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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Taxes received by the state on gasoline and distillate sales in November aggregated \$202,936.38.

Flood waters in the Willamette river virtually isolated Eugene from automobile traffic for 24 hours.

Building operations in Salem during the year 1924 aggregated \$1,843,856 as against \$1,285,732 in 1923.

Marion county sportsmen contributed \$11,127.25 for fishing and hunting licenses during the year 1924.

Cyrus W. Barger, one of the oldest stage coach drivers in the northwest, died in Portland at the age of 76.

Delinquent taxes in Linn county from last year amount to only \$47,697.14, or four per cent of the total.

Several cases of influenza have been reported in Pine valley, though no deaths have resulted from the malady.

The new \$25,000 clubhouse for employes of the Pelican Bay Lumber company as Klamath Falls has been opened.

During 1924 the city of Salem laid pavement aggregating a cost of \$185,670. A total of \$15,650.76 was expended for sewers.

Postal receipts at Portland for 1924 were \$2,763,415.21, a gain of \$177,667.62 over the total receipts for 1923, or 6.86 per cent.

The tax levy on property in Lake county has been fixed by the county court at 20.2 mills, a reduction from last year of 1.1 mills.

Members of the Salem Kiwanis club have decided to erect a modern greeting sign on the Pacific highway five miles north of Salem.

The body of Iline Briggs, 10, daughter of Mrs. Rose M. Briggs of Sardine Creek, was found in Rogue river near Medford by a searching party.

William E. Johnson, 49, editor of the Madras Pioneer and first clerk of Jefferson county, died in Portland of pneumonia. He was a native of Nebraska.

An appropriation of \$500,000 to be used in beginning the development of the Vale irrigation project in Oregon was requested of congress by the budget bureau.

Lumber shipments from the Columbia river for the year 1924 totaled 869,326,534 feet, according to figures issued by Ralph Lamb, deputy collector of customs at Astoria.

Building permits aggregating \$1,702,598 were granted by the Klamath Falls city council during the past year. It was shown in the annual report. The permits totaled 557.

The year 1924 in some lines excelled any preceding year in La Grande. Building permits, 343 in number, were issued for constructions estimated to cost \$448,102.

Farmers of the Stayton and Aumsville districts have filed with the state engineer application for authority to appropriate water from the Santiam river for irrigation purposes.

Information has been received of the appointment of Chauncey Florey, retiring county clerk, as United States commissioner for Medford to succeed Glenn O. Taylor, recently resigned.

Judge Kelley of Albany decided that the election held in Eugene last July, at which \$500,000 bonds were voted for the erection of a municipal auditorium on the campus of the University of Oregon, was void.

Nine hundred cases were filed with the inheritance tax commission at Salem during the year. The amount received and turned over to the general fund was \$414,947, leaving an unrecouped balance of \$75,870.

W. H. Beharrell, 70, prominent Portland business man and for more than a quarter of a century Portland manager of the furniture manufacturing plant of Heywood-Wakefield company, died at Emmanuel hospital.

Drilling at the Trigonis well for oil, near Phoenix, which was abandoned months ago for apparent lack of funds after drilling had gone to a great depth in the last two years, it is now said by some of the promoters will be resumed.

It is reported that the emergency appropriation of \$67,500 for the North Umpqua road had been approved by the secretary of agriculture. This sum will complete the road from the forest boundary to Steamboat, a distance of about 14 miles.

December's lumber shipments from Portland to the Atlantic seaboard, which measured 6,398,527 feet, valued at \$138,647, brought the aggregate movement for the year for those markets to 127,512,939 feet, valued at \$2,933,101, setting a new mark in the trade.

Cash turnovers to the state treasurer by the state land board during December aggregated \$91,375.13, according to a statement issued by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land office.

A log raft of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company, which was in Yaquina bay waiting to be towed to Astoria, broke adrift and under the influence of a strong ebb tide was carried out to sea. The raft contained 750,000 feet of logs.

Although hatcheries of the state fish commission held more than 80,000,000 eggs and fish during the recent cold weather, there was no loss of any kind due to the cold, according to Hugh C. Mitchell, state superintendent of hatcheries.

