

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## IMPROVEMENT AT UNIVERSITY

New Instructors, Books and Apparatus Added at Eugene.

Eugene.—The work of the University of Oregon during the coming year will be the strongest in the history of the institution, due to the fact that the working tools of the university, books, apparatus, etc., have been much bettered during the summer. The library has been greatly strengthened by the addition of \$10,000 worth of new books, and much new apparatus has been ordered for all departments. The biological laboratory has been almost completely remodeled and many improvements have been made in the physics laboratory. Many of the buildings have been renovated and the new library building, which was wholly without lights, and but scantily furnished last year, is being completely equipped with electric lights and new furniture. Hereafter the general reading rooms and the stack rooms will be kept open until 9 o'clock in the evening.

A number of new instructors have been added, notably a professor of geology, a chair that has been vacant since the death of Dr. Condon; a professor of political science and assistant professor of psychology, an assistant professor of education, a new head librarian and a number of instructors in departments that have been badly crowded.

Work on a new recitation building to relieve the over-crowded condition of other buildings is being pushed, and it is hoped to have it ready for use soon after the opening of the session. The girls' dormitory has been completed and furnished. A number of new student club houses have been erected during the summer. The work of improving the campus is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The number of students will probably be from a third to a half greater than last year. Applications for admission are coming to the registrar rapidly, and the number on file is much larger than usual at this time. The freshman class will number between 200 and 250 students. The fall session begins Tuesday, September 22.

## Union Crops Average Well.

Many reports have gone out regarding the crop of Union county and these reports have been encouraging. Some have been pessimistic, some have been optimistic. Now that threshing is well along, it is known that the crop is less than average, say, three-quarters of a normal yield. Some farmers have but little to show for the year's work. Others have an average return for their labor, and a few of the men who make farming their profession, instead of a mere makeshift, have bumper crops. The Amalgamated Sugar company is threshing 2,500 acres of small grain, and expect at least an average yield. Some of their farms will turn out much better than average. The best crop will be up to normal, in spite of earlier predictions to the contrary. A prominent farmer and a well informed man, in answer to a question about the crops of the valley, said, "Spotted."

## Complaints to Railroad Commission.

Salem.—George E. Brey, a shipper at Suver, on the West Side branch of the Southern Pacific, has entered a complaint with the railroad commission. There is a spur at that place where farmers may load their produce into cars. Brey says that after loading, the cars are left on the spur for three or four days, where they may be pilfered easily. He does not ask for a station agent, but merely less delay in picking up loaded cars.

## Burglar Man Visits Eugene.

Eugene.—Several burglaries have occurred in Eugene during the past few nights. Ex-Councilman L. O. Book with's residence was entered while the family was away in the mountains and clothing and silverware valued at over \$150 stolen. The residence of County Commissioner H. D. Edwards was also entered, and the burglar was frightened away by Misses Zelma and Ina Edwards, whom he awakened.

## Judge Benson Resigns.

Salem.—Henry L. Benson, circuit judge for the First judicial district and brother of Secretary of State Frank Benson, has sent his resignation to Governor Chamberlain, to take effect September 10. Judge Benson will retire to private practice, as the rapid development of Klamath county makes it an alluring field. The First district comprises Lake, Klamath, Josephine and Jackson counties.

## Mills Close for Lack of Water.

Oregon City.—The low stage of water in the Willamette river has caused Mills A, B and C of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company to cease operations until the rains set in. The river is so low that a sufficient amount of power cannot be developed to operate the waterwheels.

## Pest Infested Orchard Destroyed.

Grant's Pass.—Fruit Inspector Eismann of this county, has destroyed an old prune orchard on the Cass property, which had become badly infested with scale and pests. The local fruitgrowers' union has now under consideration a plan to reorganize and adopt by-laws on broader terms than the present organization affords.

## Mattress Factory for Albany.

Albany.—Gustav Hesse, of Portland is planning the erection of a mattress factory in Albany in the immediate future. He has purchased a tract of ground at Third and Lyon streets, and will erect a building for a wholesale furniture house.

