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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Benton county farm bureau is planning a big drive for membership this month.

A civil service examination will be held at Rainier to select a postmaster at a salary of \$1900.

The Commercial club at Agness, in Curry county, has filed articles of incorporation with the state.

The American Legion organized a post at Banks last week, and 29 ex-service men were enrolled.

Stamp sales at the Eugene postoffice amounted to \$72,350 during 1920, an increase of nearly \$17,000 over 1919.

A machine-gun company is being organized in Corvallis and already 125 men have signed up for membership.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Caldwell, who crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1848, is dead at Yoncalla, aged 93 years.

The body of Claude Perin, first of the Company K boys who lost their lives overseas, has arrived at Corvallis for burial.

There were 313 accidents, none fatal, reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending January 6.

Deschutes county alfalfa growers are seeking a lower freight rate on hay that will enable them to market their product.

The new mill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company at Dallas commenced work last week with a full crew of men.

Hillsboro is starting the new year with an epidemic of smallpox and measles, many cases of both diseases being reported.

The Union county court has let the contract for the grading of approximately 10 miles of road from Lyon's hill to Medical Springs.

Train service on the Albany-Yaquina branch of the Southern Pacific, which was interrupted several days by big slides, has been restored.

Fire at Klamath Falls destroyed the Klamath Auto company's garage, together with 13 cars, tires and accessories, valued at \$12,000.

Clackamas county will spend \$143,673 this year for the construction of the Pacific highway from the Multnomah to the Marion county line.

The Drain Water Power company, owned by the Bank of Cottage Grove, has been granted a raise in rates by the public service commission.

Hillsboro grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is making great preparations for the celebration of its forty-seventh anniversary on Friday, January 14.

Lake county farmers last year constructed eight silos and filled them with sunflowers. In every case the builders pronounced them a success.

Total estimated cost of new buildings and repairs in Eugene during 1920 is \$726,491, nearly three times greater than during the preceding year.

There are 475 more manufacturing plants in Oregon than there were two years ago. New plants total 898, but 423 were destroyed by fire or are out of operation.

The Graves cannery at Brownsville, destroyed by fire, will be replaced at once, plans having been prepared for a fine fireproof structure on the site of the old building.

The Klamath county court has included in its budget \$50,000 for completion of the Hot Springs courthouse, ignoring an injunction issued by Judge Calkins of Medford.

Dairymen and business men at Amity have been holding conferences with representatives of the Oregon Cooperative Dairy league for the purpose of starting a cheese factory.

The Linn county court is making plans to sell another block of the Linn county road bond issue in order to grade the Pacific highway southward from Tangent to Harrisburg.

After 26 years of service, A. M. Clough has surrendered the office of coroner of Marion county. During that time he has handled 1245 cases of suicides, murders and accidental deaths.

A barge loaded with lumber and a pile-driving outfit towed by the gas-line schooner E. L. Smith was cut loose during a recent storm and has gone ashore at Lower Nestucca, near Haystack rock.

The Hammond Lumber company is preparing to construct 15 miles of railroad in the Crabtree vicinity to tap the company's holdings there. There is sufficient timber to keep a force busy for one year.

Officers charged with employing third-degree methods to extort confessions from three of the five convicted slayers of Sheriff T. H. Taylor in a jail break at Pendleton July 25 last, following their subsequent capture, were cleared of all charges Saturday by a grand jury investigating the prisoners' treatment.

Heavy rains of the last few days have cost the state highway department between \$75,000 and \$100,000 as a result of damage to roads and bridges, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

The establishment of camping and recreation grounds at the summit of Clatsop crest on the Columbia river highway is among the improvement projects planned by Clatsop county for the coming summer.

Senator B. L. Eddy of Douglas county will present a bill at the coming session of the legislature providing for the remuneration of orchardists and farmers for damage done to their orchards or crops by deer.

The Umatilla county clerk has drawn warrants amounting to \$3041 for the payment of bounties on predatory animals during 1920, although the appropriation at the beginning for that purpose was only \$1500.

W. B. Barratt, prominent farmer and sheep grower of Heppner, Morrow county, was appointed by Governor Olcott to serve as a member of the state highway commission. He will succeed E. E. Kiddle, who died recently at Island City.

