

OREGON CITIES SHOW EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY

Industrial development in Oregon continues. Shipbuilding breaks all records. Crops good with high prices. Railroads and public utilities making many improvements.

Jan. 1, Buhl—Alfalfa seed industry here reaches 121,000 bushels for 1916.

Salem to get \$60,000 addition to federal postoffice building.

Vale—Western Pacific Co. will sink well here for oil and gas.

Oregon legislators plan \$18,000,000 bond issue for rural loans.

Portland — \$1,750,000 Portland-Vancouver bridge complete over Columbia river.

Pendleton—\$30,000 road show theatre planned here.

Marshfield—Smith-Powers Co. ask franchise for railroad from Bunker Hill to Summit.

Silver Lake Leader—Since Oregon in the past few years has become known as the incubator of freak legislation, the grounds where every willy-nilly idea is first tried out, it is to be hoped that the members of the 1917 legislature will strive to correct this evil and perform the duty that a majority of the people of the state have elected them to do.

Salem — Attorney General demands \$38,320 to conduct his department on account of many laws enacted.

Flouring mill at John Day to operate after February 1st.

Oregon City—Woolen mills here shared profits with 409 employees.

Portland — Albina Engine — Machine Works has contracts for two 3200 ton and four 3800 ton steel steamships.

Medford defeated irrigation district formation to great detriment of sugar beet industry.

The proposed bill to kill commercial fishing on the Rogue river should get such a defeat in the legislature that no more industry killing legislation of that kind will be proposed.

North Bend — Large dredging improvement to be undertaken on Pony Slough.

North Bend — 225 foot lumber carrier Florence Olson, launched here.

Roseburg — Total tax levy of Douglas county for 1917 \$276,328, as against \$413,203 for 1915.

Oregon valuations as equalized \$51,481,512 below 1915.

Cushman — Logging railroad to be built up Bernhardt Creek.

Salem — Spaulding Logging Co. purchases South Mill Creek water power and site for manufacturing Land County budget cut by \$21,000 below estimates.

Silver Lake Leader — It is to be devoutly wished when the Legislature convenes on January 8, 1917, that each member will go to the State capital with the avowed purpose of making this commonwealth a "Great Oregon," by promoting such laws that will invite capita into the state, thus bringing about the development of its wonderful resources.

Prairie City — Four mill here to be operated next year.

Coos Bay coal mines being developed as S. P. Co.'s new line in here has opened other markets.

Leedsport — S. P. Co. making extensive improvements here.

Portland — to reduce high taxes, city and county government to be consolidated. School district and port district to be added to reduce overhead.

La Grande has largest packing plant in Eastern Oregon.

Haines — Work on chloride mine on Rich Creek to be resumed.

Bend, the boom town of Eastern Oregon, now has two daily papers.

Albany will seek to develop flax industry.

First railroad, then sugar factory, now smelter, and the Grants Pass snowball of progress rolls on.

Portland — Oregon hotel to be raised to 15 stories — cost \$750,000.

Salem erecting two brick stores.

Albany — Furniture factory is in the market for 30 carloads of Coast alder, maple and ash, cut in the following lengths: Four feet 4 inches, and 8 feet and 8 inches, cut in cordwood size.

Proposed Oregon freak lawbill to make lazy husbands work.

Brownsville — Rep. Elmore re-elected to the legislature, has never introduced a bill of his own and says that he has none this time. His idea of service to his county is not in seeing how many bills he can get passed.

PRaise GROWS IN VOLUME AND DEGREE FOR THE NEW SERVICE (Continued from page one)

continue their journey by auto before a late hour arrives, while the morning train going east at 7:30 al-

SOCIAL NEWS NOTES.

IDAHO MAN COMES TO CLAIM ONTARIO BRIDE.

At the home of her parents on King street, at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, Miss Eva Lee Vanderhoof became the bride of Kelso Plumer Newman of Jerome Idaho. Only members of the bride's and groom's family together with a few friends of the bride witnessed the pretty ceremony which was performed by Rev. Ashcroft of the Episcopal church of Payette. The bride wore a charming gown of light gray chiffon trimmed with lace and fur. Her going away suit was of purple.

Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served and the young couple left on the evening train for Portland where they will spend a few days, returning here before proceeding to their home in Jerome.