## ALBANY BOOSTS FOR LINE.

Favors Extension of Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.

Albany.—Albany has begun a systematic effort to secure the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad into Eastern Oregon. At a meeting of the Albany Commercial Club last week the matter was discussed and a committee was appointed consisting of B. I. Dasset, Dr. M. H. Ellis, W. J. Coick, F. M. French, and Dr. W. H. Davis, to confer with Manager J. P. D'Arcy, of the Southern Pacific lines, in an effort to have him use his influence with Mr. Harriman for the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern. A statement will be prepared showing the advantages of this extension and other parts of the state interested in the extension of this line will be asked to co-operate in the movement. The Corvallis & Eastern now extends 54 miles east of Albany, well up in the Cascade mountains. At the club meeting when this action was taken a committee consisting of B. I. Dasset, H. H. Hewitt and C. H. Stewart, was named to confer with Major J. F. McIndoe, of the United States engineer corps, regarding the improvement of the upper Willamette.

## Nolan to Succeed Benson.

Astoria.—Governor Chamberlain announced on the grandstand during the regatta here that he had appointed George Nolan circuit judge at Klamath Falls to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Benson. Judge Nolan was a prominent barrister here till about two years ago, when he left for Klamath Falls and engaged in the practice of law with Richard S. Smith. He was city attorney here for two years, and presidential elector in 1902. He was also a member of the board of pilot commission till the time of his departure for Klamath Falls. Judge Nolan is a democrat.

## Money for Coos Bay Road.

Salem.—"A man named Crow, from Los Angeles, offered to contribute \$20,000 toward the improvement of the road from Marshfield to Roseburg," said Judge Scott upon his return from an extended trip in the interests of the good roads movement in Oregon. Judge Scott states that every place he visited is clamoring for a good roads convention during the winter. He looks to see a great highway constructed from one end of the state to the other, and also a road into the Coos Bay country.

## Delegates to Tax Congress.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has appointed C. P. Strain, of Umatilla county; D. B. Sigler, of Multnomah county; and E. R. Seabrook, of Portland, delegates to the second international conference on state and local taxation to be held at Toronto, Canada, October 6 to 9 inclusive. Allen Foote, of Columbus, Ohio, is president of the conference. Its purpose is to study all phases and problems in connection with taxation.

## Terminal Now in Oregon.

Klamath Falls.—The terminus of the California Northeastern railroad is now in Oregon, the terminal point being Calmar five miles north of Dorris. The latter has been the end of track all summer. Freight and passenger service will now come to Calmar, with but a seven mile stage ride to water, where connection is made with boat. In a few weeks all staging will be done away with.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; turkey red, 90c; five, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.  
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton; gray, \$26@26.50.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Fruit—Apples, new, 50c@51.75 per box; peaches, 45@85c per box; pears, 75c@81.50 per box; plums, 75c per box; grapes, 85c@81.65 per crate.  
Potatoes—90c@81 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 24c per pound.  
Melons—Cantaloupes, 90c@81.75 per crate; watermelons, \$16@125 per 100 loose; crates, 1c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.25 per dozen.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per dozen; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, 75c@81 per dozen; corn, 25@30c per dozen; cucumbers, 30@40c per box; egg plant, \$1.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; sunsh, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 35@30c.  
Butter—Extras, 31c per pound; fancy, 27c; choice, 25c; store, 18c.  
Eggs—Oregon extras, 26@27c; firsts, 24@25c; seconds, 22@23c; thirds, 13@20c; Eastern, 24@25c per dozen.  
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12c per pound; fancy hens, 12@13c; roosters, 10c; spring, 15c; ducks, old, 12@12c; spring, 14@13c; geese, old, 8c; young, 10c; turkeys, old 17@18c; young, 20c.  
Veal—Extra, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 7@7c; heavy, 5c.  
Pork—Fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.  
Mutton—Fancy, 8@9c.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 3@4c per pound; old, 1@1c per pound; contracts, 7@8c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15c.  
Mohair—Choice, 18@19c per lb.

