

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

To Revise State Game Laws
Portland.—Oregon game laws will probably undergo a complete revision this coming winter at the hands of the legislature, if plans that State Game Warden Finley is now working on mature. He is engaged in carefully going over all the existing statutes pertaining to the propagation, protection and killing of game of the state, re-codifying and revising. Galling inconsistencies that are held to be distinctive features of Oregon's present code are being eliminated for the purpose of giving hunters equal rights everywhere. Abuses regarding the shooting of ducks and deer are receiving special attention.

Election Will Be Contested
Roseburg.—Claiming that the election officials in the recent local option elections, held at Oakland, Sutherlin, and Glendale, Douglas county, failed to file separate certificates showing that the voters of such precincts who lived outside of the city boundaries had not voted on the liquor question, District Attorney Brown has filed formal notice that he would contest the election.

Apple Is Honored at Albany Fair
Albany.—With a gala day in which 250 people from Salem, almost 300 from Lebanon and scores from other valley cities, participated, Albany's sixth annual apple fair closed Saturday. The armory was thronged all day with hundreds of visitors who admired the beautiful display of splendid apples and the wonderful vegetable exhibit.

WEEK IS FOR FARMERS

160 Lectures and Demonstrations are Arranged For

Corvallis.—The work of farmers' week at Oregon Agricultural college, December 9-14, will consist of 160 lectures and demonstrations covering the practical phases of all the courses of study offered in the school of agriculture. Several experts from outside of the city will assist in the instructional work in addition to the 37 faculty members who are scheduled for lectures.

Experts from the Union Meat company's plant at Portland will give demonstrations of meat animals and the various cuts of meat. There will be special poultry demonstrations every day.

Dr. James Withycombe will give six lectures on agricultural opportunities, co-operative marketing, dairy herd improvement, care of horses, livestock as a factor on the dairy farm and general stock problems. Dean Calvin, of the home economics department, will give five special talks to women visitors on the influence of food on health and disease, the physical condition of the child in school and three demonstration lectures on bread-making.

Wants State to Print School Books

Springfield.—The Springfield grange is preparing to take the initiative in the matter of getting schoolbooks at cost to the people of Oregon. The measure will provide that the state compile, edit, print and publish all text books used in the public school and sell them at cost to pupils or parents.

GOVERNOR SEEKS HELP

Will Ask Legislature to Let Governors Name Special Officers

Salem.—To enable the governor effectively to put into force a constitutional instruction to see that the laws are faithfully executed, Governor West has prepared a bill which he will have introduced in the coming legislature. This measure gives the governor authority, when he believes criminal laws are being violated, to appoint for a period not longer than 90 days at any one time special prosecuting attorneys, special sheriffs and special constables, who shall have all authority of regularly elected officials, but they shall have no greater power than regular officials.

The special officers shall carry out the directions of the governor and shall receive while employed the same compensation received by the regular officials.

Socialist's Campaign Inexpensive
Klamath Falls.—The limit in campaign expense accounts is believed to have been reached by J. W. Tyrrell, candidate on the socialist ticket for county treasurer. The account consists of one item of 25 cents for copying petition.

Death Comes in Pulpit

Brownsville.—Rev. R. Z. Brown, of Philomath, dropped dead in the pulpit while preaching at Crawfordville. He had given out the hymns and was beginning his sermon when stricken,

MRS. CLEVELAND



Mrs. Grover Cleveland, widow of the former president, whose engagement to a college professor was recently announced.

PERKY GETS APPOINTMENT

Hawley at Last Moment Refuses Idaho Senatorship Himself

Boise.—Judge R. I. Perky of Boise was appointed United States senator from Idaho by Governor James H. Hawley, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Senator Weldon D. Heyburn.

Judge Perky is a prominent democrat and was formerly state chairman of that party. He was defeated for national committeeman this year after a bitter fight between the Hawley and Nugent factions. Perky served as district judge for four years.

It was understood that Governor Hawley would resign the governorship and that Lieutenant-Governor Sweetser would appoint the retiring governor to fill the vacancy.

In an unauthorized statement, Governor Hawley said he abandoned the plan to have himself appointed because the longer he considered the act the more repulsive it became to him, and he thought his intent would be misconstrued.

Manitobans Are Accused

Winnipeg, Man.—Sir Redmond Robinson, Premier of Manitoba, and Hon. Robert Rogers, lately appointed Dominion Minister of Public Works, are named as principals in a case alleging violation of Canada's election laws in MacDonald district.

The trial promises to be the most sensational in Canadian political history owing to the prominence of those involved.

