

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

John D. Whitten, 73, an old-time resident of Wasco county, dropped dead in his home in Dufur.

The annual convention of the Oregon Hotelmen's association was held in Albany Friday and Saturday.

The budget adopted by the Hood River city council for 1920 calls for a total municipal tax of \$34,116.85.

The sixth annual conference of the Oregon Drainage association will be held at Corvallis January 1 and 2.

Ira P. Whitney, a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed agricultural agent for Lane county.

The total valuation of all assessed property in Clackamas county is \$29,299,458.68, an increase of \$300,000 over last year.

Special road taxes were voted in nine road districts in Jackson county out of 12 districts holding meetings for that purpose.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company announces an extensive railroad building plan for next year at its holdings at Wendling.

Neil Hall, aged 84, one of the oldest residents and pioneers of Grant county, committed suicide at Canyon City by shooting himself.

The cement plant at Gold Hill has resumed operations and will run during the winter to its full capacity of 1000 barrels a day.

Jackson county, as a result of the recent special road district elections, will have approximately \$180,000 to spend on good roads in 1920.

Polk county commissioners estimate that it will take \$310,794 to run the county during 1920 and have recommended a tax levy of 21.6 mills.

Revenue officers and the police at Portland seized 4000 gallons of wine and arrested the owners on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

Harry Lawler, head brakeman in the Big Creek Lumber company's plant near Knappa, was instantly killed when he was crushed under a rolling log.

At a special election in Milton, bonds of \$16,000 for street improvements and \$9000 for redeeming waterworks certificates carried by a majority of 12 votes.

Deposits in the twenty-five banks and trust companies of Portland at the close of business, November 17, the date of the last call, totalled \$169,231,314.94.

A movement is on foot, principally among the alumni and students of the college, to change the name of Oregon Agricultural college to Oregon State college.

Twelve of the 35 road districts of Linn county have voted special levies for road improvement in their districts, ranging in amount from \$700 to \$9000.

Twenty-two official hunters in Oregon during the month of October worked a total of 575 days and killed 204 animals, 95 per cent of which were predatory.

Two carloads of old papers and magazines collected by the school children of Eugene and shipped to Portland two weeks ago netted the schools the sum of \$461.72.

Representative sportsmen from all sections of Oregon gathered in Portland Sunday and Monday for the annual meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's league.

The loss by fires in the Sluslaw national forest during the past summer was only \$271.16, according to a report just made out by R. E. Vincent, deputy supervisor.

Fire losses in this state, exclusive of Portland, for the month of November totalled \$305,200, according to a report prepared by A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner.

One thousand dollars' worth of strychnine, sufficient to kill 70,000 rabbits, will be used in an extermination campaign which opened in Umatilla county Tuesday.

The gross receipts of the state hospital farm at Salem for the past season totalled \$121,000, according to a report filed by L. F. Griffith, superintendent of the institution.

Multnomah county will need \$2,423,774.63 during 1920, of which amount it will be necessary to raise \$1,537,751.17 by direct taxation, according to figures by the county commissioners.

At a joint meeting of social service organizations of Salem plans were

partly perfected for establishment of a woodyard to provide transient labor with work during the winter months.

Absolute prohibition of future Asiatic immigration into the United States or any of its possessions and the forbidding and cancelling by law of the holding of real property by Japanese were advocated by a resolution unanimously adopted by the Oregon and southern Idaho section of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, in session at The Dalles.

The increase in the yield of alfalfa in Deschutes county for the year 1919 over 1918 is reported by F. L. Ballard, assistant state-county agent leader, to be 5000 tons, with a value of \$90,000.

Transient trade has become so heavy at Pendleton that householders are being listed who have a spare room they are willing to let to accommodate the overflow from hotels and rooming houses.

Approximately valuation placed on public utility properties in the state this year for assessment purposes is \$120,000,000, according to figures received at the office of the state tax commission.

The alleged assassins of Frank Gowan, the Chinese clothing merchant, who was brutally murdered in his store in Astoria on the evening of November 29, were captured at Clear Creek, Utah.

The Columbia River highway is under construction all the way from Hood River to Pendleton, with the exception of about 14 miles, according to information received at the offices of the highway commission.

Veins of silver and gold-bearing ore have been found in the region around the north base of Mount Hood, and four men have filed on mining claims. The veins were found by W. A. Logue after 20 years of prospecting.

Only one fatal accident was reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending December 4, out of a total of 461 accidents reported. The fatal case was R. M. Chambers, a logger of Bates.

A. R. Shumway of Milton was elected president of the Oregon and Southern Idaho departments of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America for the year 1920 at the last session of the union at The Dalles.

Examinations for state certificates will be held at the county seat of each county in Oregon on December 17, 18, 19 and 20, according to an announcement made by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

A report prepared by J. W. Ferguson on the condition of the state industrial accident funds at the close of business June 30, 1919, shows accumulated assets of \$2,954,000 and a clear surplus over all liabilities of \$241,000.

