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**OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Important Occurrences of Past
Week Briefly Compiled for
Our Readers.**

Lane county will hold its annual
Hood Roads day about May 1.

The organization of an automobile
club in Albany is being planned.

Boys in nearly every school in Was-
co county will take up cornrowing
this year.

La Grande's city commission has be-
gun a crusade against card tables in
poolhalls.

Seventy-nine Albany men have signed
the membership roll of Albany's
new Civilian Rifle Club.

Grant county is preparing to fight
spotted fever, one case having been
reported near Prairie City.

A postoffice has been established at
Belknap Springs, Lane county, with
Harvey B. Sloan as postmaster.

The first regular passenger train
over the new Willamette Pacific rail-
road left Marshfield Wednesday.

J. N. Burgess has filed his resigna-
tion as state senator of the Twentieth
district, with Governor Withycombe.

A new school building, 70 by 112
feet, two stories high, brick construction,
is to be erected soon at Yoncalla.

The Southern Pacific company is
making preparations to electrify the
lines through Independence to Corvallis.

Leading educators of Oregon met at
Salem and held the third annual
conference of the Oregon Social Hygiene
society.

By scattering pieces of poisoned
sausage about the streets, someone has
killed several Albany dogs the past
few days.

Improvements in the Southern Pacific
yards in Eugene which will ne-
cessitate the expenditure of \$100,000
have begun.

Practically all plans for the eighth
annual Strawberry Festival to be held
at Roseburg on May 18, 19 and 20 have
been completed.

While excavating for a basement at
Oregon City, men employed by Frank
Busch have uncovered 29 skeletons of
Indians in one hole.

Rabies among coyotes has appeared
again in the vicinity of Long Creek.
Several have been killed while attack-
ing domestic animals.

The big plant of the George W.
Moore Lumber company at Bandon,
and the Courtney mill, near Marsh-
field, have started operations.

Plans are maturing rapidly for the
establishing of a factory at Albany for
the preparing and bottling of fruit
juices and especially loganberry pro-
ducts.

Raymond Weist, aged 28 years, was
instantly killed when a log fell on him
at the unloading yards of the Nehalem
Mills & Logging company at Scappoose.

Plans are being made for the celebra-
tion on May 6 at Champoeg of the
71st anniversary of the establishment
of an American form of government in
the Oregon country.

At Hillsdale, three miles northeast of
Forest Grove, the West Willamette as-
sociation of Congregational churches
held its twentieth annual meeting on
Tuesday and Wednesday.

Willard F. Jones has been appointed
postmaster at Flavel, to succeed Ray
Wimber, resigned. Byron F. Miller
has been appointed postmaster at Jasper,
vice Mrs. A. Wright, resigned.

The survey of the Medford-Crater
Lake highway has begun with a crew
of 12 men under Engineer J. W. Ball
of the United States office of public
roads. The work will probably cover
a period of five months.

Lane county growers will pool their
wool this spring at Eugene, Junction
City and Cottage Grove, according to
an announcement made by C. J. Hurd,
market master of the Pomona Grange,
the county organization.

At a meeting of broccoli growers at
Roseburg, reports were submitted
showing that the Roseburg Fruit Un-
ion received \$1.35 a crate F. O. B.
Roseburg for all broccoli shipped from
Douglas county this season.

At a price close to \$45,000, paid in
cash, Vey Brothers have purchased 15,
000 acres of range land from the
Northern Pacific. The land lies south
of Echo and has been used for a num-
ber of years by Vey Brothers.

The state land board has refused to
grant a request of Jason Moore, of
New York, for permission to assign
his lease of Summer and Abert lakes to
a corporation to be formed under
the laws of the state of Delaware.

Plans are being made by good roads
boosters of Astoria, Warrenton and
Seaside to celebrate July 4 the formal
opening of the four and one-half
sections of hard surface road between
Columbia beach and West station.

