

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

#### Farmers Demand Share.

Medford.—Demanding that the county be divided into districts and that each district be pledged so much road work, outlying localities are now voicing their opposition to the \$1,500,000 bond issue to be voted on at a special election called for September 30.

Residents of the protesting sections wish to know, before they vote for the issue, whether their taxes will be fixed and just how much of the money they will get.

#### Oil Will Replace Wood.

Springfield.—The Oregon Power Company will use oil for their boilers in the big steam electric plant in this city which supplies the entire upper Willamette Valley with electric power. The change will be made to avoid the shipment of fuel from Coburg and Wundling, made necessary as a result of the destruction by fire of the Booth-Kelley sawmill a few weeks ago, from which the power plant received its fuel.

### MERLIN TO BE TERMINUS

#### Change of Route is Due to Better Facilities for Terminus.

Merlin.—Considerable interest is manifested here over the reported intention of the Southern Pacific Railroad to run its branch line from this place into the Illinois Valley, and thence to Crescent City, Cal.

This change of routes is supposed to have been caused by the lack of land for terminal facilities at Grants Pass, a condition which would not prevail at Merlin, as the company already owns ample grounds, and Charles E. Short, of the townsite company, says that his company will add as much more land as may be needed.

Engineer Roberts, of the Southern Pacific, has announced that he will begin the survey at once, and that the work of construction will follow in a short time.

#### Will Spend \$2,000,000 in Project.

Brokan.—The Willow Creek Land & Irrigation Company has expended on its project comprising 20,000 acres of land at Brokan and Jamieson, \$1,900,000. This project was started in 1909 and a wonderful development since that time has taken place.

#### League Asks Rate Cut.

Salem.—To arouse interest in the towns of the Willamette Valley in a reduction of freight rates on the Southern Pacific, a plan is being formulated by the Salem Business Men's League which will result in the league sending delegates to all of the valley towns that are interested.

### CASH PAID FOR TIMBER

#### San Francisco Capital to Develop Western Lane County.

Eugene.—Deeds transferring 800,000,000 feet of Siuslaw timber from individual owners to the Wendling-Johnson Lumber Company, of San Francisco, were filed here, and cash payments made of \$653,000.

Options have been secured by the same company on conditional 500,000,000 feet of timber, and when completed the deal will total \$1,200,000. This is the largest timber transaction made in Lane county.

The timber lies along the route of the proposed Eugene-Coos Bay extension of the Southern Pacific Railroad, where the timber purchasers have acquired the mill of the Siuslaw Lumber Company, and have taken options on the Saubert mill and its holdings at Acme. This gives the company three and one-half miles of water frontage on the Siuslaw River for booming and milling purposes.

#### Trial of Superintendent is Set.

Portland.—A. S. Briggs, superintendent of the Linton rockpile, who is charged with accepting a bribe of \$100 to release O. A. Richards before his term had expired, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Bell. His trial was set for the afternoon of August 28.

#### Big Meeting at Astoria.

Astoria.—With the arrival Monday noon of all the officers and distinguished visitors began the annual convention of the Oregon Development League as a part of the Astoria Centennial celebration program.

#### Will Build Packing Plant at Dallas.

Dallas.—J. K. Armsby & Co. have announced plans for the construction of a prune-packing plant here. Work will be started soon on a building 50x200 feet, on the land donated by the late William Brown, as a site for such a plant.

## OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

The annual Coos County Teachers' Institute is in session in Marshfield and will continue for two weeks.

In the 11 months since fire destroyed much of the town, Langlois has made wonderful progress in rebuilding.

Eight hundred and sixty acres of Elgin stump land is at present being surveyed into 10-acre tracts, which are to be sold for fruit land.

A permanent good roads association for the purpose of advancing the interests of the county is the purpose of a movement which has been started by the North Bend Commercial Club.

Farmers have more children for every thousand of population than city folks, according to the report of Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, in which 33 out of 34 counties of the state are tabulated.

Application for a restraining order enjoining the secretary of state from placing the University of Oregon referendum bills on the ballot at the next general election was filed with the county clerk at Salem Monday.

Superintendent Alderman is wondering what are considered as the five leading characteristic crops of the state of Oregon. He has received an inquiry from Georgia asking for a list of the crops characteristic of this state.

A copper deposit has recently been located in the Green Mountain mining district, 17 miles east of Glendale. Dr. J. F. Roddy, of Medford, one of the best-known mining authorities in the West, declares that the property is very rich.

Death certificates as factors in the settling of insurance claims, property rights and pensions will be a feature of the coming year's work of the state health board, and the more careful registration of all deaths will be sought by State Health Officer White.

With promise of new capital to be invested for the purpose of carrying on unfinished development work, the people of Lakeport, the new town in Curry county, feel encouraged and believe that there are good prospects of the place going ahead as was at first hoped for.

That a car of apples takes no more refrigeration than a car of vegetables and that the same rates should be charged for icing it as in California, is the contention of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' Association, which will make an effort to have the railroads make the change.

Presenting the fact that insects do more damage in the forest than do forest fires, D. I. Shannon, secretary of the Jackson County Fire Patrol Association, secured the assistance of the Medford Commercial Club in working for the establishment of a local field station at Medford by the Bureau of Entomology.

