

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The San Francisco section of the American Mathematical society will meet in Eugene next winter.

A record breaking enrollment of pupils in the Eugene schools is reported by Joseph T. Glenn, city superintendent.

Southern Pacific employees from Roseburg and nearby points met in Roseburg for a safety-first and fuel-saving conference.

Umpqua post of the American Legion at Roseburg is ahead of all other posts of the state in the matter of paid-up membership for 1924.

The Gilpin Construction company will begin the filling of the streets in the devastated district of Astoria about the middle of the month.

Salem is buying more liquor glasses now than at any time in its history, according to William Gahlsdorf, proprietor of the largest glassware store in the city.

The epidemic of diphtheria and measles prevalent in Portland for the last three or four weeks is on the wane, according to City Health Officer Parrish.

Efforts to find H. C. Topping, sheriff of Jefferson county, charged with converting to his own use more than \$2000 belonging to the county, have so far been unavailing.

Automobile insurance rates for collision and property damage are due to be reduced throughout this state in the near future, in the belief of a number of insurance men.

In 1923, for the first year since 1909, when the Port of Portland commission took over the towage service between Portland and the sea, it has been operated at a profit.

The Southern Pacific company in a report filed in the offices of the public service commission, indicated that the corporation now has a surplus of 1499 cars in Oregon.

The recently organized Portland Pulp & Paper company will erect a paper mill costing approximately \$1,200,000 on North Portland harbor, according to plans of the company.

The 1922 season brought court convictions to 167 persons for carelessness with fire in the national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to a report given out by the district forester's office in Portland.

Authorization by congress is not necessary for the construction of the Sellwood bridge across the Willamette river at Portland, as the river is entirely within the confines of the state, Secretary of War Weeks has advised.

Sheriff Hurlburt's tax collection department in Multnomah county has collected and turned over to County Treasurer Lewis this year a total of \$14,390,399.94, which exceeds the amount of taxes on the books for this year by \$250,241.22.

The Upper Columbia Athletic league instituted by the principals of the schools of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties last spring, will open its series of basketball games this week. The series will include 70 to 75 inter-high school games.

Oswald West, Fern Hobbs and H. M. Parks are the incorporators of the Port Rock Development company, for which articles of incorporation were filed with the corporation department at Salem. Capital stock is to be \$10,000, and Portland will be headquarters.

The lowest bid opened at Portland by Captain George Mayo, corps of engineers, U. S. A., for the delivery of 230,000 tons of rock to be used in jetty construction at the mouth of the Umpqua river, was \$1.43 a ton. It was filed by Joplin & Eldon of Portland.

E. B. Watters, postmaster at Stayton for the past two years, has been removed from office, following a visit of a postoffice inspector from Portland who, it was said, found the postmaster \$1200 or \$1300 short in his accounts. Miss Mildred English has been appointed acting postmaster.

There was only one fatality due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 27, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Robert Williams, a laborer, with headquarters at Prospect. A total of 505 accidents were reported.

Contracts for construction work on the third unit of the Southern Pacific system's new main line in Oregon between Klamath Falls and Eugene have been let to the Utah Construction com-

pany of Ogden and San Francisco and the Stewart & Welch company of Seattle and San Francisco, according to announcement by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for the company. The contracts provide for 32 miles of rail-bed and include the building of a 3700-foot tunnel under the summit of the Cascade range.

The first district meeting of the farm loan associations served by the National Farm Loan Bank of Spokane will be held in Portland January 24. At least two delegates from each association in the vicinity of Portland are expected to attend.

The Oregon public service commission has revoked the certificate of operation issued to the Royal Blue stage lines on the ground that the corporation had allowed its liability and property damage insurance to expire. Stages have been operated by the company between Portland and Astoria.

The case brought by the Pacific Spruce corporation to restrain the Oregon public service commission from enforcing an order making the corporation's railroad a common carrier between South Beach and Waldport, will be appealed to the federal court of appeals at San Francisco, it is announced.

Certified seed potatoes from the Weston mountain district entered in an official test in the Yakima valley with lots from 17 other districts in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, produced the highest score in the tests, according to information that has been received by Fred Bennion, county agent.

Plans are now being put under way in Portland and throughout the entire state to raise a fund of \$100,000 in Oregon for the relief of large numbers of starving children in Germany, a campaign having been authorized by Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, with the indorsement of President Coolidge.

A total of 33,549 applications for cash bonus and loans have been received, according to a report prepared by the world war veterans' state aid commission. Cash bonus applications paid aggregate 21,590, representing \$4,634,360.00. Applications for loans paid by the commission total 4927 and aggregate \$12,237,300.

The Oregon supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Brown, held that all the proceedings attending the issue and sale of bonds in the amount of \$2,200,000 by the Harney Valley Irrigation district were legal. The opinion affirmed the decree of Judge Dalton Higgs, who heard the case in the Harney county circuit court.

