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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Contour Survey Nearly Finished.

Eugene.—A United States geological surveying party, composed of nine men, under J. G. Staaks, arrived at Ridgion ranch, on the upper Willamette river, 50 miles east of here, this week, where they have established the last camp on a large topographical survey project. They expect to complete the mapping of what is known as the Diamond Lake quadrangle by November 15. The party has been at work all summer, having left Roseburg, in Douglas county, early in the spring.

Contour lines are being run, showing all streams, ranges, mountains, roads and trails, including both artificial and natural features.

Jack Grant Champion Baby of Oregon

Salem.—With an almost perfect score, Jack Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Grant, of Dallas, was awarded a gold medal for being the finest baby entered in the eugenics contest at the state fair. Doris Lee Gordon, daughter of I. J. Gordon, of Portland, won the girl baby first prize, scoring a fraction of a point less than the Grant child.

PAPER MILLS COMBINE

New Company Has Capitalization of \$13,000,000.

Portland.—For the purpose of reducing operating expenses by elimination of duplication in fixed charges, the pulp and paper interests controlling the Crown-Columbia Paper company and the Willamette Pulp & Paper company have perfected a consolidation involving a capitalization of \$13,000,000 and will hereafter operate under the corporate name of Crown-Willamette Paper company. All properties of the two companies located in Oregon, Washington and California will be taken into the combination. It is understood that a majority of the stockholders in the two concerns have ratified the plan and that the new company will be organized as a Maine corporation.

It is declared that additional new capital will be brought into the business and enable the consolidation to make extensive improvements which have been in contemplation for some time.

The Crown-Columbia Paper company has a large modern plant at Camas, Wash., said to have the finest equipment of any paper mill in the world. It has a capacity of 175 tons a day. It manufactures print paper, paper bags and tissue paper. It has an auxiliary plant for making wrapping paper at Oregon City, pulp mills at Warrendale, Or., and a large wrapping paper and tissue paper establishment at Floriston, Cal., where the chief output is tissue paper wrappers for fruit.

The chief plant of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company is located at Oregon City, with a capacity of 200 tons of print paper a day. The combined capacity of the various mills involved in the deal is about 450 tons a day.

W. C. T. U. Ends 3-Day Session.

The Dalles.—The 31st annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union came to a close in this city after a three-day session. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Portland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Russell, McMinnville; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge Mears, Shedd; and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Houston, Portland.

PORTLAND HAS RECALL

Mayor Albee, Commissioners Dieck and Brewster Accused.

Portland.—Recall petitions, bearing approximately 9800 names, were filed with City Auditor Barbur against Mayor Albee and City Commissioners Dieck and Brewster. They were filed by a committee comprising M. E. Gibson, C. W. Hohlt and A. C. Allen, which committee has headed the recall movement, which has been under way for about two months.

B. E. Kennedy, a real estate man, is the recall candidate for mayor; W. A. Leet, an attorney, is candidate against Commissioner Brewster and H. E. Abry, an employe of the United States Engineer department, is candidate against Commissioner Dieck.

Under the provisions of the recall amendment the officers are given five days in which to resign. After that the city auditor is obliged to call a special election within 20 days. Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck both announced that they would not resign. Commissioner Brewster is out of the city. This means that the election will be held unless legal complications set in.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for public improvements of Ontario have been subscribed by two banks of that city.

Labor Commissioner Hoff has notified logging companies that they must install logging bunks on cars by January 1.

A three mile electric railroad connecting Glendale and Tillamook lake is planned by capitalists of the Siuslaw section.

Work of grading has been resumed by the Willamette Pacific railroad near Springfield, and trains are hauling gravel.

Portland now is one of the five \$1,000,000 postal savings banks in the United States. The million mark was passed Saturday.

A petition calling for an election on the liquor issue has been signed by the wets at Granada. At present Lane county is dry.

Thousands of tacks were scattered on the streets of Roseburg in order to annoy drivers of automobiles, and police are searching for the guilty ones.

A bounty of 25 cents a head having been offered for all animals killed, the farmers in numerous districts in Polk county are waging war on gophers.

Eric Anderson has been appointed postmaster at Pleasant Home, vice L. A. Shineman, resigned, and Carrie R. Otley has been appointed at Sumner, vice E. O. Hall, deceased.

Professor Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural college, advises Oregon fruit growers to use extreme care to select only the best grades of fruit for shipment outside, keeping only the poorer grades at home.

The beautiful new \$160,000 courthouse at The Dalles, of which Wasco county is proud and which is the finest county government home in Oregon outside of Portland, was formally opened Saturday.

An order permitting the Rogue River Water company to increase its rates about 3 per cent was issued by the state railroad commission. Rates fixed by the city were declared by the commission to be unjust.

Portland contractors, Boyajohn-Arnold, have commenced work on the new administration building for the university of Oregon, and it is expected that the building will be completed within seven and a half months.

More than 25,000,000 salmon eggs have been taken for hatching purposes so far this year by the state game and fish department, according to R. E. Clanton, state hatchery superintendent. This marks the year as a record breaker.

The third crop of alfalfa is now being cut on many of the ranches in the vicinity of Baker, where conditions have been better for large hay crops than in many years. The third crop is proving to be almost as large as the first and second.