Paving the way for a \$100,000 cor-
poration which will work 100 tons of
volcanic sand daily to secure there-
from gold and platinum, the state
desert land board has leased to Frank
Melvin of Portland, a tract of 170
acres located on the Deschutes river,
six miles west of Gulvay.

SENATOR HARDING



Warren G. Harding, United States
Senator from Ohio, selected to deliver
keynote speech at Republican National
Convention.

The shipping season on Hood River
strawberries, the crop of which will
reach more than 125 carloads, will be
two weeks later than last year, when
shipments were being made as early
as May 15. Apple blossoms this year
will come about May 1.

M. D. Bossman, Sr., arraigned in the
circuit court at Grants Pass, charged
with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Lu-
ther B. Akers at Wilderville, Febru-
ary 27 last, pleaded guilty and was
sentenced to life imprisonment in the
state penitentiary at Salem.

What is hoped to prove an important
mineral find near Canyon City
has been reported by A. J. Kane and
J. A. Andrus from Canyon mountain.
The mineral is zinc carbonate, the ore
being classified as Smithsonite, a sam-
ple assayed running 11 per cent zinc.

District Attorney J. C. Johnson, of
Curry county, has taken a stand that
he will not entertain prosecutions un-
der the obsolete Sunday-closing law,
and will follow Judge Gantenbein's
ruling that the law may rest until the
people vote on the question next No-
vember.

The Jersey breeders of Oregon are
organizing all over the state to make
Oregon the leading Jersey state. Ore-
gon now holds second place only to
New York in the number of Jerseys
on official test for butter production,
and several of the best records are
held in this state.

J. Fred Bohler, now professor of
physical education and director of
athletics at the Washington State col-
lege, has been elected to fill the posi-
tion of head director of athletics at
the Oregon Agricultural college to
succeed Dr. E. J. Stewart, who recently
accepted a similar position at the
University of Nebraska.

Business transacted by life insur-
ance companies in Oregon last year,
as shown by the advance report of
State Insurance Commissioner Wells,
amounted to \$138,445,000. Of this re-
markable amount of business, \$130,
683,000 was insurance on the lives of
people in Oregon and the remainder
was industrial business.

Four of the 214 accidents reported
to the state industrial accident com-
mission during the week ending April
6 were fatal. They were the cases of
John Katsaros, of Enterprise, killed in
a sawmill; Ingvial Severson and
John McClelland, Portland, killed in
railroad work, and James Bell, Lin-
ton, killed in a sawmill.

The report of State Treasurer Kay
for the three months ended March 31,
shows a balance on hand in all funds
of \$1,201,574.34. During the quarter
the receipts totaled \$906,098.81, while
disbursements amounted to \$1,232,085
and transfers to \$46,007.56. A total of
\$6,591,729.08 of the common school
fund is shown to be invested.

Horses and cattle are being poison-
ed in the Dead Ox country near Onta-
rio. Dr. Moore was called to the
Crull place to see a sick horse and
found a case of arsenical poisoning.
This was the second horse killed for
Mr. Crull and the trouble was soon
located in some small piles of hay that
had been soaked in arsenic solution
to kill jack rabbits.

The state industrial accident com-
mission has announced that it had ap-
pointed Karl Hinges, of Salem, as a
statistician for the commission to suc-
ceed Ben Williams, resigned. Mr.
Williams will take a position with the
extension department of the Univer-
sity of Oregon. Charles Craig, of Sa-
lem, was named assistant claim agent
to succeed Mr. Hinges.

By contracting last December for a
carload of paper upon which to print
election supplies, the state of Oregon
has saved \$1575 over what it would
have paid had the purchase been made
at present. The carload of paper cost
the state \$2350, but, had the purchase
been delayed until now the price would
have been \$3925, owing to the rapid
rise in paper prices since the first of
the year.

Malheur county has taken the ini-
tiative toward the construction of a
state highway from Ontario via Vale,
Jamieson, Brogan, Ironside to Unity
and thence down the John Day river
to some point on the Columbia high-
way. A petition with 377 names of
business men of Malheur county re-
questing the county court to take im-
mediate action has been presented to
the court.

