

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

A \$200,000 bond issue for the Umpqua harbor is proposed.

High water has done much damage to roads and bridges in Gilliam county.

The 13th annual district convention, Knights of Pythias, was held at Seaside.

The Blewett Harvester company has decided to move its plant from Spokane to Pendleton.

The principal office of the Oregon Power company will be removed to Springfield from Eugene.

Work on the proposed forestry building at Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis began Monday.

The public schools of Junction city are to have a community industrial school garden this spring.

There have been only two arrests for drunkenness in Medford since the passage of the prohibition law.

The rise in the price of sacks this year has made the grain handling problem an acute one with the farmers.

Nine editors of Washington county met at Beaverton and organized the Washington County Editorial association.

Oregon will contribute no less than \$350,000 to the federal government this year in income and corporation taxes.

A truce between the warring Portland branches of the Hop Sing and Bing Kong-Bow Leong tong has been declared.

Operations at the big Phoenix stone quarry in Sutherlin have been commenced. The plant had been idle several years.

The Columbia river highway between Astoria and Westport was badly damaged by the rains and freshets of last winter.

Excavation for the foundation of the new \$750,000 addition to the plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company started Monday.

The George Palmer mill at La Grande voluntarily increased all its employees' wages 11 per cent beginning with March 1.

For the week ending February 24, 179 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident insurance commission, of which three were fatal.

Establishment of a lumber and marine exchange as an adjunct of the Portland chamber of commerce will probably be accomplished by April 1.

Suggestion that the state and federal government co-operate in financing irrigation projects in Oregon is made by John H. Lewis, state engineer.

Delmar Colegrove, a rancher living in the southern end of Curry county, suffered a loss of 1200 sheep and more than 70 head of cattle on account of the recent storms.

The Silver Falls Timber company will erect a \$500,000 plant on its property at Silverton, to be operated in conjunction with the company's logging camps nearby.

Farmers in the eastern part of Benton county are holding public meetings in nearly all the precincts advocating the establishing of public market days in Corvallis.

James McComb was convicted by a jury in the state circuit court at Baker of murder in the second degree in having slain Leonard Goul, a blacksmith, November 18 last.

The 13th convention of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' association closed at Portland with a banquet at the chamber of commerce. The 1917 meeting will be held in Spokane.

The first result of Coos county's showing at the San Francisco exposition was an inquiry from a woodworking firm in Ohio, asking for information about myrtle wood and veneer.

Portland business men will conduct an excursion to Marshfield and other towns on Coos Bay in July in celebration of the completion of the Southern Pacific's new line to that territory.

In an effort to open the river at Oregon City from the suspension bridge to the falls to net fishing, a test case was begun to knock out the Gill act, passed by the 1915 legislature.

Philip Buehner, a wealthy Portland lumberman, and his son, H. C. Buehner, are in Marshfield to look over the big holdings of the Simpson Lumber company, for which a \$1,000,000 deal is now pending.

Three-fifths of the voters of the last election must sign a petition for the removal of the county seat from Culver, Jefferson county, before the question can go on the ballot, Attorney General Brown has ruled.

The Oregon Agricultural college extension service will co-operate with the officials of the Chemawa Indian school in putting on a special course in agriculture and home economics for the benefit of the Indian students. The course is planned for the first two weeks in August.

F. E. Taylor, president, and Paul A. Cowgill, secretary, will represent the Portland realty board at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges to be held in New Orleans, March 27-31.

A crowd estimated at not less than 400 people attended the first community meet ever held in Halsey. Shedd, Tangent, Brownsville, Harrisburg, Peoria, Lake Creek, Pine Grove, Albany and other places were well represented.

Under the authorization of the state highway commission, State Engineer Lewis will employ a consulting engineer to check the work of the contracting firm of Peterson & Johnson in Clatsop county on the Columbia river highway.

Issuance of 4 per cent state bonds, and the lending of the proceeds direct to the farmer at the same rate of interest and in the same manner as the irreducible school fund is now lent, are advocated by Percy A. Cupper, assistant state engineer.

Moonshiners are doing business in Oregon, and others are getting ready to establish hidden stills, according to information that has come to L. W. Elliott, special agent of the internal revenue department for the Oregon and Washington district.

As a means of aiding in relieving the car shortage in Oregon, shippers have been notified by the Oregon public service commission to unload all freight with the utmost promptness regardless of the 48-hour free time limit permitted by demurrage rules.

