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STATE HOUSE NEWS

Forty-three firms of wall paper dealers in Oregon, having 56 firm members, employ an average of 79 persons, who are paid in one year a total of \$72,000, according to figures compiled at the office of the state commissioner of labor.

Stating that the Associated Fruit Growers of Hood River is insolvent, Corporation Commissioner Schulerman yesterday asked the district attorney at

Hood River to take legal steps for the protection of the creditors. The company's permit was canceled last November. The company was organized in 1914, with a capital of \$70,000.

The board of regents of the Oregon Normal school, in a survey of the normal situation in the state, says the attendance at the Monmouth normal school for the summer of 1916 is over 500, which exceeds the accommodations for class work. The board declares that the dormitory equipment is inadequate, and that the quadrangle originally planned should be completed, for which an appropriation of \$50,000 is needed. The assembly hall is insufficient, it is said, and \$25,000 is needed

to enlarge it. For paving and improvements of grounds \$50,000 is needed.

Only one of the 294 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission the past week was fatal. Jack Fisher, a logger, was killed near Portland. Of the accidents reported 224 were subject to the compensation act, 47 were from public utility corporations, 42 were from firms and corporations which have rejected the provisions of the act, and one was from a firm which does not employ labor in hazardous occupations.

Engineer Rea, who is in charge of the Ochoee irrigation project near Prineville, Crook county, is here today for the purpose of submitting a report to State Engineer Lewis. This project covers 25,000 acres, and it is proposed to issue bonds for \$1,000,000 in order to finance it. The plans include the construction of a dam 125 feet high, providing storage for 47,000 acres feet of water, and also for the construction of a power plant of 800 horse power to pump water to the higher lands. Most of the land can be reached by the gravity system.

The car shortage continues to increase. According to the latest report received at the office of the public service commission the Southern Pacific company is now 1,007 cars short of filling its orders on the Portland division. A total of five empty cars were received at Ashland during the past 24 hours.

Articles of incorporation were filed at the corporation department this morning by the Old Fashion Milling company, Portland, capitalized for \$5,000, and supplementary articles of incorporation were filed by the Mazamas, a Portland exploration club.

ST. PAUL ITEMS

St. Paul, Ore., Sept. 18.—W. M. Ray, who conducts the St. Paul Feed Mill, has installed a new combination grinding and rolling machine which is being driven by a three-phase, General Electric, 10-horse motor. He had closed down for several months during the summer, but is now running.

W. M. Bernard moved his clover huller and engine over from Yamhill county last week via the new bridge and has been doing some hulling of red clover, which seems to be turning out lighter than expected in some places. The best yield noted seems to be a little better than four bushels per acre.

Most of the hop picking is over but on account of a scarcity of pickers several large yards will probably be at it 10 days or more. Picking was resumed at several yards that had been abandoned, as the weather seemed to check the mold and many good hops were still on the vine.

The amount of butter turned out by the St. Paul creamery during the month of August and first half of September is practically double the output during the same time in 1915. The product has been grading as "extra" quality.

Due to the good corn prospects some farmers are looking for shouts to feed to it.

The school attendance at both the academy and public school are not quite complete this week owing to the busy season being later this year than usual.

Mrs. C. A. Breatano, of Yamhill, is reported as being very low. Cancer seems to be the affliction and the end of her suffering is perhaps only a matter of days.—Woodburn Independent.

SILVERTON NOTES

School will open at Evergreen Monday, Oct. 2, with Wm. Faw and Miss Ruth Finlay as teachers. The board has arranged to put in new floors and a special meeting will be held Sept. 30, to consider the budget for the coming year.

The Silvertown schools will open next Monday, September 25. The schools were expecting to open last Monday, but the board was implored by different ones to put off the opening for a week

Ask That Rev. R. N. Avison Be Re-appointed

The fourth quarterly conference of the First Methodist church in session September 20 passed a resolution requesting the Rev. Matt S. Hughes, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, to re-appoint the Rev. R. N. Avison as pastor of the First Methodist church in Salem for the coming year. He is now completing his sixth year as pastor of the church.

Dr. Avison will go next week to attend the annual session of the Oregon conference which convenes at Lebanon September 27.

During the six years as pastor of the church there has been a substantial growth for the historic church. Under his pastorate, 331 members have been received, more than \$27,000 has been raised for benevolent purposes and \$12,000 has been spent for the new parsonage and other improvements. Besides these amounts, \$25,000 has been expended for current expenses and ministerial support.

