

Win One Club Has Big Time

About fifty members of the Win One Club enjoyed a splendid time in the Hoffman Hall last Thursday night. The evening was spent in games, Five Hundred, social conversation and refreshments. It was early in the morning when the party broke up, and all declare it was the most enjoyable event the club has yet experienced.

Congratulations

Mr. Messing received word from Washington that he has been appointed Postmaster here, his appointment starting Feb. 13, 1923 and continuing until Feb. 13, 1927. Mr. Messing is now working out plans whereby Vernonia will have a new, larger and modern postoffice building.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Wade H. Officer has been appointed postmaster at Isee, Grant county.

The Haines Amateur Athletic club was organized at Haines with a membership of 50 local men.

The Portland district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south was held in Roseburg.

Tests of Coos county coal for stoking locomotives will be made by the Southern Pacific company.

Large shipments of hay are being made from Malheur to the Portland market and Willamette valley points.

Umatilla county has about 200,000 acres in winter wheat. This is practically the same as last year's average.

James Ryan, logger, employed at the California Barrel company's camp near Olney, was killed by a log rolling over him.

In fear of an epidemic of rabies, Bend police have requested all owners of dogs to keep their pets tied up at home.

Work has begun on the diking project at Seapooles, which will drain and reclaim about 5000 acres of land when completed.

Ten feet of snow and frozen water pipes have closed down work in the mines in the Bohemia district, southern Lane county's gold field.

Columbia county is one of the strongest grange counties in the state and endeavors will be made to have the state grange meeting in June, 1924, at Rainier.

Superintendent Alex Sparrow reports that there is 13 1/2 feet of snow at the rim of Crater lake, which is two feet more than at the same time last year.

For violation of the state motor vehicle law providing that trucks be equipped with mirrors, 55 drivers were arrested by the Portland motorcycle speed squad.

Petitions are in circulation in Umatilla county asking a parole for L. D. Clark, Helix town marshal, convicted of manslaughter for shooting Harry B. Rose, October 28.

Fifteen thousand dollars will be available for new construction and road maintenance within the Deschutes national forest, H. L. Plum, supervisor, has announced.

Governor Pierce's income tax measure meets the approval of the executives of the Linn county farm bureau, the committee having endorsed the bill at a meeting at Albany.

Proceedings have been started by the district attorney whereby Willows county will foreclose on property the taxes of which are delinquent for the years 1916, 1917, and 1918.

The Tillamook county grand jury failed to bring in a true bill in connection with the alleged branding by two hooded men of Mrs. Nevada Standish in Tillamook city recently.

Under the auspices of the university of Oregon school of administration the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association is to be held in Eugene, commencing Sunday, February 13.

All bids for the clearing of the Blachly-Rain Rock section of the Willamette valley-Florence state highway, 24 miles, have been rejected, according to word received by the Linn county court.

The exports from Astoria to foreign ports and the Hawaiian islands during the year 1922 were valued at \$3,558,406, according to statistics just compiled by Deputy Collector of Customs Lamb.

Smallpox, said to be in very light form, has closed one of the Klamath Falls schools. Dr. Lamb, city health officer, said there were 14 cases in six families, but that none of them is serious.

Oregon Agricultural college, the United States department of agriculture and Columbia county farm bureau, co-operating, held an all-day institute for farmers of Columbia county at Warrea.

Dr. E. N. Neulen of Astoria has received a check for \$685 from the government at Washington in exchange for \$600 in bills, which were in his office safe and were reduced to ashes during the recent fire.

Farmers in the northwest who borrowed money from the government with which to purchase seed wheat, rye or oats, and who repaid the amount of the loans, will be fully reimbursed in all cases where the seed purchased failed because of drought to produce more than five bushels to the acre.

The steel highway bridge now spanning the North Umpqua at Winchester will be moved to Milton and placed on the road leading from Roseburg to Hoodport as soon as the new concrete highway bridge is completed, according to the Douglas county court. The new concrete arch bridge now being constructed by the state at Winchester, it is expected, will be open to travel during the late summer or early fall.

Farmers' work in Graysburg was the most successful of any here this year, according to E. B. Hall, Washington county agricultural agent. The attendance for the week was more than 1200, or about 400 more than last year.

Portland will join with the various apple-raising communities of the northwest in the observance of apple week, beginning Sunday, February 25, according to decision of the special committee representing the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce.

