

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

**Dry Lands Grow Good Potato Crop.**  
Metolius.—One hundred and twelve sacks of potatoes—sowed sacks at that—is the amount dug from one acre by R. O. Clark, whose home-stand is situated at Round Butte. They were grown on dry land, without receiving a drop of rain from the time of planting until the rain that fell the latter part of August. Round Butte is springing some great surprises this year—as it has done every year since farming began there seven years ago—in the variety and volume of its productiveness, with especial emphasis on the potato crop.

**Scio Election Campaign Quiet.**  
Scio.—The new charter has seemed to take on management of the first election under an air of secrecy, whether intentional or not. One of the provisions requires that all candidates must be nominated ten days before election. This has been done away with by the city recorder having the tickets printed outside the city, the names of candidates withheld from the press, so that few voters know for whom they are to cast their ballots.

## HARNEY ANXIOUS FOR ROAD

Long Period of Waiting Soon to Be Rewarded.

Burns.—The latest railroad news sent out by the Harriman and Hill lines is good news to the people of Harney County. It seems that this county will soon be connected with the outside world. There is no place on the Pacific Coast that has been troubled as much by false promises of railroads as this section of the state. Ever since construction started on the road from Yaquina Bay to Holbe, Idaho, in the early eighties, people have been expecting the railroad.

Then the Hill people got busy with the road up Deschutes River, which gave the people new encouragement to go out further in unknown valleys for homes. There is not a valley that has not been visited by the homeseeker. Several railroad men have visited this section lately and several surveying parties are in the field, relocating the old survey in Malheur canyon and Crane Creek gap. The people along the line are in better spirits than formerly and feel sure that the railroad builders mean business this time.

## Paving Agent Indicted.

Klamath Falls.—True bills were returned as the result of a grand jury investigation into the accusations against S. A. MacMahon and J. H. Hughes, directors of the Rudolph Blome Paving Company, asserted to have offered Mayor Sanderson and four councilmen \$1000 for their influence in awarding a street-paving contract.

## 6417 AUTOS IN OREGON

Their Value Exceeds Ten Million Dollars.

Salem.—Secretary of State Olcott has mailed to the various automobile owners and registered chauffeurs in the state blanks for filing formal applications for renewal of their licenses for the year 1912, as required by the motor vehicle law enacted at the last session of the Legislature. It is provided in the law that re-registration by both motor vehicle owners and chauffeurs shall be renewed annually to take effect on the first day of January in each year.

In order to expedite such registration for 1912, such instructions and directions as were deemed necessary for the guidance of the applicants were incorporated in a circular letter and included with the blanks. On December 1, there were 6417 motor vehicles, which include 430 motorcycles, 49 electric, 235 trucks, 41 delivery wagons, 21 taxicabs and 1000 autos of various kinds registered with the secretary of state and 1985 chauffeurs.

## First Freight Arrives at Bend.

Burns.—The first "freight train" for Harney County arrived in Burns Wednesday. It wasn't drawn by a locomotive, but was the next best, consisting of two auto-trucks carrying seven tons of merchandise, and made the trip from the railroad at Bend in less than two days.

## Boys' Clubs in Session.

Covallis.—The sixth annual state boys' conference, under the auspices of the Oregon-Y. M. C. A., which was in session at the Oregon Agricultural College, closed Sunday. Between 225 and 260 boys from different parts of Oregon and Idaho were in attendance.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Business men of Condon have organized, temporarily, the Condon Business Men's Association.

The Oregon State Wireless Association was organized at a meeting of amateur wireless operators held in Portland.

The proposed commission form of charter submitted under the initiative of a special city election in Ashland was overwhelmingly defeated.

The train service on the Pacific Railroad & Navigation Company is causing a large amount of travel between Tillamook and Hillsboro.

Pendleton will be the scene of another state convention this week, when the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union meets in its second annual gathering.

Ed Jurgens and F. Foster, the two men held in the county jail at Roseburg charged with holding up the Drain-Scottsburg stage, have made a complete confession.

Under orders issued by the war department, Colonel James Jackson, retired, will move his headquarters as instructor of the Oregon militia from Salem to Portland.

