OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Learns English To Testify.

Salem.—As a result of his learning to speak the English language while in prison, Matto Marinovitch, an inmate of the state prison, was pardoned. Marinovitch was arrested two years ago as he was boarding a train at Forest Grove and charged with stealing a watch which he had in his possession. Being unable to speak English he made virtually no defense and was given a maximum sentence. He now speaks the English language fluently and has convinced prison officials and the governor that he bought the watch in good faith of the real thief.

Sandhill Crane Becomes a Pest.

La Grande.—Sandhill cranes are becoming a pest to farmers of Grande Ronde Valley. Although protected by the federal game laws, the birds are devastating acre after acre of wheat fields in this valley. Thousands of them are often seen on one farm, and every spear of wheat they touch is ruined, for they pull it up by the roots. So serious has the past become that farmers are compiling petitions and memorials to congress to have the law changed. Unless the birds decide to migrate much damage will be done.

Girl Canners to Test.

Eugene.—Plans for an inter-county fruit and vegetable canning contest between 60 Lane and Marion county girls at the Oregon State Fair, in September, were completed in a conference between F. W. Rader and Luther J. Chapin, county agriculturists, respectively, of these two counties. The contest is arranged for the purpose of introducing modern methods of steam pressure canning in the rural homes of the state.

Shell Explodes, Two Hurt.

Seaside.—Mrs. Robert Spear and her daughter, Helen, were severely injured at their home in this city when a rifle shell exploded in the heating stove. Mrs. Spear was cut in the cheek and one hand and her daughter received injuries in the head and face.

Examination of the wood in the stove seemed to indicate that the shell had been placed in the wood before it was cut for burning and that the heat of the fire exploded the powder.

GOVERNOR WILL CAMPAIGN

West Announces Plan for Initiating Constitutional Amendments.

Salem.—Governor West has announced that immediately after the primary election he is personally going to take charge of a campaign for initiating constitutional amendments and measures intended to bring relief to the taxpayers.

These measures will provide for the abolishment or consolidation of various offices and boards and commissions, which his study of state affairs leads him to believe are useless or extravagant under existing conditions.

As there are no public funds for this sort of work, he said the campaign will be carried on through the cooperation of citizens interested in accomplishing the results sought. He said public meetings will be held throughout the state, where taxation matters will be discussed and voters will be given opportunity to sign the initiative petitions.

One of the constitutional amendments that will be proposed will fix a limit for state and county appropriations. The tax rate will be fixed, and the governor said it would be up to the legislature and those who conduct county affairs to cut their budgets to fit the cloth.

Feud and Quarrel End in Slaying.

Roseburg.—As a climax to a feud of many years' standing, Morrison Campbell killed his neighbor, John Becker, in a quarrel over the grazing of cattle on a piece of pasture land. Campbell was held without bail to appear before the grand jury in his preliminary hearing. The grand jury will meet in May.

May Change Date of Annual Synod.

Eugene.—To change the date of the annual synod of the Presbyterian church of Oregon from October to July and to hold it in Eugene during the session of the ministerial conference at the University of Oregon was the plan decided upon at the meeting of the Willamette Presbytery here.

Child Saves Babe's Life.

Eugene.—Gladys Wooley, aged 7, dashed in front of a speeding train here and rescued her sister Dorothy, aged 3, who sat on the track. As she leaped away, dragging the baby, a cylinder of the locomotive struck Gladys tearing her apron. Neither child was hurt.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A Chautauqua Association has been organized in Corvallis.

A three days' fair will be held at La Grande, Or., September 22 to 24 inclusive, J. A. Russell was elected president and Herbert Hunter secretary.

Duncan McKinnon came all the way from Michigan to troll for salmon in the Willamette river at Oregon City. He had enjoyed the sport before.

All dancehalls in the state must be closed by 12 o'clock Saturday nights or the keepers are subject to arrest, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford.

The Clackamas county court designated the trunk roads for a "permanent" hard surface improvement if the $600,000 bond election carries May 15.

I. A. Taylor of Madras is trying to find enough acclimated seed corn to plant 300 acres. His project is so far the largest individual venture in corn so far undertaken in the Pacific northwest.

Representative Hawley introduced a bill to amend the act to authorize the sale of certain lands belonging to Indians on the Siletz reservation, making the net proceeds of the land sales payable to members of the tribe.

Oregon timber, the felling of trees, and their handling in the logging camps will be shown in moving pictures at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Arrangements for this were made at a meeting of the Oregon exposition commission.

The Apple Growers' association of Hood River has wired Representative Sinnott that they were informed that the express companies had issued new rates for carloads of western berries, advancing the estimated weights on 24 pint crates from 17 to 25 pounds, when the actual weight is 19 pounds.

Amid a storm of argument and disapproval on the part of the men of the Oregon Agricultural college who are in favor of retaining the "swallowtail" coat for use in formal affairs, the student body voted the adoption of resolutions declaring against the wearing of the full dress.

