

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Efforts are being made to organize an athletic club at The Dalles.

At an election in Banks the measure to incorporate the town was passed.

A contract has been let for an apartment house in Pendleton to cost \$77,000.

An extension school will be held in Alsea, Benton county, January 29, 30, and 31.

The legislature passed the bill providing for the licensing of automobile drivers.

The Oregon State Dairymen's association will meet in Eugene January 21 and 22.

More than 100 persons at Mapleton were vaccinated during the past week because of a smallpox scare there.

E. C. Cole, official dog catcher for the city of Eugene, made a profit of \$171 the past month catching dogs.

The Oaco Orchard company in Benton county sold nearly \$65,000 worth of fruit this year off its 400-acre tract.

Wasco county is undertaking a systematic squirrel poisoning campaign under the auspices of the agricultural agent.

July 22, 23 and 24 are the dates selected for the third annual convention of the Oregon State Elks' association to be held in Salem.

Mrs. Mary E. Collins, 70, Oregon pioneer of 1853, and widow of the late Judge James L. Collins, died at the family home in Dallas.

Impressive ceremonies attending the laying of the cornerstone for Bend's \$35,000 Catholic church will be held Sunday afternoon, January 25.

A state-wide movement has been inaugurated by the Oregon Bankers' committee, to interest the children in clubs for the raising of registered livestock.

Land purchased a few weeks ago in Deschutes county by the Deschutes Valley Seed company is being cleared and 200 acres will be planted to potatoes this spring.

At a meeting of the Lebanon National Farm Loan association it was reported that federal land bank loans had been made to stockholders to the amount of \$230,000.

Silas Williams, resident of Linn county continuously since he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, died at his farm eight miles southeast of Albany, aged 85 years.

The citizens in and about Knappa, a farming district in Clatsop county, are planning to install a gravity water system which will supply about 75 ranches and families.

Fruit growers from all over Polk county report that since the recent heavy snow rabbits in large numbers have descended upon their orchards and are ruining the trees.

The car shortage, regarding which lumbermen have been complaining for some time, has caused the Albany Lumber company to suspend operations at its mill temporarily.

Authority to procure an oil painting of the late James Withycombe, former governor of Oregon, was given by the legislature, providing that up to \$600 be expended for a painting of the executive.

The cost of trail work on the important projects in the Cascade national forest during the year 1919 was from \$213.69 a mile to \$478.39 a mile, according to a report of Forest Supervisor Macduff.

A tract of 13,000,000 feet of timber on the Siskiyou mountains and adjacent to the Pacific highway has been purchased by the Barham brothers of Ashland, who will begin logging operations at once.

A joint meeting of the dental societies of Lane, Linn and Marion counties to be held in Eugene some time during the month of February is being planned by the members of the Lane County Dental society.

George F. Deias was killed last week on the Coast Range Lumber road near Mabel. He was standing between two cars when they came together, and was pinned between the projecting ends of logs.

An industrial survey of Linn county will be made by the Albany Chamber of Commerce to be used in answering inquiries regarding the county's resources and industries and in general advertising of the county.

Severely frozen feet sustained during the storm in December when he

volunteered to save boiler machinery at Brooks Scanlon logging camp No. 1, caused the death at Bend of W. C. Billings, leader foreman.

A joint session of the house and senate elected the following to the re-created fish and game commission: Fish commissioners—Frank M. Warren, five years; Chris Schmidt, three years; Charles Hall, one year. Game commissioners—L. N. Fleischner, five years; Marion Jack, five years; E. C. Simmons, three years; John Gill, three years; C. F. Stone, one year.

A. H. Powers, Anson C. Rogers, C. S. Winsor, Peter Loggie and Henry Sengstaken, Coos Bay port commissioners, are on a tour of the Columbia river from Portland to Astoria, to inspect docking facilities provided by the various ports.

Governor Olcott was stripped of all power in the appointment of members of the state fish and game commission when the legislature passed the house bill providing for a joint fish and game commission of nine members who shall be elected by the legislature.

The Trigonia Oil company, recently organized to drill for oil in the Rogue river valley, has received a drilling outfit and will start operations in a few days. The company has made an exhaustive survey of the territory on the east side of Bear creek, near Ashland.

The clerks of the several national forests in this state ended a two days' meeting at Eugene with the adoption of resolutions asking that they be granted an advance in salary and that they be designated hereafter deputy supervisors or administrative assistants instead of clerks.

Sensational allegations to the effect that the fish and game commission acquired the Reddish farm in Lane county to pay a political debt incurred during the last legislature are contained in a suit instituted in the circuit court at Salem against the commission by H. A. Holmes.

Senator Huston's bill providing for the establishment of a court of domestic relations in each county of the state which now has or shall hereafter attain a population of 200,000 inhabitants or more, and prescribing the jurisdiction, duties and powers of such court, passed the legislature.

By an overwhelming vote the people of Astoria at a special election adopted two amendments to the city char-

ter. One creates a civic center commission and authorizes expenditure of \$250,000 in establishing playgrounds and a civic center and the erection of an auditorium. The other amendment authorizes a \$500,000 bond issue to carry out reclamation work along the city water front.

The Ashland Fruit and Produce association, a co-operative marketing association of which most of the growers of Ashland and vicinity are members, has closed by far the most successful year in its history. The report of Manager A. C. Briggs, read at the annual meeting, disclosed the fact that the association during the past year did a \$159,000 business, almost doubling its best previous showing.

D. F. Fisher, government plant pathologist at Wenatchee, Wash., has been directed by the secretary of agriculture to make an investigation of the frozen orchards in the Willamette valley and ascertain if there is not a possibility of saving many trees. A request for the investigation was made by Senator McNary, who has been informed of serious damage to the walnut and prune orchards around Salem by reason of the December cold spell.

Announcement was made at Portland by W. K. Newell, federal food administrator for Oregon, that the price of 18 cents per pound, retail, for cane sugar will be permitted at this time, owing to the prevailing high rate wholesale. Mr. Newell also made public a decision of himself and of United States District Attorney Humphreys that dealers will not be allowed to compel patrons to accept at the higher figure cane sugar of a certain quantity in order to obtain beet sugar at the 13-cent rate.

The rabbit poisoning campaign in the west end of Umatilla county under the direction of the county agricultural agent, Fred Benton, has proved a big success. Colonel J. E. McNaught, county farm bureau project leader, secured the cooperation of 106 ranchers who prepared six tons of alfalfa poisoned with strychnine and scattered it over the snow over a front of nearly 100 miles, to protect 20,000 acres of cultivated land. Counts were made on six representative lots of poison totaling 90 pounds and 1237 dead rabbits were found. Using this as a basis it is safe to say that at least 200,000 rabbits were exterminated in this campaign.

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