

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Farmers to Face Legislators.
Oregon City.—At the regular quarterly state convention of the Farmers' Society of Equity held here the farmers placed themselves on record as favoring the movement started by the farmers' union and state grange to appoint legislative committees to attend the sessions of the legislatures and look after the farmers' interests. Resolutions providing for such committees were passed by the delegates at the meeting. The society also passed resolutions favoring the abolishment of the state senate and adopting proportionate representation in the house of representatives.

Eight-Hour Day is Edict.
Salem.—State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has ordered Mayor Albee of Portland to place the members of the Portland police department and the fire department on an eight-hour day. Under the recent supreme court decision in the state insane asylum case, Commissioner Hoff holds that all police officers and firemen are subject to the eight-hour law and cannot be on duty more than eight hours a day.

Apples to Come to Portland.
Hood River.—The board of trustees of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors at a meeting at Spokane has decided to establish an office in Portland in time to handle next season's apple crop. The North Pacific Fruit Distributors now has 92 affiliated associations and numerous other fruit districts have planned to join the central agency before the marketing of next season's crop begins.

Albany College is Ready for Donation.
Albany.—Conditions prescribed by James J. Hill, in connection with his proposed endowment of \$50,000, have been met with by Albany college authorities, and a committee has been appointed by the board of trustees to make a showing of assets and secure the cash subscription offered by the financier.

JUDGE UPHOLDS GOVERNOR

Copperfield Martial Law Action Approved by Court Decision.

Baker, Or.—Governor West was upheld in his action in declaring martial law at Copperfield January 2 by a decision filed by Circuit Judge Gustav Anderson.

The decision overruled the demurrer to an answer to a complaint on which a temporary injunction had been granted, the principal finding being that the powers granted to the executive cannot be taken away from him by the court even should he, as contended by the attorney for the Copperfield saloonmen, abuse those powers.

The court holds that the constitutional rights of the plaintiffs, William Wiegand and H. A. Stewart, the office-holding saloonmen of Copperfield whose property was confiscated by the militia at Governor West's order, were not violated by the governor's action, and are not violated by overruling the demurrer, inasmuch as they still have the right to bring civil action for damages against Governor West, Colonel B. K. Lawson, Fern Hobbs and the other defendants, or to institute criminal proceedings against them.

Europe's Weather Cold.

Paris.—What bids fair to be the worst cold snap in 50 years is holding the southern portion of western Europe in a tight grip. Temperatures as low as four degrees below zero (Fahrenheit) have been registered.

New York Schools to Try Movies.

New York.—Moving pictures with 3 cents as the price of admission are to be given in the East Side public schools, it was announced by the city superintendent of schools.

Moyer May Be Called Fugitive.

Houghton, Mich.—Charles H. Moyer, president, and the six other officials and organizers of the Western Federation of Miners who are under indictment here for conspiracy will be considered fugitives from justice unless they return voluntarily to the state to stand trial.

Will Seek Gold Dust.

Phoenix.—The Forbes company has secured leases from the owners of the flats along Bear creek, from Phoenix to Talent, for the purpose of washing the sand for gold. Work will begin in a few days, and will be watched with interest, as it was in this vicinity that rich gold deposits were found in 1849. The developing company is said to be well financed.

"CRACK SHOT" GLASSES.

Men Who Guaranteed to Make Marksmen With Spectacles Indicted.
St. Louis, Mo.—"Wearing these glasses will enable you to shoot the smallest bird from the tallest tree on a hazy morning."
This statement contained in a circular was one of the causes of a federal indictment against Morris and Harry Goldman, who faced trial.
They sold 200,000 pairs of the glasses a year, it is stated. The spectacles cost them 23 cents apiece.
They guaranteed, the government alleges, that the use of the glasses would make any one a crack shot.

Union County Prosperous.

La Grande.—Five hundred carloads of apples, 1200 tons of cherries, four trainloads of potatoes, 80,000 feet of lumber, great numbers of cars of horses, cattle and hogs, and 1,500,000 bushels of wheat form an industrial procession which is moving to the market from Union county. This county has been in extremely fortunate circumstances this year for fair prices have been realized on every product of the soil. Records have been set this year for wheat, cherries, hogs and cattle.

Jail is Boarding House.

Salem.—Declaring that it was necessary for the man to have plenty to eat for a few days to build up his health, Police Judge Elgin sentenced J. E. Adkins, charged with obtaining a meal at a restaurant and not paying for it, to serve a sentence of five days in jail. The prisoner was thankful for the sentence, and announced that he was almost starved when, in his desperation, he ordered the meal at the restaurant.

Tragedy of Fighting Deer.

