



ORGANIZED MILITIA NOT FOR STRIKE DUTY

Measure Planned To Have All Able Bodied Men Called In Emergency

Salem, Jan. 8.—Every able-bodied man between the ages of 21 and 45 will be eligible for strike duty and members of the national guard will be relieved from such duty, if a bill to be introduced at this session of the legislature is passed. The bill will be soon presented in the senate by Senator Orton, of Multnomah county, or Senator Wilbur, of Hood River and Wasco. Both are interested in military affairs. Behind the bill are the labor interests and professional men, it is understood. The reasons for making the national guard the last body called for strike duty are said to include the fact that many members of the guard would have to move directly against their clients and friends. A lawyer belonging to the guard, who had for his clients working men, would find himself in an embarrassing position. A working man in the guard would not find his lot a pleasant one. The militia of the state consists of every able-bodied man between the ages of 21 and 45 and it is planned that these shall be subject to the first call by the governor and, if they are not able to cope with the situation, the organized guard is to be called.

Villa Reported On His Way To Juarez

El Paso, Jan. 10.—Government agents here received a report today which was accepted as authentic that Francisco Villa had sent 3000 of his troops north from Parral to operate between Chihuahua City and Juarez, with the intention of occupying the state capital and Juarez while General Murguia was in Southwestern Chihuahua. The report was confirmed by foreign refugees arriving at the border today.

Congress May Make Alaska Dry As Bone

Washington, Jan. 10.—At a hearing of a drastic prohibition bill for Alaska before the house territories committee, it was developed that there are 385 retail liquor dealers and six brewers in the territory. Chairman Houston indicated the committee would report the bill favorably and that its effect would be to make the territory "bone dry."

SOLD TOBACCO TO MINORS.

Three Portland Merchants Fined \$15 Each

Portland, Jan. 10.—Three tobacco merchants were fined \$12 apiece this morning in Judge Langguth's court, for selling tobacco to minors. They are I. D. Driver, 775 Union avenue North; Lewis Mitchell, southeast corner of Fifth and Burnside, and Tom Raptor, Sixth and Burnside. Judge Langguth told the defendants that he was imposing an absurdly small fine because this was their first offence.

Amount Of Damages Unlimited, Says Court

There is no limit to the amount of damages a jury may award in a personal injury damage case, even if the one injured is a member of the public and protected by the employers liability law.

This was the ruling of Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday when he overruled the demurrer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in the case of Mrs. Edith J. Branin against the company for \$75,000 damages for the death of her husband who was run over and killed by a street car two years ago.—Telegram.

Cars Crushed By Boulder

Kennet, Cal., Jan. 7.—Five cars of a moving freight train were knocked off the Southern Pacific track at Smithson near here, today by a great boulder that suddenly released its grip on the mountainside and shot like a comet to the valley below.

Two of the cars were almost entirely destroyed, and traffic was delayed 12 hours. No one was injured.

Gypsies Are Accused Of Liquor Sales In Salem

Salem, Jan. 8.—Liquor purchased from gypsies had a kick that put William McIntire in a highly intoxicated condition last night and gave the new police administration the first opportunity to make an arrest since Chief E. E. Cooper and his force took office January 1. McIntire staggered when walking near Patrolman Wright and was taken to the city jail.

WILL PROFIT BY LESSONS OF WAR

Army And Navy Authorize Latest In Aeroplanes And Fighting Machinery.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Ordnance and aircraft innovations designed from lines developed by European belligerents are authorized by the war and navy departments.

They include Zeppelin type airships, large caliber mobile rifles and howitzers to be mounted on railroad tracks for coast defense or hauled by tractor engines over country roads.

Secretary Daniels announced today that the "Zeppelin" would be constructed at once. Determination to build the craft was reached after an exhaustive study of the question of rigid airships by a joint committee of officers representing the aeronautical branches of both services, the general staff of the army and the general board of the navy, which recommended that construction be undertaken at once.

The recommendations have been approved by Secretary Daniels and Secretary Baker, and the cost will be equally divided between the army and navy.

Army ordnance plants are already building at the Watervliet arsenal, N. Y., pilot guns of the 16 and 12-inch howitzer. Plans are practically completed for a 14-inch high powered rifle with carriage for mounting on railroad trucks.

Lawyers Want Change In Court Procedure

Salem, Jan. 8.—A number of Salem attorneys will introduce a bill providing for judges in the various courts to give instructions to juries prior to the arguments by attorneys. The contention is that under the present system the attorneys address juries before instructions are given by judges, and they infer what the instructions will be while, if a change was made, they could base their remarks and arguments upon the law and instructions given from the bench.

