

# OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

**Farmers' Week at O. A. C. Liked**  
Corvallis.—Complete data on Farmers' Week registration at Oregon Agricultural college, as compiled in the office of Registrar Tennant, give the total number of people attending one or more of the lectures and demonstrations at 1140. Of this number 812 were men and 328 were women. The total attendance of 1140 includes 535 regular students, already registered for college work, so this number deducted from the grand total leaves 605 as the number who came to O. A. C. for the sole purpose of taking advantage of the work offered during Farmers' week.

**Charges Against Bankers Dropped**  
Salem.—With a motion made by District Attorney John H. McNary, Judge P. R. Kelly, of the circuit court here, made an order dismissing the four criminal cases instituted by the state against J. Thorburn Ross, John E. Atchison and T. T. Burkhart, as to all the defendants save Ross.

In all cases the indictments charged the defendants with misappropriating school funds belonging to the state while the defendants were officers of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, of Portland.

## INTEREST IS MANIFESTED

**Dairymen of State Hold Interesting Session at Albany**

Albany.—Completing a session marked by important action for the betterment of dairy conditions in this state, the Oregon Dairymen's association adjourned its 23d annual convention. More interest was manifested at this session in dairy problems and there was a more wholesome desire for the improvement of dairy conditions and the development of the industry in this state, apparent than at any former convention of the association.

J. M. Dickson of Shedd, was elected president of the association for the year in the annual election. Charles Kunze, of Tillamook, was elected first vice president, and Edward Cary, of Carlton, second vice president. F. L. Kent, of the Oregon Agricultural college, of Corvallis, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Tillamook was selected for next year's convention, but the date was left to the officers.

## P. & E. to Extend Road Six Miles

Medford.—The directors of the Pacific & Eastern railroad have voted an appropriation sufficient to extend the east end of the road six miles further into the timber along the right-of-way towards Bend, providing that the assurance is given to them that an adequate mill is built and operated at that end of line. The construction of the additional six miles of railroad will entail an expenditure of close upon \$250,000.

## RESOURCES ENUMERATED

**Immigration Agent Chapman Prepares Information for Homeseekers**

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## Sheepmen Fix Meet Date

Vale.—Convention dates for the 15th annual meeting of the Oregon State Woolgrowers' association in Vale are January 2, 3 and 4. Special trains are being arranged for by the Vale chamber of commerce to convey the delegates from Ontario to Vale and return, in addition to the regular railway train service between these points.

## Crusade Against Big Signs On

Aurora.—The city council at its last meeting ordered drawn up an ordinance prohibiting big glaring signs that mar the appearance of streets and premises.

## DR. ANNA H. SHAW



Dr. Anna H. Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, who disapproves adoption of oriental dress by American women.

## GOVERNMENT SUES S. P.

**One Billion Dollars in Property May Be Involved**

Los Angeles, Cal.—One billion dollars' worth of California oil-bearing lands, it was said, probably would be involved in the litigation which was begun here with the filing of the \$250,000,000 action in equity against the Southern Pacific company and its subsidiary corporations. The Standard Oil company, through its subsidiaries, is expected by federal officers finally to be involved as well as the McKean-Mann interests, the British Columbia Oil Syndicate which is said to be interested extensively in California.

Three or more years probably will elapse before it is determined whether the Southern Pacific and other interests wrongfully obtained the mineral lands specified in the action. The suit already involves the largest amount ever sought in an equity action in the history of the United States and federal officers say it will be ended only when the supreme court of the United States renders a decision.

## John H. Hall Pardoned

Washington.—John H. Hall, ex-United States attorney, has been fully pardoned by President Taft. Hall is pardoned on two grounds. First, that the department of justice, after thorough investigation, is convinced he was not guilty of the offense charged, and secondly, that his conviction was secured by jury "packed" by William J. Burns, as was the jury that convicted Willard N. Jones.

## BRYAN AND WILSON HOLD CONFERENCE

Trenton, N. J.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson and William J. Bryan conferred here in the governor's room at the state house.

Mr. Wilson said frankly that, while he had talked with Mr. Bryan about men for his Cabinet, the name of the Nebraskan was not mentioned.

The summoning of Mr. Bryan to discuss legislative policies and the personnel of the Cabinet was, the President-elect indicated one of a series of steps which he is taking to determine on the fitness of individuals for the Cabinet.

In view of Mr. Bryan's connection with the drafting of the Democratic platform, the conference largely concerned plans for carrying out platform pledges.

The Governor was asked if Mr. Bryan seemed to be in favor of any precedence in the order of legislation. "We went over the platform in a general way," replied the Governor, "with no special emphasis on one plank more than another."