Ashland.—Trappers on Lick creek, in this county, recently came across a strange find in the way of two deer with horns interlocked, one of them a six-point buck and the other a five-pointer. The six-point animal was dead, and its carcass was being dragged about by the other one, appearances indicating that the larger deer of the two had been dead several days.

Cooley Bound Over on Murder Charge.

Goldbeach, Or.—Following his preliminary hearing on a charge of having murdered Thomas Van Pelt near Chetco, Curry county, February 19, 1898, A. R. Cooley was bound over to the grand jury with bonds fixed at \$50,000. Cooley's relatives announced that the bonds would be furnished.

GOLD FROM NOME STORM.

Sands Washed Up From Sea May More Than Repair Damage.

Nome, Alaska.—Miners who have worked the bench sands here for gold believe that the storm that half destroyed the city recently drove ashore gold bearing sands that will more than pay for the damage done. After each big storm miners pan the new sand that has been cast up. The bottom of the sea in front of Nome is rich in gold, but no method of working it has been found.

Captain Ballinger of the revenue cutter Bear informed the citizens' relief committee that he would advise the authorities at Washington that additional assistance was urgently needed here for the sufferers from the storm and flood.

Farm Needs of Idaho Stated.

Moscow.—Acting President Carlyle of the university of Idaho and the college of agriculture are engaged in preparing a statement relating to the agricultural needs of Idaho, which has been asked by the commission appointed by Governor John M. Haines in accordance with a request from the secretary of agriculture.
It is hoped in this way that many of the urgent needs of Idaho's agricultural interests will receive the attention of the national administration.

Cement Plant Under Labor Liens.

Orofino.—Labor liens amounting to more than \$600 have been filed against the Orofino Portland Cement plant, which sum is only a small part of the wages due employees. Claims for labor, lumber, material and supplies, it is alleged, amount to approximately \$500. Under the statutes of Idaho an employe can recover 30 days' additional wages if not paid at the time he quits the service of a corporation or individual.

Indian School at Bonners Ferry.

Bonnors Ferry.—James J. Conklin, acting Indian agent in charge of the local tribe of Kootenai Indians, has received notice from the department of Indian affairs to the effect that an Indian day school would be established here and that bids would be solicited from local contractors.

It is estimated that the site and new buildings planned will cost the government about \$5000.

Agent Conklin states that there are about 30 Indian children of school age residing in this vicinity and that most of the older Indians highly favor the plan of sending their children to the school.

TALKING APES ARE DEAD.

Knew Their Alphabet—Were Valued at \$50,000.

Philadelphia.—Bettina and Borneo, the orang outangs which had been educated by Dr. William Henry Furness of Wallingford so that they would pronounce simple words, are dead.
By constant teaching Dr. Furness had hoped to demonstrate through education that the orang outangs really were the "missing link," capable of sustaining thought and doing almost everything of which a human being is capable. Borneo was eight years old, and Bettina was four, and both were as highly educated as children of the same age.

Each knew the alphabet perfectly and could pick it out on lettered blocks. Borneo also could pronounce such words as "cup" and "papa," and Dr. Furness declares that his orang outangs were proving gradually that they were capable of human reasoning.
He valued the orang outangs at \$50,000.

THREE CAWS FOR JIMCROW!

He's Not So Black as Painted, Agriculture Experts Find.

That the crow is not as black as he is painted is the conclusion reached by experts of the department of agriculture who have examined several thousand craves of the despised bird. An error was made ten years ago, the investigators declare, in spreading broadcast a warning against "old jimcrow."
A report announces that the crow does more good than harm; he eats more pests than crops. His one besetting sin is devouring the eggs and young of other birds, but the contents of his crop prove that about nine-tenths of his food consists of insects and other crop destroying creatures.

"Don't be too hard on the crow that squawks about your farm," is the advice given by the department of agriculture to the farmer.

TO EUROPE WITHOUT A CENT.

Harvard Man Sails to Make a Living There on Ten Dollar Wager.

Cambridge, Mass.—Charles E. Morris of Brooklyn, a Harvard junior, is bound to Europe with an empty pocketbook on a wager of \$10, according to college friends, who say that he sailed on the steamer Laconia and expects to stay several months abroad, depending on his own efforts for a livelihood.

"For 2 cents I'd work my way across to Europe," Morris is said to have told classmates a few days ago. One of them offered to bet \$10 that Morris would not go, and the wager was accepted.

IMPROVEMENTS BIG PHILIPPINE PROBLEM

Advocates of Independence Meet Difficulty.

Washington.—The continuation of the policy adopted by the present government in the Philippine Islands of building extensive public improvements throughout the islands, schoolhouses, roads, bridges, municipal markets, water systems, ferries and lighting plants, is one of the problems which the advocates of immediate independence are finding difficulty in solving.