Mrs. George Morgan Is Dead

Forest Grove, Jan. 9.—Mrs. George Morgan, aged 67, died here suddenly last night. She had lived here about a year, coming here from Galas Creek.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

National Prohibition Is Urged By Eddy

Salem, Jan. 9.—Memorials to congress similar to those provided by the house yesterday afternoon, were introduced in the senate by Senator Eddy this morning. One petition congress to submit a national prohibition amendment to the states, and the other asks for the banishment of liquor advertisements from the mails.

Traveling School For Bend Logging Camps

Bend, Jan. 9.—To provide for shifting population in the logging camps adjacent to Bend, plans are being prepared for a school house, which it is thought, will be unique in the history of education in this state. The school will have its foundation on a flat car, and will be moved from place to place, as the cutting of logs progresses, and the camps are moved further into the timber.

The interior will be the duplicate of any small school room. According to present plans it is to be ready within two weeks.

Forest Guard Missing In Timber Near Bend

Bend, Jan. 9.—Up to late last night no word of success had been received from a rescue party which is combing the country in search of J. R. Christenson, forest guard of the Deschutes national forest, in the Crescent section. He is believed to have been caught by the blizzard while making the rounds of his traps, and, with his tracks obliterated, to have been unable to make his way back to his cabin.

He is known to have left on Christmas morning, with only a light lunch in his pocket, but due to the isolation of his home, his absence was not noticed until last Sunday, according to a telephone message received here by Forest Supervisor Hastings.

25,000 Gopher Scalps Are Presented for Bounty.

Salem, Jan. 9.—During the last six days 25,000 gopher scalps have been brought to the county court house and the sum of \$2200 has been paid in bounties. The fund for this purpose became available last week. The entire fund appropriated for bounties totals \$4155 for the entire year and this will probably be exhausted in a few days.

Blow At Alcohol In Patent Medicines

Salem, Jan. 9.—A bill striking at biters and patent medicines containing alcohol was introduced in the house today by Representative Lewis, of Multnomah county. It makes the sale of patent medicines containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol unlawful, save upon the prescription of a physician.

Rancher Found Dead Near Yankton Cabin

St. Helens, Jan. 8.—Clifford L. Cox, aged 42, who recently bought a tract of land near Yankton for the purpose of conducting a Shetland pony farm, was found dead near his cabin Friday morning. The last seen of Cox alive was Thursday night at 6 o'clock, when he told a neighbor that he was going to start fires under some stumps he had blown out. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Exemption From Speed Laws For Physicians.

Salem, Jan. 9.—A bill introduced this morning by Senator Smith, of Josephine county, will exempt physicians and ambulances from speed laws and traffic regulations, when on emergency calls. Senator Smith, who is himself a physician, contends that in many instances it is necessary to ignore speed laws and traffic regulations when going on emergency calls. Senator Smith stated that he had the support of the majority of the physicians in the state in securing the passage of the measure.

Monmouth Woman Is Victim Of Measles

Monmouth, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Paul Tachexon, of near monmouth, died Sunday after being ill with the measles for several weeks. This is the first death from measles since the breaking out of the epidemic in December 1916.

Boy Lies With Broken Neck By Side Of Road

Pendleton, Jan. 8.—Martin Brant, aged 16, son of a well-known Nolin farmer, was found lying with his neck broken by the roadside three miles south of Nolin on Saturday night, and died Sunday morning. Several persons passed the youth but thought he was a drunken sheepherder and paid no attention to him. A woman at last went to where he was lying, found him unconscious and called her husband from their home near by. The boy was thrown from a wild horse he was riding to a Nolin church to attend a literary program.

Girl's Father Obtains Verdict Against Young Man

Salem, Jan. 7.—The jury in the case of Samuel Shaffer against Earl Gardner late Saturday returned a verdict of \$8862 for the plaintiff. Shaffer was suing as the father of Fannie Shaffer, an 18 year old girl, who appeared in the courtroom with her year-old baby in her arms.

The defendant's wife also was in court with an infant child. The Shaffer girl charged the defendant with seduction and with being the father of her child. Heart balm to the extent of \$20,000 was asked.

Klamath Plans District Fair

Klamath Falls, Jan. 9.—A movement is on foot to arrange a district fair for this year, comprising Klamath, Crook and Lake counties in Oregon, and Modoc and Shasta counties in California.

Indians To Eat Prunes

Roseburg, Jan. 9.—The U. S. Indian agent has purchased 55,000 of prunes for distribution to the various agencies and schools.

Asks Funds for Crescent City

Salem, Jan. 9.—Senator Smith of Josephine county, introduced a resolution memorializing congress to appropriate \$300,000 for the improvement of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal. According to the resolution, the improvement of this harbor would save the fruitmen of the Rogue river valley vast sums in freight rates and prove of benefit generally to a country of 60 miles square.