**Natal Sails With Body of Reid**  
Falmouth, England.—The British armored cruiser Natal sailed with the body of Ambassador Reid on board. Full naval honors were paid.

## THE MARKETS.

**Portland.**  
Wheat—Club, 79c; bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 77c.  
Oats—\$26 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.  
Butter—Creamery, 37c.  
Eggs—Candled, 33c.  
Hops—1912 crop, 26c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 22½c.

**Seattle.**  
Wheat—Bluestem, 83c; club, 79c; red Russian 77c.  
Eggs—33c.  
Butter—Creamery, 38c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

At the city election in Ashland O. H. Johnson was elected mayor and the town went dry by a vote of 405 for license and 1356 against.

A plan is on foot with the people of Coquille and Bandon to form a Port of Bandon for the purpose of improving the lower Coquille river.

Attorney General Crawford has held that the eight hour law passed by the people at the last general election is void because of the absence of an enacting clause.

The Oregon branch of the American Poultry Association was organized at Eugene by the adoption of a constitution and bylaws and by the nomination of a set of officers.

D. C. Eccles of Ogden, Utah, has been elected president of the Sumpter Valley railroad and other Oregon institutions recently controlled by his father, the late David Eccles.

Mrs. Nancy Whiteaker, wife of the first governor of Oregon, died at Eugene in her eighty-fifth year. Mrs. Whiteaker crossed the plains from Missouri with her husband in 1852.

Circuit Judge Calkins at Medford sentenced Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour, alias Parker, recently convicted of murdering George Dedaskalos, a Greek, to hang February 14 next.

Governor West has appointed Geo. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, of Portland, as a member of the Oregon Agricultural college board of regents, to succeed W. W. Cotton, resigned.

What the farmers of the state are doing in co-operative associations in the matter of irrigating their lands, will be the keynote to the Irrigation Congress meeting in Portland January 5, 10 and 11.

Frank R. Forbes of Spokane has been appointed traffic manager of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railroad. He will assume his new duties January 1 and will have his headquarters in Portland.

There are 8355 school children in Linn county, according to the annual enumeration just completed by County School Superintendent Jackson. This is a gain of 292 over last year's enumeration.

Superintendent Alderman will urge a change in the school textbook laws at the next session of the legislature which he believes will work a great benefit to the school children of Oregon if it is adopted.

Maggie Adams, known as the mother of the Tillamook tribe of Indians, died this week at her home at East Garibaldi. She was 109 years old and remembered the coming of the first white man to Tillamook Bay.

That 1,000,000 boxes of apples, enough to fill a train of 1200 cars, 15 miles long, will be shipped from the Hood River valley through Portland by the way of the Panama canal to European markets next fall, is predicted.

In a summary completed by the state board of tax commissioners of the assessed valuation of all the counties in the state as assessed by county assessors, the complete assessed valuation for 1912 is shown to be \$793,095,181.

Miss Clara C. Munson, daughter of a survivor of the Whitman massacre and a graduate of St. Helen's Hall in Portland, has been elected mayor of Warrenton by 16 majority over J. W. Detrich, and thereby becomes the first woman mayor in Oregon.

That the legislature should enact laws to protect laboring men from coming to the state in response to misleading announcements that work and wages await them, is the opinion given by Labor Commissioner Hoff in his fifth biennial report.

Governor and Mrs. Oswald West have issued an invitation to the people of the state of Oregon to attend a reception at the state capitol on New Year's night, January 1, in honor of the former governors of Oregon and their wives, or their widows.

By a vote of 1130 to 62, the largest percentage majority in the history of the state, the citizens of Grants Pass voted \$200,000 bonds to construct the initial units of the Pacific Interior railroad, a band of steel which is to tie Grants Pass to Crescent City at tidewater.

Governor West has completed a tabulation showing the outline of his proposed uniform salary plan for county officials. This tabulation shows the percentages of area, population and assessed valuation for each county in relation to the entire state and also shows the averages for the three in relation to the entire state and what class each respective county will come under.

The state board of health, at its annual meeting at Salem, adopted a motion recommending to the legislature a law giving members of the state board authority to file in behalf of the state on water rights, to condemn rights of way and build flumes and take whatever other steps are necessary to carry out the project outlined in the report of Engineer Louis C. Kelsey. This report outlines a plan for supplying water to cities and towns of the Willamette valley from McKeanie river.

## Harney Freight Going via Prairie City

Prairie City, Or., Dec. 21.—The freight traffic from this place to Burns and the Harney country, which was about 18 months ago diverted by the auto truck freight line from Bend, is returning to its old channel by way of the Sumpter Valley railway, from Baker to Prairie City, and by freight teams from this point to Burns. The reason is found in the fact the auto truck service from Bend to Burns, while a success so far as time and carrying capacity is concerned is not as profitable to the auto truck company as was hoped; in fact, it is said to have been practically demonstrated that some commodities can be delivered into the Harney country cheaper by the freighter team from Prairie City than by auto truck line from Bend.