A bill appropriating \$20,000 for establishment and maintenance of an experiment station to combat fruit pests was indorsed by the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce. A report submitted by berry growers estimated that between \$200,000 and \$400,000 damage was caused annually by such pests.

Another suit growing out of the litigation over the reversionary of the T. B. Pettey Realty company of Bayocan, has been filed in circuit court at Tillamook. Ida S. Harvey, the plaintiff, alleges \$2995 is due her from Frances Pettey Thomas as a fee she earned in bringing about a settlement among the property owners involved.

Searching parties who had been scouring the hills between Perry and Hilgard, a few miles from La Grande, found the frozen body of J. M. Longshore, 43, rancher, who had been missing since February 3. Longshore, who had been hunting, apparently had been overtaken by darkness and losing his way was overcome by the cold.

Improvements amounting to \$75,000 will be made on the auxiliary power plant of the Mountain States Power company at Albany and other construction work on lines will bring the total amount of improvements by the company to \$175,000, according to an announcement made by C. M. Brewer, vice-president of the company.

The Walla Walla valley prairie growers association, with headquarters in Milton-Freewater, organized just one year ago, had held its first annual meeting and so great have been its advances that 99 per cent of the prairie crop in the Walla Walla valley, the greater part of which is in Oregon, has been signed up for 1923.

The state fish commission has asked the city of Hood River to join in opening the channel of Hood River, thus improving conditions at the outfall sewer and making the stream more attractive to salmon when the run begins. The stream has been officially closed to net fishing in order that chinook salmon may spawn there.

Lloyd M. Tucker, superintendent of the Port Klamath hatchery on Wood river, reports that 600,000 rainbow trout eggs have been taken at the hatchery since last fall. Taking of eggs from this species of trout usually is done in the spring and this is the first time in the history of the state that any considerable quantity of the eggs has been obtained in the fall and winter months.

C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the state highway department, says the plans and specifications for the proposed new bridge across the Lewis and Clark river on the Seaside highway will be ready so that bids can be opened at the April meeting of the commission. The structure is to be of concrete, with trestle approaches, much on the style of the bridge across Youngs bay; will have a 20-foot roadway but no sidewalk, and a single leaf bascule or "jackknife" type draw with an opening 100 feet in width. The estimated cost of the structure is \$150,000 and about one year will be required to erect it.

Word that the long fight of Oregon sportsmen to have the Malheur and Harney lake areas in the central part of the state set aside as a perpetual refuge for wild birds, had been won was received last week with news that the federal department of agriculture and the Oregon state land board have reached a compromise. Under the terms of the tentative agreement, which must be approved by the state legislature, dividing lines will be run through the lake areas and 44,000 acres of swampy bottom marsh-lined shore lands will be left for the waterfowl that now breed there. All that now remains for the compromise to become effective is for the state legislature to ratify the agreement.

Settlers in the Tumalo district who were recently adjudged by the district board of directors to have only 50 per cent water rights, have filed suit in circuit court at Bend to enjoin the board from putting this decision into effect or from making any assessments based on it. The settlers in the suit represent 2000 acres. The question of water rights in the Tumalo district came up recently in connection with the discussion as to the amount to be assessed on the bond issue which the district voted to pay for improvements now being made. The board, acting on the recommendation of Engineer C. M. Redfield, found that holders of contract form 66, or those who had already purchased their lands before the rights were first adjudicated, had 75 per cent water rights, and those holding contract form 64, who purchased the land after the state took charge, had 50 per cent rights.

The storm of the past week left snowdrifts piled high in the forested areas around the base of Mount Hood, according to Mark Weygandt, upper Hood River valley guide. Mr. Weygandt said he encountered snow banks 50 feet deep.

The Beaver Gold Mining company has been granted a license by the federal power commission for 25 years covering a constructed transmission line across public lands partly within the Whitman national forest in Grant county.

Production of lumber by the 132 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending February 10 was 7 per cent above normal and new business was 20 per cent above production. Shipments were 6 per cent above new business.

The mill of the Oregon Western Lumber company near Dexter, on Lost creek, 20 miles southwest of Eugene, soon will be enlarged and its capacity will be increased from 30,000 to 100,000 feet daily, according to an announcement of officers of the company.

