

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Steelhead for Yamhill.
Sheridan.—Steelhead salmon have never been found in the Yamhill river, though they are found in many streams of smaller size on the east side of the Willamette. Representative R. L. Graves is determined to make the Yamhill one of the best angling streams in the state, and to this end has secured three carloads of young steelhead salmon to stock the stream. One of these will be liberated at McMinnville, one at Sheridan and one at Willamina. A car of trout will be liberated at Carlton.

Nab Portland Chinese Woman.
Portland.—Mrs. Toy Yoke, who is alleged to have eloped on November 27 from this city with Won Wah, the latter having in his possession \$1000 in money and jewels, belonging to Lee Hong, was arrested in Chicago, according to word received by the local police.

She will be brought here to answer to a charge of grand larceny, local officials say. It is alleged the couple eloped immediately after the theft from Hong.

O. W. R. & N. Buying Land.
Pendleton.—Ellsworth Benham, of Portland, representing the O. W. R. & N. Co., arrived at Stanfield and once began buying land for the right of way of the proposed Coyote cut-off. This action apparently confirms the report which has been current for the past few days that the railroad company expects to commence operations this spring.

State Hangs Man, Sues.
Astoria.—The county court made an order directing that G. C. Fulton be employed to prosecute a suit in equity to foreclose a lien of the state in the sum of \$622.70 against the estate of Oswald C. Hansel, who was executed at the state penitentiary recently. The amount due is the court costs for the trial of the case against Hansel, when he was convicted of murder.

EXPRESS RATES LOWERED

State Railroad Commission Says Tumble Will Come About March 1.
Salem.—Express rates in Oregon will take a big drop about March 1. The extent of the tumble was made known by the state railroad commission upon receipt of word from the interstate commerce commission that certain modifications desired to be made in this state from the interstate schedule will be favorably considered.

There are three features about the new rates that are of particular importance. One is that through rates will hereafter be quoted from any point in Oregon to any other point within the state. Another is that the western states will put in a 55-cent minimum rate, as compared with the 70-cent rate on interstate shipments, and the third is a special modification for the benefit of Oregon, adjusting rates within the state to commercial conditions, instead of following in every case the rate basing points selected for the interstate rates.

Because the rates vary with distance and with the weight of the package, it is impossible to state the percentage of decrease, but in a general way it may be said that the rates from Portland to eastern Oregon points will be lowered from 25 to 60 per cent. The decrease to southern Oregon towns will not be so great, as the distance north and south does not allow so large a variation, and the blocks are longer north and south than east and west.

"Shoot Up" Country Dance.
Pendleton.—By "shooting up" a country dance Lou Capen and Jack Murdock, two farm laborers, staged a frontier day drama at Juniper. No one was injured, but the two succeeded in thoroughly terrifying the women and completely intimidating the men, finally escaping on horseback under cover of their guns.

Mammoth's Tooth Found.
Albany.—A fairly well-preserved tooth of a mammoth was found by J. G. Crawford, a local archaeologist, in a car of gravel which had been received here from Canby.

The tooth is seven inches long, five inches high and three inches wide. It shows some decay.

Drain to Have Cannery.
Drain.—A co-operative cannery association was organized here with a capital of \$2000, practically all subscribed.

The association expects to have the cannery ready for the coming year's crop of vegetables and fruit. Farmers are enthusiastic over the prospects for a market for surplus fruits and vegetables.

GATES A SPEEDER UNTIL HIS DEATH

Many Exciting Experiences in
His Short Career.

\$1,000,000 A YEAR IN TIPS

"Speed is Life," Said Gates Once, and He Lived Up to It—Had Mania For Special Trains and Fast Automobiles. Always a Plunger, He Delighted in Lavish Expenditures.

Charles G. Gates, dead at thirty-seven, lived up to his motto, "Speed is life." Following in the footsteps of his father, John W. Gates, in the lavish distribution of tips, gaming for high stakes and plunging in the stock market, he made himself conspicuous also in the last few years for his record breaking dashes across the continent in special trains. It was on one of these occasions that a friend asked him why he spent thousands of dollars to get to New York a few minutes sooner, and he replied, "Speed is life." It was not until he went to New York ten or twelve years ago that he began to loom up in the news columns. As a youth he had been in the steel and wire business with his father and later had entered a Chicago brokerage firm, where he learned the details of the business. Then he went east and bought a seat on the Stock Exchange.

