

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Oregon Bankers' association held its convention at Medford.

The free text books question was snowed under at the school election in Portland.

A typewriters' speed contest was held at Astoria Thursday. A silver loving cup was the prize.

Plans have been completed for holding the first Chautauqua at Pendleton July 5 to 10.

Andrew J. Dufur, Jr., first mayor and one of the founders of Dufur, died in Portland.

Monroe adopted a new city charter without much opposition. Out of 13 votes cast only seven were opposed to the charter.

Thomas McFarland of Banks caught a yearling deer in his back yard, to which place the animal had strayed. He will keep it for a pet.

The ashes of Hurley Lutz, ex-county clerk, were scattered in the bay at Toledo, by the lodge of Elks, in accordance with the man's request.

A big street dance the last night of the Salem cherry fair to be held July 25, 26 and 27 will be one of the features of the celebration.

Josephine county residents turned out in force to attend the Cave Day celebration, which was held under the auspices of the Grants Pass commercial club.

Richard Williams, former member of congress from Oregon, school director of Portland and the oldest practitioner before the Oregon bar, died at Portland.

The Oregon national guard, the Idaho national guard and the regulars from Vancouver barracks, Wash., will meet in annual encampment at Gearhart Park July 12 to 20.

An agate, containing a half-moon and showing the "Man in the Moon" has been found by Mrs. N. J. Moore, of Agate Beach. It is one of the most remarkable agates ever found.

An out-of-doors display representing Oregon life will be one of the attractive features at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. The exhibit will cost about \$10,000.

The following officers were elected by the Oregon Pioneer association: President, T. T. Geer, 1851; vice-president, Charles B. Moores, 1852; secretary, George H. Himes, 1853; treasurer, Charles E. Ladd, 1857; directors, John W. Minto, 1848; Henry L. Pittock, 1853; Nathan K. Bird, 1846.

The Oregon apple box will become the standard apple box for the entire United States, if congress can find time to pass the Raker bill, which was favorably reported recently to the house by the committee on coinage, weights and measures.

In an opinion asked by C. C. Spencer, of Oregon City, Attorney-General Crawford has held that the bonds of school clerks must be double the amount of money it is estimated they will handle. The bonds must be approved by the school boards and the county school superintendents.

Commissioner Campbell has announced that the state railroad commission henceforth would insist upon all commission merchants in the state observing the commission merchant act enacted by the last legislature.

The secretary of the interior has designated a tract of 284,000 acres of land in Oregon for entry under the enlarged homestead law. Most of the lands embraced in this designation lie in the Deschutes and John Day river basins.

Dental work to the estimated value of \$2000 was performed on prisoners at the state penitentiary during the last week by applicants for licenses to practice dentistry in Oregon who appeared for examination at the regular semi-annual session of the Oregon state board of dental examiners.

Interpreting the county division law for G. B. Putnam of Bend, Attorney-General Crawford holds that if a county is to be divided into three counties, each of the two new counties must receive 65 per cent of the vote cast in its proposed boundaries, and 35 per cent of the vote cast in the balance of the territory, including the other proposed new county. In other words, the attorney-general holds that when two new counties are being created at the same time out of one county the percentage of the vote that must be obtained is the same for each proposed new county as though only one county was being created.

"We want to everlastingly kill off single tax; that's what this measure is for," declared T. J. Fording, of Portland, when he submitted a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment to the secretary of state. The measure, which Mr. Fording said would be initiated, bears the name of David M. Dunne. It proposes to amend section 1 of article IX of the constitution. The measure provides that no property, to exceed in value the sum of \$300, shall be exempted from taxation, and that this provision, when once adopted, shall never be amended, except by two-thirds vote of all the electors who may participate in any general or special election wherein a change in the system of assessment and taxation is proposed.

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INDUSTRIAL NEWS OF THE STATE

Eola will have a \$5000 church.

The 1914 wool crop brought Oregon \$2,080,000.

Maupin is to have a new \$15,000 bank building.

Lane county hop crop this year will be \$350,000.

Dallas voted fair grounds and septic tank bonds.

Albany loganberry drier handled 8000 pounds a day.

Albany will have a \$50,000 school erected this year.

Cottage Grove has lowered its school tax 5 1-2 mills.

Eugene is laying 21,600 feet of water main extensions.

Marshfield voted \$15,000 for a high school gymnasium.

Force of laborers doubled on the Hill terminals at Flavel.

Cannery, cannery, is the cry of the Albany business men.

Sellwood is to have the first wing of a large hospital built.

Bandon fire losses amounting to \$200,000 are to be rebuilt.

Portland millers are to be allowed to bid for army supplies.

