

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

A good roads association has been organized in Union county to promote highway improvement.

The synod of the Presbyterian church of Oregon, will be held in Eugene again this summer.

The report of the manager of the Salem Fruit Union shows a business of more than \$250,000 for the past year.

H. G. Wilson, in charge of the government Indian agency offices at Roseburg, has been transferred to Okla-boma.

A movable school was held at Du-fur by the extension department in-structors of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Oregon schools will observe the birthday of Luther Burbank, plant wizard, March 7, with appropriate exercises.

The University of Washington de-feated Willamette University in a scrappy game of basketball at Salem, 30 to 26.

A government rifle club to be affili-ated with the National Rifle club of America was formed at Hood River with 22 members.

Clackamas county has 1303 miles of road of which 866 miles are dirt road. Thirty-two miles of new road were opened up last year.

Charles Blackwell, the first man ar-rested for drunkenness in Baker since prohibition became effective, was sen-tenced to 100 days in jail.

The Western Milk Condenser of Newberg has sold all its product to French buyers and has an order for three additional carloads.

Further delay in advertising for bids for the Portland postoffice build-ing will be caused by difficulties met in securing satisfactory foundations. Steel rails are being laid on the Os-wego, Dallas & Roseburg railroad, which will connect the Roberts creek cement quarries with the Southern Pacific.

The following Oregon postmasters have been appointed: John E. Carlson, Elgarose, Douglas county, new office; William H. Flood, Galena, vice Daisy Heaton, removed.

Committees have been named and arrangements are in progress for the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Oddfellows and Rebekahs in Roseburg May 16, 17 and 18.

President Campbell has appointed a committee on the board of regents to consider whether or not some form of military training should be adopted by the University of Oregon.

The Oregon State advised Rep-resentatives of the Oregon State

schools 292 students were graduated at the close of the first semester, and 1282 pupils were graduated from the elementary or grammar schools.

The supreme court has upheld the Portland meat inspection ordinance conditioned upon certain modifications to eliminate discriminations in favor of government inspected plants.

Mrs. Carrie Wright, an American born woman, was refused a seat in the city council of East Side, near Marshfield, to which she was elected, because her husband is a Canadian.

The Hurley-Mason company, gener-al contractors of Portland, was award-ed the contract for constructing the great plant to be built in Oregon City by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company.

Secretary of State Olcott has re-ceived word from the progressive na-tional committee that Oregon progres-sives are entitled to five delegates at the national convention of the party.

Representatives of 31 cooperative creameries met in Portland Monday at the call of J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, to organize an Oregon Cooperative Creamery as-sociation.

The Hydro-Electric company of Hood River sold its holding to the Pacific Power & Light company at a price said to be \$186,000, an advance estimated at \$150,000 over the original cost of the plant.

Representative McArthur has intro-duced a bill granting \$5000 to Joseph Stoich of Portland, as compensation for injuries received in 1914 while working as a laborer in construction of the Celilo canal.

The Klamath country is again the mecca for horse and mule buyers, and in the week just ended several hun-dred head of horses and mules have been purchased from Klamath county stockmen and ranchers.

What is regarded as one of the big-gest contracts for freight traffic closed for quite a while is the order re-cently secured by the North Bank rail-road to move approximately 10,000 bales of hops from various points in the Willamette valley to the Atlantic seaboard.

BRIEF WAR NOTES

The house of lords passed the mili-tary service bill at its third reading. The kaiser has given all the booty captured in Serbia by the Germans to Bulgaria.

General Joffre has been given su-preme powers in direction of all mili-tary activities of France.

David Lloyd-George, minister of mu-nitions, says that by spring the allies will have more munitions than their enemies.

The allied forces on the western front have lost 63 aeroplanes since October 1 last, according to a report issued by the German war office.

Restriction of imports, proposed by the government, will bring the war home to the people of Great Britain, say the London papers. Prohibition of tobacco is looked upon as unneces-sary hardship by some.

In the Caucasus the Russians assert further successes for their arms and the capture of large quantities of arms and ammunition. Between Erzerum and Mush they have occupied the town of Khuyyskai. In addition, south of Lake Urumiah, in Persia, the defeat of large Turkish forces is re-ported by Petrograd, together with the capture of prisoners and supplies.

