

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

Federal engineers at Portland have decided to report against the proposition to survey the Umpqua river, between Scottsburg and Roseburg, to determine whether the stream could be made navigable.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association in Salem, and the dates fixed as January 25, 26 and 27.

A farmers' school, to be conducted in Forest Grove under the auspices of the Horticultural Society, the County Dairy Association and Gales Grange will be held December 6 and 7.

Oregon is to have a country life commission of its own, if the movement started by the Umatilla county members of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America meets with success.

Oswald West, governor-elect and railroad commissioner, will resign his position as railroad commissioner about December 1, and take a short vacation in California before assuming his duties as governor of Oregon January 9.

The work of reseeded the burned-over areas in the Crater national forest has been checked temporarily by a heavy fall of snow within the forest. If a freeze should occur within the next few days the work will have to go over until next fall.

H. C. McAllister, manager for the Home Rule Association, has filed a statement of expenses incurred by that organization in the late campaign. Total expenditures equaled \$8,788.72 and the total contributions were \$40,219.25.

Twelve years in the penitentiary at hard labor was the sentence pronounced upon Herbert Lambert for killing his wife, Margaret Grace Lambert, in a tent at Portland, July 1. Lambert, after shooting his wife, shot himself, but recovered from the wounds. The verdict of the jury was manslaughter.

Killing elk in Oregon was expensive for E. E. Sheret, of Gresham, for on November 23 he was found guilty of such an offense and fined \$200 by Judge Campbell at Oregon City. The offense was committed last January, but owing to various postponements the trial was not held until recently.

An immense body of timber land along the Siuslaw river, in Lane county, has been purchased by San Francisco capitalists. The tract is said to contain 1,000,000,000 feet of saw timber, which was sold at the rate of \$1 a thousand feet. This would involve a consideration of \$1,000,000, the largest that has been made in Oregon for several years.

A meeting of representative Astoria business men was held to arrange for holding a suitable celebration next summer of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first white settlement on the Pacific Coast. A committee of five was named to select a centennial commission of 17 members which will have entire charge of the arrangement.

The Pels fund commission disbursed in Oregon during the late campaign through its treasurer, H. W. Stone, of Portland, \$15,454.72. This amount was expended in publication of pamphlets and other literature distributed among the voters in behalf of tax amendments to the constitution that were voted on by the people and other measures proposed by the People's Power League.

Prompted by insane jealousy, William Haasing, an electrical worker, fired two bullets into his wife's brain and, turning the weapon upon himself, sent two more into his own a moment after they met on the street at Portland. The woman died 30 minutes later at St. Vincent's Hospital, where both were taken by the police after the shooting. Haasing has a chance to recover.

Fees amounting to more than the legislative appropriation covering the expenses of the entire board of control, were turned over to the board by F. M. Saxton, superintendent of Division No. 2, representing money collected in connection with water right adjudications for the past six months. There is still a sum amounting to \$1,234 on hand for that division, not payable owing to contests and certificates. For the first six months fees for this division amounted to \$2,999.75 until the discontinuance of its actions at that place, as a company wanted him to them in their bill.

According to first class suit women of Washington are no vote and are eligible for jury on one side of the Columbia they by an overwhelming majority people across the river decide want it. Does it not seem strange?

Mr. J. R. Beagle, of Ketchikan spent Thanksgiving day with friends in St. Helens, on the evening train for Portland which place he went to Seattle the steamer for his home.

22 GIRLS DEAD IN NEW JERSEY FIRE

Inadequate Means of Escape and Panic Leads to Large Death Roll.

New York.—Twenty-two girls known to be dead, burned, suffocated or crushed, some killed instantly and others mortally injured; eight dying at hospitals; 15 missing, their bodies supposed to be lying under tons of smoking debris; 38 more seriously injured—in the tragic toll of a fire in an antiquated four-story brick factory at 216-228 High street, Newark, N. J.

