

# OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

## Medals Awarded Oregon Schools.

Exposition Grounds, San Francisco.—The Oregon school exhibit in the Palace of Education won the gold medal on playgroups as portrayed in the official pamphlet, a silver medal on individual club work and the silver medal on its exhibit as a whole.

This recognition was gained in the face of the fact that the principal Oregon exhibit and all other exhibits of the Oregon school children are in the Oregon state building and were not entered for awards. Two-thirds of the states have elaborate exhibits, many spending as much as \$40,000 and none less than \$5000. Oregon's exhibit cost the state \$1000.

Miss Stuart, of the Lux Girls' School, San Francisco, says:

"There is no exhibit of sewing on the grounds that equals that of the Oregon school children in the state building."

Great credit is given E. F. Carlton for the installation.

## Decision May Bring Suit.

Salem — Foreign corporations which paid to the state about \$100,000 under a graduated tax law passed in 1903 and pronounced by the Supreme court to be unconstitutional cannot recover the money, according to an opinion of Attorney General Brown in reply to a query of Corporation Commissioner Schulderman. The attorney general held that the payments were voluntarily made in contemplation of the laws and decisions of Oregon, and consequently the companies cannot be reimbursed.

Prior to the decision of the Supreme court the 1913 legislature, being advised that the law probably was unconstitutional, passed an act providing for a flat annual license. Corporations asking for a return of their money say the law was void from the start, and it is believed that suit will be brought.

## Re-assessment Is Legal.

Salem — Holding that re-assessment of property for the construction of sewers in Riverside sewer district, Portland, was valid, the Supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Harris, affirmed the decree of Circuit Judge Davis in the suit of Portland against H. R. Blue and numerous other property holders.

The validity of an ordinance passed in 1911 providing for the re-assessment was attacked by the defendants, who alleged that re-assessment was made under the old charter. It was contended that the charter under the commission form of government repealed the old charter. The Supreme court, however, held that provisions relating to the re-assessment were re-enacted in the new charter, and hence the re-assessment was legal.

## Woman On Eugene Board.

Eugene—C. E. Shumway, a plumber, was elected member of the city council from the Second ward. The election was made by the council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Bogue. For three weeks the councilmen have sidestepped this issue, and the mayor finally forced a vote when another effort was made to postpone.

Mrs. R. McMurry was elected a member of the Eugene school board for five years.

She defeated L. E. Bean, ex-state senator from Lane county, two to one. Her husband was a former member of the board.

## Water Plan Formulated.

Medford — The present plan of the Water Users' League, recently appointed at an emergency irrigation mass meeting, is to obtain water from Big Butte instead of from the Rogue River Canal company, to adopt the modified district plan and have an irrigation system owned by the ranchers themselves. According to present figures if 40,000 acres are signed, water can be had for \$35 an acre, whereas the present price is \$50 an acre. Dry weather following the dry season of 1914 has aroused public interest.

## 113,672 Acres May Go.

The Dalles — Representative N. J. Sinnott was advised by Chief Forester Graves that the secretary of agriculture has recommended for elimination approximately 113,672 acres from the Paulina National forest. The general land office is now engaged in the preparation of the necessary proclamation to be submitted to President Wilson. If the President approves of the recommendation it is anticipated that the elimination will be made effective by July 1, 1915.

## First Wool Sale at Redmond.

Redmond—The first wool sale ever held in Redmond occurred Friday, and about 172,000 pounds were offered. The top price offered by the buyers was 20¢ a pound.

There were 10 buyers here, but the bulk of the wool was bought by Alex Livingston, of the American Woolen Mill, of Boston, and Charles H. Green, of Portland.

## Gaston Votes \$8000 Bond Issue.

Gaston — The voters of the Gaston district have voted a bond issue of \$8000 for the erection of a new schoolhouse in Gaston, the result of the vote being 42 for and 3 against. The purpose of the school board is to have a one-story schoolhouse with basement, four classrooms and a large assembly hall. A four-year high school course also was voted on.

## Wool Prices are High.

Baker — More than half a million pounds of wool from Baker and Grant counties were put up at the annual wool sales here and 418,197 pounds were sold at prices ranging from 15¢ cents to 19¢ cents, which are among the best prices paid in this vicinity for some time.