The best state fair in the history of Oregon, from the standpoint of exhibits, came to a close Saturday at Salem. Because of rain two days, the attendance was not so large as last year, but it was sufficient, it is believed, for the proceeds to meet all expenses.

Secretary Lane has notified Senator Chamberlain that he has designated as non-irrigable more than 1,000,000 acres of land in Oregon. Persons having entries of 160 acres within the designated area may apply to enlarge their homesteads to 320 acres by taking up designated vacant land adjoining their present entries.

All records for attendance at Crater Lake national park were broken in the season of 1914. In 1913 the travel to September 27 totaled 5826 people and in 1914 the total September 27 was 6947. During the season of 1913 only 769 automobiles visited the park and this year up to September 27, 1252 had visited the park.

The Fort Vannoy (Elsmann) orchard of 85 acres, four miles down the Rogue river from Grants Pass, was sold to J. P. Peurrung, of Cincinnati, O., the consideration being \$150,000. The orchard consists of 10 acres of peach trees, four acres of pears, 30 of young apples and 35 of older apples in full bearing.

Five thousand men will be put to work through the resumption of construction of government projects already under way in the first and second Oregon districts. In addition to the 2000 men which the government will employ on its own plants, the Columbia contract and other sub-contractors will, it is estimated, employ 3000 more.

Figures gathered from the government engineer's records show that Coos Bay has been making a good showing in its commerce. During the first six months of the year 1914 the total incoming tonnage over the bar was 28,111 tons. The total outgoing was 222,396 tons. If as much is shipped the last six months this year as there was shipped the first six months, there would be a total for the year of 456,999 tons as compared to a total of 3,3985 tons of lumber products shipped in 1913, or an increase of 10 per cent.

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

To Solicit For Johnson Road.

Lewiston.—At the conference by committees representing the Nez Perce Commercial club, the Nez Perce Farmers' union and the Lewiston Commercial club for the purpose of outlining a plan for the completion of the Johnson road Mr. Johnson announced that with an additional stock subscription of \$100,000 the line could be completed from Lewiston to Waha, and that with this part of the line finished he could bond the road for sufficient to complete the line to Vollmer where it will connect with the Nez Perce & Idaho railroad, operated by Mr. Johnson. The Nez Perce delegates assured the Lewiston committee that they would be willing to raise their share of the amount. A movement will be launched in a few days to secure the necessary stock subscription.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN STARTS

Progressive Strength Source of Worry to Leaders in Coming Election.

Boise.—With a total of 54 candidates in the field, representing five different political parties, the general election campaign for this state opened last week.

The election gives promise of being one of intense interest, with the probability of a mixed result when the final canvass of the vote is made. There is reason to believe that there will be new surprises as the result of the election this year as compared to other elections, principally because there are five instead of four parties in the field and because one of them, the progressive, has taken some strength from the two dominant ones, the republican and democratic.

The republican and democratic state central committees have opened their headquarters in Boise. The progressive party opened headquarters at Caldwell.

Among leaders of all parties the real question is as to the strength of the progressive party. Because this party cast but approximately 2000 votes at the recent primary election, it is claimed by republicans and democrats the Bull Moosers are losing their strength. The progressives answer that, having no contests at the primary election, their strength was not shown and that at the coming election they will cast a heavier vote than two years ago.

Idaho Land is Restored.

Lewiston.—The commissioner of the general land office at Washington has notified the local land office that 2700 acres of land on the Salmon river, formerly withdrawn from settlement for power site purposes has been restored to settlement and will be subject to settlement November 1, and, where surveyed, subject to entry on December 1.

This order is of special importance to a large number of homesteaders of the Salmon river country because some of their most valuable land adjacent to the river was included in the withdrawal. A greater portion of the area is valuable for stockraising only, while about 400 acres are valuable for timber.

FOREST MONEY IS \$59,227

Government Soon to Send Cash For Counties to Draw.

Boise.—Idaho's proportion of forest reserve receipts from 21 reserves in this state is \$59,227, the treasury department has notified Governor Haines. The government allows each state with forest reserves five per cent of the receipts by the terms of the act of 1908. The money is used for the public schools and highways of the counties in which the reserves are located. The warrant for the total will arrive here within a few days and will be deposited in the state treasury to be drawn by the counties.

The apportionment follows: Boise, \$2617; Cache, \$1541; Cariboo, \$4969; Challis, \$1412; Clearwater, \$394; Coeur d'Alene, \$4389; Idaho, \$1657; Kaniksu, \$7386; Lemhi, \$2181; Minidoka, \$2764; Nez Perce, \$1457; Pallasde, \$1302; Payette, \$3261; Pend Oreille, \$5459; Pocatello, \$1365; St. Joe, \$5314; Salmon, \$1515; Sawtooth, \$4896; Selway, \$664; Targhee, \$2568; Weiser, \$2497.

School Buildings Are Needed.

Idaho Falls.—In spite of the fact that Idaho Falls has completed two ward school buildings, one of eight rooms and the other of four, within the past two years the congestion is such that the school board has been obliged to rent the basement of the Baptist church and equip it for school purposes in order to accommodate 50 children of the higher grades. The children in lower grades are obliged to attend half sessions. Idaho Falls has five school buildings at the present time.

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