

**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

The Oregon Irrigation Congress will meet in Portland for its third annual session, Friday and Saturday.

The First National Bank of Merrill has applied for membership in the new banking system.

W. S. U'Ren of Oregon City has formally announced himself as an independent candidate for governor of Oregon.

William Hanley, of Burns, will be an independent candidate for United States senator from Oregon at the general election next November.

Floyd Bilyeu, chairman of the state game and fish commission, states that the department will save about \$8000 a year as a result of moving its offices to Salem.

T. T. Geer, ex-governor of Oregon, is considering seriously becoming a candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the coming primary election.

Senator Chamberlain's joint resolution to continue the provisions regarding the marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors was reported favorably to the senate.

Mrs. Joseph Nussbaum gave birth at the Salem hospital to a baby January 26, making the fourth baby of the family born on that date in as many generations.

The federal grand jury will, it is said, investigate the business transactions of T. R. Sheldon, former president of the First National bank of Roseburg.

The "dry" petition, bearing names of 262 voters, was presented to the city council at Klamath Falls, asking the question of prohibition to be placed on the ballot.

Two hundred and fourteen native Alaskan school children at the Salem Indian school have telegraphed Senator Chamberlain their thanks for getting the Alaska railroad bill passed.

The North Pacific Fir & Lumber company, which is installing a big mill at Banks, will put in an electric power and lighting plant for use by the inhabitants of the village.

Governor West is considering accepting an invitation of the National Civic Federation to speak on "Prison Reform" at a meeting to be held in New York city March 6.

The O-W. R. & N. Co. is showing moving pictures at La Grande, in a campaign of education to show how accidents may be avoided and urging people to keep the laws of the country.

The departments of civil engineering in both the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon were ordered eliminated by the board of higher curricula.

The Interstate Commerce commission announced that they will give hearings on Senator Lane's resolution to investigate the steel trust freight rebates, dates of hearings to be announced later.

Because he claims Oregon as his real residence Jale Grulich, serving time in federal prison at McNeill's island, denies jurisdiction of any court outside his own district in matter of proceedings to forfeit his citizenship papers.

At the second meeting of the loganberry growers of the Willamette valley, held at Salem, the 100 growers present voted to effect a permanent organization for the purpose of developing the loganberry market and advancing the interests of the growers in every way possible.

Representative Sinnott's bill to authorize the secretary of war to detail two army engineers to work with engineers of Oregon and Washington and the reclamation service in evolving a plan for the development of the Celilo Falls power project, seems to be meeting with favor.

Hereafter it will be unlawful to work any woman employe more than 54 hours a week, and employers will be required to pay experienced women workers not less than \$8.25, and inexperienced workers not less than \$6 a week. This is the ruling of the state industrial welfare commission.

A movement has been started in Polk county to prevail upon the county court to employ a general supervisor over road construction in this county. It is estimated that the employment of a competent man to oversee and direct all road construction and maintenance in Polk county will save many thousands of dollars.

Probably the highest price ever paid for an apple tree was the \$600 which was paid to an Oregon farmer for a 13-year-old seedling which grew in a fence corner on his farm. The worth of the tree to the purchaser lay in the fact that it yields ripe apples every month from May to November, the fruit being rich in quality and prodigious in quantity.

The people of Oregon will be given opportunity to recover, by vote at the election next November, the use of tidelands in the Portland harbor. An initiative measure revoking the tide land franchise of 1862 will be prepared within the month by Frederick W. Mulkey, chairman of the public dock commission. This franchise gave up land owners of waterfront right to use tidelands for dock construction.

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**WHERE IS THE CLUB?**

Both Salem papers state that Fred S. Bynon returned from Stayton where he helped the Stayton people to organize a Booster Club. We acknowledge the visit of the Secretary of the Salem Commercial Club, and listened to one or two of his best stories but we will be darned if we can find that Booster Club. Maybe he took it home in his pocket.

**PRESIDENT "RENIGS" ON CANAL TOLLS**

President Wilson is standing in a rather inconsistent light on one or two subjects. In one breath he tells the women of the United States that he cannot come out for equal suffrage because the Democratic platform does not contain that plank, and in the next breath he says that he is against free tolls for American vessels that go through the Panama Canal, which WAS one of the planks of the same platform.

The president thinks the clause of free tolls might have been all right at the time but that conditions have changed. In our small way we wonder if conditions and opinions have not changed somewhat on the question of equal suffrage since the Baltimore convention also.

**STRIKE!**

Salem women are learning to bowl. We wonder if the fair sex of that city will improve their aim to any extent when it comes to handling a rolling-pin or a flat iron.

**A POINT OF VIEW**

The Rev. Dr. Chas. F. Aked, one of San Francisco's most gifted ministers denies the "Immaculate Conception," and the other ministers jump on him with both feet. Evidently Dr. Aked was born in Missouri.

**DID YOU VOTE FOR GOV. WEST?**

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**West Stayton**

Abeline Blöge visited with friends in Stayton the last of the week.

Mary Jarvis of Eugene spent the week-end at the Dively home.

The Pie Social given by the Ladies Club, of West Stayton, on Wednesday evening was well attended. Every one present had a good time.

Mamie Fisher of Stayton visited at the A. Forrette home Thursday.

There will be a Parent-Teachers meeting at the Hall Friday evening, February 13th. Everybody come.

A large crowd of young folks from this place attended the dance at Ashfords Friday evening.

A. Forrette and wife visited at the Frank Wolf home near Sublimity Sunday.

Chris Mulkey made a business trip to Stayton Monday.

John Crum has improved the looks of his place, by putting in a new wire fence lately.

Messrs. Dively and Imlay have rented the Kearns ranch.

**School Notes**

The entertainment given by the High School Friday evening was well received by the large audience which attended. Miss Lilly and Mr. Eagan from Salem sang and Mr. Bynon also from Salem spoke for us showing us how well Mr. Gauntt's speeches are always received.

The Student Body wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. J. W. Mayo, Mrs. J. M. Ringo, Mrs. G. F. Korinek and Mr. C. Hoffer for helping us with our entertainment Friday Evening.

The Teachers' institute will be held at the school house Saturday, February 21. A good program will be given by the school.

Mrs. Joe Fisher and Mrs. Flake visited Miss Olmsted's room Monday.

The Second and Third grades have finished their readers and after a short review will take up supplementary readers.

Miss Ida Mack and Miss Mabel Gardner visited the school Wednesday.

The Parent-Teachers' meeting will be held at the Opera House Friday evening February 20. A number of good speakers have been secured for this meeting.

Theo Matthieu attended the funeral of her grandfather last Friday.

The pupils of the third grade are weaving napkin rings from raffia. The pupils of the second grade are accomplishing good results from paper cutting.

Sylvia Dardy was absent last week on account of sickness.

The High School will have examinations this week as this is the end of the first semester.

**Mehama Mites**

Meral Mulkey was ill last week.

Mrs. LaBare and her daughter Mrs. W. Durr were Mehama visitors Sunday.

Julius Titze made a business trip to Stayton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were Mehama visitors Sunday. Mr. Henderson tuned Ben Beringer's piano.

Wm. Mulkey is putting the roof on his barn.

Rue Drager went to Salem Sunday and returned Monday.

The band practiced on the hill near the school house Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Stout and Miss Lena Brestler had some dental work done in Stayton last week.

We didn't have church Sunday as Rev. Allen was ill with la-grippe.



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