

Oregon News Notes

According to the monthly report of the weather bureau, January was the driest month in the history of southern Oregon, less than half an inch of rain falling. The average for the month was 4.29 inches. As the precipitation has been deficient since the beginning of the rainy season, farmers and fruit raisers are becoming worried and an added impetus has been applied to the campaign for irrigation.

Approximately a million feet of timber in the Siuslaw national forest, in the vicinity of Yachats and Cape creek, on the coast, was destroyed by insects during the past year, according to a special report just filed in the office of the Siuslaw forest. The investigation was made by one of the rangers who found that the ravages of the insects, the nature of which he was unable to determine, covered a strip about a quarter of a mile wide and 50 acres in extent, near the coast.

St. Benedict's Abbey, with headquarters at Mount Angel, has filed suit in the United States court in Portland to test the validity of the law passed at the recent special session of the state legislature making it unlawful to print, publish, circulate, display, or sell or offer for sale any newspaper or periodical in any language other than English unless the same contain a literal translation in the English language of the same type and as conspicuously displayed. The plaintiff corporation prints, publishes, circulates and sells a weekly newspaper called "St. Joseph's Blatt," which has a weekly circulation of approximately 24,700 copies and is printed in the German language.

The machinery for the first unit of the Astoria Flouring Mills company's new plant at the port terminals at Astoria has been operated for a few days as a test, and has been found to work satisfactorily. It is expected this unit, which will have a capacity of 2000 barrels of flour a day, will begin grinding immediately. The second unit of the plant will be ready for operation in about six weeks. The new plant will be one of the largest single mills of its kind in the country. It will turn out 4000 barrels of high-grade flour each 24 hours. With the company's present mill also in operation the daily output will be increased to 5200 barrels, sufficient to provide a full steamer cargo for export each month.

The state highway commission, in session in Portland last week, awarded a contract for a bridge across Youngs bay at the price of \$308,620.60; refused to make any promises for paving until result of May election is known; decided not to push Mount Hood loop at a sacrifice of highways in Lake, Klamath and other counties; agreed to extend The Dalles-California highway 35 miles from Modoc Point to Sand creek; suspended contract on Redmond-Prineville road and will aid county on the Crooked river road toward Paulina; will neither pave nor consider road from Woodburn to Newberg until state map roads are disposed of and new roads are taken up; accepted proposals of Union county, pending result of May election, and ordered contracts called; ordered survey to finish Enterprise-Flora road in Wallowa county. No action to be taken on Crater lake project until after May election.

New Books at Library

Anderson—Stories.
Barstowe—Progress of a united people.
Bassett—Story of wool.
Guerber—Story of the Greeks.
Lamb—Tales from Shakespeare.
Luther—Trading and exploring.
Parkman—Rivals for America.
Perkins—French twins.
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CHILDREN'S FICTION
Alcott—Little men.
Harris—Story of Aaron.
Howells—Christmas every day.
Kipling—Just so stories.
Wiggin—Bird's Christmas carol.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

An adjourned meeting from December 13, 1919, of the Hermiston Farmers' Exchange will be held on Saturday evening, February 14, 1920, at 7:30 p. m., in the assembly room of the library in Hermiston for the purpose of electing a new board of directors for the current year.

Now that the receiver has completed his work, the board is anxious to have all members attend. As the affairs of the Exchange are in fair condition, it will be necessary at the meeting to decide what the sentiment of the stockholders is for a continuation of the business.

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