider in the entire state will be given a free trip to the National Bicycle races held in the East next fall.

WATER BOARD TO GRANT NO LAKE CONCESSIONS

There will be no concessions granted by the Eugene Water Board to individuals who may desire to establish eating houses and other roadside attractions along the shores of the new lake which has been formed at Leaburg by the construction of the new power dam.

The Water Board contends that the establishment of such places along the lake would do more damage to the natural scenery than the receipts could offset.

This decision by the Eugene organization will meet with hearty approval in Springfield where the Lions club is now engaged in a campaign to beautify the McKenzie highway from this city to Doyle Hill.

LEGION DOES NOT MEET; OFFICERS OUT OF CITY

The regular meeting of the American Legion which was to have been held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last Friday night was called off at the last minute as most of the officers were unable to be present. W. N. Dow was at Salem attending the dental clinic, Mr. M. B. Huntly was called to Astoria and others had other engagements for the evening.

OFFICE WORKERS ATTEND MEETINGS ON TUESDAY

Miss Maxine Snodgrass attended a meeting of accountants of the Mountain States Power company which was held at Albany on Tuesday afternoon. In the evening she was joined by Miss Lulu McPherson and the two went to Dallas where they attended the ladies committee meeting of the National Electrical Association.

Yarnell Man Here—W. H. Smith of Yarnell made several purchases in this city on Monday.

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HIGHWAY BODY ASKS FOR BRIDGE REMOVAL BIDS

Bids for dismantling of the old Springfield bridge were called for at the last meeting of the state highway commission held in Portland last week. They will be opened at a meeting of the commission which has been called at Portland on February 26.

The bids shall include both the dismantling of the bridge here and the reconstruction of the bridge over the coast fork of the Willamette river on a county road one mile east of Creswell.

Bids will be received for other road work in the state, one part of which will include grading of about 4 miles of the Roosevelt coast highway at the Glenada-Douglas county line.



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NEW GRANGE ORGANIZED BY FARMERS AT LOWELL

Farmers living in the Lowell district met last Friday night and organized the Lowell Grange with a charter membership of 35. Arthur Brown, state grange organizer had charge of the meeting which was held in the Lowell hall and he states that the charter will be held open until Wednesday, February 19 to enable others to join the organization as charter

members who were unable to be present at the Friday meeting. It is expected that between 40 and 50 members will join the new organization. Harry Veatch was elected worthy master and Joe Walker was selected grange secretary.

H. C. Wheeler of Pleasant Hill, master of the Lane County grange was the principal speaker at the organization. He addressed those present on the subject, "Grange in Legislation."

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