

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Summer Normal Attracts.

Monmouth.—Teachers in many districts of Oregon, experienced and inexperienced, and high school graduates are among the inquirers regarding the summer school session to begin at the Oregon normal school on June 22. Prospects are becoming more favorable to fill to a greater extent the increasing demand for teachers in the state. Teachers who cannot attend school during the regular winter term are given an opportunity to take the usual courses and apply their credits toward graduation at some future date.

Party to Seek Abandoned Rifles.

Klamath Falls.—With a view to locating the rifles abandoned by the routed troops in the defeat of Major Thomas' command in the Modoc war of 1872-3, Captain J. C. Rutenic, John G. Schallack and A. C. Yaden are making preparations to journey to the Modoc lava beds, and make a thorough search. The defeat and massacre of the Thomas troops by the crafty Modocs was one of the last Indian victories in the west.

Life Sentence for Ferrari.

Marshfield.—Pointing out that the crime for which the prisoner must pay the penalty was due to drink, Judge J. S. Coke in the circuit court sentenced to the penitentiary for life James Ferrari, who was found guilty of second degree murder for the killing of John Kelly in a drunken riot of coal miners at Henryville a few months ago. A widow's pension is to be provided for Mrs. Ferrari.

Socialists Seek Change.

Salem.—For the purpose of reducing the time requirement for a citizen to have resided in the state before being entitled to vote, from six months to 30 days, and making other changes in regard to freedom of electors, the socialist party of Oregon is preparing to initiate an amendment to the state constitution. A copy of the initiative petition was filed with the secretary of state.

\$90,000,000 INVOLVED

State Railroad Commission Investigating Rates of 3 Power Companies.

Portland.—Pending before the state railroad commission at this time are 95 formal complaints, of which 56 relate to railroads and 39 to public utilities, and 145 informal complaints, 82 of which are in connection with railroad questions and 63 in connection with public utilities.

Twenty-five of the utility cases involve the physical valuation of plants, either of electric light, power, water, telephone or street railway systems. Some idea of the great importance of this phase of the commission's work may be gained from the fact that these valuations reach into 44 towns and cities of the state, including all the principal municipalities except Pendleton, Astoria, Roseburg and Albany.

More than that, a total of \$90,000,000 is involved in the investigation which the commission is conducting into the light, power and heating rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company and the California-Oregon Power company.

The commission also has before it 13 railroad valuation matters, involving appraisals of physical properties of that number of lines. Practically every railroad in the state is included in this appraisal, the purpose of which is to find a basis for fixing rates.

Two Shot in Street Fight.

Rainier.—O. Danigan and Sam Lavere are wounded. W. C. Lee, a saloon-keeper, is under arrest on a warrant sworn out by city officials and the city is in a furor of excitement as the result of a street fight here, which was precipitated when Lee, supported by Danigan, attempted by forcible resistance to avoid going to jail.

Eagle Feeding Young Filmed.

Klamath Falls.—Perhaps the first motion picture of a bald eagle nesting and feeding her young has just been secured by a company engaged in filming bird and animal life in Klamath county. The film was taken from a pine tree 150 feet from the ground looking down into the nest in another three.

Roseburg Wants Own Railroad.

Roseburg.—At a mass meeting held here and attended by 700 voters, a resolution was enthusiastically adopted to authorize taking of steps by citizens of Roseburg themselves to issue bonds for \$2,000,000 with which to start construction of a railroad to Coos Bay.

SEEKING LAFITTE TREASURE.

Two Parties Have Chart Disclosing the Hoard's Whereabouts.

Gueydan, La.—An expedition, headed by Captain J. D. Bonnin, from Gueydan, is in the wilds of White lake, south of this place, in search of the treasure of Pirate Jean Lafitte. The party is composed of Dr. J. Milton White, Adam Brasseur and K. P. Foote. Captain J. D. Bonnin, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Vermilion parish, has a chart and map left him by his grandfather shortly before his death, describing the locality of the famous treasure.

On their trip the Gueydan party launch was hit by the steamer Bobby White. One end of the boat was damaged.

In White lake also are Frederick Mackenzie, magazine editor, and Charles Tenney Jackson, novelist. They claim to have the real Lafitte chart and started their hunt from New Orleans three weeks ago.

Still another party is on the treasure hunt, having started from Abbeville, La. Its identity has been kept secret, however.

CLIMATE'S EFFECT ON WHEAT

Interesting Experiments Made Prove Soil Is Secondary.

Washington.—Experiments conducted by the department of agriculture demonstrate that climate is the chief factor in determining the varying characteristics of wheat grown in different regions. It was announced.

To ascertain this experimenters grew wheat for six years in California, Kansas and Maryland on soil taken from each of these states. The results showed that all wheat grown in California, for example, was much alike, whether raised on soil of that state or on soil imported from Kansas and Maryland. On the other hand, it differed considerably from the Kansas and Maryland wheat, no matter on what soil these were grown. In other words, it is stated the wheat grown on the three soils in one locality was similar in composition and appearance, but quite different from the same wheat grown on the same soils in the two other localities.

SENORA HUERTA'S LIFE AN ACTIVE ONE

Urges Dictator to Hold on to the Presidency.

Mexico City.—The daily life of Senora Huerta, wife of the dictator who rules Mexico with an iron hand, is most interesting. Like her husband, she is fond of the social whirl and entertains on a lavish scale. Even while the country is torn with the war, her husband facing deposition at the hands of the United States on one side and



Photo by American Press Association.
SENORA HUERTA.

the rebel troops on the other, Senora Huerta does not give up her social activities.

She is fond of the things that her husband likes. On Sundays she attends the bullfights, so popular in Mexico, and, like her husband, indulges freely with the masses. She can be frequently seen in the Mexican cafes in the evenings winning, dining and dancing, and one would little realize the great cares that hang over the shoulders of her soldier husband.