Most of the wool sold was from the John Day country, several Baker woolmen holding their clips for still higher prices. Alexander Livingstone, of the American Woolen mills, got the bulk of the wool. There were 27 woolmen and 10 buyers here. The sellers, residence, buyers, quantity, and prices are as follows:

Laycock and Bailey, Mt. Vernon, Koshland, 10,164 pounds, 18½ cents; John McDonald, Mt. Vernon, The Dalles Scouring mills, 18,654 pounds, 17½ cents; Charles Lee, Baker, Livingstone, 12,620 pounds, 16½ cents; A. M. Murray, Dayville, Burke and Angell, 12,854 pounds, 16 cents; James Cant, Dayville, Livingstone, 17,053 pounds, 15 cents; Joseph King, Audrey, Livingstone, 5760 pounds, 17½ cents; Moore Brothers, Mt. Vernon, Burke and Angell, 17,076 pounds, 18½ cents; C. A. Valade, Dayville, Livingstone, 10,897 pounds, 19½ cents; E. Stewart, Dayville, Livingstone, 40,171 pounds, 18½ cents; Mrs. K. F. McRae, Dayville, Livingstone, 90,042 pounds, 19½ cents; James Pope, Mt. Vernon, Livingstone, 18,745 pounds, 18½ cents; Gay Brothers, Dayville, Livingstone, 12,000 pounds, 19 cents; R. T. McHaley, Prairie City, Livingstone, 9032 pounds, 18½ cents; A. J. Fletcher, Mt. Vernon, Livingstone, 7709 pounds, 18½ cents; Mrs. E. Ashford, Canyon City, Livingstone, 16,252 pounds, 19½ cents; J. C. Moore, Mt. Vernon, Livingstone, 14,602 pounds, 17½ cents; Boyd Erickson, Dayville, Livingstone, 19,232 pounds, 16½ cents; H. Ringsmeyer, John Day, Livingstone, 24,206 pounds, 16 cents; W. R. Maschall, Dayville, Koshland, 45,398 pounds, 18½ cents; Coffey and Gale, Baker, Livingstone, 12,540 pounds, 18½ cents.

## Wedding Brings 3 Tribes Together.

Klamath Falls—Perhaps the most important wedding ceremony ever performed on the Klamath Indian reservation took place Friday when Elphie Pitt was married to William Henry at the home of the bride's father, "Pitt River Johnnie," on Pitt Spring Creek, about 35 miles north of this city. Elphie is a Pitt River bride and William Henry is a Klamath. The wedding party numbered more than 200, and consisted of Klamath, Pitt River and Modoc Indians.

All the Indians ate at the same wedding feast, and smoked the pipe of peace together in true American aborigine style. It is said this was the first ceremony when all three peoples were present and seated at the same banquet.

John Pitt, father of the bride, being an Indian of considerable means, wished to present her with a suitable gift in remembrance of her marriage. The selection was an automobile, bought the day before and paid for in cold cash.

Mrs. Henry not only now boasts a swain from one of the best Indian families on the reservation, but the distinction of being the only owner, man or woman, white or Indian, of an automobile on all the northern portion of the reservation.

## Mining Options Obtained.

Baker — Preparing for extensive gold-dredging operations between Baker and Sumpter within the next few months, W. B. Willoughby announces that he had secured options on practically all the valley and bench land in the Sumpter valley, between the location of the Sumpter dredge and the mouth of the Sumpter valley canyon, near this city. Some 4000 acres are embraced in the tract. While Mr. Willoughby refuses to disclose the exact particulars of the deal, he declared that the land was being obtained for the use of three well-known mining companies.

## Mine to Spend \$100,000.

Baker — Improvements to cost at least \$100,000 will be made at once on the Ben Harrison mine, one of the best-known producers in this part of the state. Forty men are preparing for the improvements to be installed so that the entire work of turning ore into bullion can be done there. The work is expected to be finished this summer and the new machinery will greatly increase the output and will lessen the cost. The mine has been running steadily until a few months ago.

## Klamath Horses Bring \$60,000.

Klamath Falls — Twenty more horses were shipped this week to San Francisco. Some time ago 300 horses left Klamath county in one bunch, and it is estimated that practically 500 Klamath horses have left here since the European war began. The average selling price has been somewhat over \$120, which would make a total left here in exchange for local horses of more than \$60,000. This last shipment of 20 averaged \$135 per horse in price.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland — Wheat — Bluestem, 96c per bushel; forty-fold, 93c; club, 93c; red Fife, 88c; red Russian, 88c.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$27@27.50 ton; shorts, \$28@28.50; rolled barley, \$25.50@26.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36 ton; cracked, \$37. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @ 16; valley timothy, \$12 @ 12.50; grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$12.50 @ 13.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, Oregon, 40 @75c dozen; artichokes, 75c; tomatoes, \$1@2.50 box; cabbage, 1½@2½c pound; head lettuce, \$1@1.15 crate; spinach, 5c pound; rhubarb, 1@2c; peas, 2@3c; beans, 5c; green corn, 25@40c dozen; carrots, \$1@1.50 sack; beets, \$1.50; turnips, \$1.35.

