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# INTERESTING NEWS FROM OVER OREGON

The number of graduates from the Oregon Normal school for the present term will far exceed 100.

Logging operations in eastern Oregon are greatly hampered this winter by lack of snow in the mountains.

Counties of Oregon paid a total of \$88,408.99 interest on warrants during the nine months ending September 20.

The Siuslaw port commissioners during the week authorized the sale of \$100,000 bonds for the improvement of the Siuslaw harbor.

First company, coast artillery, of Ashland, has asked that Governor Withycombe reappoint W. E. Finzer as adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard.

Although the past season was the most dangerous one on account of dryness, for many years, the total loss of timber by fire in Coos county was only 7,000,000 feet.

Ed Bostwick of Floras Creek district was brought into Coquille by Game Warden Thomas, following the discovery of evidence that indicated that he had killed 40 deer.

An aggregate of 22.72 miles of railroad was constructed in Oregon in the year 1914, according to records compiled by the Railway Age-Gazette. The state of Washington built 206.34 miles and Idaho 130.11 miles.

Records of the city engineer and building inspector show that the city of Marshfield expended \$337,000 in the construction of new buildings, repairing others, and for paving and other street improvements during the year.

No more liquor of any kind under any circumstances will be sold in the drug stores in Coos county. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Coos County Pharmaceutical association when resolutions to this effect were passed.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. D. Mickle has prepared drafts of two bills for presentation to the coming session of the legislature, looking toward the correction of existing evils in the present sanitary and cold storage laws.

The Dalles city park association has sold its fairgrounds, just west of the city, to Wasco county for \$11,000. The property will be used by the county for a poor farm, but will be maintained in such a way that the grounds will be available every fall for the Wasco county fair.

The Oregon Irrigation congress closed its fourth and largest annual session at Portland. The following officers were elected: President, Asa B. Thomson, Echo; secretary, Fred N. Wallace, Laidlaw; vice presidents, J.

W. Brewer, Portland; John Riguy, Vale, and A. M. Crawford, Salem.

County Judge Maloney, who could have held office two years longer, in accordance with a ruling of the supreme court, resigned in favor of Charles W. Marsh, who defeated T. P. Gilliland for the office in the November election, and who was appointed to the position by Governor West.

The legislative committee of the state editorial association met in Portland and decided to recommend to the association that it approve a law requiring a uniform rate on all publications required by law, and that the unit of charge be the line of type, rather than the linear measurement.

Innocent purchasers of lands within the Benson and Hyde school sections will be given confirmatory deeds to the property on payment to the state of \$2.50 an acre if the provisions of a resolution adopted by the state land board become effective. The interior department will be asked to approve the plan.

Representative Hawley, since his return to Washington, has been laboring with the forest service trying to expedite action on the classification of lands in the various forest reserves in his district, and especially the Siuslaw reserve, from which he hopes to have eliminated a considerable area in Lincoln county.

That the state may be saved \$100,000 by doing away with the census this year seems probable. As a result of the suggestion of Secretary of State Olcott to abolish the census, which has been taken every 10 years since 1865, the secretary has received assurances that a bill will be introduced making the new law effective May 10 of this year.

The state highway commission has placed a petition, presented to it by the citizens of Columbia county, asking for the removal of State Highway Engineer Bowby, on file without discussion. The signers of the petition charged the state highway engineer with extravagance and incompetency in the construction of roads in Columbia county.

Pronouncing the present law providing that the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January of each year, and that it shall close on the day preceding the first day of the same month unsatisfactory and unbusinesslike, Secretary of State Olcott in his biennial report to the legislature recommends that it be amended to read that the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of July of each year, and close on the thirtieth day of June.

## SIGNS OF RETURNING PROSPERITY SEEN

**Railroads Place Huge Orders for Rolling Stock and Supplies.**

(Special to The Argus.)

Chicago.—Material progress of industrial activity in the United States was emphasized last week by carrying out of many plans of expanded operations.

Railroads placed orders for rolling stock, steel rails and track supplies aggregating \$6,670,000. Inquiry for more than \$10,000,000 more of these necessities are pending among the larger systems.

Reports from day to day indicate that railroad shops, the steel and kindred lines and a large number of miscellaneous industries throughout the country have re-employed upward of 40,000 men since the new year began.

The United States Steel Corporation's increase of 512,051 tons in unfilled orders in December, the first monthly gain in business since last August, shows the favorable effect of the eastern freight-rate decision. Orders placed since January 1 constitute additional tonnage, so it is fair to assume that the increasing volume of steel demand will lead to steady enlargement of mill operations.

## EMDEN'S CAPTAIN IS HELD PRISONER

(Special to The Argus.)

London.—Captain von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, has arrived in England and is a prisoner in one of the officers' detention camps in Wales. The place of his imprisonment is being kept secret.

