

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The 20th annual meeting of the Oregon state board of health was held in Portland.

A joint meeting of the bankers of Washington and Yamhill counties was held at Carlton.

The state and county tax levy in Douglas county will amount to 19 1/2 mills, Assessor Calkins announced.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' association will be held in Pendleton, January 28, 29 and 30.

A total of 646 cases of measles was reported to the state board of health during the week ending December 3.

Prohibition enforcement expenses for Jackson county for November and the first ten days in December aggregate \$1441.80.

The basketball schedule in the Coos County high school association for this winter includes 42 games and eight participating teams.

Guy Cordon of Roseburg has been appointed district attorney of Douglas county to succeed Carl Wimberly, who has resigned.

The spread of diphtheria in the city of Portland has not been curtailed as yet, for records in the health bureau shows that there are 111 cases under quarantine.

Dr. Jay Tuttle, for more than 40 years one of Astoria's most prominent physicians and surgeons, died at the hospital following a few days' illness, at the age of 81.

The Southern Pacific Friday ran trains over the branch line between Marshfield and Eugene for the first time in eight days. The line had been tied up by recent storms.

Representative Elton Watkins, the new democratic member of congress from Oregon, was assigned to the committee on immigration and expenditures of the war department.

Judge John Wesley Bell of department No. 1 of Multnomah county has submitted his resignation to Governor Pierce to become effective January 1. Judge Bell is 74 years of age.

The state and county tax levy for Lane county this year is 23.1 mills, according to announcement by Ben F. Keeney, assessor. This is two mills less than the levy of last year.

Representative Sinnott of Oregon has been named a member of the house steering committee, which puts its stamp of approval on all legislation to be considered by the house.

Governor Pierce issued a full pardon to Charles W. Purdin, who on December 30, 1921, killed his divorced wife and a stranger whom he found with her in their former home in Portland.

Portland is one of the 26 of the largest cities in the United States which showed increased employment in November, according to the survey of the United States department of labor just issued.

A contract for the care and custody of the legally adjudged insane of the territory of Alaska was awarded to the Sanitarium company, operating the Morningside hospital at Portland, by the interior department.

Handon users of electricity are congratulating themselves because the municipal plant which cost the city something over \$50,000 has found it possible to reduce the cost of service from 17 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents.

The cost of supplies for the state institutions for the six months starting January 1, 1924, will be practically the same as for the first six months of 1923, according to bids received by the state board of control for furnishing supplies.

A report of Traffic Officer Murray of Hood River county shows that 349 arrests were made from April 1 to December 1. Accidents on the Columbia river highway and valley roads reached 175. Twelve persons were injured, one fatally.

The action of the Coos county tax commission in lopping off the appropriation for the four free ferries in the county is causing a flurry among ranchers who are dependent upon these for communication with the centers of population.

There will be no material sales of 1923 prunes until the 1923 crop is cleaned up, according to Fred Drager, Salem packer. Mr. Drager estimates

that there are between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 pounds of old prunes unsold at the present time.

The question of whether the legislative act creating the county supervising and conservation commissions is constitutional probably will enter prominently into a mandamus action filed in the supreme court at Salem by Umatilla county, to compel R. O. Hawks, county assessor, to levy a one-mill tax for co-operative market road construction.

Ashby C. Dickson, Portland lawyer, was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed John H. Bell, judge of department No. 1 of the district court of Multnomah county. Judge Bell has resigned, to leave office on January 1.

B. O. Roberts, who was sentenced at Roseburg to serve five years in the state penitentiary for the part he played in the operation of an alleged liquor ring at Reedsport, Douglas county, has received a conditional pardon from Governor Pierce.

The Oregon public service commission has granted the Columbia Stages, operated by A. Jaloff, and the Royal Blue Lines permission to continue reduced fares put into effect two weeks ago. The two stage lines operate between Portland and Astoria.

The bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon on December 31, 1923, including state highway obligations in the amount of \$37,395,250, will aggregate \$59,953,226.76, according to the annual report of the state treasurer which is being prepared for presentation to the governor.

John S. Connelly and Fred C. Schulte, former deputy sheriffs at Reedsport, who were convicted of accepting bribes to protect a ring of bootleggers and moonshiners at Reedsport, were sentenced to penitentiary terms of ten and seven years respectively by Judge Hamilton.

A California butcher has negotiated with the Klamath Indian service for the purchase of several thousand horses which run wild on the Indian range to be rounded up and killed for chicken feed and fertilizer. Owing to their numbers, the horses have become a menace to the cattle range.

Oregon is gradually taking its place as one of the big butter producing states of the union and is now exporting more than 2,250,000 pounds of butter a year, according to the announcement of M. M. Honey, president of the Oregon Butter Makers' association which held its convention in Portland.

Automobile owners are urged by Sam Koser, secretary of state, to apply at once for their 1924 automobile licenses, and thus facilitate the giving out of these licenses and prevent the great congestion and its resultant delay which has been experienced immediately after January 1 on other years.

About one-quarter of a mile of new macadam road is being built by the state on the Oregon-Washington highway. The road will be the cutoff to connect the north end of the new bridge, recently completed by the state over McKay creek, with the old highway. The bridge is about six miles southeast of Pendleton.

Completion of the Jordan Valley Irrigation district, under a plan outlined by the state irrigation securities commission probably will be undertaken within the next few months, according to representatives of the district. The district within the next few days will advertise for the sale of bonds in the amount of \$400,000.

At a meeting of the old and new Y. M. C. A. directorates of La Grande, attended by W. W. Dillon, state secretary, August J. Stange of La Grande offered to pay the indebtedness of the institution and give the "Y" officials until March 1, 1924, to redeem the building, thus saving the Y. M. C. A. from being sold by the sheriff.

Representatives of the upper Willamette valley high schools met in the Albany high school building Saturday morning to divide the state into districts for athletic competition. Representatives from Corvallis, Eugene, Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Lebanon, Silverton, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Salem and Albany were in attendance.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: James S. Vanderpool, Agate Beach, \$12; Herman J. Gleeman, Baker, \$12; James H. Robinson, Portland, \$12; Robert A. Blevins, Salem, \$15; Francis J. Welsh, Beaver, \$15; Sarah E. Radabaugh, Roseburg, \$30; Annie McReynolds, Cottage Grove, \$30; Mary M. Warnitz, Portland, \$30; Sarah B. Brown, Boro, \$30.

Ex-service men and women and relatives of dead veterans who were residents of Oregon at the time they en-

tered the service for the world war and who consider themselves eligible to receive either the cash bonus or the loan benefits under the Oregon soldiers' bonus law must file their initial or first application in the offices of the bonus commission at Salem on or before December 31, 1923. Application blanks received in that office on and after January 1, 1924, will not be considered, the secretary of the commission said.

The greatest slaughter of beavers ever known in Oregon has been and is taking place since the law passed by the last legislature, opening the season on the little fur-bearers, went into effect. Stanley Jewett of the United States biological survey, after a trip around the southern and central part of the state, brings back word that ten traps for every beaver in a wide area covering more than 300 square miles are set and that within two years there will not be one of the industrious animals left if the present rate of decimation continues.

Where the Trouble Lay.
"Did you have any difficulty with your French in Paris?"
"No—but the French people did."—
Karikaturen (Christiania).

In Demand.
"What becomes of the married father? Does she go on the shelf?"
"No, no. She is in great demand as a chaperon."

The Hardest Cases.
"Many of your patients, I suppose, have complaints that are imaginary."
"Yes, they are difficult, but we try to cure them."

Safe.
Ernest—If I try to kiss you, will you call for father?
Ernestine—Yes, but he's not at home.

Light on the Subject.
"Is tobacco a weed?"
"Well, it won't grow itself," said the tobacco farmer.

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