

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout  
the State During the Past  
Week.

### Ex-Convict Is Killed.

Hopner.—Walter Cason, aged 44, deputy sheriff of Morrow county and marshal of Ione, shot and instantly killed Charles Earheart, aged 46, an ex-convict from the Oregon penitentiary, in front of the Palace hotel, when the latter pulled a gun on the officer and cried "Your game's up; I am going to get you."  
Earheart, who had been drinking, twice shot wide of his mark, and before he could turn a third barrel, Cason drew his revolver and with one shot in the breast, Earheart fell dead.

### One Fatal Accident, Reported in Week

Salem.—One fatal accident out of a total of 71 mishaps during the week was the record, according to Labor Commissioner Hoff. The fatal accident occurred near Summit, where James Hennessy was a victim of a bridge construction accident. Twenty-nine were injured in railroad accidents and 19 were hurt while employed in lumber mills or logging.

### Banks Report Increase.

Astoria.—As an index of the commercial activity in the Lower Columbia river district, the reports recently issued by the four banks in this city, show that during the past 13 months the amounts of their deposits have been increased over \$1,000,000, while the increase in the amounts of their resources has been practically the same.

### Eight New Members of Faculty.

Eugene.—Eight new members of the faculty of the University of Oregon are in Eugene beginning their year's work. They are H. B. Miller, Ellis F. Lawrence and W. F. G. Thacher, of Portland; Dr. John E. Gutberlet, Dr. Ralph Culver Bennett, Dr. John J. Landsbury, Earl Kilpatrick and Miss Kathrina M. Davis.

### LAND CASE HEARING IS SET

Taking Testimony May Begin September 28 in Forfeiture Suit.

Roseburg.—Taking of testimony in the case of the government against the Southern Oregon company, claimant to 96,000 acres included in the Coos Bay wagon road land grant, will begin at Roseburg September 28 or 29, according to plans of attorneys concerned.

The land involved is in Coos and Curry counties, and is nearly all heavily timbered. It was granted by congress on condition that a millary wagon road be built from Coos Bay to Roseburg and that the land be sold to actual settlers in 160-acre tracts at not more than \$2.50 an acre. The Oregon legislature later transferred the grant, originally 104,000 acres, on condition that the terms of the original grant be carried out.

Passing through various hands, the land came to be held by the Southern Oregon company, which was organized to take it over.

The government charges that no attempt has been made to observe the grant terms and contends that the remainder of the land, some 8000 acres, having been sold at various prices, shall be forfeited, as the Oregon & California grant lands were forfeited, back into the public domain.

### Woman Shot at Astoria.

Astoria.—Lillian Hendrickson, aged 17, shot down in a local cannery by a fellow laborer died here after Drs. Fulton and Forstrom had exhausted every effort to save her life. Peroli, the man who shot Miss Hendrickson, and later turned the gun on himself, is improving in the hospital, and his recovery is expected.

### Two Quarrel; One Dies.

Klamath Falls.—In a quarrel over pasturage of calves, Otis Hickman seized a rifle and shot dead his brother-in-law, Vivian Evans, 35 years old. Hickman was exonerated by a coroner's jury after Hickman's mother-in-law and wife, the only witnesses to the shooting, had testified that the shot was fired in self-defense.

### Blackbirds Destroying Grain.

Silver Lake.—Grain stacks and stubble fields of the valley have been covered for a week past with clouds of blackbirds, apparently driven from the uplands by recent heavy snows and cold weather. The birds are so numerous that unthreshed stacks at times appear to be shrouded in an animated mantle of black.

### Sheepman Is Killed.

Portland.—Benjamin Selling, Sr., pioneer sheepman of the Pacific Northwest, uncle of Ben Selling, of Portland, was struck and instantly killed when he stepped in front of a moving locomotive at the Northrup street crossing of the Northern Pacific Terminal company's yards here.

## GENERAL GALLIENI



General Gallieni, who is in command of the army and fortifications defending Paris.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

Battling desperately for supremacy in what may prove to be the greatest battle in the world's history, on a line extending from the region of Noyon, on the river Oise, northwest of Paris, to the river Meuse, north of Verdun, the armies of the allies and Germany accomplished nothing definite or decisive during the past week.

Conditions for the struggle could not be worse. The bloody field was drenched with cold, torrential rain that filled the trenches behind which the fighters sought shelter, adding to their torment.

The allies apparently have not attempted storming tactics during the week. Instead they exerted great pressure to break through the German center and tried constantly to envelop General von Kluck's right wing. Both efforts failed, as they have failed consistently whenever attempted by either side during the French campaign. That the enormous resisting powers of a million men, when skillfully led, is greater than their offensive strength, seems to be the principal lesson taught by this retreat to and from Paris.

Each of the contending forces had practically exhausted itself as the week closed and though the battle line was continually restless, only slight gains by one side, offset by moderate victories by the other, can be counted as the result of the seven days' western fighting.

The casualties of the allies probably exceeded those of the Germans the past week for the first time since the war began. The German defensive was excellently chosen for administering severe punishment to the pursuers, and there are suggestions that the artillery fire from the northern heights of the Aisne has been very destructive.

The German official report says the French attacks have been repulsed, that Beaumont has been stormed and that many French prisoners have been captured. French reports, on the other hand, while agreeing to the stubbornness of the contest, declare the situation is "satisfactory," despite the fact the Germans have received reinforcements, presumably from Lorraine.

