

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Big Conference to Be Held in Eugene.
Salem.—The fifth annual commonwealth conference will be held under the auspices of the University of Oregon May 16 and 17 at Eugene, and it is predicted that the conference will be better and greater this year than ever before. The discussions held at these conferences with relation to different state problems are integral parts of the university's regular curriculum, and are for the purpose of demonstrating to the students, as well as to the people, the true relation of university education to industrial and social progress in the state.

Reduced rates of one and one-third fare have been granted the university, on the certificate plan. A special excursion train is to be run from Portland.

CELEBRATION AT CHAMPOEG

Birth of Provisional American Government in Oregon Country Observed

Butteville.—The 70th anniversary of the establishment of the first American government in the Oregon country was celebrated at Old Champeog, on the site made historic by the little band of Americans at the celebrated "Wolf Meeting," on May 2, 1843, when by a vote of 52 to 50 the settlers decided for American sovereignty in the territory of Oregon, embracing, as it did, the present states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and a part of Montana.

They gathered there—the old grizzled pioneers and their descendants by the hundreds—and paid a tribute to the founders of that provisional government which eventuated into the government of Oregon Territory, and later into the state of Oregon, and paid a tribute to the empire-builders of nearly three-quarters of a century ago. Judge Peter D'Arcy, of Salem, presided at the celebration, and a number of pioneers delivered five-minute speeches. On the platform, in the seat of honor, sat F. X. Matthies, aged 95, the only survivor of the historic 52 who voted for American sovereignty.

240 Men at Work Upon South Jetty.

Astoria.—While operations on the south jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river have been going on since April 15, the work has now started in full blast, with about 240 men on the work.

CONFESSES BIG SWINDLE

Refuses to Tell of Cadaver Palmed Off as His Own Body

Portland.—J. C. LaFrance and wife, who were arrested at Marshfield, Ore., in connection with a charge of swindling three life insurance companies of approximately \$15,000, all told, were brought to Portland. District Attorney Walter H. Evans subjected LaFrance to an examination which lasted until late at night. Afterward the district attorney said LaFrance made a "clean breast of everything, except to tell where the cadaver, palmed off as his, came from."

To newspaper men who talked with him LaFrance freely admitted his identity, told of his experiences in Portland after his supposed demise, of being recognized by various friends here, and of his investments in Coos county timber land, which he said he believed would eventually be disposed of at a price that would reimburse in full the companies for their losses. Allusions to the body and questions as to where it was obtained and how it was "planted" in the rugged country along the Clackamas river were ignored by the prisoner.

Self Defense Plea Wins for Gault

Oregon City.—Glenn Gault, who killed his stepfather in the course of a quarrel at their backwoods home near Scott's Mills on June 19, 1911, was adjudged not guilty of murder by a jury in Judge Campbell's department of the circuit court after the 12 men, nearly all farmers, had deliberated 45 minutes.

He left Astoria in November, 1912, almost a year after he had killed D. C. Letzel, his foster-son, and gave himself up to the Portland police, confessing his deed. Later he took Clackamas county officials to a spot in the woods 200 feet from the scene of the killing, and showed them where he had buried the body.

Peoria Forger Caught.

Portland.—After 18 months' residence in Portland, during which time he gained a large acquaintance with police officials, "Billy Hughes," bartender in a saloon at Williams Avenue and Russell street was found to be Harry Bradley, of Peoria, Ill., wanted there for forgery. He was arrested and locked up as a fugitive from justice. He admitted his identity and said he would not fight extradition.

VICTOR MURDOCK



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Victor Murdock, Kansas Representative, who is leader of the Progressives in Congress.

CHURCHES BRING SUIT

The Dalles Officials Are Made Defendants in Saloon Cases

The Dalles, Or.—Methodist, United Brethren, Baptist and Christian churches here are plaintiffs in proceedings, instituted in circuit court, against Mayor Fish and the city officials, the object of legal action being to prevent the city from issuing saloon licenses in the future, it being alleged that the council has no legal right to issue permits on account of a charter omission which was made when the state legislature re-enacted a section of the local charter in 1905.

In response to motion of attorneys for the plaintiffs, Judge Bradshaw set May 24 for hearing on the application for a temporary injunction, which would enjoin the council from issuing saloon licenses.

The legal action will not affect the liquor permits which are now in effect. They expire June 30.

Hindu is Eligible as Citizen.

Spokane.—An interesting sidelight on the anti-alien land legislation in California came here when Akhaya Kumar Morundar, a philosopher and native of Calcutta, India, attained the distinction of being the first Hindu ever to become an American citizen. Although courts heretofore have held Hindus ineligible to citizenship, United States District Judge Frank H. Rudkin granted the application of the Hindu for naturalization papers.

FRIEDMANN CASES NOT DOING WELL

New York.—The Friedmann patients in New York are not doing well. In fact, some of them are decidedly ill. This fact, combined with a knowledge of the nature of the sale Friedmann has recently accomplished, has made all physicians connected with the Friedmann tests anxious not only for their own patients but for the welfare of the public in general.

Before the week is out it is most probable that three, and perhaps four, public statements will be made from public institutions, none of which will be favorable to Dr. Friedmann or his treatment.

This information has been placed in the hands of the New York health department, telling of the poor showing which the Friedmann patients, all of whom have been watched for the department, have made. The statements made are strong. One of them is supposed to be that some of the cases treated would have been better off if they had not had the Friedmann injection and that the presence of the culture in their systems seems to have given the bacilli a chance to work in places which they might not otherwise have attacked.

