

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Newport Will Be "Wet."

Newport.—Newport will be wet during the coming year, is the statement of Mayor Wilcox.

At the recent city election the town voted itself dry. Mayor Wilcox accordingly issued a proclamation declaring the result and ordering the saloons closed. The saloonmen refused to obey the order and continued to do business as usual. Mayor Wilcox then advised with Attorney General Crawford, who says that the method used to call the local option election was irregular and that the result is null and void.

Foundry Enjoined From Making Posts

Eugene.—Suit has been instituted against Gross Bros., owners of the iron foundry, which made the cluster fighting posts now being erected on the business streets of Eugene, to enjoin the further delivery of posts for the alleged reason that the defendant is infringing upon certain patents which the Independent Foundry company, of Portland, holds. The foundry company and C. H. Grelle, also of Portland, are joint plaintiffs in the suit. Grelle was an unsuccessful bidder to furnish the posts.

NO EXEMPTION THIS YEAR

Legislation Proposed Forcing Assessors to List Property at Value.

Salem.—At a meeting of the state board of tax commissioners it was decided to not apply the household exemption law to property assessed for the year 1912. This course was in compliance with an opinion rendered by the attorney-general.

At the meeting the subject of legislation for the coming session of the legislature was taken up. Under the present system the assessors fail to assess property at its full cash value, though the law provides that they shall do so. The suggestion of providing a way for removing assessors who fail to comply with this law seems to meet with favor, and it is likely that some recommendation along this line will be made.

Spanos is Guilty of Murder.

Medford.—After less than two hours deliberation, the jury in the Mike Spanos murder case returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Spanos had previously confessed to the murder of George Dedaskalous here September 22, but when the case came to trial he claimed the confession was forced from him under duress.

TO REFORM COURT RULES

Joint Representative Smith of Klamath Falls Preparing Bill.

Klamath Falls.—Believing that the widespread criticism of the courts is due directly to preventable methods now in vogue, W. O. Smith, joint representative of Klamath, Lake and Crook counties has in preparation a bill to facilitate court work.

In circuit court work, the attorney who files a suit or action will be required to secure the issuance of summons within one day thereafter, and if the defendant can be found within the county where the complaint has been filed, service must be made within 10 days, or outside the county within 20 days.

Then, after the filing of a complaint and service of summons, the case must be tried within 10 days, unless the court is actually engaged in the trial of cases previously filed.

The measure to be introduced by Mr. Smith will take away the power of the courts to extend the time for answering or for trial, even on stipulation of opposing attorneys, except for unusual reasons, and then the moving party must pay to his opponent all of the expenses, including attorney's fee, to date. In no case will more than one postponement be granted.

The bill will also require every question to be decided within 10 days from the time it goes to the court for that purpose.

Poultry Show Planned at Heppner.

Heppner.—The first poultry show for Morrow county will be held at Heppner December 24, 25, 26 and 27. The poultry men of this county met here and decided to hold the show on the dates named, and have engaged the services of W. M. Coates, of Vancouver, B. C., to act as judge.

Opposition at Roseburg to Tax.

Roseburg.—At a largely-attended meeting held here the merchants and professional men of the city served notice on the council that they were opposed to the proposed increase in the occupation tax, and would refuse to pay the same, pending the establishment of its legality in the courts.

HELEN GOULD



Miss Helen Gould, daughter of the late Jay Gould, whose engagement to a prominent railroad man of St. Louis is announced.

HOPE FOR AVIATORS LOST.

Part of Wrecked Air Craft Found at Sea

Los Angeles.—Resting places on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, a few miles from land, are believed to have been accorded by fate to Horace Kearny, the young Kansas City aviator, and his passenger, Chester Lawrence, Los Angeles newspaper man, who started with him as a passenger on an attempted flight in a hydroaeroplane to San Francisco.

Faith in the proverbial luck of Aviator Kearny was shattered when a party of fishermen arrived in Santa Monica towing behind their motorboat a hydroaeroplane pontoon. It had been picked up five miles southwest of Redondo beach, and was positively identified by Charles Day as the one he had constructed for Kearny's hydroaeroplans.

Day expressed the belief that the men had landed on the water, probably because of engine trouble, and the heavy seas had wrenched off the pontoon, causing the craft to lose its equilibrium and hurling the men into the sea.

Prohibit I. W. W. From Using Kettles

Cleveland, Ohio.—Prohibited by city officials from placing contribution kettles at downtown street corners, Industrial Workers of the World here held a mass meeting in protest. A committee was named to draft resolutions threatening a repetition of an open fight for free speech and personal liberty recently waged in San Diego, Cal.

ENVOYS CONFER TO ARRANGE PEACE

London.—The Turkish-Balkan peace conference was formally opened at St. James palace Monday, by Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, who made a brief speech of welcome.