When the fire broke out it trapped 50 girls employed on one of the upper floors. A panic ensued. Many of the girls leaped from the windows. There is an engine house next door to the factory, but before the firemen could give any assistance at least 20 of the girls had jumped.

The building in which the fire occurred is a four-story structure. It is believed the blaze started on the second floor, in the rear, among a lot of rubbish. Within a minute or two after it was noticed it had made its way into a lot of waste paper, from which it connected with the upper floors. In all, about 200 persons were employed in the building.

MAY CURTAIL POWER OF ENGLISH LORDS

London.—With the dissolution of Parliament, all formalities preliminary to the election of a new Parliament were completed. The proclamation of dissolution summoned the new Parliament to assemble on January 21, 1911.

Among the first of its members to be elected unopposed will be Arthur J. Balfour, the opposition leader, the Liberals having decided not to contest his seat for London.

On the Stock Exchange, where regular dealings have been instituted in bets on the elections, the feeling seemed to anticipate a reduction in the Liberal majority.

Ulster Threatens War.

In Ireland the struggle is growing bitter. A meeting of delegates representing every Ulster constituency was held in Belfast, at which a resolution was adopted on motion of a Presbyterian minister to draw up a solemn declaration refusing to pay rates or taxes imposed by a Dublin Parliament or obey its decrees, while \$50,000 was subscribed on the spot to organize the Ulster men into regiments and purchase arms.

The dissolution of Parliament brings to a crisis the supreme struggle now in progress to limit the legislative powers of the House of Lords and thereby permit the elective branch of Parliament, the House of Commons, to exert larger powers in effecting legislation, more particularly measures relating to Irish home rule and the financial budget.

Governor Benson to Return South.

Salem, Ore.—Governor and Secretary of State Benson will return to California to remain until warmer weather comes in Oregon. It is generally considered that Mr. Benson's prospective return to California signifies that his condition of health has changed for the worse; that the improvement reported upon his recent return from the south has not proved permanent. That the Governor will be able to fulfill the duties of the office of Secretary of State through the new term to which he has been elected is considered doubtful by many of his friends.

STATES SHARE PROFITS

Nineteen States Will Participate in Forest Returns Division.

Washington.—Nineteen states will participate in the 25 per cent division of national forest revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910, according to a bulletin issued by the forest service. The state's portion, which is for road and school purposes, amounts to \$56,194, an increase of \$67,492, or slightly more than 15 per cent over the amount distributed last year.

The amounts which will go to the far western states are: Idaho, \$66,074.55; Oregon, \$39,635.87; Washington, \$23,671.89.

Columbia First in River Budget.

Washington.—If the rivers and harbors committee of the House appropriates all amounts recommended by the Chief of Army Engineers for river and harbor work in the Pacific Northwest, the forthcoming bill will carry a total of \$2,269,500 for that section, the bulk of the money going to the Columbia River, the main waterway of the Northwest, and under the new policy of the Administration, entitled to first consideration.

LEROY T. STEWARD



Chicago Chief of Police who has put ban on suggestive songs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., NOTES

The railroad securities commission, of which President Hadley of Yale is chairman, held its first meeting Monday. The commission was created to investigate questions pertaining to the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroads.

That the increase of a few mills in the freight on a pair of shoes was followed by an advance in price to the retailer of 10 or 15 cents and of 40 cents to the consumer, was declared by Henry C. Barlow, of Chicago, before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Secrets of corporations and the intimate details of their business are to be guarded by the government under the laws passed by the last session of congress, providing for the filing of returns with the treasury department for the purpose of assessing federal taxes. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh issued a ruling which prevents perusal of the reports by the curious or by those who might benefit unfairly by them.

The members of the Board of Army Engineers, who examined all the government irrigation projects during the past summer, will report to President Taft the first of this week, and within a few days thereafter it is expected that the president will appropriate the \$20,000,000 made available at the last session of congress for the completion of these projects.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

The California court of appeals has affirmed the judgment of the superior court whereby Abraham Reuf, former political boss, was convicted of bribery and sentenced to serve 14 years' imprisonment.