All along the eastern line, from Riga to Bukovina, there have been arti-lery bombardments and occasional in-fantry attacks by the Russians and Germans and Austro-Hungarians. Petrograd reports a surprise attack near Buozacz, Galicia, by the Russians, in which a large party of Teutons was put to flight after having suffered heavy losses, and also the capture of three mine craters by the Russians north of Boyan.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

It is expected that \$3,000,000 will be raised by the Jewish relief fund.

Seventh-Day Adventists of North America contributed nearly \$750,000 to the church last year.

Pensions totaling \$659,389.42 were paid to retired employes of the United States Steel corporation in 1915.

American dyestuff manufacturers have agreed to export to Canada a reasonable amount of products, so Great Britain will lift the embargo on export of logwood from the West In-dies.

Attorneys for the White Star line announced that agreements had been reached with more than 200 claimants whereby about \$500,000 will be paid in claims arising out of the Titanic disaster.

Denials that Japan had revived the five demands made on China early in 1915, which were not included in the final treaty between the countries, were made by Eki Hiko, Japanese minister to China, and Ducheng Hal-ang, Chinese foreign minister.

Vain search has been made of the country for 1700 ounces of quinine for American marines in Haiti, according to Surgeon General Braisted of the navy, who asks that \$75,000 be ap-proved for reserve supplies in addi-tion to \$700,000 for current supplies.

Because a mob in Lausanne tore down a German flag raised by the Ger-man consul in honor of the kaiser's birthday, the federal council of Switzer-land, the state council of the canton of Vaud and the city council of Lau-sanne will apologize to Germany for the insult.

24 KILLED IN PARIS

Zeppelin Drops Three Tons of Ex-plosives in Air Raid.

Paris.—Twenty-four persons were killed and 27 injured when a Zeppelin airship Saturday night dropped some 3½ tons of explosives on the city and escaped in the fog. Many of those killed and injured were women and children.

Another Zeppelin raid was threat-ened Sunday night, warnings being sounded throughout the city, but the German airships withdrew when a fleet of French aeroplanes mounted in pursuit of them.

POLICE ACCUSED OF PLOT

Importation of Crooks to Start Crime Wave Alleged.

Chicago.—Four New York gunmen who robbed the Washington Park Na-tional bank of \$13,500, were indicted. By this action States Attorney Hoynes made secure his hold on the criminals, who admit they were imported to Chi-cago by politicians and crooked police to commit a series of crimes which would get the state's attorney and Chief of Detectives Hunt "in bad."

Fifteen members of the police de-partment have been involved in graft charges by "Eddie" Mack, confessed leader of the robbers, according to the announcement of States Attorney Maclay Hoynes.

Mack, who is said to have come here from New York and to have been the leader of the gang, implicated four others.

Albanians Join Italians.

Paris.—A dispatch to the Matin from Rome says Essad Pasha, with an army of Albanians, has effected a junction with the Italian forces in Albania.

DEMAND FOR 8 HOURS SURE

Issue Involves 400,000 Men and All Railroads in the Country.

New York.—It is taken for granted in railroad circles here that the refer-endum vote now being taken by mem-bers of the four great railroad unions will certainly result in a decision to present on March 1 a demand for an eight-hour day with time and a half pay for overtime. Preliminary returns indicate that the majority in favor of the demands will be heavy. In one district the trainmen have voted 20 to one for action.

The situation will involve about 400,000 men. It will involve every railroad in this country and some in Canada, having a total in capital sec-urities of more than \$20,000,000,000. It will threaten the railroads with a tremendous increase in operating ex-penses.

Japs Get Around California Land Law.

Sacramento, Cal.—That Japanese have dug up a scheme to circumvent the California alien land act is shown in an opinion by Attorney General Webb.

It appears that Japanese who are alien subjects of the emperor of Japan have been purchasing real estate in the name of their citizen children and since the law prohibits them from having any interest in real estate, are having guardians named for their children.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$1.00; bluestem \$1.11; red Russian, \$1.00; forty-fold, \$1.00; red life, \$1.00.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.50; alfalfa, \$19.