Both the bride and groom are well known to Ontario citizens having been prominent in the younger set for years since they graduated from the local high school, Mr. Newman in 1910 and his wife in 1913. After leaving Ontario Mr. Newman went into the sheep business in Idaho and is running a large flock near Jerome where they will live.

Besides the bride's parents and her brother George those who witnessed the ceremony were: Mrs. Catha Griffin, sister of the groom, Misses Celia Hayden, Ruth Test and Lela Jones.

BLANTON-DOWNS.

Monday evening at 7:30, Will Thomas Downs and Effie Blanton were married at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. D. E. Baker. The beautiful ring service was used in pronouncing them husband and wife. Mr. Downs has leased his father's farm on the Boulevard and the newly married couple will at once move out and take charge.

Taking advantage of the beautiful sleighing under the new moon a number of young women enjoyed an old fashioned sleighing party. The ride took them to Payette and back again, ending with a lunch at Fifer's late in the evening. Those present were: Misses Whitaker, Emma and Justine Clark, Nell and Mae Platt, Callin, Boydell, Cora and Ethel McNulty and Hengl and Mrs. Head.

The Bachelor Girls gave another of their pretty bi-weekly parties at the Gracie of the Moore Hotel last Friday evening. The principal diversion of the evening was Five Hundred for which the honors were won by Miss Cora McNulty and Andy Maneman.

The Nut club made up of High School boys was the host for a merry dancing party at the Oregon club rooms last Thursday evening. A number of Payette High School boys attended.

Mrs. Jacob Prinzing has cards out for a handkerchief shower, for next Saturday afternoon at which the honored guests will be Miss Nell Platt and Miss Emma Lark, brides of the near future.

"The Remnants" met last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam.

The Tuesday Bridge met this week and was entertained by Mrs. H. A. Whitworth.

so gives to travelers an opportunity to depart at a reasonable hour. The distance by rail over the O. & E. road from this point to Ontario is 126 miles. The distance from Vale to Ontario is 14 miles. If Crane and intermediate points along the line for a distance of 112 miles are perfectly satisfied with the new service of a well equipped railroad, why should not the waiting station of Vale be contented with their lot.

The stations and adjacent territory between Vale and Crane constituting a population of ten to one in comparison with a one station with selfish motives, have a right to be heard when the matter of train service is inaugurated to their entire satisfaction and appreciation.

JORDAN IS RECOGNIZED BY SHORT LINE, SAYS EXPRESS (Continued from page one)

ly to find the freight for which they were sent would not come in until the next train day and they would have to stay over two days at a big expense. By changing the mail route to start from Homedale instead of from Caldwell, as now, would always get the mail into Jordan Valley the same day it started from the railroad instead of having to lay over one

THEATRE PARTY HAS JOLLY TIME AND SOME STAY LATE

"The Winning of Barbara Worth", was the magnet which drew a number of Ontarians to Weiser Monday evening. Among the passengers on the special train operated for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grieg, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Kellogg, Mrs. J. W. McCulloch, Mrs. Jacob Prinzing, Mrs. C. R. Emison, Mrs. Lucy Fox, and Mrs. Twila Head, all of whom were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth at a line party, among the Weiser guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kenyon, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Cornucopia.

When the excursion train started to leave for the return trip the crowd found separation difficult after so enjoyable an evening and several succumbed to the importunities of the Weiser folks to "stay over for the next train", while others neglected the opportunity and are now regretting it for the aftermath was equal to the prologue and when the morning train came it carried a happy but sleepy party of Ontarians home.

Cards, Society and Social Activity Being the Chronicle of Week's Events

TEACHERS FORM CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLE

A number of the members of the public school faculty, together with several of their friends have undertaken the perusal of Chautauquus course during the remainder of the school year. The first meeting of the study circle will take place Monday evening. Among other subjects on which they will acquire more information are: England, France, Italy and Art in Belgium.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grieg, and Mrs. Harry Wilson went to Weiser Sunday where they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenyon. Later they were joined by Mr. Wilson who returned that day from Salt Lake City.

OREGON CLUB GIVES UNIQUE PARTY

"Mothers' Night," was the name given by the social committee of the Oregon club to the unique party which was held last evening. To this party the honored guests were the "Mothers" of members and friends. The club bulletin declared that "wives, sisters or sweethearts" were absolutely forbidden. A special musical program and attractive refreshments were prepared in honor of "The Mothers" and a most enjoyable evening was the result.