Mercy hospital, Eugene, will build a \$15,000 training school.

Astoria is to have the most powerful wireless telegraph station.

Milwaukie will get a one dollar gas rate from the Portland Gas Co.

Clackamas county will establish a sand and gravel plant at New Era.

The Langreel, Baker county, sawmill will be located on Burnt river.

Hood River county will vote on a \$75,000 bond issue for the Columbia highway.

Independent bar pilots have reduced rates from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per foot draft for vessels.

Portland municipal dock No. 1 will be enlarged to hold two large ships at the same time.

Mrs. Hogue will build a \$200,000 hotel at Eleventh and Washington streets, Portland.

The Oregon Power Co. has 100 men at work extending its intake for the Springfield water supply.

Chas. Bordeaux of the American Brewing Co. of Baker has been looking up a location at Fort George, B. C.

Labor Commissioner Hoff had a meeting of officials of labor boards at Portland to consider needed labor legislation.

The State Grange bulletin says not one person in a hundred will pay anything but a land tax if the \$1500 exemption passes.

The manufacture of logan berry juice and sawdust briquets are new industries being considered in various parts of the state.

The new quarter of a million feet a day electric sawmill of the Booth-Kelly Co. at Springfield was given a trial the past week.

Porter Bros. expect to add 800 men to their force on the Tsilcoos lake section of the Willamette Pacific, south of Florence.

By a vote of 12 to 1 Portland voters defeated free textbooks. The industry of state published textbooks is to be established next year.

A franchise has been granted the Pacific Power and Light Co. to build 4 miles of streetcar lines in Clatsop county running from Astoria.

The Portland Central Labor Council is agitating an initiative bill to annul the franchises of the Portland Gas and Coke company which the legislature refused to repeal.

The publication of the proposed eight hour law for this state is being hastened that the people may know just how drastic the measure is and how it will affect farmers.

It is claimed that the \$1500 tax exemption for "every person" would allow whole families to take out \$1500 apiece and virtually establish the single land tax in Oregon.

The Oregon Public Utilities commission authorizes increased telephone rates at Newbery, and in the Eugene electric power case, sustains the contention of the Oregon Power Co.

During the past week the Oregon Public Utilities commission has fixed standards of quality in water, gas, light, heat, and telephone service. Effect of order not yet known.

Under the head of a state industrial survey the water power on the Rogue river is to be investigated with a view to putting the state into the business of generating electric power.

H. C. Sampson of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors Ass'n. says the Panama canal will bring large shipments of German beer and the vessels will take fruit tonnage back with them.

The Socialist party is initiating a bill to tax estates and create a fund for unemployed, to be administered by the State Labor Commissioner, authorized to build railroads and public works of all kinds.

Freak laws have had the same effect in Wisconsin as Oregon. In both states taxes have doubled. Wisconsin went up from \$2,566,711 in 1913 to \$7,655,318 in 1914. For many years they had no state levy.

The announcement is made that by an agreement between the department of Economics of the State University and the Central Labor Council, a campaign will be taken up to solve the problems of unemployment.

Mt. Pleasant

The Basket dinner and church was well attended Sunday, every one reported a very interesting time.

A. F. McCully and son Claude of Halsey motored down to the H. Shank home Saturday evening.

Frank Haberman and wife of Munkers were guests at the M. F. Ryan home Sunday.

Several of the young folks of this vicinity attended church at Kingston Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ed Smith was an Albany visitor last week.

Edith McKnight and son Lionel went to Scio Sunday afternoon after spending a few weeks with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Semaine of Portland motored up to the J. Huber home Saturday evening and returned to their home Monday morning accompanied by Grandma Huber.

Misses Mabel and Ada Thayer of Scio visited in different parts of this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel Townes returned back to her home Thursday after spending the winter in Portland attending school.

Crystal Shank visited with home folk Saturday evening and Sunday.

Roxana Shank spent Tuesday with Angeline Ryan.

H. Senz and wife were Sunday visitors at the H. Shank home.

Lula Downing spent last week with Mrs. Floyd Downing.

Neva Thayer was a guest at the W. R. Ray home Saturday and Sunday.

Everyone reported a very enjoyable time at the singing given at the Fax Thayer home Sunday evening.

Pearl Lindheart of Portland is visiting with Mrs. Fax Thayer this week.

Mehama Mites

Luther Stout and wife went to Salem Saturday and returned Sunday.

C. A. Mulkey went to Albany Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Montgomery a daughter June 19.

Wm. Mulkey was on the sick list last week.

Rue Drager went to Salem Monday.

Mrs. Hays of Salem is staying at the Lewis Stout.

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