Butter—Creamery, 29c.

Eggs—Ranch, 40c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 25c; valley, 36c.

Hops—1915 crop, 9½@12½c per lb.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$1.12; club \$1.03; red Russian, \$1.02; forty-fold, \$1.05; life, \$1.03.

Barley—\$28.75 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 29c.

Eggs—40c.

Antiquity of Soap.

In spite of the antiquity of soap, as evidenced by a soap shop still to be seen in the ruins of Pompeii, the chemistry of soapmaking was not understood by us until about a century ago. Since then soap and armaments have become intimately associated with each other. For a long time soap-makers made no profit out of their "lyes." Now they extract from these byproducts glycerin, which, besides being a drug, food and "toilet requisite," enters into the manufacture of nitroglycerin and is the basis of dynamite and other high explosives.—London Spectator.

Mucilage to Stick on Tin.

Whoever has tried to stick a pa-per label on a piece of tin knows how difficult it is. Here, however, is a recipe for a mucilage especially de-signed for this purpose and published by Nature: In 150 cubic centimeters of boiling water dissolve twenty grams of gum tragacanth and add a paste made of sixty grams of flour and ten grams of dextrine dissolved in forty cubic centimeters of water. Dilute the whole with 200 cubic centimeters of boiling water and add ten grams of glycerin and ten grams of salicylic acid. Boil for five minutes, stirring constantly.

Mann Defends Wilson.

Washington.—Representative Mann of Illinois, leader of the republican minority in the house, vigorously de-fended President Wilson's preparedness program following a general at-tack on the president by Representa-tive Dies, democrat, of Texas.

Capital Honors McKinley.

Washington.—All official Washing-ton were carnation blossoms Satur-day in honor of the late President McKinley's birthday.

ARCADIA NOTES.

At our last Parent-Teacher meet-ing a new heating plant for the school was discussed; also the us-ing of home credit cards. Many of the parents think these cards should be introduced into our school as soon as possible.

Our pupils were very much pleas-ed that there were no failures in the State examinations. The highest grade, 99, was made by Robert Long. This was the highest grade given in this subject in the entire county.

Since the examinations we have as freshmen, Gladys Kiggan, Cody and Edmund Butler.

So, many families have moved into the district recently that the board is trying to buy some extra desks from the Nyssa district. These will be used in the lower grade room.

Lost.—Large screw water plug from top of auto radiator. Finder please leave it at Ontario Garage and get reward. 5-1f.

BOY DIES FROM EF-FECT OF SHOOTING.

What was alleged to be an ac-cidental death from shooting occurred 25 miles west of Riverside last Thurs-day, when Melvin Roberts, aged 15, son of Mrs. Ira Bond, died from the result of a bullet wound inflicted by his step-father, Ira Bond.

Mr. Bond was sick and lying up-on the bed and became angry at the boys because they were quarreling in the house and Bond told them if they didn't keep quiet he would punish them. Mrs. Bond cautioned him about making threats of any nature and he reached for his gun which was on a shelf near the bed. The gun was discharged, shooting through the partition, but not hitting anyone.

Then the boys and Mrs. Bond tried to take the gun away from him and the gun was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking Roberts in the groin.

The sheriff and coroner from Burns were notified and they arrived Fri-day an inquest was held and the jury rendered a verdict of involuntary manslaughter. Bond has not been ar-rested yet on account of being sick. Bond claims he was temporarily in-sane at the time of the accident.

BOUQUET FOR OUR INVINCIBLE PAT

The candidacy of P. J. Gallagher for the Republican nomination for District Attorney for Multnomah county is well supported by the different newspapers in the country. The Vale Enterprise says:

Mr. Gallagher is one of the prom-inent attorneys of the county, now located at Ontario. He is an ener-getic and aggressive advocate of any cause he favors, ad promises, if nominated and elected, to devote his entire attention to the duties of his office, always keeping in mind the in-terests of the taxpayers who foot the bills. Pat has only one blemish on his reputation, so far as the Enter-prise has been able to learn. He was once a newspaper man, but having reformed it is believed by his friends that he will be able to overcome this handicap in the course of time.