A. C. Strange, county school superintendent for Clatsop county, was elected president of the Oregon State Teachers' association, in session at Portland. Miss Cornelia Spencer, of Portland, was elected vice president and J. O. MacLaughlin, of Benton county, and A. C. Rice, of Portland, members of the executive committee.

Fire blight and the San Jose scale will be attacked in every orchard in Umatilla county where found next spring, if plans announced by R. F. Wilbur, deputy state and county horticultural inspector, are realized. Climatic conditions during the past year have been favorable to the spread of the fire blight, he stated. Pruning of the diseased and infected wood and the use of poison spray will be resorted to.

The Mountain States Power company, which serves all cities in Coos county except Bandon with power and electricity, has announced probably its largest single piece of development for 1924. The expansion involves a new electric plant which is to be constructed in North Bend. The cost of this plant, which was made necessary by the extraordinary progress in Coos county during 1923, will be between \$600,000 and \$750,000.

The 1923 act of the Oregon legislature, creating county tax supervision and conservation commissions, was declared void because of defective title in a memoranda opinion handed down by the supreme court. A supplemental opinion setting out more fully the views of the court will be prepared later, it was announced. The opinion handed down by the supreme court in no way affects the tax supervising and conservation commission now in operation in Multnomah county. The Multnomah county commission was created by the legislature in 1919.

No emergency fund is available from which J. Frank Adams, of Klamath Falls, can be paid for dike construction performed by him something more than a year ago in process of reclaiming a part of Hank's marsh in Klamath county. It has been suggested by American Legion officers

at Klamath Falls that Contractor Adams should be paid for this work for which he submitted a bill for \$24,956. Ex-Secretary of the Interior Lane undertook to arrange for the reclamation of Hank's marsh and other tule lands in the upper Klamath lake country on the basis of giving long-time leases on the land to be reclaimed to the contractors in return for their construction work. The American Legion post at Klamath Falls protested, however, and after bids had been received, the lowest of which on reclaiming Hank's marsh was submitted by Contractor Adams, the interior department decided to let no contracts. Adams proceeded with the work and submitted his bill for a part of it, which the department has refused to pay on the grounds that he was not authorized to go ahead.

Life With Plants and Animals

People who have never tried life on a farm have no idea of the satisfaction that comes to a normal minded man or woman from living with growing things. There is a wonderful sense of companionship in farm animals. The man who treats them kindly finds they are warm friends, and there is something almost human in the response that they give to the considerate master.

Even the flowers and vegetables in the garden seem almost to have personality. They make a grateful response to the effort put forth to rescue them from weeds and to give them water in the dry times, and seem to say, "Thank you," by redoubling their efforts to grow and flourish. There are many rewards of happiness in this contact with nature, which is more satisfying than artificial pleasure.

The Oregon State Commission has released over 10,000 China pheasants last year.

Organized labor of Portland is planning a Cooperative Labor National Bank with \$250,000 capital.

Clackamas and Marion counties will hold a joint corn and poultry show, at Hubbard, beginning today and lasting through Saturday.

The Silverton Canning Co. is being reorganized into a cooperative enterprise. Cooperation is becoming more and more in evidence as the people study the question.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We notice that several of the epi-

demie diseases are still prevalent in different parts of the State, viz.; measles and diphtheria. Control of these epidemic diseases depends primarily upon the efforts of the local health authorities. Of course they must have the co-operation of the public. Every community eventually gets about the kind of health service it desires. If they are satisfied with poor service they generally get poor service; if they demand good service they generally succeed in getting this kind. The State Board of Health possesses broad power in the matter of prevention and control of communicable diseases. This power, however, is of little value without the knowledge of when, where and how these diseases occur. This knowledge is necessary in order that infected persons may be properly quarantined. It is necessary also in order to determine the source of infection, and in order to properly handle those who have been exposed in order to avoid the occurrence of other cases.

No matter whether you are a health officer, a physician, a school superintendent, or a layman you can help in the control and prevention of disease in your community. If you are a health officer see that all cases in your community are promptly and properly reported. See that all open cases are promptly quarantined. See that prophylaxis is applied to contacts, and search for the foci of infection. Check up on your local physicians and see that they report their cases. If you are a physician report your cases promptly and properly, give your cases prompt and effective treatment, teach them to observe the quarantine measures and do not fail to co-operate with your health officer.

If you are a school superintendent inspect your schools frequently, keep a close watch over each pupil, exclude infectious cases promptly and co-operate with your school nurse and physician.

If you are a layman see that your doctor reports his cases promptly. If you have knowledge of communicable disease report it to the health officer. Observe all quarantining measures faithfully.

If you have any doubt call up your health officer and ask him!

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