Besides the spiritual work for which the church stands, every civic, educational and moral interest of the city has felt the impulse of this center of religious life.

At the fourth quarterly conference held in the city September 20, reports from all the departments of the work showed the church to be in excellent condition. A resolution presented by E. J. Swafford was unanimously adopted requesting Bishop Hughes to re-appoint Dr. Avison for another year, which is practical assurance that he will be returned to begin his seventh year's work in Salem.

A similar resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the appointment of the Rev. T. B. Ford as superintendent of the Salem district for another year. Dr. Ford has been one year in this district and the church has already felt the touch of his strong leadership.

longer on account of the lateness of the harvest. The board met on Friday afternoon and decided on the postponement.

There is scarcely an empty house in this city for rent. In one way this is a good thing and in another it is not. With all of the available houses filled there is no chance for new comers to find accommodations—and this occurs frequently of late. Only this week a lady was here looking for a suitable house to rent, but was unable to find a place to move into.

Henry Palmateer one of the millwrights at the Silverton Lumber Co. met with a peculiar accident Monday morning just after he went to work. A crowbar weighing eighteen pounds fell six feet and struck his right foot with the sharp point passing through. Fortunately no bones were broken. Mr. Palmateer will be laid up for several days.

Sanitorium Notes. Mrs. John Rogie will leave Friday to visit her brother, Simon Yoder of Woodburn and from there she will go to her home in Needy.

A. M. Morris was taken suddenly ill at the Silverton Lumber Co's mill and was taken to the Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Black of Los Angeles, California, arrived at the Sanitarium Sunday evening to begin a course of treatment. Mr. Black is the son of Mrs. Winifred Black—Bonifas of San Francisco, who is considered the greatest newspaper woman in America.

As the Blacks were associated in the newspaper work they were great friends of America's noted cartoonist, Homer Davenport and through him the Davenport family at Los Angeles. Mr. Black is afflicted with a malady that is generally considered incurable and upon hearing of a similar case having been cured several years ago in Silverton of a relative of the Davenport family, decided to come to Silverton with the hopes that he may recover and end his long search for health.—Silverton Appeal.

OVER 100 FAST ONES FOR THE STATE FAIR

Some of Fastest Horses On Coast Entered for Speed Contests

Fairgrounds, Salem, Ore., Sept. 23.—With over 100 trotters and pacers on the grounds to be entered in one or more of the speed events to be staged during the week, of which number 90 are actually entered in the events which closed on June 1 and September 11, and with more than 30 running horses on the circuit and expected to be on hand to contest for the big stakes offered in the sprinting class and Lone Oak track in the best condition that it has been for years and fully a second faster the prospects for some intensely exciting races and broken records were never better than for the speed program during state fair week, September 25 to 30.

All of the big stake races, including the 3:08 pace, \$2,000, 3 in 5, scheduled for Salem day (Wednesday); the 2:12 trot, \$2,000, 3 in 5, for Thursday (Portland day); the 2:25 pace, \$700, for Saturday; the 2:18 pace, \$750, for Tuesday; the 2:20 pace, \$750, for Thursday; all filled with not less than 15 entries, while the 2:10 pace, \$750, for Monday; the free-for-all pace, \$750, for Friday; the 2:15 trot, \$700, for Tuesday; and the 2:18 trot, \$700, for Friday, each filled with 10, 7, 8 and 10 entries, respectively. These entries guarantee correspondingly large entries for the two consolation, pacing and trotting, for \$500 each and other races to be made up during the week, and two or three special races, of the combination order, which are in contemplation.

The running events to be pulled off during the week, according to the fixed program all of which are to be made up over night, include: Monday, five-eighths mile handicap dash, \$200; Tuesday, five-eighths mile for 9-year-olds, \$250; and seven-eighths mile, \$250; Wednesday, one mile, \$350, and three-eighths mile, \$100; Thursday, 1 1/4 miles (Portland Derby), \$500; Friday, five-eighths mile, \$250, and one-half mile, \$200; Saturday, one mile handicap, \$350.