A comprehensive plan for the im-
provement of the highways of Coos
county has been set forth in a report
made by E. I. Cantine, chief deputy
state engineer. The report was made
under the direction of J. H. Lewis, the
state engineer, under instructions of
the Oregon state highway commission,
in compliance with a request made by
the Coos county court and the Coos
county good roads association.

A survey is being made for a road
between Scottsburg and Reedsport, in
Douglas county. The road when built
will connect the beach at Winchester
bay, Reedsport and Gardiner directly
with Scottsburg, giving a straight out-
let from the coast to the Pacific high-
way at Drain, without having to travel
20 miles of the distance by boat. When
the road is opened to travel it is the
plan of Lakeside and Coos Bay resi-
dents to build a road from the bay to
connect with it. This will give Coos
Bay connection with the Pacific high-
way.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

The Dutch steamer Palembang was
not the victim of a German submarine
Germany, informed Holland.

The offensive of the Russians
against the Germans in the northwest
of Russia has simmered down to mu-
tual bombardments and bombing at-
tacks by the German and Russian avi-
ators and artillery actions in the Lake
Narocz region.

Violent fighting is taking place on
the Austro-Italian front, the Austrians
being on the aggressive in several sec-
tors and reporting considerable suc-
cesses, with the capture of numerous
prisoners.

Persistent attempts by the Germans
to reduce the salients in the French
lines northwest of Verdun are result-
ing in steady progress for the opera-
tion.

The Bethincourt salient, which for
weeks has projected like a wedge into
the German lines northwest of Ver-
dun has been evacuated by the French.
The evacuation was carried out un-
der cover of darkness and without in-
terference, and the French, through
the move, have been enabled to
straighten out their line.

The German losses before Verdun
up to the present time have reached
the huge total of 280,000 men, one of
the greatest battle losses in the whole
range of warfare, according to esti-
mates made public from a French
semi-official source, "the result of
careful neutrality made in the highest
quarters in which the figures have
been rigorously checked and verified."

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Unusual cold and snow was experi-
enced throughout Atlantic and middle
west section the latter part of last
week.

There was launched in New York
last week a movement to urge Elihu
Root for president. A statement to
this effect, signed by 74 prominent re-
publicans, was given out.

On an average of 15 to 20 American
soldiers are brought from Mexico daily
for treatment at the Fort Bliss mili-
tary hospital. The hospital is filled to
capacity now with 325 cases.

Henry Ford declared the result of
the Michigan presidential preference
primary in which he defeated United
States Senator William A. Smith by
more than 5000 votes, was a victory
for peace rather than for himself.

Approximately 5000 government
clerks in Washington have formed a
union and taken affiliation with the
American Federation of Labor as a
sequel to the recent unsuccessful ef-
fort in congress to require them to
work eight hours a day.

Frederick C. Tanner was re-elected
chairman of the New York republican
state central committee, defeating
State Senator Charles W. Wicks by a
vote of 82 to 63. The Wadsworth-
Barnes faction was decisively defeat-
ed, Governor Whitman's adherents re-
maining in control.

Tragedy Disclosed in Walla Walla.
Walla Walla, Wash.—The bodies of
Mary Hawn, aged 18, and her step-
grandfather, C. M. Frazier, aged 50,
were discovered in a room of a hotel,
the result supposedly of a double sui-
cide. Miss Hawn's death was due as
a result of taking poison capsules con-
taining a white powder found in the
room. The man used a cheap revol-
ver, muffling the report in a blanket.
The girl's home is in Toppenish,
Wash., and she has been attending
school here. The man has business
interests at Prosser and mining inter-
ests in Idaho.

Wisconsin Majority for La Follette.
Milwaukee, Wis.—Complete returns
of the result of the primary shows
that La Follette will be represented by
16 of the 24 delegates from Wisconsin
at the republican national convention.

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