

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

O. A. C. Boys for Strikebreakers.
Corvallis. — The department of electrical engineering at the Oregon agricultural college wishes it understood that the students who gave up their college course to become wireless professionals and help the Marconi company through the present operators' strike, did so in spite of the earnest advice of the professors against such action.

"I do not consider that it is fair to organized labor and on this ground as well as on the ground of the personal loss to the students in sacrificing their college educational opportunities, I urged the young men not to take the step," said Professor W. A. Hillebrand.

"The Marconi company offered such glittering inducements to the boys, however, and they were so interested in the work, that I could not keep them."

CADAVER FEATURE PUZZLES

District Attorney is Unable to Learn Where Swindler Obtained Body.

Portland.—Two explanations, neither of them credited by the district attorney, have been given by J. C. Lafrance regarding the cadaver which, dressed in Lafrance's clothing, was found on the upper Clackamas river and used in June, 1912, to defraud three insurance companies of a total of approximately \$15,000.

In the first story Lafrance said that two medical students obtained the body, took it to the point where it was found, dressed it in Lafrance's clothing and arranged so that it should be called to the attention of passing fishermen.

The second was that Lafrance had secured the dead body through the assistance of a bill collector in Portland and that they had packed it into the Clackamas country, where they dressed it in a khaki hunting suit and had purchased a similar suit, and after making sure that his acquaintances should be informed of his departure, had ostentatiously gone up the Clackamas on a fishing trip.

Loot-Loaded Man is Killed.

Roseburg.—Carrying two suits of clothes, four pairs of shoes and other articles of wearing apparel, which comprised the loot taken from the store of the Sutherland Mercantile company at Sutherland, Roy Parks, of Arleta, a suburb of Portland, was struck and killed by a northbound passenger train which he attempted to board in

order to get away from the scene of the burglary.

He is a brother of James W. Parks, ex-mayor of Aberdeen, and head of the Pacific Fisheries and Packing company.

SHIPPERS DEMAND ROUTES

Oregon and Washington Join in Opposing Harriman Plan.

Portland.—On the grounds that the plan of the Harriman roads, to close the gateways at Wallula, Silver Bow, Spokane and Denver against their competitors, will adversely affect the service by eliminating competition in routings, cause car shortages, limit the scope of the markets and in some cases actually force an increase in the rates, representatives of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Northwestern Fruit Exchange and the Portland Chamber of Commerce presented vigorous protest against the railroad's proposal before James W. Carmalt, examiner for the interstate commerce commission.

While the evidence showed that the shippers have not been much inclined to use the routes alternative to those of the Harriman system, the testimony made apparent the fact that these shippers want these various routes left open so that they can use them in case they become dissatisfied with the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and O.-W. R. & N. Co.

Medford Merchant Accused of Theft.

Medford.—Upon a specific charge of stealing \$40, H. C. Kentner, a leading dry goods merchant here, has been served with a warrant. Business associates, upon whose move the warrant was issued, say that Kentner's alleged peculations will amount to \$12,000.

Kentner is alleged to have raised his salary from \$175 to \$300 a month without authority from the directors of the H. C. Kentner company, of which he was the majority stockholder, and is said to have drawn heavy amounts from the company in addition.

Contractors Win Big Damage Suit.

Portland.—Judgment for \$148,692.52 against the city and in favor of Robert Wakefield and his associates, contractors for the Mount Tabor reservoirs, in their action for \$408,000, was returned by the jury. It was just five days, lacking half an hour, since they retired to deliberate.

Suffragists Pay No Taxes.

London.—Tax resistance as a means of protest against the failure of the British government to grant woman suffrage is spreading throughout the country among women who are reluctant to employ the more violent Pankhurstian methods.

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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Baker's council is proceeding with plans for the establishing of a municipal lighting plant.

Grants Pass city council has named nine women to act as judges and clerks of the city election.

When the next school year opens Myrtle Point will have a fine new schoolhouse, to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

George Messinger, who has been on trial in the circuit court of Crook county charged with larceny of cattle, was found guilty by trial jury.

With the arrest of Frank J. Allen, with \$540 worth of opium on his person, the Baker police have uncovered a big smuggling business.

The proceeds of Yoncalla's school building bond issue of \$20,000 are held up by reason of an injunction suit, filed on the allegation of irregularities in the bonding proceedings.

The trial of Marshfield Socialists who were arrested recently for violating an ordinance prohibiting street speaking was postponed. Meanwhile the accused men are allowed their freedom on their own recognizance.

The Portland city council passed an ordinance appropriating \$6102.59 for the payment of the salaries and clerks of the recent election and an additional sum of \$600 for meals furnished the officials.

County Judge W. S. Worden of Klamath Falls has promised the hardest kind of a fight against the opponents who are seeking his recall. He is so anxious for battle that he has offered to aid them in getting the recall election before the people.

"Guilty" was the verdict brought in by the Marshfield jury in the case of State Representative J. S. Barton, of Coquille, indicted on complaint of Miss Madge Yoskum, an employe in his office. The jury was out only a few hours.

Frank Matomi, a Japanese, has installed a plant at Independence for the purpose of making quassia chips, used in spraying hops. He has received 150 tons of logs from Japan at a cost in freight alone of \$1700, and will begin chipping them at once.

A cache of dynamite bombs has been discovered near the old immigrant road a mile west of Echo. The bombs were 16 in number, and each consisted of a stick of dynamite in a lead pipe. They had been wrapped in an old gunny sack and stuck in a badger hole, evidently months ago.

An effort to introduce a disease that will exterminate rabbits in the western portion of Umatilla county, Dr. W. H. Little, state sheep inspector, went to Echo armed with a bottle of "culture of snuffles" with which he will inoculate a number of animals.

Declaring that rabies again has appeared in Oregon and that the situation in Multnomah and adjoining counties is grave, the state board of health in a report issued for the quarter ending in March, recommended that all dogs be muzzled.

The four representatives of a Russian colony in Saskatchewan, who have been touring western Oregon for 19 days, have closed a deal for the purchase of 3500 acres, practically in one body, in Linn county. They have filed incorporation papers under the name of the Society of Independent Doukhobors, with a capital of \$100,000. Ten families will come from Canada at once, and others will follow soon.

Timber owners of Polk county have organized for the purpose of protecting the forests in this county from fire during the coming dry season. W. V. Fuller, of Dallas, a prominent timberman of the county, has advised all owners concerning the work of forest protection, and all efforts by the owners will be put forth to lessen the extent of the burned districts this summer.

The homesteaders and timber claimants at Klamath Falls have been awarded the final decision in the long drawn out 37-10 land case. The timber lands were claimed by A. D. Daniels and associates, who had placed scrip on them, and also by a number of individuals who proved up on the land under the homestead and timber laws. The litigation has been in progress for about 10 years.

Two accidents were caused at The Dalles by the explosion of flashlight powders. One of them may cost Karl Corson, 14 years old, the loss of his eyesight, as he looked directly into the flash while attempting to take a picture at a campfire picnic. The kitchen range of Mrs. E. K. Vickers was wrecked by the explosion of a box which she supposed was empty, but which contained flashlight powders.

From Whitesville, Mo., to Pendleton, a distance of 2000 miles, is the journey completed a few days ago by two pair of homing pigeons. About six weeks ago Mrs. L. G. Fell of Pendleton shipped the four birds to N. G. Roderker in Whitesville. He liberated them with his other pigeons and they immediately disappeared. Upon receiving a letter from him telling of his loss Mrs. Fell went to her pigeon loft and found the four birds resting on their home roosts. All were in good condition. It is not known how long they were in covering the distance.

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