OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Text Book Commission to Reduce Cost Salem.-As the law creating the state text book commission was enacted for the purpose of making school courses uniform through the state and reducing the cost of books to a minimum, the attorney general rendered an opinion that the state text book commission had no authority to adopt two or three books in the same branch of study, in order to give teachers a selection, or to designate books for supplementary reading.

C. & E. LINE MUST REBUILD

Commission Finds Track is Poor and

Urges Immediate Improvement. lis & Eastern railroad company, from Corvallis to Yaquina, a distance of 71 miles, must be relaid with new steel rails, and properly ballasted, and all of the company's line, consisting of 140 miles, must be ballasted, for the state railroad commission, which made an inspection of the whole line, directed that the company make such improvements. While these directions were not reduced to the formality of an order, the commission intimates that unless they are obeyed a formal order will be made

The commission finds, to begin with, that the entire track of the company's line is unballasted. The track east of Albany, it says, consists of 55pound steel rails, laid in 1887, and the surface is kinked and out of alignment. By laying new ties and properly ballasting, this condition can be remedied, says the commission. From Albany to Corvallis the track needs ballasting, but otherwise it is found

Placer Gold Strike on Canyon John Day.-A feverish gold stampede has just been started by a strike on Canyon Mountain, made by an oldtime prospector, Dan O'Shea. O'Shea. made his strike more than a week ago, but succeeded in keeping it a secret several days. When the news finally leaked out there was an immediate rush. It is rumored O'Shea has taken out between \$1500 and \$3000. One pan it is said, yielded him \$260.

Anvil May Yet Be Saved.

Florence -- Mr. Genereaux, who has charge of the Anvil for the insurance company, found after an examination that the vessel is in much better shape than was feared and is confident of success in the attempt float her. She is gradually moving closer into deep

AGENT SENT TO UMATILLA

Secretary of Interior Has Received

Conflicting Stories of Project. terior, Franklin K. Lane, is unable to those paid in other industries. decide just what course to pursue with respect to the West Umatilla extension reclamation project.

Reports have reached the secretary B SELIOITE condition at busiwhat weight to give them. He has in- as ambassador to Russia. timated pretty plainly that he will send an agent to look into the matter and give him an impartial report.

The investigation if made will probably be conducted expeditiously. The agent is likely to be selected from the western country itself, but he will not be a man having any reason to show bias either for or against the project he will be asked to investigate. Secretary Lane will probably try to get his opinion as soon as is consistent with a proper report, and he will then act on it without unnecessary delay.

Bigamy and Theft Woman's Charges Portland .- Joseph E. Ellis, whose aliases are, according to county officers, Rev. E. L. Richards and C. H. Duffy, was taken from the California Limited at Dunsmuir, Cal., by local officers, acting under instructions sent by Sheriff Word. His wife, two daughters and a son were also taken from the train. Sheriff Word sent a deputy to bring the family back to Portland, where Ellis, or Duffy, may be charged with bigamy and swindling a woman whom he recently married in Georgia, out of \$2650.

Klamath Allotments Put on Block Klamath Falls.-Scores of inherited allotments on the Klamath Indian reservation will soon be offered for sale. The minimum price at which the lands can be sold is fixed by a board of appraisers. The lands are then advertised and sold to the highest bidder, but no bid less than the apraised valuation is considered. The money derived from the sale of the lands goes to the heirs of the deceased. Before the lands are sold the agent in charge of the reservation calls a meeting of all heirs.

J. P. MORGAN



J. P. Morgan, only sen of the famous Salem .- All of the line of the Corval- financier, who inherited the bulk of his fortune.

Brief News of the Week

Massachusetts will be represented by a \$500,000 building at the Panama Pacific exposition.

The California senate, by a vote of 23 to 14, turned down the Kehoe bill to restrict the sale of liquor on the grounds of the Panama Pacific exposition.

The Nebraska house of representatives at Lincoln has sustained the governor's veto of the Heasty bill providing for the sterilization of criminals and mental incompetents.

The largest vessel in the world, the Cunard liner Acquitania, was launched Monday at Clydebank, Giasgow. The great ship will be of \$0,000 tons' displacement, and is to cost \$10,000,000.

The progressive party issued a statement at New York through its executive committe, to the effect that these is no possibility that the new party will ever amalgamate with either of the old parties.

The truce between the Bulgarians and the Turks was officially confirmed at Constantinople. The armistice will last until April 23, and may be prolonged if peace is not concluded in the interval.

The United States stands fourteenth among the nations of the world in number of government owned aeroplanes and in government expenditures for aerial navigation in the last five years. Brazil and Chile are ahead of this country.

The city council of Raymon, Wash., has passed over Mayor Little's veto, five to two, one of the most drastic saloon ordinances ever known in Washington. The ordinance reduces the number of salcons to four for every 1500 people and raises the license to \$5000 a pear.

At Columbus, Ohlo, the L W. W. were condemned by the state senate committee for the part they took in the strike of the Akron rubber work-The commistee says that the ers. Washington.-There should be little wages paid by the rubber companies wonder that the secretary of the in- of Columbus compare favorably with

People in the News

Due to the pressure of his private ess affairs. Charles R. Crane of the project and he would like to know Chicago has declined the appointment

After six years of service as British ambassador at Washington, James Bryce set forth for the Orient by way of New York and San Francisco.

