

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Items Over State and Nation Gathered this Week

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Cross Makes New Grain

Oregon City.—A new and unnamed grain has been grown by P. O. Chidgren, a farmer at Mullino, after a series of experiments with the corn-wheat and the Egyptian species of the grain. For the past two or three years the farmer has been studying the possibility of crossing the two kinds of wheat. Samples now in the rooms of the Oregon City commercial club show that he has been highly successful. The grain produces a stalk about eight feet long and heads that are much larger and better than either of the old kinds. No name has been selected for the new grain.

OREGON TO BUILD FIRST

Panama Exposition Work to Be Completed Early.
Eugene.—"Oregon first" in the letting of contract and erecting of a building on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific exposition, is the reason for a meeting in Portland of the Oregon commission, the state officers who picked the commission, and two score representatives of the various industrial, educational and other interests of the state. Six architects are to present their plans for the proposed building, and it is expected, out of the multitude of counsel, to be able at that meeting to select the design for the Oregon building.

Extracting Gold From Sand.

Marshallfield.—A machine for the extraction of gold and platinum from black sands, which has been operated on the beach near Coos Bay, has been largely perfected by the inventors. They declare that it is the only machine which will successfully save the precious metals from the sands. The machine uses centrifugal force instead of gravity as a means of separating the gold and other metals from the sand.

Dairy Experts to Work

Corvallis.—The dairy division of the United States department of agriculture will co-operate with the Oregon Agricultural college in providing extension service along dairy lines in this state. An agreement to this effect was reached at a conference between B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division, and J. E. Dorman, in charge of western operations on behalf of the federal authorities.

Coos Plans Highway.

Salem.—Coos and Douglas counties are planning the construction of a modern hard-surface highway on a grade not to exceed 5 per cent, which will connect Coos Bay with the Southern Pacific Highway at Roseburg. The road will be of great benefit to the country. It will traverse a rich agricultural section and enable the marketing of vegetable and fruit grown in the district.

LAND LOCATORS DODGE LAW

Many Homesteaders Are Defrauded, Says Official.

Eugene.—Fraudulent homestead locators are at work in the Siuslaw forest, according to Assistant Supervisor Pittom. These professional locators, one of whom according to Mr. Pittom, has an agent in Portland to send prospective settlers this way, take the unwary homesteeker to a piece of agricultural land that is subject to entry, and the victim, after paying a fee of from \$5 to \$50, returns to the forestry office in Eugene only to find that a dozen or more other persons have already filed on this particular tract of land.

The fraud is possible because the official surveyors are behind in the work of running lines on lands that are being homesteaded. The "locators" are careful to show their customers tracts of land that are indeed subject to entry, but they neglect to say to how many other persons they have already shown the same land. The fact that these "locators" show real vacant land makes it difficult for the officials to make a charge that would stand in court.

Prisoner is Well Paid.

Roseburg.—Charles Howard, an alleged bootlegger, who is serving an indefinite term in the county jail for contempt of court following his refusal to reveal to the grand jury the names of 13 places where he is alleged to have secured liquor illegally, informed the officers that he was being paid \$20 a day by those whom he was protecting.

Big Prune Crop in Freewater District.
Freewater.—The prune crop this year in this district is valued at \$60,000. The greater part of the crop has been harvested and over 100 carloads are now on their way to eastern markets.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat, New Crop—Club, 79c; blue-stem, 83c; red Russian, 79c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.
Butter—Creamery, 32c.
Eggs—Candied, 28c; ranch, 22c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

Seattle.
Wheat, New Crop—Blue-stem, 84c; club, 79c; red Russian, 77c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.
Eggs—28c.
Butter—Creamery, 31c.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Willamette hopgrowers announce that the recent rain killed the little red spiders which do great damage to the crops.

Portland is to have a milk show, September 22 to 27. Its prime objects will be to demonstrate the great food value of milk and the dangers of unsanitary dairymaking.

In lieu of her first two puppies, which died a few days after they were whelped, two orphan kittens have been adopted by a fox terrier belonging to a liverman of Salem.

The \$10 round trip rate from San Francisco, Sacramento and points north to Klamath Falls will be on sale September 12 and 13 and will be good for return within two weeks.

Well-known business men and farmers slept on cots in the street in front of the Round-up ticket office at Pendleton, in order to be the first to purchase tickets when the sale began at 7 o'clock last Monday morning.