Green Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$1.25@1.50 crate; apples, \$1.50@2.75 box; cherries, 3@7c pound; gooseberries, 2@4c pound; cantaloupes, \$1.75 @2.50 crate; loganberries, 85c@1; raspberries, 85c @ 1; currants, \$1 @ 1.25; apricots, \$1@1.25 box; peaches, \$1@1.25; watermelons, 2½@3c pound. Potatoes—Old, \$2@2.25 sack; new, 1½@2c pound.

Onions—Yellow, \$1@1.50; white, \$1.75; red, \$1.75.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 19½ @ 20c dozen; No. 2, 16 @ 16½c; No. 3, 13 @ 13½c. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 21c dozen; No. 2, 19c.

Poultry — Hens, 11 @ 12c pound; broilers, 18 @ 22c; turkeys, dressed, 22@25c; live, 18@20c; ducks, old, 8 @9c; young, 15@18c; geese, 8@9c. Butter — Creamery, prints, extras, 27c pound; cubes, ordinary, 22@23c; fancy, 24c.

Veal—Fancy, 10@10½c pound. Pork—Block, 10@10½c pound.

Hops—1914 cop, 10@12c; contracts, 11c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @27c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20½c; valley, 26@30c; mohair, new clip, 30 @31c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 4@4½c pound.

Grain bags—In car lots, 8½@8½c; in less than car lots, about 1c more.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7@7.40; good, \$6.75@7; medium, \$6.50@6.75; choice cows, \$6@6.25; good, \$5.75@6; heifers, \$4.75 @ 6.75; bulls, \$3.50 @ 5; stags, \$5@6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7.50 @ 7.85; heavy, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5 @ 5.75; ewes, \$3@4.75; lambs, \$5.50@7.25.

## New Apples on Market.

Tacoma — Nice yellow transparent apples, the first shipment of the new crop to be received here this season, rolled in on the local produce market. The old apples are gone and dealers say the new fruit will have no trouble in finding a ready market and supplying the demand.

The transparents are of good size and a perfect eating apple, say dealers. They sell in peach boxes at 75 cents.

Commission men say the new crop will not be as large as last season's, but better prices will be obtained on this account. Last year's apples were sold better. The season began as if there would be thousands of boxes wasted, but when the season drew to a close there were hardly any left.

Middle West, Eastern and Southern states took the surplus that usually goes into cold storage and gave healthy prices.

## Flour Prices Take Tumble.

Portland — There was a 20-cent decline in flour price this week, which brought the price of patents down to \$5 a barrel. Straights will be quoted at \$3.40 to \$5.60. No change was announced in the price of whole wheat or graham flour. The wheat market is at about the same level as early in the month, when the last flour reduction occurred, and there is a firmer feeling, yet in the long run the tendency of wheat values appears to be downward. It is evident that the flour market is settling down to a new crop basis.

## Oregon Grains Declared Fine.

Cottage Grove, Or.—J. E. Kuni, of Minnesota, who visited Finley Whippis during the past week, declared that never before had he seen such grain as that on the Whippis Mosby Creek place. He walked through oats that were as high as his head, rye that was much higher, with wheat, barley and other grain in proportion. He said that was the finest grain he had seen in Oregon and that he had never seen any finer than that of Oregon.

## Apple Yield Is Less.

Walla Walla — District Fruit Inspector C. W. Gilbreath estimates Walla Walla county's apple yield this year at 60 per cent of last year; the peach crop at 75 per cent, pears at 50 per cent, cherries at 65 per cent, plums, prunes and potatoes at slightly more.

Grain dealers estimate that 100,000 bushels of last year's wheat crop are still in the valley. Of this about 40,000 are club and 60,000 turkey red and bluestem.

## Wallowa Horse Market Good.

Wallowa, Or. — The horse market continues to be good in Wallowa county. This week A. B. Hall shipped out three cars of cavalry horses to the St. Louis market, and M. L. Marks has loaded out four cars, mostly large horses for the Omaha market. On June 29-30 the third big horse sale of this season will be held and it is predicted that at least 500 head will be sold and shipped to the Eastern market.