Wilson Led Colonel by 2,000,000 Votes

Washington.—Latest figures on the total votes polled by the three principal presidential candidates in the recent election are as follows: Wilson 6,398,000, Roosevelt 4,315,000; Taft 3,350,000. Four years ago Taft received 7,679,000.

Son of Coroner of Centralia Shot

Centralia, Wash.—A tragedy which has stirred all Centralia was brought to light by the finding of the body of Charles Newell, son of Edward Newell, coroner-elect of Lewis county. The youth had been shot through the head.

BULGARS REPULSED IN GREAT BATTLE

Constantinople.—Turkey will not accept peace on the terms laid down by the Balkan allies, according to an official announcement and a great battle between the Bulgarians and Turks is on all along the line of the Tchatalja fortifications.

Unofficial reports say the Turks have gained a great success. The Turks succeeded after some hours of fighting in defeating the right Bulgarian wing and in repulsing the left wing. They captured 12 guns and 8000 prisoners. The Turkish warships contributed largely to this success.

The opening of the battle was a wonderful spectacle. The black face of the Bulgarian position sparkled with flashes. Some of the Turkish heavy guns fired black powder. The bursting of heavy shells soon raised a curtain of smoke which, mingling with the morning mist, rolled majestically down the valley between the combatants.

Constantinople, at the gates of which the Bulgarians are knocking, is a city of sick, wounded and hungry refugees. With the thousands of wounded, in addition to cholera patients, all the hospitals are overtaxed. Some relief has been afforded by the action of the government in sending many refugees to Asia Minor.

A revolution has been added to the other troubles of the Turkish government. The young Turks, on whom much of the blame is placed for disaster, are suspected of being concerned in a movement to overthrow the government and a section of them are thought to be plotting to restore the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid to the throne.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Manufacturers of Eugene have perfected organization of the Factory Association.

Four schools of Polk and Yamhill counties held a joint educational rally in Grand Ronde Saturday.

The biennial report of State Treasurer Kay shows that Oregon is out of debt and has a cash balance on hand of \$923,727.46.

J. H. Plummer, wanted in Oregon on a charge of forging checks on the Eugene Loan & Savings bank, was arrested in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Elvira Teel, a resident of Umatilla county since 1850, died on the old Teel homestead half a mile west of Echo. Mrs. Teel was 82 years old.

Articles of incorporation of the American Institution of Sociology were filed at Astoria. The home office of the organization is to be in Astoria.

Official complete returns show that Wilson carried Oregon over Roosevelt by 9143 and that Harry Lane defeated Selling by 1281 and Selling led Bourae by 12,827.

A special two weeks' short course in agriculture is to be given at the Oregon Agricultural college, for the benefit of the general farmer and the orchardist.

Medford has an embarrassment of riches when a candidate for the position of mayor is concerned. At the present time 12 candidates are out for the position.

J. A. Westerlund of Jackson county has announced that he is a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives at the coming session of the state legislature.

The Congregational church members of Gaston held a two days' series of exercises last week in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church.

The Roseburg Brewing & Ice company entered pleas of guilty to violating the local option laws in that city. The brewery was fined \$500 and Oscar Klinke, its manager, and five directors \$250 each.

Martin Lavin, a laborer at a gravel pit, was cut in two half a mile east of Umatilla Junction by Oregon & Washington fast freight No. 54. He left town about 5 P. M. and fell asleep on the track.

Ray Wilson, a brakeman on the Pacific Railway & Navigation company, died at Hillsboro from injuries received at Banks. He lost his balance and fell from the train while it was in motion.

Brownsville is exultant over the fact that the community was again successful in carrying off the Hill silver cup and \$25 cash prize at the Albany apple show for the best community exhibit of apples.

Insurance Commissioner Ferguson has announced that he has served notice on the Independent Order of Puritans to cease transacting business in this state and that its license will not be renewed at the close of the year.

Joseph N. Teal of Portland is being urged as secretary of the interior in Wilson's cabinet. He has the endorsement of Governor West, Senator Chamberlain and all the commercial organizations and business interests of Oregon.

During the past summer, a great many improvements have been made in the city of Carlton, principal of which is the installation of a water system, just completed at a cost of \$40,000 and which is ready to be turned over to the city.

Governor West has issued a proclamation setting aside Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving day in Oregon. Peace and plenty, he says, have smiled upon our state during the past year and health and prosperity have been our portion.

A wreck occurred Friday on the Corvallis & Eastern about one mile west of Chitwood, the smoking car going through the bridge and into the river. The passenger coach on the east side of the bridge turned over. No one was seriously injured.

