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Lumber shipments from the Columbia river for the year 1924 totaled 869,-326,834 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 receipted and turned over to the general fund was \$414,947, leaving an unreceipted 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 Trigonia well for oil near Phoenix, which was abandoned nonths 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 e resumed.

It is reported that the emergency appropriation of \$67,500 for the North Umpqua road had been approved by by the flash. 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 novement for the year for those markets to 127,512,939 feet, valued at \$2. according to the usual government 932,101, setting a new mark in the

trade.

mook 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 employers 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.

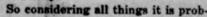
An owl put the power and light plant of the Molalla Electric co out of commission and left eight Oregon towns without service for about three hours. When it essayed to fly between high voltage wires of the electric company near Aurora a wing touched each line and caused a short circuit. The owl was electrocuted.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

Sixty-seven million board feet Klamath timber will be offered for sale at Klamath agency January 21, Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamsth Indian reservation has anounced. 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

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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.



We also take this opportunity to reaffirm our faith in the future of our town and to express our pride in our fellow citizens.