NYSSA CHEESE IN GREAT DEMAND

The Nyssa Cheese company is now in the most prosperous condition in its history. It pays all its patrons each month between the first and the tenth. Its December bills are paid, and its January bills will be paid dur-ing the first 10 days of February.

There is a strong demand for Nyssa cheese which lately has been topping the market, at good prices. This fac-tory is a co-operative institution. When the cheese made here sells at good prices, then the patrons who sell their milk to this factory get good prices, on a butter fat basis. In December the patrons of this factory were paid 32 cents per pound at the factory for butter fat. It is believed the patrons will receive a better price for their butter fat delivered at the factory during January, because Nyssa cheese now is being sold at the best prices since the opening of this plant.

An average of 4500 pounds of milk is being received daily. At this sea-son of the year the flow of milk is usually at its minimum. It is con-fidently believed that by May or June, when the flow of milk is at its height, the milk receipts will run up to 10,000 pounds daily.

The Purity Bakery and Wilson Bros. Grocery Store both now handle Doolittle Sanitary Jersey Dairy Milk and Cream. When you want a bot-tle call for this milk and cream. You will find it the best milk sold in Ontario. Every cow is tested for tuberculosis and the milk is clean and sanitary. 5-6

Doolittle's Sanitary Dairy milk and cream is now handled by Wilson Bros. and the Purity Bakery. When you want a bottle of cream or milk call for Doolittle's Sanitary Dairy Milk. 5-6

Mr. Groundhog was out of luck Wednesday. The deep snow kept him at home all day, no chance at that shadow. If the old tradition holds good spring is due.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Lawrence were visitors from Vale, Saturday.

A. L. Sprout and Deputy Sheriff Noe were visitors to Boise Wednes-day.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IN SPECIAL SESSION

A special meeting of the Commer-cial Club was held Thursday evening to discuss needs and opportunities of Ontario and vicinity.

A committee was appointed to se-crete plans for the establishing of a fruit and vegetable cannery here. The committee is A. W. Trow, H. C. Boyer and A. Gramse.

The secretary was instructed to notify the Vale Chamber of Com-merce that the local Chamber was ready and willing to co-operate in the securing of federal and state aid for the Warm Springs Irrigation project.

Messrs. Claggett, Wood and Cock-rum were appointed a committee to negotiate with the State highway commission relative to the building of the State highway down Willow Creek and also to bring the matter of gravelling the Vale-Ontario road before the County Court and ask that the same be done.

The chair appointed Messrs. Lamp-kin, Taggart and Boyer to secure the establishment of wholesale houses here.

Messrs. Gallagher, Bailey and Goodfellow were appointed as a pub-licity committee.

In order to stimulate work for the club, W. T. Lampkin offered to give the best shirt in his store and E. C. Van Petten offered to give 500 pounds of coal to the member who succeeded in getting the most candi-dates for membership by the next regular meeting.

The following were taken in as new members: W. L. Turner, P. J. Gallagher, Edwin O. Christenson, F. A. Stewart, W. C. Spencer, J. E. Good-fellow and P. J. Spencer.

BIBLE CLASS GIVE BANQUET FRIDAY

On last Friday evening occurred a very pleasant gathering of men in the interest of Bible study. Mr. Pratt secured the co-operation of the Friendly Men's class of Parma, six of their number coming to Ontario to help in this work or Bible study.

At about 8 p. m. the company sat down to a banquet prepared by the ladies of the M. E. church and any one who was there could tell by the devastation manifested on every hand that it was appreciated to the fullest extent. After this part of the program was finished the company repaired to the very pleasant lodge room of the Oddfellows and listened to the addresses of welcome by may-or Homan and "Uncle Tommy" Bar-ton.

Then the Hon. Judge Russell took charge and after a few well chosen remarks introduced Senator Baldrige, who spoke forcibly on the good that could be accomplished by a body of men working together for the interest of the community. Others of the visitors spoke earnestly urging the men to take up such work here. At the close of the program a call was made for members to form a class, which resulted in quite a number of men signing, and nearly all of them were present on Sunday morning. The Pastors of the Presby-terian and Baptist churches were present and a meeting of these men was planned to further work along this line in the several churches.