The Ashland Tidings (newspaper) is now under the ownership and management of Bert R. Greer, a newspaper man from Muskogee, Okla., who purchased it from R. B. Bennett and brother.

It is estimated that 35,000 sheep will be fed for mutton in and surrounding Joseph. Of this amount 22,000 are long-wool sheep, which make the finest mutton obtainable as they fatten out quicker and run heavier in weight than the finer grades.

That part of the city of Brownsville, one of Linn County's leading towns, lies in the Oregon and California land grant, which may be forfeited to the government, is a fact which has developed in a case now pending in the circuit court of Linn County.

Improvement on the entire high school course of study in the state is contemplated for the meeting of superintendents, principals, high school teachers and anyone else interested, which has been called by Superintendent Alderman for December 25 and 26 in Portland.

County Judge George D. Culbertson has announced the appointment of P. S. Davidson, W. E. King, Captain Charles R. McCann, W. S. Gribble and Walter Mason as delegates from Hood River County to the International Irrigation Congress, which will convene in Chicago about the middle of December.

## State Capital Gleanings

The state tax commission, sitting as a board of equalization, met Monday to begin its work.

Acting Governor Olcott revoked the conditional pardon of J. W. Norris, convicted of larceny in Klamath County and sentenced to serve a four-year term in the penitentiary.

Dividends declared during the past year by the Oregon Short Line amounted to the huge sum of \$68,658,000, being 55.65 per cent of the total par value of stock and yet a surplus was left bigger than at the outside, according to a report just received by the railway commission.

Fear that the Southern Pacific will interfere with rapid construction of the Oregon Electric between Harrisburg and Eugene by refusing to unload piling along the main line of the Southern Pacific, as desired by the Hill road, has led the F. L. Betsford Company of Portland, which has the contract, to complain to the Railroad Commission.

Papers which are on file in the archives of the state land board probably will figure in the controversy which is threatened as the result of a letter of protest which the attorney-general has just directed to the members of the desert land board warning them against using state funds for buying outside counsel in relation to Carey act matters.

Concluding that where state offices, other than that of the secretary of state, are provided with a maintenance fund by legislative appropriation the secretary of state should not furnish office supplies. Secretary Olcott has announced that the railroad commission, the tax commission and all other separate offices created and provided for by the last Legislature, will not hereafter secure supplies from the secretary's office.

Suffering under the delusion that enemies were seeking their lives and wished to poison them, Max Pawlack and George DeBrowski, both insane patients from Portland at the state insane asylum, plotted to take the life of S. A. Parks, one of the attendants at the institution, and Pawlack attacked Parks in ward No. 5, stabbing him six times about the head, one of the wounds being near the temple. A wound on the top of the head nearly penetrated the bone and gouged out a portion of the skull. While Parks is in a serious condition, it is believed his life will be saved.

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

A Story That Marshall P. Wilder Tells Upon Himself.

This story is printed on the authority of Marshall P. Wilder, who alleges that it is very funny. He ought to know. The story is about himself, and he has been a professional fun-maker for a good many years. It happened when he was in London on his latest engagement in the music halls.

"I always followed Consul, the educated monkey, on the bills," said Mr. Wilder. "One night two well dressed Englishmen came in to watch the performance. They had been sipping up the national temperance drink, brandy and soda, pretty freely. They laughed in the wrong place through all the earlier turns on the bill. When Consul came on they braced up and watched him with attention for a time."

"My word," said one of them to the other, who had fallen asleep, "you ought to see the blighter, old top. He's lighting a cigar. 'Tou me word he is.'"

"The sleepy one roused a bit, peered uncertainly at Consul, and then he loped over on his friend's shoulder. He had fallen asleep again. In a moment his friend's head inclined heavily toward the sleeper. The pair were sound in slumberland when I came on. Something I said aroused them. One nudged the other."

"What's the brute doing, old chap?" he asked sleepily. The other gazed uncertainly at the stage.

"You really ought to sit up a bit, old boy," was his report. "They've got the blighter telling stories now."—Herbert Corey in Cincinnati Times-Star.

## Follow the Procession.

An Episcopal bishop in a New England state was the guest of a friend during his stay in a small town. The bishop conducted the services Sunday morning and seemed much irritated by the fact that his friend in the body of the church was always about five words behind the rest of the congregation during the recital of the Apostles' Creed.