Major J. F. A. Strong, of Juneau, has been selected for appointment as governor of Alaska to succeed Walter F. Clark, resigned

A New York grand jury has indicted John Nicholson Anhut, a lawyer, for bribery in connection with alleged efforts to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan.

Alice Cornella Thaw, of Pittsburg, known as Mrs. Copley Thaw since her divorce from the Earl of Yarmouth, in 1908, was married to Geoffrey G. Whitney, of Boston, at Cumberland Island, Ga.

Karl Hagenbeck, the famous animal collector and trainer of Hamburg, Germany, was bitten seven years ago by a venomous snake. This caused his recent death, as his physician found that the venom had finally affected his

Declaration that the house would be asked to probe charges that Professor Willis L. Moore, summarily dismissed as head of the government weather bureau by President Wilson, used his office to promote his candidacy for a cabinet position, has been voiced by Representative Fowler of Indiana.

Bryan and Clark Get Together Washington,-William J. Bryan and

Champ Clark, who have been openly hostile since the Baltimore convention which nominated President Wilson and defeated Clark, have buried the hatchet. The two met at a luncheon with a Washington editor and formally wiped out the past. Both issued formal statements expressing good will.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

central heating plant-to be installed at the capitol at Salem.

Baker lumber mills are reported operating to their full capacity to fill the crowding orders from the east.

L. R. Alderman, Oregon state super intendent of education, was chosen president of the Inland Empire Teach ers' association.

Eugene is to have a \$35,000 apart ment house, three stories high and the largest in town, to be erected by the Bartle-Sweaney company, a local

Hood River ferrymen threaten to tie up their boats and shut off that city from the trans-river points, unless they are given a landing place during the high water period.

May 9, the 1913 inspection day at Oregon Agricultural college, Cervallls, will be made of state-wide interest, An all-day program in the nature of a military entertainment will be given.

A. C. Strauge, city superintendent of The Dalles' schools for six years, has been chosen to succeed J. A. Churchill at Baker. Mr. Churchill becomes state superintendent of public instruction at the close of the school

The Michigan Trust company of Grand Rapids has filed a half million dollar mortgage deed at Roseburg. The mortgage secures a six per cent bond issue floated for the purpose of building a large lumber plant at the mouth of the Siuslaw river.

Large quantities of lumber and white cedar railroad ties have been coming ashore near Newport. There is no indication as to just what vessel the lumber came from, except that an empty fruit box was found bearing the name of the steamship Governor.

Fifteen "co-eds" of the University of Oregon, Eugene, are working their way through college independent of outside support. They do sewing housework and similar tasks, and be cause of the democratic spirit at Eugene, do not suffer loss of social posi-

W. C. Thienes, of Eugene, who was recently arrested and tried on the charge of perjury, but acquitted by a jury, has sued I. M. Francis of that city for \$26,000 damages, alleging that it was at Francis' instigation that the grand jury indicted him.

The large caterpillar traction engine on the farm of William Riddell & Sons near Monmouth, has been plowing dur ing the past few days. The machine puts in 16 acres of grain in one day and with the use of this outfit, which is entirely new to that county, the sea son's work on the big Riddell farm is rapidly completed.

Word was received by Superintendent Alderman from Superintendent Farley of Brockton, Mass., that he is rendy to exchange sixth grade teach ers and two high school teachers for teachers from Oregon. This is the first fruit of the exchange movement started by Superintendent Alderman during his recent visit to Massachu-

A number of Japanese husiness men of Hood River have organized an association for investment of the savings of Japanese laborers of the valley, M. Yasul, president of the organization, which has a capital stock of \$50,000, estimates that on an average the Hood River Japanese now send about \$40, annually to the Yokohama Specibank at San Francisco.

lieuvy sheep Josses have been sus tained in the vicinity of Castle Rock and Arlington. The Stanfield outfit, of Castle Rock, is said to have lost 1200 ewes, which may mean that many lambs died also. The sheep had but recently been shorn with machines. making the clip closer than when done by hand, and the cold wind was re sponsible for the heavy loss.

"Drys" and "wets" are alike in a fever of excitement at The Dalles over the statement that the city council there has had no legal right to license saloons since 1905. If legal action determines that the statement is corect, a special election will follow and the question left to the voters. Participation of suffragettes in the expected campaign would make, it is said, the

hottest fight ever waged in The Dalles. Ray Ferrell, 24 years of age, for whose body 50 men spent 10 days dragging and dynamiting Snake river, near Ontario, has turned up at La Grande. Ferrell left his wife of two weeks on April 4 to go hunting. His gun, hat and coat were found the next morning on the river bank after an all night search. His wife has been in an almost hysterical condition since. He assigns no cause for his queer ac-

With a capital stock of \$100,000 and with 27 of Portland's prominent business men designated as incorporators, the Portland Remedial Loan associaion filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The mission of the corporation is to fight loan sharks and provision is made for loan ng money at low interest with a fur exceed six per cent. It is also provided that in case of dissolution, the surplus shall be devoted to charitable purposes.



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