

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Will Ask Opening of Unit.

Hermiston.—A petition has been drawn and will be circulated in a short time asking the opening of the sixth unit of the Umatilla project. This unit has some of the most valuable land in the country, lying between the feed canal and the "A" line ditch, an area of about 3000 acres. The plan is to irrigate from the feed canal until the water supply from that source is cut off, when the water in this "A" line will be utilized by the use of hydraulic rams.

Polk Exhibit Assured.

Rickreall.—Polk county is now assured of an exhibit representation at the San Francisco world's fair in 1915 and, according to reports, the cost will not exceed \$500. Plans will be made early by farmers and definite arrangements on the part of all in the preparation of such exhibit is urged. Among the products expected to be exhibited are grains, cattle, hogs, poultry, hops, wood samples, goats, sheep, horses.

Two Shot in Duel.

Salem.—John Zoller, marshal of Gervais, is believed to be dying from a wound in the neck and left shoulder received in a pistol duel which occurred when he approached two suspicious characters. Ray, McCarril, arrested several hours after the shooting in this city, has made a complete confession to Sheriff Esch, but declares it was his companion who shot the marshal. McCarril has two bullet wounds in his left shoulder, but his condition is not serious.

Mines Near Baker Busy.

Baker.—Activity such as has not been seen in years in the Mormon Basin country is being shown, and several mining properties show bright prospects. Estimates have been made that there are at least 250 men now working there, and that by next summer there will be as many more.

TAX LEVY TO BE 4.365 MILLS

Estimated Expense of State for 1914 is \$4,165,000.

Salem.—The tax commission, in making public the state tax levy for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1914, announced that the total amount of revenue required for the general state purposes for the year, not including amounts apportioned on a special millage basis, would be \$3,888,258.10.

Added to that sum will be a tax of one twenty-fifth of a mill, yielding \$38,171.30, for the Monmouth normal school, and a tax of one-fourth of a mill, yielding \$238,570.60, for the state road fund, making the total amount needed \$4,165,000.

To raise this money the average rate of taxation on all property in the state will be a little more than four and one-third mills, or, to be exact, .004365. The rates in the various counties will vary widely, depending on the relation of assessed to full cash value of the property in each county. The lowest will be 3.1 mills and the highest 5.6 mills.

Finer University is Aim.

Eugene.—"What the board of regents intends to do is to build a university that the state will be proud of for years to come," declared Governor West in explanation of the decision of the regents, who met at the university to delay taking steps for the construction of the \$100,000 building, funds for which were approved by the people at the recent referendum election.

Grants Pass Plans Annual Shoot.

Grants Pass.—The local gun club is making arrangements to hold an annual shoot at this place on December 21. The day's work will include both shotgun and rifle practice. For shotgun practice flying targets will be used. Cash prizes will be offered as well as other prizes yet to be determined.

Self-Defense is Proved.

McMinnville.—"Not Guilty" was the verdict of the jury that sat on the trial of James Hutchens, who was indicted for murder in the first degree for the shooting of Walter A. Rodgers. The jury was out about two hours and when the verdict was read by Judge Holmes the audience handclapped for three minutes.

Union is Quarantined.

Union.—The city of Union has been placed under quarantine and all places of gathering suppressed, including shows, churches, dances and lodges. These drastic measures were deemed necessary by the city authorities to prevent the further spread of scarlet fever, which has gained considerable headway in the town.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Three carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from Molalla to Los Angeles. Trees were 4 to 10 feet high and each car carried 1200 trees.

The first carload of broomcorn ever shipped out of Josephine county went to Ashland, where it will be manufactured into brooms.

Petitions are being circulated at Medford for the recall of Mayor Purdin and every member of the city council.

Seventy-five citizens of McMinnville, who have organized a military company, are to be made a part of the national guard by order of Adjutant-General Finzer.

Citizens of Grants Pass adopted resolutions calling on the county court to annul the 6-mill road tax levy as to the city of Grants Pass, the object being to save the city \$67,000.

Thomas R. Sheridan, ex-president of the First National bank of Roseburg, was indicted by the Douglas county grand jury for obtaining money by false pretenses, and for forgery.

J. D. Brown, of Arlington, has been chosen to succeed Arthur V. Swift, of Baker, as president of the Oregon Educational & Co-Operative Union of America.

Frank Brown, of Carlton, has been selected to aid in judging the short-horn cattle at the international livestock show at Chicago. The exhibit is the largest in the show.

In the past season the government has cruised 250,000 acres of timberland in the reserves of Oregon. The work was done in mature belts, with the view of selling the timber to logging companies.

Jackson county was not visited by a single serious forest fire in the past season, the protection costing about half a cent an acre for the timber holdings outside the government reserves.

A meeting of 400 dairymen was held at Forest Grove to discuss conditions in general. Dr. James Withycombe, head of the experimental station at Corvallis, spoke of breeding of the dairy herds.