The annual hog harvest of Curry county is on and ranchers with wild animals are garnering their profits from the acorn localities. The hogs on the majority of ranches must be killed by rifles, as they range and grow up practically wild.

Frank A. Shepherd, director of vocational education for the government for the Pacific northwest states during the war and an educator of national reputation, died from heart disease while he was working in the basement of his home at Beaverton.

The Lake County Woolgrowers' Protective association will take steps to have government hunters retained in the county following a resolution adopted by the association to the effect that it was their belief the work had been of much benefit to stockmen.

The office of city ticket agent has been created in Eugene by the Southern Pacific company and Frank G. Lewis, who for the past five years has been located there as traveling freight and passenger agent for the company, has been promoted to the position.

Announcement was made at Salem by Senator Joseph of Multnomah county that he would introduce in the next session of the legislature a resolution submitting to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to engage in water-power development.

All railroad corporations operating within the state of Oregon have joined in filing a new tariff providing for a rate based on 50 per cent of the present charge for shipment of purebred horses and cattle for breeding purposes only. The minimum rate was fixed at \$7 per head.

A meeting of representatives and county officials from Washington, Yamhill and Tillamook counties was held Saturday morning at the Tillamook courthouse to consider reports of the surveys of the Wilson and Trask routes as future highways between the Willamette valley and Tillamook.

The state fish and game commission is discussing the advantages of installing a fish wheel on Sizes river to take trout to spawn for egg supplies for several trout hatcheries, the Ferry creek plant near Bandon in particular. A representative of the commission is to select a site soon and have the wheel operating by February.

An optimistic feeling pervades the industrial life of Oregon, and employes generally are confident that the year 1925 will be prosperous, according to a statement issued by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. The statement said that indications pointed to a greater demand for skilled labor during the next 12 months than ever before.

Formal transfer of the weights and measures department from the state treasurer's office to the state market agent was completed at Salem. The transfer was authorized under a law enacted by the 1923 legislature, creating the office of state market agent. The weights and measures department previously was under the jurisdiction of the state treasurer.

There were three fatal industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 31, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Hisac Takaki, Portland, laborer; Roscoe A. Bellingham, Portland, off-bearer, and Harold Hamilton, Albany, assistant plant operator. A total of 380 accidents was reported.

An owl put the power and light plant of the Molalla Electric company out of commission and left eight Oregon towns without service for about three hours. When it essayed to fly between high voltage wires of the electric company near Aurora a wing touched each line and caused a short-circuit. The owl was electrocuted. One of the wires was burned in two by the flash.

Sixty-seven million board feet of Klamath timber will be offered for sale at Klamath agency January 31. Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation has announced. The timber, known as the Cherry Creek unit and located in the eastern part of the county, is in the Indian reservation and will be sold according to the usual government contracts affecting reservation timber sales.

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THE NEW YEAR

There is a new year ahead and good prospects for the city of Vernonia in sight. Many forces are at work in this country which we believe will reflect to the benefit of our community during the coming 12 months—or at least in the not too distant future.

The barometers of business—the stock exchanges—indicate that the prosperity we came to know a few years ago is coming back to pay us an extended visit. In fact the country is already more prosperous and it is merely a matter of time before we feel the good effects right.

A bull stock market is a sure indication of future industrial expansion. When stocks, bonds, and all forms of securities sell readily, it is not difficult for men to get money to enlarge business and engage in new ventures. Naturally during such a period new industries may be secured for a town and old industries may be built up.

It is not difficult to understand the why of this, either. Government is becoming more economical, taxes are going down, and business of all kinds is becoming more profitable. Money formerly tied up in tax exempt securities will steadily find its way into business during the coming year as men of means find less cause to evade taxes.

There is a general feeling of confidence throughout the width and breadth of our land. Affairs of state are in safe hands, people almost everywhere agree. Four years of businesslike government will mean four years of better business. And better business is advantageous to the growth and development of every community.

So considering all things it is probably safe to say that the year 1925 will bring prosperity to most of our citizens individually and to our community as a whole. Thus the editor is merely wishing you what he knows will be yours—a Happy New Year.

MAY THIS BE YOUR HAPPIEST NEW YEAR

May New Year's day usher in the happiest year of your entire life is the sincere wish we merchants of Vernonia extend to you.

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