The judges who will officiate at the race course, so far as have been selected, will be W. C. Bristol, of Portland, and H. W. Hatch, of Salem. The third judge will be chosen later. The starter, W. P. McMillan, of Phoenix, Arizona, for the harness events, and Ed Fortune, of Oregon City, for the running races. The timers will be E. B. Tongue, of Hillsboro, and Ed Fortune, Oregon City, and the third will be named later. Frank Davey, of Salem, will officiate as clerk of the course.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT SURVEYED

Preliminary work in engineering and soil surveys on the French Prairie drainage district in Marion county near Salem, has been done by G. A. Hart, of the U. S. department of agriculture, and Professors C. V. Ruzek and W. L. Powers of the Oregon Agricultural college. The report shows that the area is comprised of about 16,000 acres of wet lands, about 40 per cent of which is white lands near the central part, 36 per cent brown loam with slight natural drainage, and the remainder intermediate gray loam surrounding the white lands and separating it from the brown loam. The total cost of completing the drainage, including excavation, right-of-way, bridges and 20 per cent for organization, administration, engineering and supervision, is estimated at \$85,000 or an average cost of \$5.72 per acre. The soil surveys show that the lands will pay a higher total rate of interest on the investment when drained.



JOHN KENDRICK BANGS. One of the busiest and most prolific pens of the last quarter century has been that of John Kendrick Bangs, the inventor of "The Genial Idiot" and the discoverer of "A House Boat on the Styx." The author of nearly fifty volumes of humorous prose and verse has found time even in a period of such productivity to devote a deal of energy to other things than writing, and has been in turn managing editor of "Life," editor of "Literature," editor of "Harpers Weekly" and the "Metropolitan Magazine." Mr. Bangs' most notable platform effort, "Salubrities I Have Met" is a lively running talk about the more or less famous men or women he has known in the course of his career. It includes gossip anecdotes of statesmen, poets, novelists, philanthropists, and others, and closes with an exquisite presentation of the character of one of the greatest of salubrities in a story entitled "A Strenuous Day at Oyster Bay" of which a critic has said: "It is a gem of kindly humor, than which nothing more continuously funny has been produced in American literature."

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TWELVE YEAR OLD WHO KILLED HIS MOTHER

And Who Tried to Roast His Sister To Be Given Chance

New Orleans, La., Sept. 23.—Little Willie Zimmer, age 12, who shot his mother to death here July 14, will not be tried for murder. Although he made no positive statement, Chandler C. Luzenberg, district attorney, intimated today that the boy neither would be sent to the gallows nor imprisoned for life.

The plea of thousands of youngsters and club women in nearly every state in the Union has had its effect, and Willie will be given a chance to begin life all over again.

Willie killed his mother because she tried to beat him with a broomstick. Willie's parents were separated. On the day of the killing he had been with his father. The father thrashed him for some trivial offense so Willie went to his mother's home for comfort. But Mrs. Zimmer was in no comforting mood. He offended her and when she raised a stick to him he fired a bullet into her breast. She tried to run but a second bullet lodged in her abdomen. She continued to run and when she reached an alley-way fell, crying "Willie has killed me."

Nearly every page of the history of Willie's life is a thriller. Neighbors say he has been a bad boy, from the day he took his first step. Five years ago he attempted to place a younger sister in a bake oven and roast her.

When the boy was arrested for his mother's murder this little girl begged the officers for a knife. "Please give me a knife," she pleaded. "I'll cut his head off and avenge my mother."

These same neighbors said Willie's favorite pastime was dissecting cats and many a neighborhood feline met its fate at the hands of the little Zimmer boy. He was a leader in any mischievous undertaking the younger element undertook.

Since his arrest Willie has been indifferent. Until today he had never expressed sorrow for his deed.

"I'm sorry I killed my mother," he said today, "but she tried to beat me, and that's why I killed her."

Local club women contended the boy hasn't had the proper care in his early days which deprived him of an even break in his battle of life. With proper environments they hope to make a man of the little fellow. Present plans call for a five or six year course in some institution other than penal.

The district attorney today said such action would be acceptable to him and all prosecution plans probably will be dropped in a few days.

TIMES ARE NOT HARD

Don't talk hard times when hop yards cannot be picked for want of pickers. Growers have been running around here this week actually crazy for pickers and the demand could not meet the need. Many of the yards got through picking, but the pickers returned home deciding that they had made their fortunes and did not care for any more work in that line, especially at 80 cents per cwt. Then so many found it paid them better to pick berries. It is hoped that those having hops still on the vines will be able to get pickers as the market for hops seems to be getting stronger.—Woodburn Independent.

Are times "hard" in the Willamette valley? Do you know of any unemployed men who really want to work? Think of the present situation. Hop growers unable to secure help enough to pick their crop; road supervisors complaining that they are unable to get men to work the roads, and fuel dealers unable to find men and teams to haul wood to fill orders already on hand.—Dallas Itemizer.



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