Oregon cities that voted on the liquor question under the home rule amendment at the late election were Albany, Eugene, Hood River, Lostine, Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Silverton, Enterprise, Glendale, Oakland, Walla, Sutherlin, Springfield, Tigard, Lebanon, Grants Pass and Woodburn.

The pupils of the public schools of Prairie City have organized a complete system of self-government with all necessary provisions for effectively putting their scheme into execution. The plan of the pupils covers the entire round of school life, including playgrounds, halls and schoolrooms.

Governor West has sent a letter to District Attorney Brown of Douglas county, instructing him to begin criminal prosecution of Mayor Micell of Roseburg for failure to perform the duties of his office. The charge will likely be based on the mayor's alleged wilful neglect in enforcing the local option law. The governor also instructed Brown to bring, as soon as time would permit, civil suits against the Roseburg Brewing & Ice company, of which Mayor Micell is a leading stockholder, to have it enjoined under the public nuisance act and to have its charter revoked on the ground that its officers have been conducting it in violation of the law.

OUR RIGHT TO FORTIFY CANAL

Stimson Shows That Panama Defenses Are a Necessity.

NO VIOLATION OF TREATY.

American and British Statesmen Who Negotiated It Recognized Our Intentions, Says Secretary of War in a Magazine Article.

In an article in the Scientific American Secretary of War Stimson takes strong ground not only on the absolute right of the United States to fortify the Panama canal, but on the need for such defenses as a matter of great national expediency.

Secretary Stimson denies that the fortification of the canal would be a violation of this country's obligation to Great Britain under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He thus summarizes the legal situation:

"In the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850 the United States and Great Britain expressly agreed not to fortify or assume any dominion over any part of Central America where the canal might be made. The first draft of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of Feb. 3, 1900, contained a similar prohibition to the effect that 'no fortification shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent.' This proposed treaty in this form was rejected by the senate for the very reason that it did not give the United States sufficient liberty of action in regard to the canal. The present Hay-Pauncefote treaty was then negotiated, which in its first article entirely abrogated the old Clayton-Bulwer treaty and also omitted the restrictions against fortification which had been contained in the first proposed Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

"The memorandum which Mr. Hay sent to the senate with the second Hay-Pauncefote treaty, containing the correspondence between himself and Lord Pauncefote and Lansdowne, shows that these changes were made for the express purpose of permitting the United States to fortify and defend the canal and that Lord Lansdowne fully understood and recognized this right on our part.

Lansdowne's Statement.

"As to this Lord Lansdowne expressly said:

"It is most important that no doubt should exist as to the intention of the contracting parties. As to this, I understand that by the omission of all reference to the matter of defenses the United States government desires to reserve the power of taking measures to protect the canal at any time when the United States may be at war from destruction or damage at the hands of an enemy or enemies.

"The congress of the United States then proceeded the following year in the Spooner act (section 5) to authorize the president to enter into the contracts for the construction of the canal and its defenses." And in the following year, 1903, Mr. Hay, the same statesman who had negotiated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, negotiated a treaty with the republic of Panama by which Panama granted to the United States for the purpose of the canal the use, occupation and control of the present Panama canal zone and also granted to the United States for the protection of such canal the right to use its land and naval forces and to establish fortifications. (Bunau Varilla treaty, article 23.)

"The Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the Bunau Varilla treaties are the only existing treaties entered into by the United States which affect its rights over the Panama canal. It is perfectly clear, therefore, from the foregoing facts that none of the statesmen, either of Great Britain or Panama or the United States, who were concerned at the time in the negotiation of these treaties or the enactment of legislation to make them effective had any doubt as to the right or purpose of the United States to defend and fortify the canal."

Necessity For Fortification.

As to the necessity for the fortification of the canal for the protection of the United States in time of war Secretary Stimson is fully convinced. He says:

"It has been earnestly argued that the safety of the canal can be better and more cheaply assured by an agreement between the leading nations, making it a neutral waterway and forbidding it from ever being blockaded or seized in time of war. It is argued that such a course will relieve us from the expense and burden of defending the canal and that it will at the same time accomplish every result which we could accomplish by defending it ourselves.

"This is an entire misconception. It loses sight of the vital difference between an American canal and an international canal. It loses sight of the fact that it is of vital importance to this country not only that the canal shall be open to our fleet in case of war, but that it shall be closed to the fleet of our enemy. An international canal, kept open and defended by agreement between the powers, from its very nature would have to be open to our opponent as well as to ourselves."

Secretary Stimson finally gives an outline of the character of fortifications he deems necessary for the proper defense of the canal.

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