

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout  
the State During the Past  
Week.

**Big Apple Will Feature Exhibit.**  
Hood River.—Hood River county county will occupy the center of the Oregon exhibit at the Panama exposition with its display. A huge Spitzenberg apple about 30 feet in diameter and 18 feet in height will be constructed and on the interior will be a life-like panorama of the Hood River valley with its orchards and flowing streams and with the electric effects that will be installed it will present a novel effect. It is estimated that the apple and its interior panoramic display will cost several thousand dollars.

**Private Salmon Hatchery Operated.**  
The Dalles.—F. A. Seufert, Sr., of the Seufert Brothers' cannery, has installed a salmon hatchery which is being used in restocking the Columbia River. The canneryman has constructed a dam across Fifteen Mile creek, which flows into the Columbia near the big cannery. The dam makes a large pond where the hatching is done. The plant now is turning out from 100,000 to 200,000 fry each day, the variation being caused by the difference in climatic conditions.

**Would Oust Mayor and Officials.**  
Baker.—The state of Oregon through District Attorney Godwin, has brought suit against all municipal officials of the town of Cornucopia, Baker county, including Mayor Robinson, members of the council, recorder, treasurer and marshal, seeking to have them removed from office, alleging that irregularities in charter election, makes it invalid and illegal. It holds that incumbents illegally usurped offices and asks court to oust them.

**Gold Beach Plant to Start.**  
Gold Beach.—Williamson & Allen, of Caldwell, Idaho, are repairing their black sand plant at this place, and soon will renew operations. They have a large amount of machinery at Bandon ready for shipment here, and the Randolph will bring it down next trip.

**ROAD PLANS NOT MADE**  
State Highway Improvements Not Decided Definitely.

Salem.—Although the state highway commission has not decided upon a definite plan as to how all the money raised for state highway improvement under the law passed at the recent session of the legislature creating the commission should be expended, it has made arrangements to begin active work about June 1, when the money for next year will become available. The commission has decided to expend part of the money in providing supervision of road construction by county courts, when desired, and the remainder will be used either in building an experimental thoroughfare to determine the merits of the various hard-surface pavements, or in building a stretch of the Pacific Highway between this city and Portland. The commission has decided that all work done by it shall be hard surface, the law providing that durable roads shall be constructed.

**Flax Mill is Favored.**  
Oregon City.—Farmers of many parts of the county and valley are interested in a proposition to erect a \$200,000 flax mill in Oregon City, and many of them have promised to sign agreements to produce the material in case the city raises \$50,000 required and obtains the mill.

**West Pardons Peacock.**  
Albany.—After serving 382 days in the Linn county jail for violation of the local option liquor law, Albert E. Peacock was released upon a pardon signed by Governor West. His term in prison was the longest thus far in this state for selling liquor in "dry" territory.

**County May Have New Highways.**  
Grants Pass.—The county commissioners have called a special election for Wednesday, December 31, for the purpose of voting upon the question of the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$225,000 for the building of highways in the county.

**Wife-Murder Not Proved.**  
Astoria.—The circuit court jury returned a verdict acquitting F. Ferdinand Fernandez of the charge of murdering his wife. The woman's ante-mortem statement that she stabbed herself was the main evidence in the defendant's behalf.

**Wheat in Need of Gluten.**  
Pendleton.—In an attempt to raise the percentage of gluten in wheat grown in Umatilla county, a few local farmers are importing some seed grain from Canada.

### DR. MARIA MONTESSORI



Dr. Maria Montessori, originator of the famous Montessori method of teaching small children, who recently arrived in America from Italy.

### Brief News of the Week

The New York assembly passed the direct primary bill.

Massachusetts state grange decided against woman suffrage at the closing session in Boston.

Fuck, the comic weekly, has been taken over by the Masses, a Socialist publication, according to a report from New York.

Foreigners here have sent through the mails alone \$5,409,000 to the folks at home for Christmas, according to figures compiled by the New York postoffice.

The City Council of Independence, Or., raised the local saloon license fees from \$1500 to \$3000 each, with the limit placed on two saloons as heretofore.

A test of the woman suffrage law in Illinois has been commenced in form of a suit filed to prevent the election commissioners from permitting separate ballots for women and to prevent women from voting.

Fire endangered the birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner," at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, when burning gas ignited the administrative building. Three rooms of the building were wrecked before the flames were extinguished.

Dayton, Ohio, the largest city in the United States to operate under the commission manager form of government after January 1, 1914, selected H. M. Waite, Cincinnati, Ohio, city engineer, as its city manager.

The first steps looking to a reorganization of the republican party, and a restoration of party harmony, were taken Tuesday, when the republican national committee met in Washington pursuant to the call issued by Chairman Hillis last October.

### People in the News

Dr. John Grant Lyman, promoter of Panama land schemes, was convicted of using the mails to defraud at Los Angeles.

Ex-President Taft states that by means of diet and avoiding quack doctors he has reduced his weight over 79 pounds. He weighs 271 now.