Did a Huge Wall Street Business.
The heavy operations of John W. Gates were transferred to Charles G. Gates & Co., in which the father was a member, and in the boom times that preceded the panic of 1907 it did a tremendous business. It was nothing unusual for the firm to carry at times more than \$100,000,000 worth of stock for its 2,500 customers, and John W. Gates said that for three years it did about 8 per cent of all the business transacted on the Stock Exchange. In May, 1907, the firm went out of business, and the two Gateses, who were constant companions, left for Europe. The house had been bullish at the top of the market in 1906 and was supposed to be greatly extended. Wall street figured that it dissolved with a loss of \$6,000,000, but John W. Gates sturdily maintained that he and his son were quitting at a profit. However, the elder Gates suddenly returned at the height of the October panic and, in common with other holders, sold his Tennessee Coal and Iron stock to the Steel corporation.

Little was heard of Charles G. Gates for two years or more, but in July, 1910, he returned from Paris, where he had fallen ill, and was operated on for appendicitis, from which he soon recovered. The next fall he figured in a story that he had lost \$40,000 in a gambling house in New York, and, although he poolpoohed the story, it was generally credited. He had long been a familiar figure on the race tracks and at gambling resorts, and on one occasion was said to have won \$20,000 at a sitting in Reno.

Record Breaking Train Trip.
His first record breaking trip was made in February, 1911, when he rode to New York in a special train from Yuma, Ariz., 3,000 miles, in seventy-four hours and nineteen minutes, including stops. It was admitted afterward that the purpose of this trip was to attempt a reconciliation with his wife, but the explanation made when the train arrived was that Mr. Gates was suffering from an injury to his leg received while he was cranking a fractious automobile in California and that he had hurried to New York for the surgical attendance he preferred.

The trip averaged about forty miles an hour, including stops, and the final dash from Albany was made at exactly a mile a minute. The fastest time was from Toledo to Cleveland, 108 miles, in ninety-seven minutes. The run from Chicago took sixteen hours and forty-nine minutes, an hour and five minutes less than the Twentieth Century Limited.

About six weeks after Mr. Gates' arrival it became known that his wife was to sue for a divorce. She was Miss Mary W. Martin of St. Louis, and they had been married thirteen years. The details of the testimony were not made public, but Mrs. Gates got her final decree on Aug. 5, 1911.

Just a week later, while Mr. Gates was in Paris in connection with his father's funeral, the news came from Minneapolis that he was to marry Miss Florence Hopwood, and the wedding took place on Sept. 27, 1911.

Boasted of \$1,000,000 Yearly Tips.
He was noted for the enormous size of the tips he gave out wherever he went, a point about which he was exceedingly proud. Asked about it once, after the trip mentioned, he said:

"I give \$1,000,000 away in tips every year. I can't take it with me when I die. I believe in spending it while I'm alive. I don't know how much it costs me to live. I have more money now than what father left me. I work hard the greater part of every day, and I believe in spending my money."

"This is a life of speed," he said, referring to his trip. "The faster the better. I'm used to specials. They are my only diversion. I like to go fast. The conductor didn't like the speed at which we traveled, but I told him it suited me. When I start for a place I like to get there."

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The
Past Week From Cities
In Our State

Coeur d'Alene Men.
Coeur d'Alene.—In the appointment of the three Idaho poultry commissioners for the 1915 exposition at San Francisco, two Coeur d'Alene poultry raisers were honored—H. D. Tytherleigh, secretary of the American Poultry association for the state of Idaho, and Oscar Nelson, president of the same organization for Idaho. The third member of the commission is Miller Purvis of Wendell, Idaho.

This commission is to have complete charge of the Idaho poultry exhibit at the exposition, and plans will be put on foot immediately toward stimulating competition among the fanciers of the state for the production of the best possible exhibits.