As it was quite impossible to eat at one sitting all the good things pre-pared, it was decided to return Sun-day after the morning service and enjoy another good time together, which was done.

DREAMLAND HAS A BILL FOR MONDAY

At the Dreamland next Monday evening, Feb. 7, the Royal actress Betty Nansen will assume the leading role in Count Tolstol's masterpiece, "Anna Karenina."

A heart gripping story of a love-starved woman's struggle for hap-piness. Anna Karenina, the heroine of this remarkable drama, is the wife of a Russian diplomat high in the councils of his country. This man cold, reserved and wholly wrapped up in his duties gives neither time nor attention to his young and beautiful wife.

Anna, though she respects her husband and adores her little son yet craves the love which she feels is the right of every woman, and when Count Wronsky, a handsome young cavalry officer, enters her life and offers her the admiration and devotion which are denied her in her home, she eagerly grasps her chance for happiness.

WAR DECLARED ON THE JACK RABBITS

Mr. Howard, the farm adviser, is a busy man these days. In several sections he has started the farmers after the jack rabbits and they are being exterminated. He says if the farmers will remember that one Jack killed now will mean several more less to contend with the next season that they will get busy.

It is an easy and cheap matter for all having hay stacks to fence them with rabbit wire, leaving an opening for the rabbits to get in. When the stack yard is full get busy with clubs or 22s and you will soon have all the rabbits in your neighborhood.

Another method is to dissolve an ounce of strychnine in 2 gallons of water and sprinkle it over 16 pounds of cut alfalfa. This is strong enough to kill stock and when it is spread for rabbits should be fenced in so that stock cannot reach it.

In the Bonita section a government man has been working with the farmers and in the Willow Valley the farmers had a drive, killing hundreds of the pests.

There is a general move being made throughout the country, the farmers realizing that while the snow is deep is the time to get busy.

JANUARY REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS

Report ending January 25, 1916, of our City Schools, by M. G. Baily, Superintendent.

Number of pupils remaining last month—Boys 256, Girls 292, Total 548.

Number of new pupils registered—Boys 6, Girls 4, Total 10.

Number of pupils readmitted—Boys 18, Girls 9, Total 27.

Total—Boys 280, Girls 305, final total 585.

Decrease for month—Boys 20, Girls 11, Total 31.

Number of pupils remaining at date—Boys 260, Girls 294 Total 554.

Number of pupils on register during school year—Boys 262, Girls 296, Total 558.

Number of days taught during month—20.

Whole number of attendance—9604.5.

Whole number of absences—413.5.

Whole number of times late—55.

Number of pupils neither absent or late—297.

Average number of pupils belong-ing—500.

Per cent of attendance—96.

Number of visits by parents—20.

That the attendance of the High school for the month of January was 131 pupils, or nearly twice the number of the same month four years ago, when E. G. Baily took charge of the City schools, speaks well for him and the other teachers as edu-cators of the younger generation. At the present rate of growth, the present buildings will not be large enough to accommodate the pupils for two more years.

GERMANS MAKE GAIN ON WESTERN FRONT

London.—The western war front has been the scene of really heavy fighting, the Germans having launch-ed a determined offensive there. After making, in recent days, several dents in the entente allies' lines which had been straightened out again in whole or in part by counter attacks, the Teutons after heavy bombardments, assaulted the allied positions along a front of several kilometers south of the River Somme and to the northeast of Neuville in the Artois region.

The attacks resulted, according to Berlin, in sweeping gains in both cases, the village of Frise and 1000 yards of trenches south of it being taken in the more southerly sector, while in the Neuville region 1500 yards of trenches were stormed, the gains amounting to nearly a mile and a half of front. Incidentally more than 1100 prisoners and 22 machine guns were taken.

The French account of the fighting in the south of the Somme differs materially from that given by Berlin. It is declared that the Germans failed in their attacks except on the bank of the Somme, where they were able to drive a detachment of French troops out of the village of Frise. Paris asserts that the attack has been checked, and that some of the trenches lost were recovered.