The present government, through the bureau of public works, has established public improvements throughout the islands contributing to a marked extent to the prosperity which they now enjoy. These vary in cost from \$250 to \$250,000, and 80 per cent of them are constructed by the administration itself, private contractors refusing to submit bids on the hazardous undertakings.

"The smallest number of active projects in any one of the regularly organized provinces inhabited by the Christianized Filipinos on April 1, 1913," says a statement of the bureau of insular affairs of the war department, "was three and the largest thirty-two."

"Nearly one-half the total number was connected with road and bridge improvements. The list included ninety-six new schoolhouses and thirty-four municipal markets, public buildings, water systems, parks, ferries, an electric light plant and two telephone systems."

"It has been said that, although current expenses have been cut to provide money for public works, it will take twenty-five years at the present rate to bring about the highway improvements needed today. These roads, the best of them being fully equal to any park roads in the United States, have been one of the great factors in the very marked increase of prosperity during the last few years. Hundreds of communities are in urgent need of schoolhouses, for which no funds are available, and it will necessarily be several years at the present rate of construction before the schools are at all generally housed in permanent buildings."

Locomotive an Assault Weapon.

Chicago.—William Newell, an engineer, was arrested charged with assaulting Cornelius Reagan, fourteen, with a switch engine. The boy was struck by the pilot and seriously hurt. It is the first charge of the kind ever entered in Chicago police records. The locomotive is termed a "deadly weapon."

EFFORT TO SECURE SETTLERS FOR EASTERN OREGON

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take advantage of the opportunities open to them, encourage them.
Take an interest in the people who come here, call on them and encourage them, hold meetings, and get acquainted with them. When you are welcomed in a place it looks better to you and you want to stay and make it your home. Have a ladies auxiliary with your Commercial club, get all the farmers in and find out how you can help them and their wives they will appreciate it.

Get together and work for the upbuilding of the county. There is a chance to establish factories here. We manufacture more woolen in Portland than all the rest of the state, paper for the coast is made in Oregon, we have many shoe factories. You can have one here, you lease the machinery and start with one man and gradually build up.

Send your local papers east, they will be of interest to your friends. Get the habit of doing something every day for your community.



AND STOP OFF IN ONTARIO

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION A POWER FOR GOOD HERE

The Parma Herald this week contains a story about the work of the Athletic association there. They have leased a room, employed an instructor and ordered apparatus for a gym. The different evenings of the week are set aside for the different classes as follows:

Boys under 14 years of age, Monday evening; boys 14 years or over, Tuesday evening; girls under 14 years, Wednesday evening; ladies, Thursday evening; business men, Friday evening; Other Fellows club, Saturday evening.

There is no place more in need of such an institution than Ontario, where the people can gather and have healthy exercise and instruction. The schools are doing a little along this line, but not much and there is absolutely no use of developing the minds of the children unless the bodies are also developed. One can walk down the streets here any evening and see from twenty to fifty young men standing around wondering where they can go. A few dollars expended in a gymnasium would pay big interest in developing the coming generation and improving the present.
Who will start the movement?

THREE CARLOADS OF HOGS SHIPPED FROM THIS SECTION

Grover Bros. shipped three carloads of hogs Tuesday. One car was from the bench and the others from Ontario and Nyssa. There was about \$4 000 paid to the farmers for this shipment.

With the splendid results that have attended the raising of hogs here this year it is safe to predict that the output will be more than doubled during the coming year.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, The Divine Master of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from our midst our beloved brother, and

Whereas, We grievously feel the loss to be one that deeply affects the members of the Boulevard grange.

Be it Resolved, That the members of the Boulevard grange extend their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of our departed brother, and

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our order and a copy be sent to the stricken family, and

Be it Further Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

A. H. McGregor, A. E. Kimball, A. King, Committee.

WEST REPORTED CHOICE

Governor Said to Have Rejected Interstate Commerce Commission Offer.

Portland, Or.—Oswald West, governor of Oregon, has declined an offer of a position on the interstate commerce commission, according to a well-authenticated report.

Governor West is said to have declined the honor for personal reasons, which were that he prefers to remain in Oregon, and that he has no relish for a residence in Washington, D. C., with the almost constant traveling to all parts of the country entailed on a member of the commission.

SATURDAY Jan. 24th

The last day of the

BIG

SHOE

SALE

Shoes and Hosiery

Buy now when your dollars will go farthest

NEWTON'S

CLEAN-UP SALE

Now Going On at
Rader's

Everything in Winter Goods cut in price. We can't say our stock is complete, but what is left will make it worth while for you to come this and next week

RADER'S

Ontario, Oregon