She loves her children dearly. Her son was recently married. The ceremony was performed about the time American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was handed his passports by the Mexican minister of foreign relations. Although representative of a hostile government, O'Shaughnessy, who is a close friend of the dictator's family, was urged to remain in Mexico City not as an official representative of the United States government, but rather as a private citizen, and attend the marriage of Senora Huerta's son.

Her life is full of activity. She looks not to tomorrow and lives only for today. It is she, desirous of retaining the highest social position in all Mexico and of residing in the National palace, who urges the stanch old Indian to hold on to the last to defy the powers of the civilized world and fight for the retention of the position stained by blood of his predecessor.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

House Facing Record Vote on the Proposed Prohibition Amendment.

Washington.—With the Panama canal tolls exemption debate running strong in the senate and the house facing a record vote on the proposed constitutional amendment for nationwide prohibition, congress promises to have a busy week.

Interest in the house centers in Mexican developments. Representatives generally, including some administration sponsors, would not be surprised if the week would be marked by some decisive move by the administration.

Congress is prepared for any war emergency. Lying on Speaker Clark's desk is a resolution from the military affairs committee, the passage of which would make immediately available the two hundred million dollars of the annual army appropriation bill. The appropriations committee is holding back its big general deficiency bill on a possibility of a call for emergency war appropriation.

All kinds of rumors about the prospects for action on the prohibition resolution are flying about the capitol. Some of the pro-prohibition members assert they will fight to win, with the sentiment of the country back of them and that they believe they will command a large vote in the house. Members opposed to the resolution declare that it could win on a majority vote, but that it cannot possibly muster two-thirds of the house, necessary for passage of a constitutional amendment.

New Banking System to Start.

Machinery for one of the final steps in the establishment of the nation's new banking system was set in motion when the reserve bank organization committee named five banks in each of the 12 districts to execute organization certificates for the federal reserve banks.

When that shall have been completed and boards of directors organized in each district, the controller of currency will issue a charter authorizing the banks to begin business.

The committee announced efforts were being made to expedite the organization so that the system might be inaugurated by August 1.

Suffrage Cohorts Present Petition.

Several thousand women from practically every state in the union paraded Saturday along Pennsylvania avenue from the white house to the capitol, and, presenting to members of congress petitions adopted at meetings all over the country a week ago.

The scene after the pageant reached the east steps of the capitol was impressive. Massing themselves on the plaza steps, and with several bands and a chorus of 100 girls at the entrance to the building, the enthusiastic paraders sang "The March of the Women," by Dr. Ethel Emyth, of England.

The bands then struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the 531 petition-bearers filed up the steps into the rotunda of the capitol, where a special committee of congress received them. In the line were Senators La Follette, Thomas, Thompson, Owen, Bristow, Poindexter and Brady, and Representatives Madden, Sabath, Falconer, Stone, Knowland, Raker, Moss, of West Virginia; Roberts, of Nevada; Heilvering, Keating and Bryan, who shook hands with each of their callers.

National Capital Brevities.

Surveys preliminary to the construction of the government railway in Alaska are to be made immediately.

The senate and house have agreed on the plan of having President Wilson issue a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May of each year as national Mother's day.

Senator La Follette told the senate that there was a conspiracy to coerce the interstate commerce commission in favor of the proposed increase of 5 per cent in freight rates by eastern railroads.

At the opening of the next session of congress members will have their votes recorded by an electrical device. The house will be asked to appropriate \$20,000 for the installation of the machinery intended to save time in recording the votes.

The "little navy" men made their final stand against two battleships on a motion to send the bill back to the committee, which was defeated, 201 to 10. Democratic Leader Mann, and other prominent figures in the house, supported the motion.

Ending seven years of bitter legal warfare, the supreme court set aside sentences imposed by the District of Columbia supreme court upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison for contempt of court in alleged violation of the injunctions issued in 1907 and 1908 against boycotting the Bucks Stove & Range company.



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REVOLT IN MEXICAN CAPITAL IS FEARED

Diplomatic Quarters Uneasy as to Fate of Foreigners in Mexico City.

Washington.—Much apprehension was expressed in diplomatic quarters as to the fate of foreigners at Mexico City in case a sudden revolt should overthrow Huerta and permit the entry of the Zapatans and other undisciplined rebel bands. These foreigners are said to number 6000, not counting the Americans, most of whom have left.

Word has reached some of the legations here of savage threats Zapata has sent to leading citizens and their wives and daughters in towns near where he was operating. One message is said to have notified a prominent citizen that when the town was captured Zapata would cut off his ears and "eat them fried."

The chief fear in diplomatic quarters is that the city will be overrun and looted.

Official dispatches to the state department from the Brazilian legation in Mexico City says that four correspondents held in Mexico City were released. Medill McCormick, R. H. Davis, Walter Whiffen and A. J. Sutton left by refugee train for Vera Cruz. As a reason for the arrest of the newspaper men, it is reported that they had asked for permission to enter the Mexican federal lines, but, without waiting to receive it, had proceeded to Mexico City.

Justice Lamar, of the United States supreme court, and Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor-general, were chosen by President Wilson as the American representatives in mediation negotiations before the South American triumvirate at Niagara Falls, Ont., next Monday.

Knox Urges Tolls Exemption Right.

Washington.—Philander C. Knox, secretary of state in President Taft's cabinet, who rejected Great Britain's protest against the right of the United States to exempt American coastwise shipping from the payment of Panama Canal tolls, issued a statement here arguing against the exemption repeal bill. Primarily Mr. Knox asserted that toll exemption for American coastwise ships is not in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

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