At dinner that afternoon the eminent divine turned suddenly to his host and asked, with some asperity:

"John, why can't you 'descend into hell' with the rest of the congregation?"—Popular Magazine.

## No Fancy Language.

Old "Uncle William" has been a faithful servant in a southern family for many years, and with his savings has taken great pride in educating one of his nieces. She had been to "boarding school," and on finally graduating



AS AIRY AS SHE COULD BE.

had returned with something of the hauteur that white girls might assume upon finishing an academic course. Approaching "Uncle William" in the garden one morning his niece, as airy as she could and with much assumed affection, said, "Uncle William, does Uncle Alec continue to reside in the westerly portion of the town?" to which question "Uncle William" with unfeigned contempt replied, "If yo' all mean does Alec still live at that tall end o' Dog Hole, he do. Don' you come roun' heah slingin' yer Latin grammar at me."—National Magazine.

## The Good in Him.

Robert, the new butler, had absorbed the contents of a bottle of very choice whisky. When he was fired and applied for a character his employer was rather put out to word the document in full light of the facts. We commend the result as a striking example of the resources of the English language. He wrote:

"Robert Smith has been in my employ only a week, but I know that there is much in him that is really good."

## Stories of Gilbert.

One afternoon while drilling the ballet with extreme strictness Sir W. S. Gilbert observed that one of the girls was crying bitterly and making strenuous but ineffectual efforts to restrain her emotion.

"What's the matter, my dear?" he asked, smiling compassionately.

"Oh, Mr. Gilbert," sobbed the woe-begone figure, "the ballet mistress says I'm no better than I ought to be."

"Well, but you're not, my dear, are you?" rejoined Gilbert interrogatively.

On another occasion when the stage was full a messenger came on with a parcel for one of the actresses and displayed considerable activity in dodging the principals and superni while crossing from one wing to the other. Jesse Bond, who was standing close to the stage manager, exclaimed:

"Look at that agile creature, Mr. Gilbert. One would think he were dancing a pas-suri."

"Yes," was the instantaneous reply. "A bewee paper pas-suri obviously."

## The Ricketts Made Good

The Ricketts Entertainment Company, consisting of five members, entertained a large audience at the Club Hall last Saturday evening. Chester L. Ricketts as an impersonator, found great favor. He was obliged to respond to many encores. His impersonations and dialect sketches were equally well done. Master Clyde Ricketts, the boy violinist, pleased everybody with his excellent playing. George Ricketts, 'cellist, made many friends. The songs and pieces by the orchestra were greatly enjoyed.

The remaining numbers of this course promise to be as good if not better than those already presented.

## For Sale or Trade.

3 1/2 acres of choice garden land adjoining city of Centralia, Wash. Address B. F. Hogard, Centralia, Wash. 11-30-lmp

## Pound Party at Baptist Parsonage

Mr. Editor—Tuesday evening a jolly crowd of good looking and clever folk of both sexes and ages stormed the Baptist Parsonage and gave the preacher and family a glad surprise; bringing gifts and good cheer, congratulating the pastor and wife on their fiftieth anniversary. The parsonage was packed to its utmost, but we had an enjoyable time together, and the evening slipped away and before we were aware of it, the clock struck ten. Then a prayer a prayer was offered by the pastor thanking the givers of all good gifts for such friends, and pleasant remembrances.

We wish to publicly express our thanks to the friends for their presence and words of cheer. May the best things be theirs along life's pathway.  
C. P. BAILEY AND FAMILY.

## Miss Edith Klann Complimented

The C. E. Societies of Crook county held a meeting at Redmond November 25 and 26. A well planned program was given and much help and inspiration given to all who attended.

A county organization was effected of which Miss Edith Klann was chosen secretary. A report to one of the Portland papers complimented Miss Klann on the excellent paper she read at this meeting. Miss Klann is a graduate of the training department of the Crook County High School and is now teaching in Madras.

## Notice to the Public.

I am handling express from the railroad for three different stage lines and while their rates are not the same I will be obliged to hold any and all expressage until it is paid for even if it didn't come by the stage line as directed.  
Yours truly, ALBERT NOBLE. 11-16-tf

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