With the discovery of two more cases of smallpox among inmates of the Oregon penitentiary, officials of the institution decided to vaccinate all of the 560 prisoners and also the employees. Altogether three cases of smallpox have broken out in the prison.

One thousand persons who have voted in previous elections in Clackamas county will be barred this year by the initiative measure passed at the last election, providing that only citizens may vote. The registration of Clackamas county will be cut from 15,000 to 14,000.

Eight hundred acres is to be planted to flax in the Willamette valley this year if joint efforts being put forward by the Portland chamber of commerce, the Southern Pacific and O-W. R. & N. railways, the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college are successful.

According to the report of the state highway department for the year 1915, which has just been issued, there was expended through the department last year, December 1, 1914, to November 30, 1915, the sum of \$621,578.40. Of this amount \$358,845.94 included county funds and the remainder, \$262,732.46, state funds.

Present indications are that three Oregon counties, at least, will vote on the question of issuing bonds for road improvement at the primary election in May. These counties are Wasco, Gilliam and Umatilla. The amount of the bond issues being considered are as follows: Wasco, \$340,000; Gilliam, \$195,000; Umatilla, \$980,000.

The republican and democratic parties in Oregon must each nominate 143 candidates at the coming primary election May 19, besides electing 10 delegates to their respective national party conventions. Records of the secretary of state's office disclose that a total of 85 persons have filed declarations of their candidacy for election and nomination by their respective parties. Of this number 71 aspirants are republicans.

With the completion of the new carpenter and machine shops at the Oregon state training school at Salem the state of Oregon is enabled for the first time to provide profitable employment for the 150 boys committed to its care and give them the foundation for acquiring knowledge of useful trades and occupations. Establishment of a practical trades school was made possible by the appropriation by the last legislature of \$10,000.

Oregon's forest protection agencies since 1912 have waged a campaign of "preparedness," according to data compiled by State Forester Elliott. During the period from 1912 to 1915 inclusive the state forester said that more than 3000 miles of abandoned and obstructed trails were made passable; 729 miles of strategic new trails built; 442 miles of telephone line were constructed and 25 cabins erected for the use of lookout men in the forest service. This work called for an expenditure of \$50,000, practically all of which was borne by the timber owners.

The reports received by Secretary of State Olcott during the past week from the various counties of Oregon indicated that, probably due to the better weather, registration was progressing more rapidly, but there is still room for doubt that all will be registered for the primaries. The total registration had reached 61,180 when the reports were mailed, but this is only about one-fifth of the number qualified to vote in Oregon. The registration by parties was divided as follows: Republican, 40,590; democrats, 15,457; progressives, 403; prohibitionists, 1237; socialists, 1529; miscellaneous 1864.

NYSSA-ARCADIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT

An informal meeting of the officers of the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage district was held yesterday afternoon at the Bank of Nyssa. Supervisors Roy Williams and J. C. Fleming, Secretary Frank D. Hall and Consulting Engineer Dodge were present. The only business to be transacted was the signing of a petition to the county court by the supervisors. This was duly done and the seal of the district attached by the secretary. The petition asks the court to include additional lands in the district that can be taken in advantageously and exclude lands that do not properly belong in the district. Engineer Dodge went to Vale today to file the petition with the county court. The court will undoubtedly set an early date for hearing the objections if any should develop.

A map of the district as it is now proposed was received yesterday and it is now at the Bank of Nyssa where all can see it. The new boundaries include lands both north and south of the old district and will extend from the Duncan place on the south to a point north of Arcadia.

The engineers have gone over the ground carefully and have planned a system that will drain every acre in the district and render productive hundreds of acres that are now worthless.

The regular meeting of the supervisors will be held at the Bank of Nyssa Saturday, April 8, and all land owners are urged to attend. It is the desire of the supervisors that complete publicity be given their official acts and the public be kept informed of the progress of the work.

Chief Engineer McGee has submitted the following plans and estimates together with the lands to be included in the district, to the board of supervisors:

Caldwell, Idaho, March 18, 1916.

To the Board of Supervisors of the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage District: Gentlemen—I hand you herewith an amended plan for reclamation, together with additional maps that cover the additional territory covered by the revised system of drains, also profiles of the same.

In amending the plan for reclamation we have embraced the entire water shed from the Owyhee Ditch to the Oregon Short Line Railroad, as this territory drains through one outlet. The territory between the Owyhee and the Shoestring Ditches was embraced as a matter of protection for the District and providing a means for those property owners to dispose of their waste water.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a copy of the description of the boundary line of the District as amended, also a list showing the acreage within the District exclusive of that portion lying between the Owyhee and Shoestring ditches, a list of which will be furnished later.

