

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Round-up a Great Success
Pendleton.—The 1914 Roundup is a thing of the past, which it can safely be said is regretted by all. It has been a wonderful show most wonderfully staged.

The new world champions are:
Broncho buster, "Red" Parker; Cowgirl broncho buster, Bertha Blacett; bull dogger, Fred Spain; steer roper, Tommy Grimes; cowboy relay rider, E. A. Armstrong; cowgirl relay rider, Ruth Parton; pony express rider, Fred Spain.

Road Agreement is Filled.
Hood River.—The contract between the O.W. R. & N. company and Hood River county for the use of portions of the railroad right of way for the construction of the Columbia Highway was filed here with County Court Clerk Hanson.

The county agrees to finish the highway in three years or relinquish all claim to use of the railroad right of way.

Uniform Road Dragging Urged.
La Grande.—Granges of Union county have started a movement to get uniform dragging of county roads by the King drag system. The county court has purchased many drags. The granges believe that they can educate every farmer who has land abutting a highway to get into the movement and drag his own piece of road at the correct time, with the result that the bad road question will largely have been solved.

Dredging is Discontinued.
Marshfield.—The government dredge Oregon, which has been at work here for some time past, has stopped operations and is to be removed to Grays Harbor. The government appropriation was exhausted and the dredge has been working on money furnished by the port commission. The government bar dredge Col. P. S. Michie is idle on account of no operative funds, but will remain here.

STATE BANKS ARE LIBERAL

Superintendent's Figures Show Reserve Reductions General

Salem.—Reports received from 162 state banks and trust companies out of 176 to September 12 by State Superintendent of Banks Sargent show that they are not hoarding money. The report shows that 85 state banks have decreased their reserve percentages and 71 increased them since June 30.

"Judging from the figures in my possession," said Mr. Sargent, "it does not appear that the charges made by Secretary McAdoo against national banks in certain districts apply to the Oregon state banks to any extent. Out of 162 institutions 93, in spite of the unfavorable conditions prevailing, have extended their lines of credits; 40 have been obliged to reduce their loans on account of a shrinkage in deposits, and only 29 have failed to increase their loans with a corresponding increase in deposits, a majority of which have fully met the legitimate demands of their customers."

Citizens Rout Safe Crackers.

Albany.—Fired upon after they had blown off the outer door of a safe, three men who attempted to rob the merchandise store of Dennis & Mc Kercher at Crawfordsville were forced to flee without obtaining any booty. The robbers had not yet penetrated to the money drawers when a number of men were attracted to the scene by the explosion and opened fire with rifles and shotguns.

Sheridan Has Cannery.

Sheridan.—The first unit of Sheridan's packing and fruit canning establishment was dedicated by the Sheridan Fruitgrowers' association, and 250 farmers and their families gathered in the big warehouse to rejoice over the event.

The entire plant, costing \$6000, will be completed and ready for the season of 1915.

Cigar Stores and Groceries Closed.

Eugene.—Eugene is to be a closed town to the extent of soda fountains and cigar shops on Sundays, according to the announcement made by J. M. Devera, district attorney. A week ago he notified grocery stores on the outskirts of the city that they must close on Sunday, in conformity with the state law.

Dallas Prisoner Confesses Wrecking.

Dallas.—D. M. Deal, who gave himself up to officials here, confessed to wrecking the Willamette Valley limited train No. 23 on the Southern Pacific, near Salem, June 18, 1913. A reward of \$5000 had been offered by the railroad company for the conviction of the person or persons implicated in this transaction.

GENERAL RENNEKAMPF



General Rennenkampf, Commander of the Russian army operating on the German frontier.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Although there was continuous fighting of the fiercest kind along the great battle line in France during the last week there was no decisive result. Both sides, according to official reports, made some progress, that of the Germans on the allies' right being perhaps the greatest.

The entire German army opened an attack, apparently preconcerted, along the whole length of the front from the Oise to the Meuse, Saturday, but everywhere the effort to break down the French offensive was repulsed and enormous losses were suffered by both sides.

Appreciable progress was made by the allies operating against the beleaguered right wing under General von Kluck, and in the Woevre region further French gains were reported. On the heights of the Meuse, however, according to the official bulletin issued by the war office, the situation for the French right was not at all improved.

Fighting, such as was never before seen in any war, marked the scenes which raged along the lines.

Particularly violent were the engagements that ensued where the British and the French, supported by the Turcos and Moors, came into contact with General von Kluck's right flank between the Somme and the Oise.

The fighting was from trench to trench, alternate gains and losses finding first the defenders, then the attackers in the long lines of trenches where the rival armies had dug themselves in. Many entrenched positions were taken and retaken successfully in furious hand-to-hand encounters in which the bayonet was used with deadly effect.

Between the Oise and Soissons the German attack was delayed, but when the lull ceased the cannonading and small arms fire was doubly terrific. Following their splendidly courageous resistance for days of the determined and valiant charges of French and British infantry, supported by an incessant rain of shells from the big guns stripped from the Paris defenses, the invaders attempted a sortie in force at a point north of Soissons but were repelled with heavy losses.

A situation rivalling in gravity that on the French left was reported along the Meuse, where the Germans, who have been directing the attack on the French forts between Verdun and Toul in a determined offensive movement have succeeded in crossing to the west bank of the Meuse near St. Mihiel. Most of the enemy were driven back to the left bank after furious fighting from the heights, in which the artillery and rapid fire guns played havoc with the solid German masses, but many of the invaders succeeded in gaining a foothold in the low hills.

