

Local News.

Dan Murphy and his sister were in from Beulah this week, accompanied by Miss Barlow who taught school there the past year. Miss Florence Omalia was down from Parma, visiting with them.

The Gilkey family have sold their property near Boise and moved to Portland.

Lytle Howard and son Frank are home from Portland, where they went a few months ago. Uncle Lytle is feeling fine and anxious to get busy again.

Fred Bailey has finished seeding some 300 acres this season, some of this is to alfalfa and some to grain.

There will be a meeting of the leaders of the state in the several lines held at Eugene to determine what progress the state is making.

James Blanton sold seven horses to the Boise polo players this week. Good polo horses,

are very hard to find.

Earl Blackaby, who is at the Eugene University, has qualified for the two mile run in the contest with Washington.

Manager Orr, of the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power Company stated a few days ago that the company is installing a few small pumping plants this year. W. J. Pinney and A. W. Trow are using pumps on the lands recently seeded and planted to trees.

William Leroy is planning a new home.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 95c; red Russian, 85c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 28c.
Eggs—Candled, 21c.
Hops—1912 crop, 14c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 18c.

Seattle.

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Eggs—20c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Big Conference to Be Held in Eugene.
Salem.—The fifth annual commonwealth conference will be held under the auspices of the University of Oregon May 16 and 17 at Eugene, and it is predicted that the conference will be better and greater this year than ever before. The discussions held at these conferences with relation to different state problems are integral parts of the university's regular curriculum, and are for the purpose of demonstrating to the students, as well as to the people, the true relation of university education to industrial and social progress in the state.

Reduced rates of one and one-third fare have been granted the university, on the certificate plan. A special excursion train is to be run from Portland.

CELEBRATION AT CHAMPOEG.

Birth of Provisional American Government in Oregon Country Observed

Butteville.—The 70th anniversary of the establishment of the first American government in the Oregon country was celebrated at Old Champeog, on the site made historic by the little band of Americans at the celebrated "Wolf Meeting," on May 2, 1843, when by a vote of 52 to 50 the settlers decided for American sovereignty in the territory of Oregon, embracing, as it did, the present states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and a part of Montana.

They gathered there—the old grizzled pioneers and their descendants by the hundreds—and paid a tribute to the founders of that provisional government which eventuated into the government of Oregon Territory, and later into the state of Oregon, and paid a tribute to the empire-builders of nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

Judge Peter D'Arcy, of Salem, presided at the celebration, and a number of pioneers delivered five-minute speeches. On the platform, in the seat of honor, sat F. X. Matthieu, aged 93, the only survivor of the historic 52 who voted for American sovereignty.

240 Men at Work Upon South Jetty.

Astoria.—While operations on the south jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river have been going on since April 15, the work has now started in full blast, with about 240 men on the work.

CONFESSES BIG SWINDLE

Refuses to Tell of Cadaver Palmed Off as His Own Body

Portland.—J. C. LaFrance and wife, who were arrested at Marshfield, Ore., in connection with a charge of swindling three life insurance companies of approximately \$15,000, all told, were brought to Portland. District Attorney Walter H. Evans subjected La France to an examination which lasted until late at night. Afterward the district attorney said La France made a "clean breast of everything, except to tell where the cadaver, palmed off as his, came from."

To newspaper men who talked with him La France freely admitted his identity, told of his experiences in Portland after his supposed demise, of being recognized by various friends here, and of his investments in Coos county timber land, which he said he believed would eventually be disposed of at a price that would reimburse in full the companies for their losses.

Allusions to the body and questions as to where it was obtained and how it was "planted" in the rugged country along the Clackamas river were ignored by the prisoner.

Self Defense Plea Wins for Gault

Oregon City.—Glenn Gault, who killed his stepfather in the course of a quarrel at their backwoods home near Scott's Mills on June 19, 1911, was adjudged not guilty of murder by a jury in Judge Campbell's department of the circuit court after the 12 men, nearly all farmers, had deliberated 45 minutes.

He left Astoria in November, 1912, almost a year after he had killed D. C. Leitzel, his foster-paren, and gave himself up to the Portland police, confessing his deed. Later he took Clackamas county officials to a spot in the woods 300 feet from the scene of the killing, and showed them where he had buried the body.

Peoria Forger Caught.

Portland.—After 18 months' residence in Portland, during which time he gained a large acquaintance with police officials, "Billy Hughes," bartender in a saloon at Williams Avenue and Russell street was found to be Harry Bradley, of Peoria, Ill., wanted there for forgery. He was arrested and locked up as a fugitive from justice. He admitted his identity and said he would not fight extradition.

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