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NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences of the Past Week From Cities in Our State.

BRADY ELECTED SENATOR

End Comes After a Deadlock Lasting Eleven Days

Boise.—James H. Brady, ex-Governor of Idaho and a resident of Pocatello, was elected United States senator by the 12th Idaho legislature on the 31st ballot, Friday. He was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Weldon B. Heyburn. He will take his seat immediately. His term will expire March 4, 1915.

The election of Brady was accomplished after a contest lasting 11 days, replete with sensational features. The deadlock in the joint assembly was broken on the first ballot Friday by a caucus agreement. The defeat of Chief Justice Allshie, the strongest competitor of Brady, was decisive, and was due to the desertion of two northern Idaho members. Brady received a total of 43 votes, two more than the necessary number to elect.

Solons Have Smallpox

A small pox scare struck the house of representatives, owing to the illness of Representative Nihart, of Twin Falls, and Representative Edelblute, of Kootenai county, both of whom now are in the pest house here. The house passed a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment and commission of special committees to visit the northern, south, and south-eastern Idaho state institutions.

The senate will be called upon to approve the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators, for the house disposed of the measure, giving its unanimous approval.

Two Counties Created

Gooding and Minidoka counties were created by the legislature, when the senate passed two house measures providing for them. Both division bills were sent to Governor Haines for approval.

The Franklin county bill was passed by the house and sent to the senate. A division bill to divide Canyon county, creating the new county of Payette, was introduced in the house, while the Power county bill, introduced in and passed by the senate, was sent to the house for approval.

A measure seeking to divide Ada, the largest county in the state, giving Meridian a county seat, will be introduced next.

Relief Train Stalled in Snow

Murray.—The relief train sent from Wallace for Murray Saturday, carrying three carloads of provisions, was stalled in the snow at Steamboat siding, seven miles from Enaville, in spite of the fact that it had two locomotives. A heavy engine from Harrison went to the rescue, but was able to do nothing except to haul the train back to Wallace again.

IDAHO FRUITGROWERS MEET

Officers of Horticultural Association Are Elected

Boise.—The Idaho State Horticultural association has closed a most interesting three days' session. In formulating the program for this year's meeting the board of directors arranged only for the consideration of the most vital questions confronting the fruit industry in this state at the present time.

Officers were elected as follows: President, H. E. Smith, Payette; vice president, J. E. Waters, Twin Falls; secretary, Charles Payne, Roswell; treasurer, J. A. Fenton, Meridian; board of directors, H. E. Smith, W. S. Thornber, H. W. Dorman, W. A. Youme and J. A. Roberts.

A resolution was adopted recommending that this state take necessary steps to protect growers from pests and diseases brought into the state on nursery stock from California and also that the frozen fruit be deemed unmarketable and that our state prevent the importation of any frozen California fruit.

A resolution petitioning the legislature to appropriate \$40,000 to carry on more efficient inspection service was passed.

Bids on Federal Building

Pocatello.—A call for bids for the construction of the \$200,000 federal building was issued here, the bids to be opened February 25. The specifications are for a building three stories and basement covering a ground area of 4590 square feet.

Fear For Five Men on Mountain

Kellogg.—The fate of five men in the gulch near the Bear Top mine is the source of worry to C. C. Landes of the Idaho Lead-Silver Mining company. The telephone connection has been broken for over two weeks and the last heard was that they were panned in with 12 feet of snow.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Baker Will Vote On Water Bonds

Baker.—A special election for the purpose of voting on bonds for the water system will be held in the near future, the city attorney having been instructed by the board of commissioners to prepare an ordinance to that effect. Two questions will be submitted. One will authorize the issue of \$94,703 to repair six and three-quarters miles of line between the settling tank and reservoir, and the other the issuance of the whole amount of \$165,000 to do the work and construct new feeders to several other streams to which the city has title.

Medford Plan is Unique

Medford.—Medford's newly-elected mayor, W. W. Elfert, launched what is believed to be an innovation in American municipal government when at his formal installation he announced that in addition to the office of mayor and council he would appoint an advisory cabinet of prominent citizens from different walks of life who would be asked to attend every meeting of the city council and confer with the city officers regarding all matters of municipal administration.

MERCHANTS END SESSION

Le Grande Chosen for Next Meeting at Oregon Retailers Convention

Albany.—After recommending important legislation affecting mercantile conditions, electing officers for the ensuing year and choosing Le Grande as the meeting place of next year's convention, the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association adjourned its seventh annual convention here.