The main conditions likely to be asked by the allies include the immediate surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina, to the garrisons of which will be granted full military honors; the evacuation of Eastern Europe by Turkey as far east as Tchatalja, to a line which experts appointed by the contracting parties will delimit on the spot; the cession to Greece of all the Aegean islands, including Rhodes and 11 others which Italy is keeping as a pledge for Turkish fulfillment of the treaty of Lausanne; the annexation of Crete to Greece, and the payment of a war indemnity and the expenses sustained on account of Ottoman prisoners. In return the allies will grant complete amnesty to the Mussulman population in the territories they annex for any acts of hostility during the war; the return of all prisoners; the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of the Sultan over Ottoman becoming subjects of the Balkan states, and the free administration by the Mussulmans of their pious funds in the Balkans.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 78c; bluestem, 82c; red Russian, 76c.
Oats—\$26 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—Candled, 37c.
Hops—1912 crop, 20c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 23½c.
Mohair—32c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 82c; club, 78c; red Russian, 76c.
Eggs—38c.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Arrangements are being made to establish a tile factory in Albany.

Jacob Kamm, pioneer steamboatman, died at his home in Portland at the age of 89.

A meeting of the people of Polk county and school officers was held in Dallas Saturday.

Dr. Norris, city health officer of Oregon City, says there are probably 70 cases of typhoid fever in the city at the present time.

The Indian appropriation bill carries a total of \$233,763 for the Indians of Oregon. For the Chemawa school \$111,000 is appropriated.

H. H. Mack of Huntington, druggist and postmaster, has pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing cocaine to prisoners in a convict camp.

The good weather that continued through October and November has enabled the farmers to get their fall grain in and a large acreage has been sown.

Corporal Godfrey, of the 160th company, coast artillery, is dead at Fort Stevens as the result of an accident sustained while working on a ten-inch rifle.

Box manufacturers of the Pacific northwest assembled in Portland this week for the annual meeting of the Northwest Box Manufacturers' Association.

Fruit shipments from Medford for 1912 will reach 775 cars, against 534 for 1910, the previous high year. There were 344 cars of pears, 436 of apples, and 10 mixed.

More than 200 members of the United Artisans from the central part of the Willamette valley attended a big district convention of that order held in Albany Tuesday.

Robert Morgan, who murdered Virgie Hart, his sweetheart, at Condon on October 16, has been sentenced by Judge Parker to be hanged at Salem on January 16, 1913.

When the next legislature convenes it will be asked to appropriate in the neighborhood of \$135,000 for the completion of the new additional capitol building and for remodeling the main building.

Henry Monroe Brown, prominent in the commercial and political life of Polk county, is dead at his residence in Dallas. Mr. Brown died in the same house in which he was born more than 53 years ago.

The lectures and demonstrations of farmers' week at Oregon Agricultural college closed Saturday at noon with a demonstration of "farm butter making" given by O. G. Simpson, of the department of dairy husbandry.

The body of a man believed to be Christ Bethlehem was found on the river bank near Salem with a bullet hole through the heart. A 32-caliber revolver clutched in the right hand showed it to be a case of suicide.

The complete results of the agricultural census for Oregon with reference to crops are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand, of the Bureau of the Census, department of commerce and labor.

Favorable action on a petition for a permit to build a bridge for the Willamette Pacific railway across Coos Bay is being urged by the Port of Coos Bay, and also the commercial bodies of Marshfield, Eugene and North Bend.

Although women have been granted the right of suffrage in Oregon, the attorney general's office at Salem has ruled that they are not competent to serve on juries, the statute providing that only "male inhabitants" are eligible to jury duties.

R. E. Fitzwater, who paid \$180 an acre for 31 acres of land near Lebanon, in the foothills, has gathered 6500 bushels of potatoes from 21 acres of the land. At 50 cents a bushel, the potatoes will return almost the purchase price of the land.

The 1913 Oregon legislature will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 for purposes of protection for Oregon forests for the ensuing two years. A like amount was asked of the 1911 legislature. The amount appropriated at that time was only \$50,000, or \$30,000 per year.

Estimates prepared by the governing board of the Monmouth normal school indicate that an additional appropriation of \$15,000 will be necessary to equip and complete the new dormitory. The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 for this building, and all has been spent on construction work.

As the result of requests arrangements will be made for lectures upon athletics, with particular reference to the international contest at Stockholm last summer, by Bill Hayward, trainer of athletics at the university of Oregon, before the students in several high schools of the state. These will occur early in the spring.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Oregon state teachers' association, western division, including those of the rural school supervisors and county superintendents' department, the college and normal school department, department of secondary education, department of industrial education, department of city superintendents and the department of music, will be held in Portland December 26, 27 and 28.



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Bank premises, etc.....	32,540 12	Undivided profits, earned.....	37,721 56
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