A. L. Jameson of McMinnville was re-elected president of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association at the concluding session of its 17th annual convention, held in Portland. Will Baldwin of Klamath Falls was elected vice-president.

Portland's new apple storage warehouse at municipal terminal No. 4 will be dedicated during National Apple Week, February 2 to March 3. As part of the program, growers, shippers, operators and port authorities will meet to discuss topics of mutual concern.

William Burke and Fred Sheppard, acknowledged members of the I. W. W., startled the Marshfield recorder's court by assertions that the organization had 2000 members on Coos bay. The men were arrested under an ordinance prohibiting distribution of I. W. W. literature.

The annual flooding of the Willamette river at points where it causes tremendous damage may be controlled by mapping out a suitable channel through which the river should flow. This is what Dr. E. T. Hodge of the department of geology of the University of Oregon suggests.

The Oregon delegation in the senate and house has decided as the next move for relief of Astoria fire sufferers to introduce a bill in both houses granting a government loan of \$1,063,000 to the city of Astoria for the rebuilding of streets, sidewalks, water and sewer systems.

Plans for a new 22-mile transmission line from Algoma to Chiloquin to serve the sawmills of that district and the town of Chiloquin, were announced at Klamath Falls by the California-Oregon Power company. The line will have a capacity of 60,000 volts and the installation will cost \$60,000.

Value of exports from the Oregon customs district during 1922 totaled \$51,003,204, according to the official customs department figures, which are greater by about \$800,000 than the estimate made December 31. The figure for the previous year was \$47,904,841. The drop is accounted for in the small wheat crop of 1922 as compared with that of 1921.

Thirty-six road projects were adopted by the Douglas county court for the market road program during the present year. The sum of \$109,180.88 will be divided among the projects, over \$40,000 of this amount representing the sum left unexpended from last year. All unfinished projects started with market road funds last year will be completed and considerable new work will be undertaken.

Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride of the Oregon supreme court is to be signally honored by his fellow attorneys. Two hundred of the older members of the bar have raised a total of \$1000 to have a life-sized picture of the jurist painted, the picture to be his property during his lifetime, but upon his death to become the property of the state and hung in the supreme court room at the capitol in Salem.

Undismayed by the failure of the six months' advertised sale of 890,000,000 feet of timber, valued at \$2,290,000, standing in the Bear Valley basin, at the headwaters of Sawies river, the United States forest service is preparing again to put the tract on the auction block. Although no bids were received within the stated time limit, which closed last week, confidence is expressed that the deal will be put through after the legislature adjourns.

The names of the nine college orators who will compete in the state oratorical contest at Albany on March 9 have been received at Albany college. The speakers and the colleges they will represent are Hall Patterson of Portland, University of Oregon; Clarence Hickok of Albany, Oregon Agricultural college; Earl Ladd, Eugene Bible university; Harold Proppe of Portland, Linfield college; Cecil Henshaw of Newberg, Pacific college; Roy Skeen of Powell Butte, Willamette university; George Woods of Redmond, Oregon State Normal School; William Harrison of Portland, Pacific university, and Mrs. Irene Grigsby of Albany, Albany college.

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Said Doctor Brown to Doctor Blue,
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Taxes on motor vehicle fuels produced a total of \$1,123,267.66 in 1922. Of this amount \$524,096.16 was paid under the law of 1919 and \$599,243.50 under the law of 1921. Taxes were remitted on 87,172,773 gallons of gasoline and 2,529,476 gallons of distillate. The 1922 revenue represents an increase of approximately 12 per cent over the total of 1921 and nearly 30 per cent over the sale made in 1920. To date the operation of the motor vehicle fuel tax law had brought to the state treasury a total of \$2,500,783.97.

The world war veterans' state aid commission sold \$5,000,000 of soldiers' home bonds to John E. Price & Co. of Seattle, representing a syndicate of New York bankers. The substantial bid called for \$2,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent coupon bonds and \$3,000,000 of 4 per cent coupon bonds at \$100.25, or a basis of 4.60. The sale increases the total of soldiers' home bonds sold to \$20,000,000. There are yet \$10,000,000 of these bonds in the hands of the bond commission. It probably will be at least six months before the demands will necessitate the sale of more of these bonds. There were five bidders for this offering.

—Si Siwash claims home is where folks take off their uncomfortable clothes and good manners.