## PLURALITY IS LESS.

Republicans Carry Vermont by a Majority of 28,000.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 2.—The Republicans won the election in Vermont yesterday by carrying the state for Lieutenant Governor George H. Prouty, of Newport, for governor, by about 28,000 votes over James E. Burke, of Burlington, his Democratic opponent. The plurality was the smallest in a presidential year since 1892, when it was only 18,596, and was followed by a Democratic national victory; but it was larger than in 1888, and only slightly less than in 1903. There was a falling off in four years of about 8 per cent in the Republican vote, while the Democratic vote fell off about 2 per cent.

The Independence League appeared for the first time, and polled about 1000 votes, while the Prohibition and Socialist vote remained about the same. An unusually large number of local candidates for the legislature, although bringing out a heavy vote and resulting in Democratic gains in the lower branch of the legislature, apparently had no bearing on the gubernatorial fight.

As Vermont is the first state to vote during the presidential campaign, there was much interest throughout the country in the size of the Republican plurality.

## THREATEN RIVAL FAIR.

Japanese Business Men are Disgusted With Government.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—The dissatisfaction of the Japanese commercial bodies over the postponement of the Tokio world's exposition from 1912 to 1917 has become so marked that there is danger that the scheme will have to be abandoned altogether.

At a mass meeting of the Tokio Business Men's association yesterday afternoon the action of the cabinet in postponing the exposition was condemned in unmeasured terms, and a formal protest against the action was framed and sent to the minister of commerce and agriculture, under whose supervision the fair is to be given.

The meeting of the business men was exciting. Charges that graft had crept into the management of the proposed fair were freely made. It was stated that the fair could be given for less money than was proposed, if the management was economical. They said the exposition would be a big factor in the ending of hard times. As an alternative, they threaten to hold an industrial fair of their own in 1912 under the auspices of the various commercial bodies of Japan, if the cabinet does not restore the original date of the proposed world's fair.

The matter is to be discussed at a special cabinet meeting.

## TRAINS ARE BLOCKADED.

Canadian Pacific Line Cut to Pieces in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 2.—Thousands of passengers on transcontinental trains of the Canadian Pacific are blocked today between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. Over 20 heavily laden passenger trains have been stalled by vast washouts, which have swept miles of track from the mountain grades into the valleys.

Several cloudbursts last night and this morning did more damage, and it is feared it will be days before even temporary tracks can be built around the dangerous places.

The railroad company is feeding and caring for the marooned passengers. Most of them are bound for New York, Boston, Chicago and Montreal from the west and east.

It is impossible to learn the exact extent of the damage done by the floods, because the telegraph and telephone wires are down in the storm-swept district.

The governor general is on one of the delayed trains. Many week-end holiday travelers from Winnipeg are tied up at Kenora.

## Twenty-Eight Drown.

London, Sept. 2.—The British schooner Amazon was wrecked off Port Ladbroke, on the coast of Wales yesterday, and 28 of the 33 members of the crew were drowned. The Amazon had been caught in the terrific storm which has been sweeping both eastern and western coasts of England for 24 hours. The survivors reached shore in a small boat, after a miraculous trip through the high waves. Nearly every vessel that has reached port shows serious effects of the storm. Those which are overdue are in great danger.

## In Memory of Fire Victims.

Hinckley, Minn., Sept. 2.—In accordance with a custom that has been followed for 14 years, the citizens of Hinckley and vicinity yesterday paid honor to the memory of the 418 men, women and children who perished in the great forest fire that devastated Pine county on September 1, 1894. Flags were displayed at half-mast, and yesterday afternoon memorial exercises were held in the little park where the unidentified dead of the disaster were buried.

## Jap Maneuvers in November.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—It was announced yesterday at the ministry of war that the special grand military maneuvers of the Japanese army will begin November 10.

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