President Wilson has granted a pardon to Harry Redford, convicted at Portland last spring on a charge of taking liquor into the Umatilla Indian reservation and sentenced to 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100.

The petition of the Klamath sportsmen's association against the closing of Sprague and Williamson rivers to logging operations has reached Washington and been presented to Secretary Lane by the Oregon delegation.

One hundred and ninety-four recruits in three months' time is the record made by the Oregon national guard in a campaign to fill up all companies of the guard to war strength in the face of the present Mexican situation.

Samples of the first sheet of pulp ever made from yellow fir, and this from mill waste, have been received by Governor West from C. A. Smith of the C. A. Smith Logging company, which has built a pulp mill in connection with the company's big plant at Marshfield.

Poultry produces more wealth for Oregon annually than does fruit, it produces half as much as wheat, three times as much as wool, one and a half times as much as hops, 60 per cent as much as hay, twice as much as oats, and 5 per cent of the total agricultural wealth of the state.

J. H. Ackerman, president of the normal school at Monmouth, who heads the western state teachers' association, has prepared the program for its session at Salem December 22 to 24. The big event of the session will be the address of Dr. M. O. O'Shea of Wisconsin.

Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures Buchtel has been notified that in various parts of the state cords of wood containing less than 128 cubic feet, the number required by law, are being sold, and has instructed the county sealers to make investigations.

That State Senator McColloch has no legal right to serve as attorney for the corporation department and the state industrial commission, was the statement made by Attorney-General Crawford, who, in an opinion, advised State Treasurer Kay not to honor warrants for \$250 a month as remuneration for Mr. McColloch's services.

Governor West has announced that he will ask the next legislature to appropriate \$3552.35, a deficiency in the amount expended for the transportation of Union and Confederate veterans to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. This amount is owed the O. W. R. & N. company, and the original appropriation of \$5000 has been exhausted.

With the hope of eliminating some of the 22 saloons of The Dalles and providing for strict regulation of the places where drink is dispensed, the city council passed a rigid ordinance which will become effective January 1, 1914. Open fronts are required in all saloons, making the bars and all persons inside visible from the sidewalk. The amount of the annual license which saloonkeepers shall pay was raised from \$800 to \$1000.

MRS. HETTY GREEN



Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, who recently celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday.

Brief News of the Week

The radicals ruled the New York republican state conference and forced the approval of a direct or state-wide primary law.

For the first 10 months since it has been running, the San Francisco municipal street railroad has made each month \$18,300 more than the operating expenses.

There will be no general strike in Indianapolis at this time and teamsters whose employers have signed union contracts will return to work.

There is a well-authenticated report that President Huerta has been assured a loan of \$750,000 pesos by an American corporation with Mexican connections.

Because they had ridden Mrs. John Richardson on a rail following the linking of her name with that of her brother-in-law, five gray haired women of Waukegan, Ill., were convicted and each may be fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in jail.

It is announced that nearly all the hotel owners of San Francisco, representing more than 1200 hostels, have agreed with the Panama-Pacific exposition officials that prices for rooms will not be increased over those of the present, on account of the 1915 fair.

Telephone securities were given a jolt in the stock market when Wall Street heard the report that Samuel Hill, head of the Home Telephone company of Portland, Or., was actively engaged in merging the independent telephone companies of the United States with the Postal Telegraph company.

Declaring that intimately personal subjects should be taught to children at home by their parents, the Parents Rights League of America, organized in San Francisco to combat the introduction of "sex hygiene" instruction and medical inspection in the public schools, will issue a call to all mothers.

People in the News

Suit for divorce was filed by Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Jr., one of the beauties of San Francisco society.

Andrew Carnegie's secretary figures that the iron master has given away \$365,125,000 out of a fortune originally of \$380,125,000.

Ex-President Taft explained the reason he did not go back to Cincinnati to live was that he didn't want to practice law before judges he himself appointed, when president.

The release of ex-President Zelaya, who was arrested in New York, charged with murder in his own land, was authorized by order of the department, on condition that he sail on the first boat for Spain.

Indictments charging graft in connection with building highways in New York have been returned by the special grand jury against Arthur McLean, treasurer of the democratic state central committee.

Colonel David Gaillard, aged 60, one of the chief engineers engaged in the work of building the Panama canal, died at Baltimore. He suffered from hardening of the arteries of the brain, brought on, physicians said, by his work in the Culebra cut of the canal.

Boys and girls are advised to stick to the farm by Champ Clark, speaker of the house, addressing a meeting of corn growers. Senator Pomerene says, if he were a girl, he would rather bake a good loaf of bread than dance the tango.

Two cowboys, suspected of robbing the Verde Valley bank at Blythe, of \$5000, and killing Cashier A. W. Bowles, were arrested at El Centro, Cal. The suspects had in their possession between \$4500 and \$5000 in gold.

Bryan will not be opposed by the anti-saloon league forces of Nebraska, who know of his grape juice record, despite the fight waged on him by the national league, because he stood sponsor for a United States senator from Maryland who was objected to by the nationals.

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