Irish Lassie Fought as Man

Quincy, Ill.—How an Irish lassie, disguised as a man, enlisted in the Union army, fought bravely under General Grant, and later spent nearly a year in the state Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy without her sex being detected, was revealed by Colonel J. O. Anderson, superintendent of the home, when she was committed to the insane asylum at Jacksonville.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 98c; red Russian, 85c.
Hay—Timothy, \$15; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 28c.
Eggs—Candled, 21c.
Hops—1912 crop, 14c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 18c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85c.
Eggs—20c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Hay—Timothy, \$15 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

County Judge W. S. Worden of Klamath Falls must face a recall election. The number of signatures necessary to bring about the election have been procured.

The state board has authorized the superintendents of the state penitentiary and insane asylum to add to the dairy herds of those institutions by purchasing 24 head of Holsteins from the Hagley herd at Hillsboro for \$3200.

Oregon school children to the number of 61,200 have signed a petition asking that President Wilson direct that the battleship Oregon be delegated to head the first fleet to pass through the Panama canal.

While the city of Hood River is ranked as a "dry" town, Rev. J. B. Parson, pastor of the United Brethren church, in a sermon told his audience that it is a mistake and urges prosecution of the violators.

Petitions for the recall of County Judge R. B. Beatie and County Commissioner N. Blair of Oregon City, have made their appearance. The action is the outgrowth of dissatisfaction with the way in which some of the bridge fund was spent.

A rigid ordinance making all places where liquor is sold or kept for sale in Albany nuisances and providing for punishing not only the men conducting such places but the owners of the buildings in which they are situated was passed by the city council.

For the first time in the history of Klamath county an attorney has been imprisoned for contempt of court. J. H. Carnahan was detained in the county jail for three hours, while his attorneys prepared papers in a habeas corpus proceeding.

More than 50 electrical workers for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway and the Home Telephone company, of Portland, went on strike. They claim that fair wages are not paid by the companies, and that the requests of the union have been ignored.

Charles Matson, a tramp from Salt Lake City, slipped beneath the wheels of a passenger train at Baker on which he was beating his way. Both feet were crushed and had to be amputated. Matson painfully dragged himself on his hands for more than a block until he could secure assistance.

While attempting to board an electric car at Salem, Conrad Krebs, hop-grower, leaped upon the platform just as the gate closed. Unable to cling to the railing he fell, and suffered a cut on the head and a number of bruises. He narrowly escaped being hurled beneath the car wheels.

Will R. King has accepted a position as chief law officer of the reclamation service at \$6000 a year, and will occupy an office immediately adjoining that of Secretary Lane. Mr. King's failure to land a job on the board of appraisers at New York is ascribed to the opposition of Tammany.

At a meeting of the Pleasant Home grange at Pleasant Valley, a resolution was adopted opposing the leasing or ownership of Oregon land by Japanese. It will be submitted to the state grange at its meeting. It was argued that the "yellow peril" is becoming a reality in Multnomah county through the activities of Japanese farmers.

Judge Hamilton has handed down a decision in the circuit court at Roseburg to the effect that a veterinary official of Oregon has a legal right to examine stock shipped from another state, but that he cannot compel the owner of such stock to pay him for his services. Under this decision the state will be required to bear the expense of such inspection.

Robbers blew open the safe of the Springfield Wine company, at Springfield, and took between \$150 and \$200 in cash. Blood was seen on the ground, and led to the theory that one of the robbers was hurt by the explosion. Officers are scouring the country, looking for a wounded man. The safe, weighing nearly 1000 pounds, was rolled into an alley.

The output of the logging camps in the Columbia river district has been so heavy that several logging concerns are figuring on closing down their camps June 15 for an indefinite period. It is reported that the surplus of logs in the water has reached the point that an overproduction may result unless operations be checked a while.

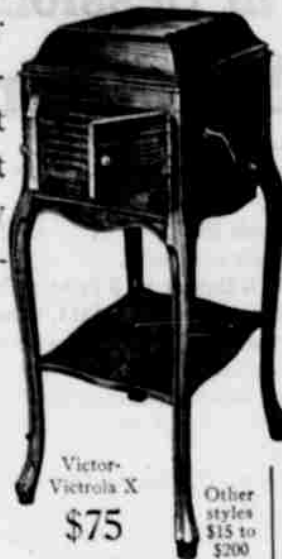
Over 150 Polk county school teachers attended the teachers' institute at Airlie. Sentiment was general against the Parkison movement to refer the University of Oregon appropriation. A question largely discussed related to bringing the home and the school into closer relationship by making of the school house the social center of the rural district.

It is reported that Bolton, four miles from Oregon City, on the main line of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, will be the site of the mammoth carshop, machine shop and repair plant for the entire network of electric roads in the P. E. & E. system. This plant will cost upwards of \$1,000,000, and will occupy a tract of land of more than 24 acres. It will be the largest carshop plant in the northwest, and the most modern in the west.



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Dated and published the first time this 13th day of March, 1913.

VIRGINIA DELORE,
Administratrix of the estate of Joseph H. Delore, deceased. 3-13-13

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Samuel S. Jones, deceased, to all creditors of said deceased and to all persons having claims against said estate to present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of M. R. Elliott in Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated this 3d day of April, 1913.