## Early Alfalfa Crop Retarded.

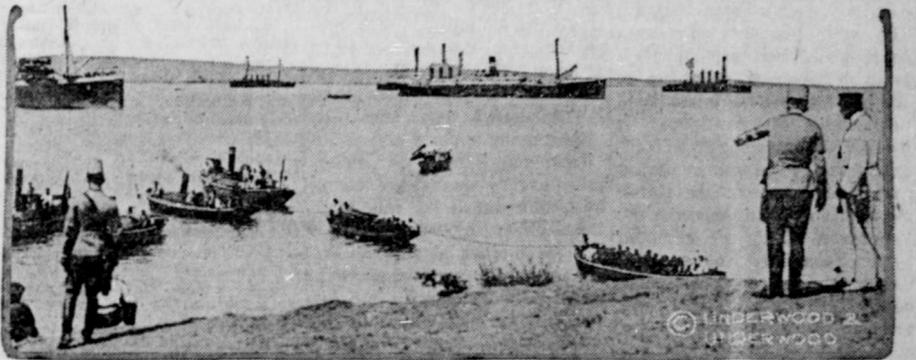
Pendleton, Or. — Reports from the west end of the county indicate that the recent cold rains and wind have retarded the early alfalfa crop.

## LONDON WOMEN RIOT AGAINST GERMANS



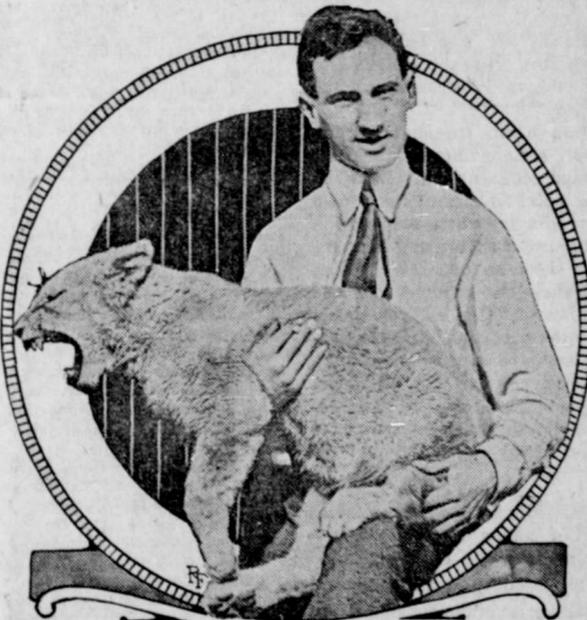
Scene in a London street during one of the recent anti-German riots. The woman in custody of the two constables was one of a mob that had wrecked German shops.

## MEN AND SUPPLIES FOR AUSTRIA'S BATTLESHIPS



This photograph, taken at Pola, Austria's naval base in the Adriatic, shows boatloads of marines, supplies and ammunition being hurried aboard the battleships and transports.

## NEIGHBORS OBJECT TO THIS PET



This is Max Gould of Paterson, N. J., and his pet lioness cub Queenie, to which Max's neighbors have raised objection, appealing to the health board. Max says Queenie is as harmless as a kitten.

## HIS DAILY NONALCOHOLIC GROG



Russian soldier taking his daily "grog," which is nonalcoholic since the issuance of the czar's decree against vodka.

## WENT TO CHINA TO MARRY



Miss Ida Miller Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Taylor of New Rochelle, N. Y., recently journeyed to China to be married, and in the Pro-Cathedral at Shanghai she became the wife of Rev. Francis J. M. Cotter, formerly of New York. For their honeymoon trip they went up the Yangtze river to Kuling, where they will spend the summer studying the Chinese language. In the autumn they will return to Wuchang, where Mr. Cotter is in charge of St. Michael's church.

## An Easy Choice.

Bishop Sanford Olmsted said at a dinner party:

"The charge that the church is governed by mercenary motives is an insidious one. I think the charge was best answered by the prison chaplain.

"A chaplain was addressing a congregation of prisoners, many of whom had given more than one proof that they were profiting by his visits. But there was a certain rough, brutal-looking fellow who always scoffed and sneered. And today this fellow, when the chaplain greeted him, said:

"No, I don't want to shake hands with you, parson. You only preach for money."

"Very good, my friend; have it so," the chaplain answered. "I preach for money. You steal for money. Let God choose between us."