Yeggmens blew open two doors on the vault of the First National bank of Mojalla in an attempt to rob the safe. The noise of the explosions attracted neighbors, and the robbers were frightened away before they had obtained anything.

Requests for copies of the Oregon irrigation laws received from many states throughout the country indicate that the successful operation of the local system of financing and handling its irrigation development is attracting wide attention.

O. L. Galsch, living near Crane, in Harney county, has recently sunk a well to a depth of 108 feet that has developed a flow of 500 inches of water per minute with a five-inch centrifugal pump. This adds another irrigation plant to that neighborhood.

Manufacture in Eugene of an attachment for grain binders which shocks the bundles of grain is planned by F. W. Schultz and J. G. Hollifer of Eugene. A working model has been completed and patents have been applied for in this country and Canada.

Investigations of estates during the past two years, with relation to inheritance taxes, netted the state approximately \$36,098.14 in excess of the amounts originally agreed upon by the executors, according to a report prepared by James Crawford, deputy state treasurer.

More than 3500 Jack rabbits were killed in the west end of Umatilla county by two teams composed of 20 members each of the Pendleton Rod and Gun club, who held a competitive rabbit shoot, the losing team to forfeit their rabbits and give a banquet to the winners.

Jay H. Debbin of Joseph, Walla Walla county, who recently was appointed a member of the state highway commission to succeed E. E. Kiddle, telegraphed Governor Olcott Friday that for the second time he was compelled to refuse the office because of personal matters requiring his attention.

Fourth-class postoffices in Oregon have been raised to presidential class as of January 1 and the postmaster's salary fixed as set forth after the name of each office in the following list: Bay City, \$1200; Cascade Locks, \$1100; Cornelius, \$1100; Cove, \$1100; Kerry, \$1400; Knappa, \$1200; Molalla, \$1200; Mosier, \$1200; Turner, \$1300.

After removing the names of 51 Oregon soldiers and sailors which he found erroneously included in the government's official list of local draft deserters, George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, telegraphed the federal authorities at Washington for sanction to proceed with a state-wide roundup of established draft dodgers.

Oregon county school superintendents in the closing session of their annual convention in Salem Friday branded as pernicious, vicious and unwise the action of the 1919 legislature in amending the high school tuition fund law enacted at the 1915 session. The superintendents recommend that the next legislature repeal the amendment.

Forest supervisors from Oregon and Washington will gather in Portland for the first time since 1917 for a week's conference February 14 to 21. Plans for the meeting, which will be attended by 24 supervisors, are now being completed by George H. Cecil, district forester, who will preside. The conference will be a round table discussion of all the various divisions of work carried on in forests and for an interchange of ideas among the supervisors.

Passage of a bill prepared by the Oregon legislative board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at the next session of the legislature would require all drivers of motor vehicles on the public roads, outside of municipal corporations, which cross railroad tracks, to bring their machines to a full stop not less than 12 feet from the rail nearest the car approaching the railroad track. After bringing their machines to a stop it then would be incumbent upon the driver to look in both directions and listen for a train before attempting to cross the track.

TIMES "SURE HAD CHANGED"

Doughboys in France Hailed as Friend
Man Whom They Had, When
"Kids," Feared Greatly.

The story of how two doughboys found their old enemy in France is told by Mike Nolan, former police lieutenant of New York city, who served as a K. of C. secretary assigned to the Sixteenth Infantry, First division. Nolan is fifty-two years old and put in 23 years on the New York police force. When he changed the blue uniform for khaki, he was in charge of the twenty-third precinct, the old Tenderloin.

On his breast is a victory ribbon with two bronze major offensive stars and three silver citation stars. He has been recommended for the D. S. C. by the commanding officer of the Sixteenth Infantry.

He had wandered up to a "little bunch" of doughboys who were "shooting craps," and gave each of the boys a pack of K. of C. cigarettes. The game was an exciting one, and a soldier who was about "to roll the ivory" looked up at him and asked him to "kiss 'em for a five." Nolan did so, and the dice turned up a two and a three.

One of the unlucky boys who had lost on the toss of the dice looked up at Nolan and recognized him as an old enemy.