The French army, operating on the right bank of the river Oise in the region of Noyon, according to this report, has made some progress, while the Anglo-French force which a week ago crossed the river Aisne in the face of a withering fire from the German guns, holds the heights to the north of that point. In the center the Germans have not moved from the trenches which they dug when they were compelled to fall back, while the crown prince's army, which holds the German left, again has retired.

The German forces in east Prussia have been more successful than in France. The Russians have been forced to evacuate almost all of the German territory they had previously occupied and an offensive movement has penetrated some distance into Russian Poland. Its serious significance is indicated by an announcement from Petrograd that 900,000 additional troops are preparing to march into Germany.

Petrograd reports that General Rennenkampf has definitely arrested the German advance. This movement has been assisted by river excursion boats changed into what the soldiers termed a "one-horse navy."

In Galicia, Austrian defeats have been continuous during the week, though not as overwhelming as Russian reports first indicated. All the province east of the San river is now held by Russia, but the strong fortifications of the San have not yet fallen.

The way to Cracow, however, is partly open and the week closed with Russia's campaign in eastern Galicia well under way. When Galicia has been wholly traversed the Russian march in full strength will begin and with it may be initiated the last phase of the war.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The eighth annual Linn county fair opened September 23.

George M. Cole, 58 years old, registered at the university of Oregon as a freshman.

Michael Tynan, for the last 45 years a resident of Roseburg, is dead at his home in Roseburg at the age of 87 years.

Klamath Indians and settlers as far as North Bend are getting large quantities of winter fruit from the wild plum thickets.

The Cottage Grove Commercial club urges voters of that section to work for the reestablishment of the Oregon Normal at Ashland.

The state fish and game commission has granted right of way through property at the Bonneville Hatchery for the Columbia Highway.

The Oregon hop industry and harvesting of crops will be shown by moving pictures at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

The boys' and girls' industrial contest for Douglas county, held at Roseburg in connection with the county fair, was a complete success.

C. W. Washburne, one of the oldest pioneers in the north end of Lane county, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary at his home south of Junction City.

John Warner, chief engineer of the Albany fire department, won the silver medal donated for the best shot by the Albany Gun club in contests during the summer.

The 49th session of the Columbia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, convened at Tangent, with Bishop Mouzon, of San Antonio, Texas, in charge.

John Tate, of Portland, was elected second vice-president at Buffalo, N. Y., of the National Laundrymen's association of America, which is going to Portland for its 1915 meeting.

Lewis Langvich von der Haydi, believed to have been a member of German nobility and a general in the Franco-Prussian war, died at the state insane asylum. He was 88 years old.

Woodburn district hop men harvested most of their crops before the rains came and the yield is said to be 20 to 25 per cent less than last year with exception of a few yards which showed gains.

Robert Griffin, Cottage Grove's second mayor and a veteran of the Civil war, because of the new requirements for citizenship in Oregon, has taken out his second papers at the age of 80 years.

Civil War veterans of Salem, Silverton, Woodburn, Independence, Dallas, Stayton and other parts of Marion county at a meeting at Salem decided to hold reunions in Salem in December, in Woodburn in April and in Silverton in August next year.

Secretary of State Olcott says that all aspirants for nominations at the recent primary have filed statements of expense with the exception of Mrs. Claudine S. Faust, of Dufur, nominee of the progressive party for representative of the 29th district in the legislature.

Bids probably will be invited soon for the construction of a pipeline and water system to extend from Clackamas to Oregon City. The plans, already drawn, estimate the cost of the work at about \$225,000. One feature will be a reservoir with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons.

The biggest week in the history of The Dalles will be the one commencing September 27, during which the big Wild West show, The Dalles Rodeo, the annual Wasco county fair and meetings for homecoming pioneers will be held. It will be homecoming week in The Dalles, and all former residents of the city have been invited to return.

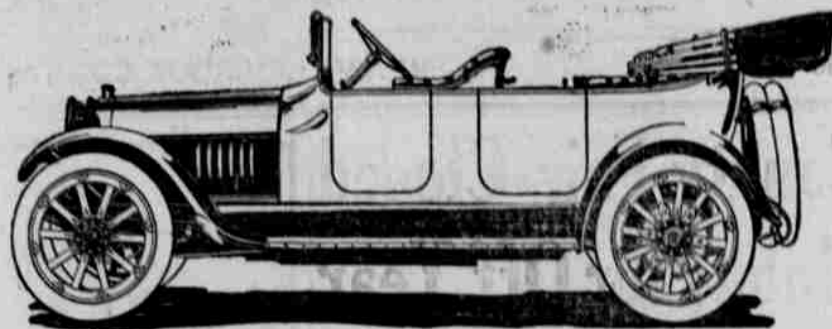
The extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College is taxed to the utmost to provide judges, lecturers and demonstrators for the many agricultural and school fairs being held in all parts of the state. Last week almost 20 representatives officiated at 11 different fairs. This week 12 engagements are scheduled. The total for September and October is over 39.

Having decided to make compulsory the use of the safety logging bunk, Labor Commissioner Hoff announced that he would invite the six companies offering the bunks for sale in this state to equip a train with their devices for demonstration purposes. Each company will be asked to equip one car of the train so the representatives of the logging companies may have little trouble in determining which they intend to adopt.

Potato experts of the United States department of agriculture, Holland and Germany, are in Portland. Professors H. S. Jackson and F. D. Bailey, of the Oregon Agricultural college, will have charge of the party during its investigation of the potato question and potato diseases in Oregon. The visitors include Dr. W. A. Orton, leading potato disease expert of the federal department; Dr. Otto Appel, of Berlin; Dr. John Wenterdyk, of Amsterdam; A. K. Fisher and William Stuart, specialists of the federal department.

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