Colonel Moses E. Wetmore, chairman of the finance committee of the national Democratic committee, who was one of the first men of means to support W. J. Bryan's presidential ambitions, is dead as the result of injuries received when he was run down on the street in St. Louis.

Harry Orchard, convicted of the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, of Idaho, is declared to have recently admitted that he declined an offer of parole from the Idaho state penitentiary. Orchard is said to have told his friends and the prison board that he considered the prison walls the best protection available for him, as he feared violence, even death, if released.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

A sweeping investigation into the rates charged by the Pullman Company for sleeping car berths and parlor car seats is to be instituted by the interstate commerce commission at a hearing to begin Wednesday in Chicago.

The Tennessee supreme court held as constitutional the act of the Tennessee legislature of 1909 prohibiting the manufacture of whisky in Tennessee.

A meeting of Democratic leaders in Baltimore with Democratic National Chairman Mack and Champ Clark resulted in the decision to hold a general conference of Democrats from all states in Baltimore on January 17.

With society women in diamonds and laces, working girls in their best bib and tucker, club men in "swallow tail" coats and workmen in their "store clothes" mixed in a laughing, happy confusion, Milwaukee's Socialist city government conducted the "first municipal dance ever seen in America."

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MEXICAN TROOPS PUT REBELS TO ROUT

Revolutionists Lose 15 Killed and Many Wounded in Engagement.

Chihuahua, Mex.—In an engagement near this city 600 Federal troops routed a force of 400 Maderistas, driving them repeatedly from a strong position and compelling them to take to the mountains.

The revolutionists lost 15 killed and many wounded. There were no fatalities on the Federal side, but several, including three officers, were wounded.

General Navarro was in command of the Federal troops. He left Chihuahua at the head of four companies of the second battalion and two squads of cavalry from the 13th regiment.

Near Fresno, 12 miles out, one of the squads of cavalry fell behind to guard the road. They were ambushed by the rebels, who opened fire from hills on both sides of the highway.

Captain Florenino Gavica, with 50 troopers drove the enemy from their positions. He waited for a portion of the Federals, who had gone forward, to reinforce him before pursuing the insurrectionists. In the meantime, the latter took a position on another hill, a short distance away and prepared to resist an attack.

Within half an hour, General Navarro reached the scene with his infantry and opened fire. Again the rebels retreated, only to seek a new position, from which they were again dislodged.

PORTLAND-SEATTLE CENSUS

Washington.—The population of Portland is 207,214, compared with 90,426 in 1900, and 46,385 in 1890. The increase from 1900 to 1910 therefore is 116,788, or 129.2 per cent.

The population of Seattle is 237,194, an increase of 156,523, or 194 per cent over 80,671 in 1900. The population in 1890 was 37,834.

Census Director Durand said that until the complete returns for Oregon are published, showing the population of Portland's suburbs, a just comparison of the population of the two cities could not be made. Seattle has annexed its suburbs; a very considerable population, similarly contiguous to Portland, is outside its corporate limits.

The revision of the Portland figures resulted in the elimination of 15,745 names. The number taken from Seattle's count was 11,188.

Population of U. S. 100,000,000.

Washington.—That the population of the United States and its possessions now exceeds 100,000,000 is the estimate made from the census figures thus far announced. The population of the United States, Alaska and Hawaii is 93,471,648. Neither of these include Guam and Samoa.

New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are now three of the ten largest cities in the world. The population of eight American cities exceeds the half million mark.

HILL INVASION EXTENSIVE

Salem, Ore.—Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League, electrified the opening session at Salem, Monday, with the statement "Last June James J. Hill, the Empire builder of the Northwest, gave me his word that he would not only invade the territory of the Harriman system, known as the State of Oregon, but gave me permission to quote him. The exact words used by Mr. Hill were:

"More miles of railroad will be built in the State of Oregon during the next five years than in any state in the Union except Montana. I would have done it before if I could have gotten the money together."