Two thousand Chicago women, at a mass meeting, expressed their wrath at the forced resignation of Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of schools.

Francis J. Heney announced that if Governor Johnson became a candidate for United States senator, he himself would be a candidate for governor to succeed Johnson.

In a sermon at Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons said he did not want to see the time when the government would extend aid to the church, fearing that such plan would mean dictation of policy of the clergy.

J. T. Conway and Frank Richet, prominent real estate men of Portland, were convicted in the United States district court of using the mails to defraud and exploiting a land lottery.

The biggest deal of the year was the sale of Joe Tinker, recently deposited as manager of Cincinnati, to the Brooklyn club for \$25,000. If Tinker agrees to play with Brooklyn he will receive \$10,000 of the sum, the remainder of the money going to the Cincinnati club.

Mayor Albee dismissed former Chief of Police Slover, now captain of police, and Captain Riley, three sergeants and seven patrolmen, for conduct unbecoming an officer. The dismissals are results of charges made against certain members of the department.

In a sweeping decision, in which Mrs. Coe was scathingly criticised, Judge McGinn granted a decree of divorce to Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, a prominent Portland physician, although Mrs. Coe had asked for the divorce, and held that all the property involved in the suit is his.

### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Fright, presumably from being held up or accosted, caused the death of Mrs. R. J. Prince, of Portland.

The assessed valuation of the public service corporations doing business in Hood River county amounts to nearly \$2,972,900.

Governor West has named Floyd Bilyeu, of Portland, and H. H. Clifford of Baker, as members of the state fish and game commission to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Indians are said to be killing off the deer that cross the Klamath reservation and are taking all wild fowl eggs. Senator Lane is asked to report the matter to the Indian bureau.

Frank Simmons is suspected of having killed his mother, cousin and himself, in a cottage in Portland. The bodies were found by a 12-year-old girl of the family.

Governor West is considering the plan of providing unemployed men with work clearing logged off land. Housing accommodations would be in the form of tent cities.

Fruit growers of Oregon, meeting at Portland, declare that limiting of working hours may prove a menace to the pickers and packers of the state.

As an attraction which Bakerites believe will be a rival to Portland's famous Christmas swim, the Baker country club plans for an open golf tournament, medal play, to be staged on Baker links Christmas day.

Marvel Lowrey, aged 15, of Alsea, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid while in a fit of despondency over the fact that she could not have pleasures the same as other girls.

Mrs. J. H. Koberg, who resides on a farm east of Hood River, held up two suspects with a revolver as they were trying to enter the house of a Japanese near her home, and detained them until the arrival of the sheriff.

State dairy and food commissioner Mickle has started a war on all dealers who are said to be selling imported New Zealand butter, branded as the home product. Evidence of alleged violations has been laid before the grand jury.

The annual meeting of the Polk County School Officers' Association will be held at Monmouth Saturday, December 20. The first school officers' association in the state was formed in Polk county about eight years ago, and meetings have been held each year since.

State Engineer Lewis announces that \$3700.21 would be due the state January 1 for power development under permits issued by his department. The fees represent a charge of 25 cents for each theoretical horsepower a year, assuming 50 per cent plant efficiency.

It is claimed that water power development is being retarded in this state through the uncertainty of what the annual fee charged by the state will be and the revocable permit issued by the government for power sites on government land, according to State Engineer Lewis.

Corporation Commissioner Watson has instituted in the supreme court mandamus proceedings against State Treasurer Kay to compel him to pay a warrant for legal services issued to Claude McCulloch, state senator and assistant of the corporation commissioner.

The Pacific Coast Rescue mission of Portland has filed a request with the Pendleton Commercial club for the carcasses of 1000 of the jackrabbits to be killed during the rabbit drives in Umatilla county, and these will be used for food in the mission stations in the cities of the coast. The Pendleton club has promised to ship the rabbits after each drive.

The Coos county Good Roads association has decided to petition the county court to call a special election to vote on a \$400,000 bond issue for road building. Of the amount it is agreed that \$100,000 shall be used from Bandon to the Curry county line, \$70,000 for the road to Ten Mile lakes, and \$270,000 on the road through Myrtle Point to Douglas county. It is the plan to make hard surface roads.

At Salem Judge Galloway has granted permanent injunctions against the authorities, in which he upholds the contentions of the "wets" that the elections, that in November and the city election in December, were invalid, so far as the local option issue was concerned. If the supreme court upholds Judge Galloway it will mean that all cities where the "drys" won at the November election will remain "wet" until another election.

Unless the existing statutes relating to the registration of voters for the primary and general elections in November next year can be harmonized, the county clerks and other officials will encounter difficulties, according to Sam Koser, deputy secretary of state, who has made an extensive study of election laws. Mr. Koser says the situation is the result of the recent decision of the supreme court declaring invalid chapter 323 of the 1913 laws, providing for permanent registration of voters.

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