An estimate of the cost of the system as amended is as follows:

Main Canal	152,648.4 cubic yards
Lateral No. 1	29,800.0 cubic yards
Lateral No. 2	15,152.6 cubic yards
Lateral No. 3	4,685.6 cubic yards
Lateral No. 4	10,316.8 cubic yards
Lateral No. 4a	6,011.4 cubic yards
Lateral No. 5	22,256.9 cubic yards
Lateral No. 5a	2,684.0 cubic yards
Lateral No. 5 b	8,548.4 cubic yards
Lateral No. 6	9,494.6 cubic yards
Lateral No. 7	14,248.6 cubic yards
Total cubic yards	275,827.3

COST

275,827.3 cubic yards at 10c	\$27,582.73
10 per cent for possible extensions	2,758.27
Highway bridges, 5 at \$225	1,125.00
Highway bridges, 7 at \$200	1,400.00
Flumes and wasteways	3,950.00
Wood box Lateral No. 3, 1320 feet at 31 1/2c	415.80
Wood box Lateral No. 4a, 2,000 feet at 36c	720.00
Concrete Headers, 7 at \$62	434.00
Brick head ends, 8 at \$25	200.00
Cleaning Emerson Wasteway	450.00
Clean up on ditch	200.00
Drainage excavator machine	10,000.00
Total estimate of cost	\$49,235.00

The item of 10 per cent was added to take care of any additional laterals, that is the item of \$2,758.27, we do not believe will be necessary, but is put in as a matter of precaution.

If the board of appraisers adopt the plan of assessment as suggested, the cost per acre will be approximately as follows:

Class No. 1	75
Class No. 2	1,667
Class No. 3	2,50
Class No. 4	6,67
Class No. 5	\$10.00

The above figures and classes of

land are figured on the same basis as heretofore reported.

All waste ways and flumes must be provided with an opening with a trap gate in the center. Said opening must be full width of the flume and four feet long. And the ends must be at least three feet upon the solid ground, and constructed in such a manner as to be easily removed for the passage of the machine in cleaning the ditch.

All rights of way and bridges for private use must be provided for by the board of appraisers in making assessment for benefits and damages and a detailed statement thereof must be contained in their report.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY C. MCGEE,
Chief Engineer.

Approved:
C. C. DODGE,
Associate Engineer.

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NYSSA ITEMS
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(Nyssa Journal)

Bruce Duncan was walking on crutches this week as the result of an accident sustained while driving cattle for Pete Tensen. While going full tilt after an unruly animal the horse he was riding turned suddenly, causing a severe wrench to one of his feet.

Prohibition a Good Thing
After three months' experiment with prohibition in Nyssa Dick Tensen is a thorough convert to the "dry" side of the question. Mr. Tensen was one of the few who suffered a direct pecuniary loss when the lid was clamped down and for a time was unable to see the great benefits of a dry regime. However, after observing the results since the first of the year he says it is the best thing that ever happened to the country. "With a dry town," said Mr. Tensen, "and dry land reclaimed by a good drainage system we will have a country that can't be beat."

Artisans' Goat Gets Busy
A special meeting of the Artisan lodge was held Wednesday evening and four applicants were initiated into the mysteries of the order. Large delegations from both the Ontario and Payette lodges were present and as the goat belonging to the local assembly is not very well trained yet the Payette goat was used in the initiatory ceremonies. He proved to be a particularly active and frolicsome beast, and the victims of his stunts got their money's worth, as did also the spectators. The initiatory ceremonies were followed by sumptuous refreshments.

The local assembly now numbers between 30 and 40 members and is in a most satisfactory and flourishing condition. Supreme Organizer Bennett and Supreme Medical Director Eshelman, who organized the assembly, were present to view their completed work and pronounced it good, pleased with the result of their work here.

Ambassador to Turkey Morgenthau says he made an umbrella of the flag. Which is a lot better than making a doormat of it.

Time, tide and the war wait for no man.

Yes, sister, you may sleep in peace. Finston's on the job.

Health, wealth and cussedness are modern triplets.

To be sure, we might delegate the Mexican task to Ford's pilgrims.

Even one fleeting smile is worth a whole year of grouch.

Incidentally, it is more to go out and get a thing howl because it doesn't come way.

Bullets, like joy riders pause to take stock of the they inflict.

Upon second thought, this a better town than we had Tie to it.

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