

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Game Refuge on Farms
Eugene.—L. E. Bean, local deputy game warden, acting for State Game Warden Finley, has made an agreement with owners of small farms north of Eugene, bordering on the Willamette river, whereby the land is to be set aside as a state game refuge, and no one will be allowed to hunt on the tract, 65 acres in extent, for a period of ten years. The owners of the property are to cooperate with the authorities in protecting the game.

Big Tract Bought Secretly.
Portland.—That control of a large area amounting to at least 11 half blocks by purchase from individual property owners is about to pass into the hands of a big railroad corporation, has been made known here. Whether the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern separately, or the allied Hill interests are back of the project is a matter of conjecture. The Milwaukee road has also been mentioned in connection with the activity.

Idle Men at Pendleton.
Pendleton.—Lured to Pendleton by the reports of great activity here, scores of idle men are now walking the streets. With the extension of the city sewer, the paving of several streets, the construction of the eastern Oregon branch asylum, and the erection of several buildings, work for a very large number of laborers has been and still is available, but the supply of men now asking for work is far greater than the demand.

Dallas Gets Convention.
Dallas.—Word has been received here that at a meeting of the general staff of the state of Oregon, held in the offices of the adjutant-general in Portland, it was decided to hold the next convention of the National Guard Association of this state in the new armory building just completed in this city. In view of the strong competition in securing this convention, Dallas feels highly honored.

DIMICK HAS PLAN.
Business Manager for Oregon City to be Proposed.
Oregon City.—Mayor-elect Dimick in his message to the city council January 3 recommended the appointment of a business manager for Oregon City. Judge Dimick says the office can be provided by ordinance. "I think the appointment of a capable man as business manager of the city would be a step in the right direction," said the mayor-elect. "He would be of great assistance and unquestionably save the city money. His duties would largely consist of checking up the work of the men in the street improvements and looking into the use of lumber, brick, sewer piping and other materials used by the city and seeing that for every dollar spent the city received a dollar in return. The business manager should be responsible to the mayor."

Water Users to File on Umatilla River
Pendleton.—As the result of a letter of instructions from State Engineer John H. Lewis, there is expected a stampede of water users along the Umatilla river to file upon, locate and appropriate such water as they may need for irrigation purposes. This to be a safeguard, in case the "West Umatilla Extension" scheme for irrigation in the Government reclamation project, should not go through.

Polk Poultry on Exhibit.
Dallas.—The annual Polk County Poultry Show given this year in conjunction with the great show in this city on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, surpassed anything of the kind ever held in this county. Owners of prize-winning poultry took an interest and poultry from as far away as southern Oregon was on exhibition here.

Farms Cutoff is Abandoned.
Vale.—As a result of a conference in Salt Lake this week between Chief Engineer Carl Stradley and representatives sent by Vale and Ontario, the eastern connection of the Oregon Eastern railway with the Oregon Short Line will be made at Vale, the cutoff south of this city from Parma to the Malheur canyon having been abandoned.

Astoria Seawall Injunction Lost.
Astoria.—The injunction proceedings recently filed by the heavy taxpayers of Astoria against the Sanitary and Reclamation commission to restrain the work of construction of a bulkhead and seawall along the city's waterfront, were dissolved by Judge Campbell in the circuit court.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Huntington Herald after 26 years of publication, has suspended. Oregon produced products that are valued at close to \$175,000,000 during the past season.

According to the annual report of City Engineer Arnsperger, the city of Medford spent \$584,829 for public improvements in 1911.

A. L. Beeson, editor of the Huntington Herald, and leader in the recent moral wave there, has disappeared. Creditors are searching for him.

Every indication points to a large exhibit at the first annual Snake River Poultry Show to be held in Ontario January 15 to 19, inclusive.

The first annual show of the Douglas County Poultry and Pet Stock association was a success which greatly exceeded the expectations of the management.

That the state will be able to rear at least 3000 pheasants in captivity during the coming year is the belief of C. K. Cranston, chairman of the state fish and game commission.

A summary of the assessment rolls of Yamhill county, as completed by County Assessor Martin Miller, shows the total assessed value of all property within the county to be \$15,229,325.

Arrangements are being perfected by the Grasham Commercial Club to give a banquet in the new club-rooms on January 3, to which the families of the members and others are invited.

Unless the officers of the Third Regiment can recruit a sufficient number of men to make a full quota within the next few months, that regiment will be disbanded by the state's military staff.

Receipts for the year ending June 30, 1911, from the national forests in Oregon totaled \$32,512, according to the treasury department. No payment is made on account of receipts from the Umpqua forest.

At the request of the Umatilla Water-Users' Association, Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill which will facilitate the settlement of lands on the Umatilla project that were originally acquired under the desert land act.

The Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress will hold a two-day meeting in Medford, February 3 and 4. Arrangements have been made to entertain a number of mining men and to display all the ores that can be gathered from the mines in the district.

The Southern Pacific company now has 300 men at work on the Coos Bay railroad between Eugene and the tunnel site 23 miles west of Eugene, most of them being employed at the tunnel, where the mountain has been pierced for a distance of 30 or 40 feet already through solid rock.

With a majority of the December reports yet outstanding, the total number of industrial accidents in Oregon since the new law requiring employers to report all accidents to the state went into effect, May 20, has reached 1923, according to State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff.

That an effort be made to eliminate from Oregon's public schools all teachers who have not had a high school training, and to that end have laws to that effect passed by the next legislature, was urged at the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' Association at Portland by J. H. Ackerman. Mr. Ackerman is president of the Monmouth State Normal school.

Senator Chamberlain at the request of various persons in Oregon will introduce a bill for the relief of innocent purchasers of land from the Oregon & California Railroad company. This bill will permit innocent purchasers to go into court and confess judgment and buy from the government at \$2.50 an acre lands they have previously bought from the railroad company in tracts exceeding 160 acres.

State Capital Cleanings
The state tax levy for the next year will be at least 3 mills and possibly more is the prophecy made by State Treasurer Kay.

The State Banking Department received \$1094 in fees, according to a report for 1911 received by the Secretary of State today.

Deposits in the banks of the State of Oregon totaled \$121,834,944 according to the last statement issued by Superintendent of Banks Wright, the report representing the condition of banks at the close of business December 5.

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Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 10th day of January 1912, at this office, the following described land: S. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 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