

STATE BOARD WANTS MORE POWER

Oregon has a very liberal Workmen's Compensation law that provides generously for all persons who may be injured by accidents that occur to employes in all industries. But by the terms of compensation being fixed by the state for any injury, from bruising a finger to loss of life or limb, the employer, by waiving his common law defenses, may still contract insurance outside the state.

The workingmen's Compensation Commission provides hospital treat-

ment, has legal advice, and hires physicians and pays doctors and drug bills and now wishes to cut off the little competition the employer has left.

Nearly all states by Oregon allow employers to give bonds for complying with the terms of settlement and care of the injured worker as fixed by the state or allow insurance to be carried with casualty companies.

Oregon employes, if the present commission can have its way, will be forced to accept service from the State Commission, making it a compulsory monopoly whether the service is efficient or not, penalizing

Oregon employes.

Why should not an Oregon employer have every advantage enjoyed by the employers of any other state? Why make it hard to operate in Oregon?

ONE MAN'S SECRET

A 14-year old boy, George Black, built himself a wagon out of four wheels, an egg crate and some material, then went peddling merchandise for eggs among farm folks around the town of Pigeon, Mich. He became known to every farmer for miles around. A few years later he opened a store. The business outgrew it and he bought a big factory building. Recently he built a \$350,000 addition to that. Black now does a business of \$350,000 a year in this town of 800 population. People for miles around trade with him. Salesmen in his store work on commission; his hardware clerk averages \$250 a month and the woman at his notion counter makes \$30 a week. His business nets about \$1,000 a day. Not long ago a merchant in a larger town took a day off and went to Pigeon solely to ask George Black if he cared to divulge the secret of his success. Black smilingly said he was glad to tell the world his secret; and he told it in words we want every merchant in and around Milwaukee to read and commit to memory. He said:

"I offer nothing but real bargains—and I advertise in the newspapers in small towns around Pigeon. There's no secret to it—advertising has done it for me"—Milwaukee Review.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Roseburg's strawberry festival opened last week with a record-breaking crowd in attendance.

Preliminary arrangements for the fair next fall have been taken up by the Linn association.

Crops throughout Grant county are in need of immediate rain and farmers are alarmed over the prospect.

More than 2500 persons attended the opening of the first annual eastern Oregon sportsmen's show at Baker.

Portland accommodated 4079 families in new dwellings in 1923, as against 3658 in 1922 and 2136 in 1921.

An extension of the Pendleton municipal water system at its source of supply to cost about \$25,000 will be started next week.

Petitions for the recall of Willard A. Elkins and Mrs. Roy Loomis, members of the Eugene school board, have been placed in circulation.

The receipts of wheat at the Astoria terminals from July 1 of last year up to the present total 3755 carloads or slightly over 5,000,000 bushels.

At the Independence mine in the Granite district there is piled up more than 200 tons of concentrates awaiting transportation to the smelter at Tacoma.

Business men of Polk county are backing the campaign to organize all of the 6000 prune acreage in that county into one unit for the marketing of the crop.

Roseburg suffered a spectacular warehouse fire, which caused a loss roughly estimated at \$60,000 and for a time threatened the entire south end of the city.

The Jersey herd of Frank Loughary and son of Monmouth was auctioned to bidders from all over the United States for \$15,220, at an average price per head of \$252.

The pageant of Wascoham will not be staged in The Dalles this year, it being planned instead to put on a larger affair in 1925, with a paid director in charge.

The Walter L. Baker Calf club, so-called by reason of the gift made by Mr. Baker of a registered Jersey calf from his Lane county herd, has been organized at Pilot Rock.

The request of Sheriff Lowe of Klamath county that he be allowed to send his prisoners to the state penitentiary for safe-keeping has been refused by Warden Dalrymple.

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs by unanimous vote went on record in convention at Oregon City as favoring the entrance of the United States into the world court.

With construction work on a fishway over Sherar's Falls already started, plans for the opening of the Deschutes river and its tributaries to Columbia salmon have materialized.

More than 2500 acres of timber were cruised and mapped by students in the school of forestry of Oregon Agricultural college while on their annual spring trip in the Oakridge district.

Boys of the North Powder high school and seventh and eighth grades were dismissed last Friday morning to haul sand and other material for construction work of the new gymnasium.

Paul Coughlin of the University of Washington won the tri-state oratorical contest at Eugene for his school against the Universities of Oregon and Idaho. His oration was entitled "Justice."

Land which yielded "40 gallons to the acre" of moonshine whisky was tilled by Sheriff Christensen and a force of deputies on the ranch of Willard Quinn, in the southern part of Wasco county.

Ursul Normand, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Normand of Elsie, in Clatsop county, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle. The bullet tore the right side of his head off.

The Prouty Lumber company, owner of the Callaby Lake lumber mill near Carnahan station in Clatsop county, has leased the plant to J. Weston Hall of Portland, who expects to start operations at once.

Oregon's exports for the first three months of the year totaled \$20,273,030 and put the state 13th in the list of states in the value of its foreign trade, according to statistics from the department of commerce.

L. E. Warford of Portland will be one of the doorkeepers at the republican national convention at Cleveland. There were two places for Oregon ex-service men and Warford's application was the only one received.

The state superintendent of banks has issued checks covering the second dividend to depositors having claims against the defunct First Bank of Bay City. The payments covered by the dividend aggregated \$2600.

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