J. L. Stockton, of Salem, was unanimously re-elected president of the association and Leo R. Merrick, of Portland, was unanimously re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. Other officers were chosen as follows: W. A. Bell, of Eugene, first vice-president; F. J. Fletcher, of Albany, second vice-president; J. G. Snodgrass, of La Grande, third vice-president; Thomas C. Watts, of Reuben (re-elected) treasurer; W. F. Isaacs, of Medford, C. Tilbury, of McMinnville, C. H. Burkholder, of Cottage Grove, Emil Gunther, of Portland, J. C. Mann, of Portland, John E. Malley, of Portland, R. Alexander, of Pendleton, E. Polack, of La Grande, and T. A. Leohay, of Astoria, directors.

"Movies" to Depict Poultry

Corvallis.—Professor James Dryden, head of the department of poultry husbandry, will spend the next three weeks in touring the state, giving lectures on poultry-raising and illustrating the subject by means of the moving picture film which was made at Oregon Agricultural college and which has proved an innovation in teaching the lessons of proper methods in poultry husbandry.

LABOR DIVIDED ON BILL

Oregon Federation Repudiates Measure as Ambiguous

Salem.—The State Federation of Labor concluded its annual session Saturday after a four days' discussion of the problems before organized labor.

The matter which brought out the liveliest discussion and produced the widest divergence of opinion was the employees' compensation act, now before the legislature. By a vote of 54 to 23 the convention repudiated the bill, and by a vote of 43 to 28 passed a resolution severely condemning Representative A. W. Lawrence, of Multnomah county, for introducing the measure before having consulted the labor forces. This is the bill which was drawn by a composite committee representing both employers and the labor people.

The principal arguments used by the opponents of the bill, aside from its doubtful constitutionality, are the claims that some parts, particularly section 15, are ambiguous, and that room is left for doubtful constructions by the courts.

In lieu of the rejected bill, the federation decided to frame its own measure, and have it ready for introduction at the next legislative session or initiate it at the general election in 1914.

Farmers of Wasco Meet

The Dalles.—The second annual meeting of farmers of this district was held here under the auspices of the Fruit Growers' association, 200 farmers and merchants attending.

Trainload of Insane Reaches Pendleton

Pendleton.—After an all day trip, uneventful insofar as the behavior of the 200 patients were concerned, the special train carrying the insane from the Salem institution to their new home in this city arrived here Saturday.

GET BETTER EGGS AND MORE OF THEM IS GOOD ADVICE

"Poultry keeping is a business that any honest young man or woman may conduct without losing their self respect," said Prof. James Dryden in a short course lecture at the Oregon Agricultural college.

"The first lesson to learn is to get rid of the moral cowardice which troubles many in this connection," he continued. "The hog raiser and the wheat grower will not look at a chicken, but there are no real grounds for such an attitude. The poultry products of the United States were estimated at \$750,000,000 for 1911.

"A special location, special soil, climate, market conditions and a special man are necessary to a big success in specialized poultrying. But I do not mean to tell the farmer that the poultry business is for the specialist. On the contrary, it is a question whether specialized poultry farming is best anyway.

"I believe it is far better for the individual farmer to have his flock of hens to raise along with his other farm crops. In Oregon the general number is about 50 hens. They could be increased to 100 with very little additional labor. It is the best and quickest way to increase the poultry products of the state.

The main poultry producing section of the country is the middle west where the system of mixed farming is used.

"The poultry specialists follow different methods, some having small, intensive farms of but an acre or so, and others having free range colony system on large acreage, as near Petaluma, Calif. Probably the best number of hens is 50 to the acre. A great many more can be kept on an acre successfully for a few years, but not for long. The ground will become infested with disease and vermin unless it is cropped. The growing of garden crops on the ground alternate seasons will obviate the difficulty. The yards must be kept pure and clean.

"On some soils one can keep more hens than on others. On heavy clay not so many can be kept as on light soils. Buy cheap land to go into the poultry business. It is not necessary to have high priced land. Much of the poultry range of Rhode Island is rocky and not much good for agricultural purposes. Light, porous soil is best, but not sand or soil that nothing will grow on, for one must have feed crops to make the business pay.

"Here at the college we have 200 hens on one acre, rotating crops with the chickens. Last summer we had a heavy crop of oats, although when we began to keep chickens there nothing would grow because the land had been cropped out. Near Petaluma a man is keeping 1000 hens on three acres of light, rather sandy soil. Near Los Angeles a man cleared \$1,500 with 500 hens on two acres in a year.

"I visited a Petaluma farm of 120 acres where two men and a 14-year old boy took entire care of 6000 hens and 10 cows—the hens paying for the cows which gave the milk for the hens.

It took the boy on horseback just half an hour to feed the 6000 hens. The proportion of feed, 75 to 100 lbs. a year for each hen, is shown in this carload order: 40 sacks each of wheat, corn, barley and middlings, 50 of bran, 7 of charcoal, mixed with milk and meat scraps, 200 lbs. of meat."

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No. 27 Huntington Pass	6:33 p m
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No. 18 Oregon Wash Ltd	2:51 a m
No. 26 Boise passenger	8:50 a m
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