A few advance copies of the Oregon Blue Book were received from the bindery by Secretary of State Ben W. Queot. Ten thousand will be printed and be ready for distribution in a few days. The book is compiled by Frank W. Benson and Ben W. Olcott, secretaries of state, and contains an official directory of the state, district and county officers, and the constitution.

If present signs do not fall Governor West in the near future will start devoting some of his energies, now being directed toward prison reform, toward the work of the state tax commission. It is understood that the governor has been devising a number of schemes, which he plans to put into practice in the near future through the medium of the state board of tax commissioners.

Graft charges at Portland, originating with the suspension of Police Sergeant Cole two weeks ago, have assumed the nature of an epidemic in which accusations have been made not only against the police department and its detective branch, but the administration of the county rockpile, the municipal court, the district attorney's office, the county detective and a newspaperman.

The Medford Traffic Bureau, which is conducting the agitation for a revision of freight rates for southern Oregon, and which has three cases pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission, and an equal number before the State Railroad Commission, has inaugurated a campaign to submit to the people of Oregon at the next general election, an initiative bill to establish equitable rates for all points—one schedule of distance class for the entire state.

The Amalgamated Sugar Company, which has been seeking to obtain all the water of Catherine Creek for use in irrigating its beet sugar plantation in Union county, won a partial victory in the federal court at Portland when Federal Judge Wolverson issued an injunction restraining Frank Hempe and between 15 and 20 other farmers of Union county from using more than 150 cubic meters' inches of water under six-inch pressure from the creek during August, September and October. The suit is not yet adjudicated, however, the injunction being only temporary.

## RAILROAD CHIEFS DECRY AGITATION

### Elliott and Hill Kept East by Rate Cases and League Program Loses.

Portland, Ore.—Aroused by agitation against the railroads and demand for more and more regulation, one president of a great transcontinental system, Howard Elliott, head of the Northern Pacific, has uttered a cry of protest.

Unable to stand patiently any longer the anti-railroad sentiment, he expresses himself forcibly in a telegram to C. C. Chapman, publicity manager of the Portland Commercial Club, in an explanation as to why he cannot attend the coming convention of the Oregon Development League at Astoria.

President Elliott declares for "closed season" in railroad legislation, stating it as his belief that the country will advance more rapidly if the incessant outcry against the transportation companies is stilled.

The Development League convention suffered another loss to its program from the same cause, when Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, telegraphed Manager Chapman that the Spokane rate case discussion would keep him in St. Paul too late to attend the gathering at Astoria.

#### Valuation On N. P. Up \$17,000,000.

Olympia.—The valuation of the Northern Pacific operating department has been increased \$17,000,000 by the public service commission. Its true value will be reported to the state tax commission at \$127,250,000 this year as against \$110,208,450 in past years.

### TAFT SOUNDING OPINION

#### Secretary Hilles is Said to Have Sent Out Confidential Letters.

Chicago.—According to information published here, there has been brought to light an extensive campaign, conducted in secrecy from the White House in Washington, in behalf of President Taft's candidacy for re-election in 1912.

Charles D. Hilles, secretary to President Taft, is said to have sent out a large number of confidential letters in the nature of inquiries concerning popular sentiment upon the president and his administration.

New York.—Charles D. Hilles, secretary of President Taft, interviewed here, declined to admit the authorship of letters said to have been written by him in behalf of President Taft to persons in Illinois, asking for an estimate of the work of the present administration.

#### Three Die From Pellagra in Colorado.

Denver.—Three deaths from pellagra were reported to the state board of health. They are the first in the history of Colorado, and the medical men on the board believe they were contracted outside the state.

### CHARLES GATES TO WED

#### Minneapolis Society Maid to Become Second Wife of Speculator.

Minneapolis, Minn.—With an announcement here that Miss Florence Hopwood, one of Minneapolis' most beautiful society girls, is to become the wife of Charles G. Gates, son of the late John W. Gates, who died last week in Paris, no small sensation was caused, as it became known that Miss Hopwood eight months ago is alleged to have eloped with Harold Sims Carter, son of the millionaire New York manufacturer of Carter's Ink, just two weeks before the wedding. Mr. Gates was recently divorced by his wife.

#### Women Jurors Called.

Tacoma.—Thirty-four women are included in the venire of 129 jurors for the September term of the superior court. This is the first time since Washington was admitted to the Union that the names of women have been drawn on the regular venire.

### REBATE CONVICTION UPHELD

#### Standard Oil Company May Be Sub- jected to Fine of \$4,000,000.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Standard Oil Company faces the prospect of a \$4,000,000 fine for rebating under a decision handed down by Judge Hazel, of the United States circuit court here. The company was recently convicted of receiving rebates on shipments of oil from Olean, New York, to Rutland and Bellows Falls, Vt., and fined \$20,000, the conviction being affirmed on appeal.

The government took the position that each shipment constituted a separate offense, and Judge Hazel's decision upholds this contention. Fines imposed on that ratio would aggregate the \$4,000,000.

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U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.

July 28th, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Robert W. Head of Grizzly, Oregon, who, on November 24th, 1904, made Homestead No. 12078, Serial No. 9828, for NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 22, Township 12 South, Range 15 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, county clerk at his office, at Prineville, Oregon on the 30th day of August, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles McKenzie, Anisone Eagle, Henry Montgomery, Joseph F. Montgomery, all of Grizzly, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

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