

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Killing Follows Saloon Quarrel.
Portland.—Hemmed about by a strong chain of circumstantial evidence, Ernest L. Oettinger, saloonist, confessed to the killing of Edward W. Mutch. The crime was committed in Oettinger's saloon after a quarrel. The slayer then dragged the body of his victim through the saloon and out the back door, and left it in the rain in an open area way, where it was later found.

Escaped Honor Men Recaptured.
Medford.—Frank Arata, J. W. Riley and Albert Saloni, honor men who broke their pledges to Governor West and deserted the convict camp at Westville in an effort to escape, were captured by Superintendent Boltz of the Pacific & Eastern railroad near Eagle Point. They were completely exhausted and gave themselves up readily.

LAND TITLES HELD VALID

Judge Galloway Ruling Legalizes Ownership of 300,000 Acres.

Albany.—That the title to all that part of the big Oregon & California land grant not actually attacked in the present government suits for forfeiture is good, was the ruling of Judge Galloway in deciding the case of William George vs. the Curtis Lumber company, in the state circuit court here.

This decision is of far-reaching effect, as it validates the title to about 300,000 acres of land, worth at least \$15,000,000 and held by about 5000 different purchasers. The case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

Included in the land title is indirectly involved in this case is most of the town of Mill City, part of the city of Brownsville, thousands of acres of improved farming land, and large areas of valuable timber land, all lying in western Oregon.

Plant Diseases at Close Range.

Corvallis.—Some 40 plant diseases are being grown in cultures in the plant pathology department at the Oregon agricultural college. Although several hundred cultures are being prepared for a close study of their characteristics that adequate means of protection may be found, some 40 of them have not yet been wholly identified.

Launch Wrecked; Five Lost.

Marshfield.—Five men were drowned when the little gasoline launch North Star No. 3, control of which had, in some unknown manner, become lost, capsized on the Coos Bay bar. Those who perished were: Joe Youngers, the skipper; Frank Tanner, Ira Albee, Con Ferri, William Brainard.

BANKERS ARE ACCUSED

Stockholder in Bank Alleges Assets Were Juggled.

Portland.—General mismanagement of the German-American bank, including the misappropriation of about \$100,000, alleged to belong to the stockholders of the bank, is one of the sensational charges in a suit against Mark A. M. Ashley, Charles E. Rummel, Thomas C. Devlin, Samuel G. Reed and P. L. Willis filed in the state circuit court by Arthur L. Finley, a stockholder in the German-American bank.

In his complaint Mr. Finley charges that the defendants, through the organization of a conspiracy, acquired at a big discount the obligations of the suspended bank, disposed of its assets at a heavy discount and so manipulated its affairs that the stock of the German-American institution, in which plaintiff owned stock to the amount of \$10,000, was rendered valueless.

Oregon Potatoes to Middle States.

Elgin.—Twenty-four carloads of potatoes were shipped from Elgin Monday to Kansas City markets and to cities south of that center. The shipment was made as a special train over the Harriman lines directly to the Missouri river.

Gold in Deschutes River Sand.

Redmond.—Gold was found in the Deschutes river at Lower Bridge, 12 miles northwest of this city. One man took out a large nugget and the black sand in the river is yielding returns. Quite an amount of gold has been washed out of this sand.

Short Weights Detected at Astoria.
Astoria.—Retail merchants and local creamery men are stirred by the finding of Deputy State Food and Dairy Commissioner Duncan, who discovered that not one pound of butter issued by three creameries was up to standard weight.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The new Seaside Lumber company has acquired 1,000,000 feet of logs and will resume operations at an early date.

Though Redmond will not be two years old until next June the city has witnessed remarkable progress in every line of industry.

Milton A. Miller of Lebanon, state senator from Linn county, will be a candidate for United States senator in the Democratic primaries next April.

After having been closed since early in the month on account of the bad weather conditions, the work of digging the Dalles-Celilo canal was resumed Monday.

"Bigger, brighter and better" is the slogan of the engineering students of the Oregon Agricultural college in their plans for the annual engineering show, to be held March 15-16.

Portland has jumped to third place in the list of cities with postal savings banks in the United States and her record for the first four months surpasses that of New York City.

A large attendance was seen at the sixth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers, which was held in Portland January 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Judge C. F. Gantenbein of Multnomah county has announced his intention to become a Republican candidate for representative in congress from the Third congressional district.

Henry S. Graves, United States forester, urges that taxes on land bearing young timber be made low enough so the owners will be encouraged to reforest their logged-off lands and protect them against fire.

Portland exported more wheat during 1911 than any other city in the United States, the aggregate amounting to 7,703,061 bushels valued at \$6,576,093. New York's export for the year was 7,343,373 bushels.

Oregon's silver output for the year 1911 exceeded that of 1910, according to a report issued by Charles G. Yale, of the United States Geological Survey, while gold production was less than that of the preceding year.

Four men are out for the congressional nomination from eastern Oregon. They are N. J. Sinnott of The Dalles, John P. Rusk of La Grande, George T. Cochran of the same city, and S. Fred Wilson of Athena. Ex-Congressman Ellis may be the fifth man in the race.

State Engineer Lewis opposes an extension of time on the 75,000-acre Benham Falls contract, a portion of the 240,000-acre Central Oregon Irrigation company's project. He thinks if the Benham Falls contract is approved it may defeat the construction of the larger project.

After being alone in the mountains east of Albany for more than two weeks, cut off from civilization by deep snow, Thomas White, a miner, has come out alive and well. Searching parties had been looking for him for more than a week, and he had been given up for dead.

Senator Bourne has filed his declaration to become a candidate for reelection. He gives as his slogan, "The substitution of the general welfare for selfish interests in all governmental operations," and advocates the Oregon system of popular government together with 12 other important matters of legislation.