To be shot at, the shot missing her but frightening her horse so that she was thrown from the saddle and dragged by the stirrup until badly injured was the story told by aged Mrs. John Oibrich, who came to Baker from Big Creek to report to the grand jury.

Sergeant James H. Wolford, of Oregon's Fourth Coast Artillery Reserve, landed one of the 12 honor places on the United States team that will defend the Palma trophy in the September 6 fight with Canada, Sweden and other countries.

Oregon hunters are threatened with a big cut in their open season on ducks, geese and other shore birds, if the new federal game law is approved by President Wilson as it passed congress. Oregon sportsmen will be allowed to shoot only between September 15 and December 15.

One of the best fruit deals in the Rogue River valley for this year was made by Fred Hopkins, of Medford, when through the Producers' Fruit company he sold his entire crop of Winter Nellis pears, 7500 boxes, from 14 acres, to London and Glasgow fruit dealers for approximately \$20,000.

A peculiar malady seems to have infected the jack rabbits of the Eastern Oregon section. Rabbits are dying by the thousands. When overtaken by the disease the rabbits crawl into the first hole they find and die there. In many badger holes as many as half a dozen dead rabbits have been found.

A huge tract of timber land, lying 20 miles north of Medford, comprising 4500 acres, has been sold to the Benton Lumber company of Redding, for \$100,000. The new owners will immediately begin the construction of a \$25,000 fruit box factory that is to supply apple and pear boxes for the entire valley.

That some system should be devised to postpone the first payments of settlers on government reclamation projects until after the land has begun to produce and that their burdens should otherwise be lightened, is the opinion of Will R. King, ex-justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, now chief counsel for the United States reclamation service.

A power and water system covering towns from Stayton to Salem is being promoted by Idaho and Spokane men. The proposal is to bring water from the North Fork of the Santiam with which to supply Salem, Stayton, Aumsville and the state institutions, also they are promoting an electric lighting system and trolley line through Stayton and Aumsville to Salem.

The movement for city ownership of the water and lights has been renewed at Klamath Falls for two reasons. One is that the rates for water for irrigation prevent as free use of water for that purpose as would follow lower rates. This prevents the planting of trees and reduces the number of lawns, thus keeping back the work of beautifying the city.

A movement has been started to secure the closing of Mill Slough, a small tidal estuary which reaches back through the center of Marshfield, dividing the town into two parts and just at this time the matter is attracting more attention than usual because of the important bearing it has on railroad construction, and the matter will be taken up with the Oregon delegation to secure special legislation by congress.

Notwithstanding the efforts of Representative Sinnott and other members of the Oregon delegation to get some relief for settlers on lands surveyed and unopened to entry there seems to be no relief for them. The general land office has ruled that the statute governs and that if they leave claims they must do so at their own risk. This ruling affects a large number of Oregon entrymen.

Oswald West, governor, and A. M. Crawford, attorney-general of Oregon.

have been summoned to appear in the United States district court at Portland September 16, to answer a complaint in the suit of E. J. Barnes and 58 others against the Southern Oregon company and themselves as officials of the state of Oregon. The 59 complainants are people who desire that land granted by congress in 1859 to the state of Oregon be disposed of according to the terms of the grant.

MARSHA WARRINGTON



Marsha Warrington, one of the chief witnesses in the famous Digg-Cammetti white slave trials at San Francisco.

Brief News of the Week

The proposition to bond San Francisco in the sum of \$3,500,000 to extend its municipal street railway system was passed by the voters by a big majority.

Nine persons lost their lives and six were injured when the boilers of the towboat Alice exploded at Pittsburg.

According to estimates published at London, the Balkan war cost nearly a billion dollars.

Letters from the north and returned stampedees bring unfavorable news from the Shushanna, Alaska, gold field. Goldseekers going toward the camp most discouraged men returning and many turned back, abandoning supplies on the trail.

Three submarine divers sent to the scene of the wreck of the steamship State of California in Alaskan waters were able to descend only to the pinnacle of the rock on which the vessel struck. No further effort will be made to recover the 20 bodies supposed to lie in the cabin of the lost ship.

The palace of peace at The Hague was dedicated by Queen Wilhelmina in the presence of 2000 officials and delegates to the recent peace conference there. Andrew Carnegie received the grand cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau at the hands of the queen.

Preanceled stamps, the newest wrinkle adopted by the government to save time in the delivery of packages and incidentally save hundreds of thousands to the government, will soon be in use. The new scheme calls for the cancellation of stamps before they are sold and they will be used by the big stores and mail order houses who send out great quantities of mail each day.