Bank Officials on Trial.
Nampa.—The preliminary examination of C. E. Lore, J. A. Givens and C. L. Robbins, officials of the Bank of Nampa, limited, which failed September 27, 1913, was held before Justice Blunck here. The defendants were bound over to the district court for trial and were released under bonds. Lore and Givens being required to furnish bonds of \$10,000 each, and Robbins \$2500.

Starting Charge Made.
Boise.—Stripped of his clothing, placed in solitary confinement in an asylum for the insane at Laurel, Md., where he was unlawfully held a captive at the direction of his wife so that she could get his property, is one of the many sensational charges made by Marshall Langton Price, a prominent Baltimore citizen, in a suit for divorce filed by him in the district court here against his wife.

WOULD HAVE STATE "DRY"
Prohibition Party Plans an Extensive Campaign Against Liquor.

Boise.—"Idaho 'dry' in 1915." This is the slogan of the prohibition party. The edict has gone forth from the "dries" that a fight will be made straight down the line to elect only those candidates who are professed "dries."

With 21 of the 23 counties "dry" under the local option law, 275,000 of the 325,594 people of the state residing in prohibition territory and but 200 saloons remaining in business, the prohibitionists are sanguine of success.

Places of 1000 population or more that have saloons are Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Grangeville, Halley, Kellogg, Mountain Home, Mullan, Salmon, Sandpoint, Shoshone, Wallace and Wardner.

The cities of 1000 population or more that are dry are: American Falls, Blackfoot, Caldwell, Emmett, Gooding, Harrison, Idaho Falls, Lewis ton, Malad, Montpelier, Moscow, Nampa, Oakley, Paris, Payette, Pocatello, Preston, Rexburg, St. Anthony, Twin Falls and Weiser.

The dries have succeeded in placing on the statute books legislation as follows: Local option law, search and seizure law, anti-bootlegging drug store liquor law, law requiring all railroads to keep a record of liquor shipments received in prohibition territory, law prohibiting the sale of liquor to habitual drunkards.

More Folks Fear Snowslides.
More.—The warm weather has caused many minor snowslides. An unknown pedestrian was knocked down and completely buried by a small avalanche. He was not seriously hurt. Several persons have reported the destruction of their woodsheds by slides. A general feeling of apprehension prevails.

Asotin May Ply on Snake.
Lewiston.—The Lewiston commercial club has received a letter from the first district engineer's office at Portland stating that the steamer Asotin would probably be placed on the Snake river above Lewiston next summer after high water for improving the channel.

Exam for Postmaster Set.
Wallace.—An examination will be held here March 14 to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at St. Maries.

Emmett Moose Defeated.
Caldwell.—In a spirited and fiercely fought game, the college of Idaho basketball team defeated the Emmett Moose, claimant of the northwestern championship, here, 20 to 19.

Road Still Blocked.
Van Wyck.—The Idaho Northern railroad is still blocked by a slide. There has been no train service for the past two weeks.

BAN PHOTOS IN WATCHES.

Pictures of Loved Ones Not Allowed in Trainmen's Pockets.

Chicago.—No longer may engineers, conductors, brakemen and other employees in the operating department of the Illinois Central railroad carry pictures of their wives, sweethearts and babies on their watch crystals. An order against the practice was issued by the management. Officials of the company have decided that such pictures are likely to distract the attention of employees from their work and that accidents might result. When an employee pulls out his watch his attention should be devoted exclusively to the time, they say. The order also specifies plain dials of a uniform design.

"This rule may seem to be a small matter; but, after all, it is the little things that count," said Vice President W. L. Park in discussing the order. "Every railroad man will admit that success in the operating department requires strict attention to duty."

HONEYMOON IN JAIL.

Town's Only Boarding House Full, They Have to Sleep Somewhere.

West Salem, Wis.—"Direct us to the best hotel," said a youthful bridegroom, George Evans, Chicago, as he shook the rice from his hat and hailed the night constable of this village.

"Can't do it, mister," said the constable; "the boardin' house is already chock full and won't hold another. Only place I can put ye is in the calaboose."

There was no other accommodation to be had, so the honeymoon couple was escorted to the town jail, where they spent the night in one cell, while a bibulous wayfarer lodged in the other.

Embarrassed by this occurrence, the village board is preparing to pass an ordinance requiring villagers to open their homes to travelers in cases of this kind.

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