Will Cultivate Fewer Hops

Independence, Jan. 8.—A decrease of 200 acres in the acreage of hops is expected in this section. Nearly all the large yards will have their usual acreage, but many smaller growers intend to quit.

Skunk Farm Near Albany

Albany, Jan. 9.—Two farmers living six miles north of Albany are developing a skunk farm as a fur industry. They received 20 skunks from Pennsylvania yesterday to add to their native stock.

Forest Notes

On about two million acres of National Forest lands grazing by domestic stock is either entirely prohibited or is greatly restricted to provide range for elk.

It is estimated that in 1915 about 40,000 forest fires occurred in the United States, which burned over about 5,900,000 acres and caused a damage of approximately \$7,000,000.

Revised estimates place the amount of standing merchantable timber in the United States at approximately 2,767,000,000,000 board feet. Of this amount 53 per cent is in California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

During the past fiscal year there were constructed on the National Forests 227 miles of new road, 1,975 miles of fire lines, 81 lookout structures, 40 bridges, 322 miles of fence, 545 dwellings, barns and other structures, 17 corrals, and 202 water improvements.

Since the passage in 1912 of the act providing funds for land classification, and a direct result of the classification work, a total of 13,477,781 acres has been eliminated from the National Forests.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Southern Pacific Co. calls for bids for 1000 freight cars, to be built of wood throughout, both under frame and super structure.

Oregon Power Co. plans expenditure of \$300,000 in Willamette valley.

Eugene—Eastern capital represented here to develop Coos Bay fisheries.

Port of Bandon plans \$40,000 dredge to maintain 12 foot channel between Bandon and Coquille.

Fall City Logging & Lumber company to resume operations after idleness of two years.

Salem—Corporation Commission cuts from \$37,568.84 to \$33,853.80.

Salem Fruit Union distributes \$50,000 to loganberry growers on last half of 1916 crop, making total of \$100,000 paid for fresh crop and more than \$10,000 for dried crop.

Additions and betterments tentatively planned by O. W. R. & N. Co. for 1917 call for an aggregate expenditure of approximately \$4,000,000.

Oregon metal output past year shows great increase. Silver twice and copper twice as much as preceding year.

It is to be hoped that the legislature will not kill an industry such as salmon canning on the Rogue river simply for the benefit of a few 'sportsmen.' Such action would be a disgrace to the whole state.

Portland—North Bank road gives wage increase, dating from January 1, lowest paid help getting larger increase.

Pendleton—1600 acre farm which at one time sold for \$73,000 sold recently for \$36,000.

Bend makes arrangements at once to purchase terminal site for Oregon, California & Eastern R. R.

Copper found on Snake river on Oregon side just below Inuhua.

Oregon City—Woolen mills here plan addition 80x250 ft., which will increase capacity of mill 50%.

Mt. Scott Herald has been sold to Messrs. Fox & Dunbar.

Survey of proposed railway from Gap to Burns has been completed.

Roseburg—Broccoli grower near here receives \$3400 check for 17 acre crop. Douglas county will ship 150 carloads this coming season.

La Grande—Hot Lake Sanitarium sold to Dr. W. T. Phy.

Marshfield—Oregon Power company stringing wires across bay to east side to light town and furnish power to industries.

Yamhill county has eliminated two offices, roadmaster and agriculturist.

Department of Weights & Measures to be merged with Dairy commission.

Salem tax levy reduced 1/4 of a mill. Oregon supreme court took in fees for 1916, \$13,259.

Oregon elections for 1915-16 cost a total of \$476,961.

Centralia Cuts Interest To Four Per Cent

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 9.—This morning the city commission passed an ordinance reducing the interest rate on the city's current expense warrants from 5 to 4 per cent. The new rate will be effective on the warrants issued February 1. This makes the fourth reduction in the interest rate since the present commission assumed its duties a year ago, and effects an annual saving in interest of \$800. Mayor Galvin stated yesterday that with each reduction the demand for the warrants has increased. It is expected that the current expense fund will be on a cash basis by the end of the year.

Brakeman Drops To Death

Rainier, Jan. 10.—Jess Stanley, a brakeman on the Noyse & Holland logging train, while attempting to board an engine after making a switch, yesterday afternoon, slipped and fell under the engine and was caught in the gearing and ground to pieces. Mr. Stanley was 35 years old and leaves a wife and two children at Maygar, Ore.

Alabama has a population of more than one million, but the total vote cast in the state, November 7, was only 126,449. It is said as if some of the negroes didn't vote.

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