William A. Marshall, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, will be reappointed to succeed himself as a member of that commission when his term expires January 1, according to announcement made by Governor Olcott.

Three men entered a jewelry store conducted by Mrs. T. Grossman in the downtown shopping district of Portland, bound and gagged the janitor and a clerk and escaped with diamonds and jewelry estimated by the police to be worth \$20,000.

Adjutant General Conrad Staffin has announced that Captain Henry O. Miller, of McMinnville, an ex-service man, has been appointed assistant adjutant general to succeed Major Allan A. Hall, of Salem, who has resigned, effective January 1.

November was a wet month in the lower Columbia river district, according to the records in Weather Observer Rosenberg's office. The precipitation was 10.14 inches. The greatest amount of rainfall in any 24 hours was 1.2 inches on November 4.

More than 600 accident claims in excess of those received during the month of November were disposed of by the state industrial commission, according to a report prepared by that body. This makes a gain of more than 1200 claims since October 1.

A booster meeting at the Moro opera house, called by Mayor N. W. Thompson, attended by a large majority of the taxpayers, authorized the city council to issue water bonds for the city of Moro to be used in construction of a 200,000-gallon twin reservoir.

After becoming ice-bound when the engine of their motorboat failed several miles off-shore near Rocky Point, on upper Klamath lake during a cold spell, Paul and Louis Wampler, ranchers, escaped by fashioning skis from the seats of the boat, on which they were able to cross the ice safely.

The circuit court for Multnomah county has upheld the contention of

State Treasurer Hoff, who recently interposed an objection to reducing the property tax on the estate of Rosa Blum, who died recently in Portland. The estate was originally appraised at \$63,000, but was later increased to \$93,000 upon a showing made by the state treasurer.

The poultry department of Oregon Agricultural college has begun shipping several hundred pedigreed breeding males. These are going to every community in Oregon and east to Massachusetts; north to New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and south to California, Texas and other states. Orders for Australia, Hawaii and Japan are being filled.

J. F. Kerr of Hillsboro has the distinction of being the first real estate broker in Oregon to make application for a license for the year 1920. Under a law passed by the last legislature registered real estate brokers are compelled to pay an annual fee of \$5 and post a bond in the sum of \$1000. About 1560 brokers have been licensed in Oregon under the law since July 1, 1919.

Despite the high prices of material and the scarcity of carpenters, more than 25 new packing houses have been built in Hood River county during the present season, at prices ranging from \$2000 to \$10,000 each.

Eastern Oregon gave liberal support to the subscription campaign for the women's building at the Oregon university, reported John W. Straub, dean of men, on his return from a three weeks' canvassing trip.

H. R. Crawford, census supervisor for the first congressional district of Oregon, has opened offices in Salem and is organizing his forces preparatory to beginning actual canvass as provided under the census laws.

GIVE W. S. S. FOR CHRISTMAS IS U. S. APPEAL

Governor Calkins Urges Gov- ernment Securities for Pres- ents Instead of Luxuries

Governor John U. Calkins of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank has written a letter to all banks and trust companies in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District urging them to promote, wherever possible, the sale of War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates for Christmas presents this year.

The increased demand for these Government securities, the Treasury Savings Certificates being similar to War Savings Stamps in denominations of \$100 and \$1000, is apparent from the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank supplied \$60,200 worth of Treasury Savings Certificates to eighteen banks in the district on November 20, which is the largest amount sold in one day since the close of the war. On the face of the demand of these eighteen banks and the increased call for the securities from all postoffices throughout the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, it would seem that the Government's holiday slogan, "Give a War Savings Stamp or a Treasury Savings Certificate for Christmas," is being followed out, and the Government is hoping that by giving War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates for Christmas gifts the district will closely approximate its War Savings quota for the year.

A portion of Governor Calkins' letter follows: "The Christmas holidays are almost upon us. Everything points to a tremendous outlay of money in the purchase of holiday gifts, the greater portion of which I think I am safe in saying will be luxuries. The present situation demands not that more money be spent in the purchase of luxuries, but that we curtail as much as possible, with the consequent beneficial contraction of credit.

Therefore, I appeal to you as a fellow banker to do everything within your power to stimulate the purchase and giving of War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates as Christmas presents in place of the usual needless and expensive gifts. It seems to me that the responsibility of leading men's minds along the ways of thrift and simple living rests to a great extent upon the bankers of the country and in asking you to push the sales of Treasury securities during the Christmas holidays, I am asking you only to take advantage of an opportunity to meet this responsibility."

In addition, Christmas posters carrying an appeal to give War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates for Christmas presents will be distributed throughout the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, and all banks have been asked to include a similar appeal in their advertising.

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