## 57 WARSHIPS TO USE CANAL

**Fleet to Visit the Panama Pacific Exposition Is Made Up.**

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—Fifty-seven naval vessels will make up the fleet which will go to San Francisco by way of the Panama canal next March, according to announcement by Secretary Daniels. There will be 21 battleships, headed by the dreadnought Wyoming, Rear-Admiral Fletcher's flagship; 23 torpedo boat destroyers and 13 auxiliaries, including colliers and supply vessels.

At Cristobal, on the Atlantic side of the canal, the fleet will be joined by the famous old Oregon, and the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship at Manila, both of which are being fitted out for the cruise, the former on the Pacific coast and the latter at Charleston, S. C. President Wilson will sail from Hampton Roads on the battleship New York March 5, 6 and 7, the exact date remaining to be fixed.

## WASHINGTON TO VOTE ON NEW WET ACT

**Hotel Men's Anti-Prohibition Act to Come Before the Voters.**

(Special to The Argus.)

Olympia, Wash.—Secretary of State Howell completed the official canvass of petitions for initiative measure No. 18, the hotel men's anti-prohibition law, finding 45,361 valid signatures, 13,525 more than the number prescribed by law.

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## IDAHO LEGISLATURE WORKING IN EARNEST

**Both Branches Get Down to Business—Committees Are Named.**

(Special to The Argus.)

Boise.—The two branches of the Idaho legislature got down to real business Monday, when the committees were named in the house by Speaker Conner and the introduction of bills began. Up to Monday the only bills introduced were for various county division schemes.

The prohibition issue is the absorbing topic in legislative circles. The declaration of Governor Alexander in favor of the enactment of a state-wide prohibition law, to become effective January 1, 1916, came as a complete surprise even to the leaders of his own party.

Governor Alexander gave as his reason for advocating the enactment of a law not set forth in his party platform the changed conditions arising out of the voting of Oregon and Washington dry. With Idaho's western neighbors dry and this state wet, he argued, the border towns would become the rendezvous of the liquor traffic. He therefore asked that the state be made dry by legislative enactment on the same date that the saloons will be abolished in the two states to the west.

Embezzlement is investigated. Next to prohibition, legislative interest centers in the situation resulting from the embezzlement of state funds by O. V. Allen, former state treasurer, and Fred M. Coleman, his deputy, both of whom are now serving terms in the state penitentiary. Governor Alexander has recommended that no action be taken until the report of W. H. Gleason, the expert who is at work on the books of the treasury department, is presented.

Plan New Counties. The bill establishing Benewah, the proposed county to be created out of part of Kootenai county, with St. Maries as the county seat, was introduced by Hunt and Hull in the house. Bills providing for the birth of Buhl county out of Twin Falls county, with Buhl as the county seat, and Payette county out of Canyon county, with Payette as the seat of government, were also introduced. Although overwhelmingly defeated at the November election by voters of Lewis and Idaho county, the proposed county of Selway will not be downed and has again made an appearance, this time among the north Idaho legislators, in the form of indorsements from the Commercial club of Kootenai, which is the proposed county seat of the new county.

The house inaugurated a new plan for handling bills by adopting a rule creating a sifting committee, the gist of which all bills introduced must run before reaching the house floor to

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY MENACED BY ALLIES

**Dual Monarchy Is Threatened Now on All of Its Borders.**

(Special to The Argus.)

London.—The present position of Austria-Hungary seems most critical. Threatened from the east and from the south, and with Roumania preparing to cast her lot with the allies, the war is being brought to her front door. Russians are sweeping through the Austrian province of Bukovina, according to Petrograd, and a Geneva report says an Austrian army has been trapped in Galicia by the Czar's forces. Serbia, with her army more or less rehabilitated, is described here as attacking the dual monarchy from the south with renewed vigor.

On the other hand, German armies are again striking at Warsaw from two directions. Along the Vistula to the west of the Polish capital heavy fighting has been resumed, and at the same time a new attack has been launched from the north. The Petrograd war office describes the fighting as more and more desperate, and admits that the Germans made advances at many points, but says they were subsequently driven back again.

## BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP ASHORE

**Part of \$400,000 Food Cargo Will Have to Be Thrown Out.**

(Special to The Argus.)

Norfolk, Va.—Wreckers seeking to float the Maryland Belgian relief steamer John Hardie, ashore in Chesapeake bay near Old Point Comfort, reported that a part of the vessel's \$400,000 food cargo would have to be removed before she could be pulled off.

Thomas Stewart of Burns passed through here on his way from Portland, where he has been for the past month.

be considered.

The legislature was asked to memorialize congress protesting against undue increase in armament, to solicit its good offices to secure a cessation of European hostilities and to aid in the consummation of a world peace. The memorial was introduced by Senator Bowman, socialist.