Fire which swept the steamship imperator, the largest vessel afloat, as she lay docked in Hoboken, caused the death of Second Officer Herman Gobrecht, the serious injury of Seaman Stumpf, and created a panic among the 1131 steerage passengers who were aboard. Officials of the line estimated that the damage to the vessel itself would not be great.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Senate Completes First Reading of Tariff Bill and It May Pass Within Week.

Washington.—The senate has completed the first reading of the new tariff bill, although many of the most important new features of the measure remain to be settled. Senate leaders agreed that the disposal of the first reading of the bill had brought the passage of the measure within view, and that another week may witness its completion and passage.

The rates of the new income tax, the proposed tax on cotton futures, many provisions of the administrative features of the law, the suggested tax rebate of 5 per cent for imports brought in American ships, and many other sections of the measure that will occasion debate were put over without action, and will be taken up again this week. Senator Norris announced that before the bill was completed he would propose an amendment directed at the Brazilian coffee monopoly, giving the president authority to levy a 25 per cent duty on products controlled through monopoly or conspiracy in another country.

Several Important Changes Made

The senate made several important changes in the bill. The proposal of the democrats to give circuit courts of appeals equal jurisdiction with the United States customs court was withdrawn by Senator Williams in behalf of the democratic committee members. He said the committee had decided it would be better to leave the final judgment in custom cases entirely to the customs court.

A provision prohibiting the importation of goods made by convict labor, or "principally by children under 14 years of age" was adopted.

The provisions giving the President power to establish retaliatory duties much higher than the usual tariff rates against certain imports from countries that might discriminate against the United States were adopted after several fruitless attempts by the republicans to amend them by increasing the list of articles on which the extra duties could be levied.

President Hopeful of Peace in Mexico
President Wilson is still hopeful of favorable culmination of the negotiations undertaken by this country to bring about peace in Mexico.

His urgent appeal to Americans in Mexico to leave the country was declared to have been determined on after wise counsel, not alone because of the present situation in Mexico, but because of conditions which might develop in spite of the efforts of the provisional government to prevent any harm coming to foreigners.

That the administration is content to give the situation plenty of time to work itself out is demonstrated by the present attitude of the president and his advisers, and is regarded as one of the explanations for Special Envoy Lind's remaining in Vera Cruz.

Huerta Short of Funds.

The provisional Mexican government, it has been pointed out, is encountering financial difficulties, and there have been intimations that there might be a change in the government personnel which would open the way to negotiations on a definite basis that would lead to an election for the Mexican presidency under constitutional regulation. Until some such development, the administration has ground for the belief that there is danger to Americans remaining in Mexico because of the straits in which the provisional government finds itself.

A discontented army, it has been suggested, might become uncontrollable.

National Capital Brevities

A house bill for the appropriation of \$7,000,000 to establish a government armor plate plant has been introduced by Representative Britton of Illinois. Investigation of the charges against Judge Emory Spear of the federal court of Georgia has been authorized by the passage of a house resolution. Representative Woods of Iowa has been elected chairman of the republican congressional committee.

President Wilson nominated Henry Morgenthau, of New York, to be am-

bassador to Turkey.

President Wilson indicated to visitors his policy toward the Philippines. It is said that he plans ultimate but not immediate independence for the islands.

The Glass currency bill was reintroduced in the house by Representative Glass, and was referred to the banking and currency committee. It has been approved by the caucus of house democrats, with but nine dissenters.

Secretary Daniels has addressed a letter to Governor Goldsborough of Maryland, denouncing the action of the state officers in allowing a young man convicted of theft to escape punishment by applying in the United States navy.

PATRIOTIC WAVE SWEEPS MEXICO

Mexico City.—A wave of patriotism is said to be sweeping over Mexico, and from many states and from all classes, it is announced, assurances of allegiance and offers of service are being received daily by President Huerta and his minister of war.

The war department has been called on to furnish military instructors to a dozen cities, where the fear of being impressed for service against the revolutionists has given away before a later patriotic ardor.

In addition to the students of the preparatory schools, where military instruction has been enforced for some time, the manual of arms is being taught workers who are attending night schools and the employes of the tax department.

The excitement among American residents over President Wilson's warning subalided to a large degree over Sunday. A limited number of persons left on trains to Vera Cruz and the opinion is growing that the warning, so far as regards the large centers, will not be generally obeyed unless further information of definite character is forthcoming.

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