There was a lull in the fighting in Galicia, while the Russians perfected their plan for the investing of Przemysl, which now is cut off from all communication with the outside world. The Russians have taken Rzeszow, an important railway center between Tarnow and Przemysl, and have captured two fortified positions to the north and south of the latter fortress. This gives them possession of the whole of Galicia with the exception of the narrow western neck at the head of which stands Cracow.

Along the western frontier of Poland, which the Germans have been threatening for some time, they are now reported to be fortifying themselves. In fact, from Cracow to the extreme north of East Prussia the Russian and German armies apparently are facing each other across the boundary, waiting for a favorable opportunity to attack. The Germans are satisfied they have rid themselves of the Russians in East Prussia and are sending a commission to that country to re-establish the inhabitants, who fled when the Russian invasion drove everything before.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A monster rally to further the Normal school movement was held on the institution's grounds at Ashland.

Mayor Rice of Roseburg will provide that city with a rockpile this winter where prisoners can be put to work.

More than a million trout of the Eastern brook, rainbow and black spotted varieties were released in the streams of Polk county last week.

Examinations for admissions into the army and navy will be held at the Oregon agricultural college next month, army officers being in charge.

Thomas H. West, of Portland was elected vice-president of the American Institute of Banking at the closing session of its twelfth annual convention at Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Virgil W. Knowles, cholera expert of the government bureau, has taken up the work at the Oregon Agricultural college for the purpose of ridding hogs of the disease.

The official directory of the schools of Jackson county shows that the county has 101 schools and employs 233 teachers. There are 6806 children of school age in the county.

Five bodies of nine washed ashore at Newport and Gardiner from the steamer Francis H. Leggett have been identified and arrangements are being made for their final disposition.

The Modoc Point irrigation project, which will irrigate about 6500 acres of land in the Klamath Indian reservation, will be fully completed this fall, according to Project Engineer H. W. Hincks.

A train load of cattle was ditched on the Sumpter Valley railway, near the smelter. There were 235 cattle in the wrecked cars, and all miraculously escaped injury except one which had a leg broken.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned by the jury in the Sprague murder trial at Baker. Henry Sprague was indicted for murder in the first degree for killing D. Yamagata, a Japanese, living in Baker.

A second suit to restrain the state railroad commission from executing its order recently made to increase the passenger fares of the United Railways Company between Linnton and Portland, was filed at Salem.

The government surveying party, which is conducting a state line examination between Oregon and California, have completed their work in the Waldo country and gone south through Ashland to strike east along the line in pursuance of their work.

State Highway Commissioner Bowlby has announced that six miles of a link of the Pacific Highway, which is being constructed from the California line to Ashland, has been accepted by the state. There are seven more miles under process of construction and which will be completed in the near future.

Two hundred delegates from 73 organizations composing the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Eugene October 12, 13, 14 and 15 to formulate a number of bills which the women of Oregon expect to bring before the state legislature next year. This will be the 14th annual convention of this organization.

Announcement has been made by State Engineer John H. Lewis that H. K. Donnelly has gone to Enterprise to assist C. E. Strickland in the survey of Wallowa valley, and that the work will now be rushed. The survey will cover all irrigated lands, power plants and reservoir sites on the Wallowa river. A controversy has arisen over water rights on the stream, and the purpose of the survey is to settle these.

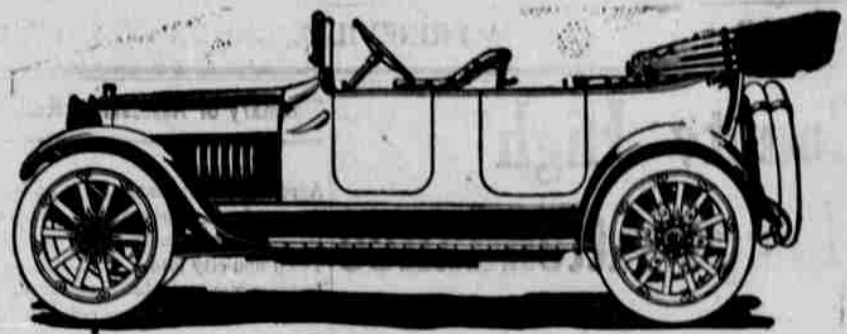
According to a report submitted to the United States bureau of education by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, the rural schools of the state have been standardized during the last year; the industrial fair work has grown until 12,000 children are participating; more than 300 Parent-Teachers' associations have been organized; a complete school record has been adopted and a recreation manual published.

The report of accidents for the week issued by Labor Commissioner Hoff, shows that two were fatally injured while at work and 59 others more or less seriously hurt. D. Branca was killed in a mine accident at Cornucopia, and John Rassman came to his death as a result of injuries sustained while employed in logging operations at Wendling. Twenty were injured in sawmills, lumber yards or in logging operations, 13 in railroad work, eight in paper mills and the rest in various lines of activity.

As a result of civil service examinations the following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon: Edwin E. Leslie, Lafayette; Winnie Banton, London; Ray J. Fox, Lyons; Foss E. Maple, Harcola; Orrin A. Kirby, Myrtle Creek; Albert L. Troutman, North Plains; Herbert H. Pruner, Summit; Brazier C. Small, Turner; Charles L. Wakeman, Wedderburn; Joseph K. Neal, Buena Vista; George T. Smith, Chitwood; C. C. Sturtevant, Crow; James F. Stith, Kerby; Ewell T. Turner, Laurel; Edward E. Smith, Lowell; Thomas E. Gilmore, Murphy.

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