Mrs. Harry Wilson of Cornucopia, who formerly was a resident of Ontario was the guest of honor at a number of social functions given in her honor. Among the many pleasing parties given her was that by Mrs. W. F. Homan at her home on Virtue street Friday afternoon at which the guest list included the members of the Tuesday Bridge club.

Mrs. Frank Rader was the hostess for a pretty afternoon card party Friday afternoon, having for her guests the members of the Wednesday bridge club.

The regular weekly gathering of the Wednesday Bridge club was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Cayou who has recently returned to Ontario from Vale to reside.

day at Sheaville, as it does under the present schedule, six months of the year.

IN DENSE FOG ENGINE HITS CAR ON CROSSING (Continued from First Page.)

fact that he had the side curtains down and the noise of his engine, he did not see or hear the train approaching from the east. Owing to the fog the fireman did not see the auto until it was almost on the crossing, too late to be saved, for both train and auto were going about 20 miles per hour.

After the train stopped it was found that Mrs. Clark was suffering from scalp wounds and she was taken to Vale for treatment. Miss Fairbanks was attended by local physicians and is suffering from injuries to her back. The Fairbanks boys escaped injuries.

A committee of inquiry was held Monday consisting of Assistant Superintendent C. E. Brooks, William Rasmussen, claim agent, and Agent H. O. Drain, with A. E. Fraser representing the public. After hearing the statements of the members of the party and examining the train crew the board exonerated the railroad men from blame in the matter.

GENERAL



General Mangin, the French commander, who recently drove the Germans back at Verdun.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Minor engagements only are reported from the Russian front in Galicia and from Macedonia.

In attacks along the Transylvanian frontier, Teutonic troops have driven ahead in the face of strong counter attacks.

Except for a French attack on the new German lines on Dead Man hill, near Verdun, which was repulsed, there is little activity along the front in France.

The Teutonic line of advance from the Wallachian plain now lies well to the north of Rimnik Sarat, on the railway from Buzau to Fokshani, while on the right flank a still nearer approach has been made to Braila, the Danube granary, which is one of the main objectives of Von Mackensen.

Although Berlin reports that the Teutonic allies in Dobrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Roumanians and have forced the Russians from fortified height positions east of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila, Petrograd announces that the invaders' south of the Danube have been repulsed with heavy losses, except at the village of Rakel, which has been occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

A Vienna dispatch announces the death of Eduard Strauss, the composer of danced music.

The coronation of Emperor Charles and Empress Zita of Austria, as king and queen of Hungary took place in St. Mathew church at Budapest.

Argentina's wheat harvest this year will be one of the poorest the country has ever seen, due to injury by drought and locusts, according to consular reports.

Five hundred gallons of fine whiskies, wines and beer were poured into a city water wagon at Phoenix, Ariz., and the streets of the business section sprinkled with the liquor.

Denial that Great Britain has agreed to furnish Japan, after the war, with six battleships as part of the price of Japanese participation in the conflict, was made at New York in a cable message from the Japanese government.

David Caplan, last of the four alleged dynamiters brought to trial for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910, and the death of 20 men, was sentenced to ten years in San Quentin penitentiary on a charge of manslaughter.

Rubber Shoes and Tires Go Up.

New York—An immediate 14 per cent advance in the price of rubber footwear of all kinds was announced here by the United States Rubber company. The company has also advanced tire prices, effective at once, averaging 15 per cent for casings and 10 per cent for tubes.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Valdez.

Valdez, Alaska.—For the second time in 18 months, Valdez lies in ashes. Fire, aided by a stiff wind from Prince William sound, wiped out the business section and invaded the residence district before it was subdued. The cause of the fire is attributed to incendiarism.

Army Aviators Make Record Flight.

Philadelphia.—Eight of the 12 army aviators who started from Hempstead, E. I., for this city in a qualification test for government pilot licenses arrived at the Philadelphia navy yard, completing the flight of 146 miles in less than two hours.

Wisconsin Omits Inaugural Pomp.

Madison, Wis.—As a measure of economy for the first time in the history of Wisconsin, the constitutional state officers-elect took possession of their respective state offices Monday without the usual inaugural ceremonies.



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