The distance from Bend to Burns is about 140 miles, as against about 85 miles from Prairie City. The road from the latter point is for the most part a fairly good one, and lies through a well settled country, well supplied with hay and grain, and abundantly watered. The facilities for forwarding and handling freight through the commodious forwarding station at Prairie City, together with the conveniences provided for the freighters and their teams here, makes this route in many respects a favorite one. At the present time freight teams are engaged in hauling from this point the equipment and furnishings for the new school building now being erected at Burns.

It is reported here that Sumpter Valley railroad is actively interested in regaining the Harney county transportation business.

## Wants to Sell More Land.

President Howard and two other officers of the Central Oregon Irrigation company appeared before the desert land board and asked for an additional contract with the state giving the company authority to sell more land and water rights in their project as means of getting security for raising funds needed to complete the line project.

As only three members of the land board were present, no action was taken, and the company officials were requested to present their proposal to the board in writing.

Company officials explained that they had spent \$300,000 on the north canal and dam when engineers' estimates had placed the cost of this work at \$135,000, and that properly to cover the entire project it was necessary to continue the canal 16 miles. This, they estimate, would cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The money already spent has been raised principally from stockholders and bondholders, and now they want to dispose of more land contracts as a basis for raising additional funds.

Reports from the project show that the company is doing efficient work.

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Particular attention is paid the horticultural interests of the state and its production of wool, hops, timber and fisheries. Other statistics tell of the mineral resources of the state, while one map shows the railroads and navigable streams. Another department of the publication, which is called the Oregon Almanac, discusses the subject of education. It shows that in 1911 we employed more teachers and expended more money in proportion to population than a majority of the other states.

Under the caption "Made in Oregon," Governor West, in an introductory invitation, says the following:

"All the materials entering into the makeup of the Oregon Almanac are Oregon products. But a short time ago the paper upon which you are reading of the facts about Oregon, both cover and inside, was in balm trees that pushed their peaked growths toward the skies of the Willamette Valley. The trees were cut, their fiber crushed to pulp, the paper manufactured in Oregon, and today it carries the tale of Oregon's opportunities to millions of readers east, west, north and south.

"The printing, the engraving of the zinc etchings and half-tones; the drawing of the illustrations, the draughting of the figurative charts and maps—everything was done in Oregon. There is an ever-growing sentiment that is daily being put to the practical test of 'Made in Oregon.' This sentiment means more than the mere words of our people. It is a state-wide loyalty to the idea that Oregon people believe to the utmost in utilizing Oregon's rich resources. They may be depended upon to encourage with their patronage all who come to the state and invest their capital in manufacturing enterprises. The people appreciate every effort put forth for the fullest and quickest development of Oregon."

The great mass of convincing statistical information and com-

parative charts showing Oregon's advantageous position for diversified pursuits and as a place of residence, is supplemented by the following general advice on "How to Succeed in Oregon:"

Oregon's climate is far more favorable than can be found anywhere east of the Pacific Slope. Oregon's hillside and valley are rich and fertile; her scenery is matchless in grandeur.

Oregon's home environment is delightfully attractive.

Conditions for success are far more favorable than in any of the older, thickly populated states.

All who look to Oregon for a future home should remember, however, that the same qualities of industry, prudence and perseverance are required for success here that would be needed anywhere.

No one should come to Oregon expecting to "get rich quick"; to achieve success without work and well applied knowledge. Above all, no one should come to Oregon expecting to find immediate employment in any line, in any of the cities or towns. When you come, bring enough funds to provide traveling and living expenses for a considerable period while you are visiting different localities and searching for the opportunity which appeals to you and in which you have confidence you can succeed. Do not build up false hopes of fabulous affluence and easy life without work.

In selecting a location for an Oregon home, the newcomer should visit the land, to learn whether it is suited to the tastes and requirements of his family and the special branch of agricultural industry in which he expects to engage. He should consult the leading business men of the commercial organizations of the neighboring community and satisfy himself as to his purchase. If he does not find exactly what he wants in one part of the state, it will pay to investigate further, as conditions are so diversified in Oregon that no long search will be necessary to locate satisfactorily. Once located you will find yourself among hospitable and sociable neighbors, whose delight it is to be of every assistance to him and make him feel at home and help him succeed. A warm welcome into churches, schools, granges, improved clubs, fraternal organizations and other societies awaits every new citizen who comes to Oregon with the honest purpose of achieving independence and making a home.

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