Mrs. L. Schenk Pleads Innocence.

Wheeling, W. Va.—"Not guilty" was the plea of Mrs. Laura Schenk, when arraigned in the criminal court on the charge of administering poison in food, drink and medicine to her husband, John O. Schenk, the millionaire pork packer. The case was set down for trial December 14.

Will Meet at San Francisco.

Chicago.—The next convention of the National Educational association will be held in San Francisco. This was decided on by the executive committee of the association. The meeting will be held July 5 to 14.

Apple Show in Chicago.

Chicago.—The National Apple Show opened Monday morning with 2,000,000 specimens on exhibition. District displays are exhibited from orchards in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and the province of British Columbia.

P. H. MCCARTHY



Mayor of San Francisco who wants his official acts investigated.

McCarthy Wants Probe.

San Francisco.—In a letter to the grand jury Mayor P. H. McCarthy has called upon that body to begin forthwith an investigation of his official acts, with a view to determining whether any foundation exists for rumors which he says have been persistently circulated by political enemies of the present union labor administration, and that he recently accepted two bribes of \$10,000 and \$50,000, respectively.

Hankers for Ballinger's Job.

Washington.—Representative Englebright of the First California district, who was defeated for re-election wants Secretary Ballinger's job in the cabinet, according to a well defined rumor. Englebright is reported to have written to several senators and congressmen concerning the matter, giving his opinion that Ballinger will soon resign.

When told of the Californian's reported prediction, Ballinger made his usual denial regarding his possible resignation.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE UPHELD BY LABOR

St. Louis.—The American Federation of Labor closed the 30th annual convention by choosing Atlanta, Ga., as its meeting place for next year. The entire list of officers, including President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon, were re-elected.

The Western Federation of Miners' application for charter was referred to the executive council with authority to act.

The convention by unanimous vote endorsed woman suffrage and later placed itself on record as favoring the organization of all classes of labor in this country, including negro. Some of the Pacific Coast delegates objected to the proposition to include the Asiatic races and it was suggested that the remedy was the exclusion of Orientals.

Battling Nelson Knocked Out.

San Francisco.—For the first time in his fighting career Battling Nelson, a shell of the once great pugilist who proved such a terror to men in his class, was knocked out beyond all dispute. Owen Moran knocked Nelson out in the 11th round of a scheduled 20-round event, his victory being clean and leaving no room for argument as to his complete mastery over the one-time champion.

Income Is Three Billion.

Washington.—The net income of the 262,490 corporations of the United States which are subject to tax under the corporation tax law was \$3,125,470,000 for the year which ended on June 30. According to returns made to the Internal Revenue Bureau, the capital of the corporations was \$52,371,626,572 and their bonded and other indebtedness was \$31,133,952,698.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, \$2c; bluestem, \$3c; red Russian, 78c.
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$21.
Oats—No. 1 White, \$23 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$15@16.
Butter—Creamery, 37c; ranch, 24c.
Eggs—Ranch, candled, 43c.
Hops—1910 crop, 11c@13c; 1909, 6c; olds, nominal.
Wool—Eastern Oregon 13@17c lb.; Valley, 17@19c lb.
Mohair—Choice, 32@33c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 78c; Club, 76c; red Russian, 74c.
Barley—\$20 per ton.
Oats—\$27 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 36c; ranch, 22c.
Eggs—Selected local, 52c.



Be one of the WISE ONES who do their Christmas Shopping early.

Buyers from this section have always been inclined to go to Portland when the Holidays came around, for the reason that up to the past year or two they could not get much of a variety of goods from the local stores, but that day is past. No matter what you want we have it. Before going elsewhere at least look over the fine assortment of

Christmas Goods

which we have now on hand—a line of reasonable merchandise such as was never before placed on display in a Columbia County store. From the Toys, etc., for the little ones to appropriate articles for gifts to the older folks not an item has been left out. Don't fail to drop in and see what we have.

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