After going once again through that period known in history as the winter of the "deep snows," Wheeler county can justly lay claim to its former title, "Stockmen's Paradise." Seventeen to 20 inches of snow covered the range from January 7 to 15 inclusive, and yet no losses, other than normal, were reported.

Outlining many defects in the construction of the new armory at Woodburn, being erected at an expense of \$40,000, of which the state pays half, State Architect Knighton submitted a report to the governor, to be forwarded to Adjutant-General Finzer, in which he announces that the Adjutant-General would be justified in refusing to accept the building.

The Oregon State Federation of Labor, in session at The Dalles, passed resolutions favoring woman suffrage, indorsed Governor West's policy regarding administration of the state penitentiary, condemned the practice of loggers and others in carrying their bedding from place to place as being conducive to the spread of disease, favored sustaining the home rule power of the state over taxation, opposed the proposed road bills, and selected Salem as the next meeting place.

Representative Hawley appeared before the rivers and harbors committee this week and presented arguments in support of appropriations recommended for waterways improvements in western Oregon. He presented to the committee a statement showing that the people of western Oregon have pledged themselves to contribute \$1,700,000 toward the improvement of their various rivers and harbors, and this will be raised by local communities if congress authorizes the appropriation of the government's share.

COL. GEORGE HARVEY



George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, who was told by Woodrow Wilson that his support was a detriment in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

RAILROAD CHIEFS KILLED

Illinois Central Passenger Trains Collide.

Centralia, Ill.—Five persons are known to be dead and more than a score injured as a result of a rear-end collision at Kinmundy, Ill., between Seminoles Limited No. 3 and No. 25, also a fast passenger train on the Illinois Central railroad. The private car of F. O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island railroad, attached to train No. 25, was telescoped and the four occupants were killed, also the engineer of No. 3.

The dead are F. O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island railroad, Winnetka, Ill.; J. T. Harahan, Sr., former president of the Illinois Central railroad, Chicago; E. E. Wright, an attorney of Memphis, Tenn.; Albert H. Pierce, general solicitor, Chicago.

Innocent Slayer Commits Suicide.

Tacoma, Wash.—"Dear Sister: I have killed Belle by accident. Forgive me, forgive me. I have taken poison to end my life."

The above note crudely written on a piece of writing paper explaining his deed was found in the hat band of T. B. Neff, aged 23 years, a rancher near Puyallup, who after accidentally killing his 12-year-old niece, Annabelle Bond, committed suicide.

Aviator Carries Three Passengers.

New York.—Four persons flew simultaneously in one aeroplane at Nassau boulevard at a height of 500 feet for over 10 minutes. It was the first time the feat had been accomplished in America.

FRANCE DEMANDS RELEASE OF TURKS

Paris.—The gravity of the situation arising through the seizure of the French steamer Manouba January 19 by Italian destroyers while on a voyage from Marseilles to Tunis, seems likely to lead to serious international complications, and unless Italy gives France satisfactory explanation for the seizure of French steamers, France will send a naval demonstration against Italy.

It now appears that the captain of the Manouba, which included among its passengers 29 Turkish nurses of the Red Crescent society, surrendered the Turks only on orders from the French embassy at Rome.

The action of the French government in demanding the release of the Turks is approved throughout France as the only means of removing what otherwise would be an indelible stain on the French flag.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 81c; bluestem, 84c; red Russian, 80c.
Barley—Feed, 44c per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, 4.
Butter—Creamery, 25c.
Eggs—Ranch, 30c.
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.
Mohair—37c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 84c; club, 81c; red Russian, 80c.
Barley—\$40 per ton.
Oats—\$30 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 25c.
Eggs—31c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of George M. Paul, deceased, that he has made and filed with the clerk of the county court his final accounting of his administration of said estate, and the Honorable county court of Crook county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 5th day of Feb., 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting. At which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said final accounting. Dated this 21st day of Dec., 1911.

M. E. ELLIOTT,
Administrator of the estate of
George M. Paul, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Adolph Harmon, deceased, that he has made and filed with the clerk of the county court his final accounting of his administration of said estate, and the Honorable county court of Crook county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 5th day of Feb., 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting. At which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said final accounting. Dated this 21st day of Dec., 1911.

JOHN HARMON,
Administrator of the estate of
Adolph Harmon, deceased.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
December 26th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph S. Fox, of Prineville, Oregon, who, on June 15th, 1910, made homestead No. 0745, for 81.5 NW 1/4, NW 1/4, and SW 1/4, NE 1/4, section in township 10 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Timothy E. J. Neff, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles B. Drushlme, Wade Huston, Med Vanderfoot, Ollie Eklund, all of Prineville, Oregon.
I-4 C. W. MOORE, Register.

Notice of Appointment of Administrator and to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court of the State of Oregon for Crook county, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Maria C. Reynolds, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to said administrator at his law office of M. E. Reink, in Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and published first time December 7th, 1911.
GEORGE W. NOBLE,
Administrator of the estate of
Maria C. Reynolds, deceased.

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that Prineville school district No. 1 will not be responsible for debts contracted by any individual unless said person has an order signed by some member of the school board.

Mrs. R. E. Gray,
Chairman.



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Statement of the Crook County Bank of Prineville, Oregon, as rendered to the Superintendent of Banks, June 7th, 1911

Assets		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	\$129,820.30	Capital paid in full	\$100,000.00
Overdrafts	2,411.33	Surplus	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,295.44	Undivided profits	2,295.44
Real estate	6,799.00	Deposits	140,480.50
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$47,809.95		
	\$188,995.02		\$188,995.02