At the next meeting of the state land board it is expected that 80 sections, or 51,200 acres of newly surveyed school lands will be offered for sale. The board will advertise for the bids, probably fixing a minimum price of $7.50 an acre. Most of the lands are in Malheur and Harney counties.

Oregon's oldest woman, Mrs. Mary DeLore, 117 years of age, died at Portland. She was born and reared near the old Hudson's Bay company trading post at Vancouver, Wash., her father being a trapper and her mother an Indian. She raised a large family, but outlived them all.

To reassure commercial and fruit interests around Medford the agricultural department positively assured Representative Hawley that it would maintain a permanent weather station at Medford, giving efficient service for the especial benefit of fruit growers.

All of the members of the desert land board, except Treasurer Kay, joined with Governor West in demanding that the Des Chutes Land company, of which J. E. Morson is president, furnish the board with a financial statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the company and also a description of all the lands in the company's project which have been disposed of by selling options.

Before a contract can be made for the printing of the voters' pamphlet containing the initiative measures to be submitted at the next election will be necessary for the emergency board to meet and authorize a deficiency in the public printing fund. It is estimated that the deficiency will amount to about $15,000 by the end of the year.

State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has investigated the state institutions and says he found that the eight hour law is being violated at all of them. He said he would take the matter up with the state board of control immediately and that if the law, as interpreted by the supreme court, was not observed, he would cause the arrest of those responsible.

The special committee of the Oregon Civic League on the department of schools has announced the recommendation of the following two changes in the school laws intended to accomplish a greater efficiency in the public schools: Give the county school superintendents power to nominate all teachers in the county school, and eliminate the one-room one-teacher school by consolidating the schools into several rooms.

For a second time the people of the state are to be given an opportunity of voting on the question of the abolition of capital punishment, for a constitutional amendment providing for its abolishment will be submitted to the secretary of state for approval as to form in a few days. The amendment provides for life imprisonment. Several labor organizations, it is said, have indorsed the amendment. In the election of 1912 the people voted down a measure abolishing capital punishment.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Philip Pfeiffer, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Malheur. Any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, as required by law, to the undersigned administrator at his home in Westfall, Oregon, or to his attorneys, McCulloch and Wood, of Ontario, Oregon, within six months from and after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Done and dated and first published this 19th day of March, 1914.

J. D. Fairman,
Administrator of the estate of Philip Pfeiffer, deceased.

01599.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Henry S. Sutton, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on October 25th, 1910, made Homestead application No 01599, for the S. W¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼, N½ SW¼, Section 27, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

A. S. Worth, F. T. Akers, S. D. Moore, of Ontario, Oregon; Leon Higby of Payette, Idaho.

Bruce R. Kester, Register.

01527.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Albert S Worth, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on August 15th, 1910, made Homestead application No. 01527, for S½ SE¼, Section 27; NE¼ NE¼ Section 34, NW¼ NW¼ section 35, Township 17 S. Range 46 E Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Frank T. Akers, Henry S. Sutton, O. A. Palmer, L. E. Olson of Ontario, Oregon.

Bruce R Kester Register

01581.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Frank T. Akers, of Ontario, Oregon, who on, October 13th, 1910, made Homestead application, No 01581, for S½ SW¼ Section 27, and N½ NW¼, Section 34, Township 17S, Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

A. S. Worth, H. S. Sutton, O. A. Palmer, D. E. Oleson, of Ontario, Oregon.

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J. A. Wroten.

For Sheriff.

To the voters of Malheur county:

I will be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of this county on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held on May 15, 1914.

Robert Odell.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican electors of said county at the primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

Melville D. Kelley.

Train Service.

West bound.

No. 17 Oregon Wash Ltd	4:17 a m
No. 75 Huntington Pass	9.42 a m
No. 9 Fast Mail	6:15 p m
No. 77 Huntington Pass	6:33 p m
No. 5 Oregon Wash Express	6:50 p m

East bound

No. 18 Oregon Wash Ltd	2:51 a m
No. 76 Boise passenger	8:50 a m
No. 10 Fast Mail	12:12 p m
No. 78 Boise passenger	3:50 p m
No. 6 Oregon Wash Express	6:15 p m

Malheur Valley Branch

The Vale train leaves Vale daily at 8 a m. arriving in Ontario at 8:40. Returning will leave, except Sunday, at 10 a. m., arriving at Vale at 10:40, leaving for Brogan at 10:50, arriving there 11:59, returning will leave Brogan at 12:30, arrive at Vale 1:30. Leave Vale at 2:35, arriving at Ontario at 3:30, and return to Vale at 7 p. m. On Sunday the train will come to Ontario in the morning and return at 7 p. m., making the run to Homedale on that day instead of Wednesday.

The Juntura train will leave Ontario Monday, Wednesday and Friday in 7 a. m., returning at 6 p. m., reaching Juntura at 12:05 and leaving at 1 p m.

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