"Holy cat! Look, it's Tenderloin Bull Nolan!" he said to his pal. "Don't you remember, he's de cop who used to chase us from doorways for shooting craps when we was kids?"

"Shure," said the lucky soldier, "and he pulled us once for smoking butts. And here he is shelling out packs of real cigarettes and kissin' de bones for us. Damn'd if it ain't right dat de war changes de whole world!"

INSIGNIA OF ANCIENT ORDER

That Now Worn by United States
Army Medical Officers Goes Back
Four Thousand Years.

The caduceus, which was introduced in 1902 by Col. John Van R. Hoff, M. C., U. S. A., editor of the Military Surgeon, as part of the medical officers' insignia, dates back 4,000 years, according to F. H. Garrison, M. D., U. S. A., writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. For a number of reasons the serpent was always the symbol of medicine in antiquity. The Babylonians' caduceus, which as the insignia shows today—two snakes entwined with wings at the top of the staff—occurs in Hittite remains. It stands for an actual serpent god, Ningishzida, who as the special messenger of Ishtar, was the awakener of life in the springtime, and the Mesopotamian prototype of the Greek Hermes. The Romans had a special functionary, the caduceator, who was a sort of peace commissioner. The caduceus was used on the title pages of books published by the famous medical printer, Frobenius, in 1490 to 1527. The "wand of Mercury," as it is sometimes called, was also carried by merchant traders in ancient times, on excursions where peaceful negotiations were desired and they wanted to be known as neutrals.

Labor Troubles in China.

The \$40 a month which the Chinese coolie with his family drew from the Chinese government during his period of enlistment in the army is the basis for the labor disturbance which is rocking China at the present time, says C. C. Thompson of Shanghai in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Thompson explains that prior to the war the average coolie made a monthly wage of \$12 to \$15, while having become accustomed to the new standards of living made possible by the \$40 allotment he declines now to return to the old basis. Even household domestics have become affected by the new unrest and are demanding more money, he says. Recently because of the unsettled conditions there was a strike of dockworkers in Chinese ports which held up all trans-Pacific traffic for a considerable time, Mr. Thompson states.

Owes All to Uncle Sam.

Building upon his past experience as an employee in a shoe factory, the federal board for vocational education placed a young chap of 24, who was disabled at Soissons, in a shoe manufacturing plant for training. His left hand and arm were severely injured by a high-explosive shell, but he finds he can carry on, in spite of the handicap, and is fast becoming an expert shoe cutter. The management, finding his service valuable, are paying him \$1 a day—this, of course, in addition to his training pay, which comes from the board. He is enthusiastic and writes: "This training is great stuff. Everything is going fine. . . . I wouldn't have been able to do anything if the government hadn't given me this chance."

Movies Set Distance Record.

Two moving picture records were broken recently, according to the Popular Mechanics Magazine, at the centenary celebration of the Methodist church in Columbus, O. An ordinary projecting machine, equipped with a special lens, a rapid shutter, and a 150-ampere light, was used to throw pictures 100 by 75 feet, on a screen 350 feet away from the machine. The light employed was three times the strength of those commonly used. It generated so much heat that it was necessary to operate the cinematograph at great speed to prevent burning the film. The screen on which the pictures were thrown was 115 feet square.

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He fought the American Tobacco company in their sale of cigarettes to children, until the storekeepers refused to sell to minors.

He compelled every one of the great department stores in New York to provide seats for shop girls when they were not engaged in their duties.

With Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army, and the Volunteers of America, he fed 15,000 persons in six hours and talked religion to them as they ate.

In the capacity of religious editor if one of the New York City newspapers, "The Journal," Mr. Miles was given free reign and twice went around the world writing syndicate articles which were widely published.

He interviewed the prominent men of Europe—Gladstone, Balfour, Bismarck, President Carnot, King Edward, the German Emperor and others; had an audience with Pope Leo XIII, and wrote his impressions of these great personages for "The Journal."

He was for a number of years the intimate friend and confidential secretary of the great George Francis Train, the eccentric one-time millionaire, and wrote out for the aged philanthropist and former financial king the sheets and story of Mr. Train's last book. He was one of the fifteen celebrities present at the unique dinner given by Mr. Train at the Mills House in New York City, where the entire expense was \$225. He knew Mr. Train probably better than any other American.

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