

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Contour Survey Nearly Finished.
Engene.—A United States geological surveying party, composed of nine men, under J. G. Staaks, arrived at Ridgion ranch, on the upper Willamette river, 50 miles east of here, this week, where they have established the last camp on a large topographical survey project. They expect to complete the mapping of what is known as the Diamond Lake quadrangle by November 15. The party has been at work all summer, having left Roseburg, in Douglas county, early in the spring.

Contour lines are being run, showing all streams, ranges, mountains, roads and trails, including both artificial and natural features.

Jack Grant Champion Baby of Oregon
Salem.—With an almost perfect score, Jack Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Grant, of Dallas, was awarded a gold medal for being the finest baby entered in the eugenics contest at the state fair. Doris Lee Gordon, daughter of I. J. Gordon, of Portland, won the girl baby first prize, scoring a fraction of a point less than the Grant child.

PAPER MILLS COMBINE

New Company Has Capitalization of
\$13,000,000.

Portland.—For the purpose of reducing operating expenses by elimination of duplication in fixed charges, the pulp and paper interests controlling the Crown-Columbia Paper company and the Willamette Pulp & Paper company have perfected a consolidation involving a capitalization of \$13,000,000 and will hereafter operate under the corporate name of Crown-Willamette Paper company. All properties of the two companies located in Oregon, Washington and California will be taken into the combination. It is understood that a majority of the stockholders in the two concerns have ratified the plan and that the new company will be organized as a Maine corporation.

It is declared that additional new capital will be brought into the business and enable the consolidation to make extensive improvements which have been in contemplation for some time.

The Crown-Columbia Paper company has a large modern plant at Camas, Wash., said to have the finest equipment of any paper mill in the world. It has a capacity of 175 tons a day. It manufactures print paper, paper bags and tissue paper. It has an auxiliary plant for making wrapping paper at Oregon City, pulp mills at Warrenton, Ore., and a large wrapping paper and tissue paper establishment at Floriston, Cal., where the chief output is tissue paper wrappers for fruit.

The chief plant of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company is located at Oregon City, with a capacity of 200 tons of print paper a day. The combined capacity of the various mills involved in the deal is about 450 tons a day.

W. C. T. U. Ends 3-Day Session.

The Dalles.—The 31st annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union came to a close in this city after a three-day session. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Portland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Russell, McMinnville; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge Mears, Shedd, and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Houston, Portland.

PORTLAND HAS RECALL

Mayor Albee, Commissioners Dieck and Brewster Accused.

Portland.—Recall petitions, bearing approximately 9800 names, were filed with City Auditor Barbur against Mayor Albee and City Commissioners Dieck and Brewster. They were filed by a committee comprising M. E. Gibson, C. W. Hobbs and A. C. Allen, which committee has headed the recall movement, which has been under way for about two months.

B. E. Kennedy, a real estate man, is the recall candidate for mayor; W. A. Leet, an attorney, is candidate against Commissioner Brewster and H. E. Ahry, an employe of the United States Engineer department, is candidate against Commissioner Dieck.

Under the provisions of the recall amendment the officers are given five days in which to resign. After that the city auditor is obliged to call a special election within 20 days. Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck both announced that they would not resign. Commissioner Brewster is out of the city. This means that the election will be held unless legal complications set in.

GEORGE STALLINGS



George Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves, winners of the National League pennant.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

French and German reports agree that the third week of the battle of the Aisne closed without decisive advantage to either side, and from all appearances there must be more hard fighting before either side gives way.

The western wing of the allies continued its efforts to outflank the Germans under Von Kluck, resulting in the allies' lines being extended to within 30 miles of the Belgian frontier. The Germans, with the aid of heavy reinforcements from other sections of the battle line, stubbornly resisted the flanking movements of the allies and blocked their efforts.

Continuous conflicting claims of success have confused the operations during the week along the western battle front in France. These have arisen from the two directions in which the fighting progressed. The allies had before them the double objective of moving their army to the north, toward Belgium, and at the same time forcing von Kluck's and von Boehm's united efforts to the east away from their chief lines of communication.

The French and British have succeeded in the first of these offensives during the week, but in the second they have consistently failed. Hence, both sides have made rightful use of laconic optimism in their official reports.

The more important of the week's successes was Germany's, since it is of the most vital importance that her railways be safely guarded. The allies, while advancing to the north, have been shoved farther to the west, which means a greater distance separates them from the German communications with the end of the week than did the beginning.

High ability has been demonstrated by the Germans in remoulding their southern and eastern battle fronts to answer the west's call for reinforcements.

Gains reported by the French along the eastern Franco-German frontier are undoubtedly due to the withdrawal of the German troops for von Kluck's and von Boehm's support. There is no reason for believing them important. The past week has seen all other operations subordinated to the struggle along the German right and it is becoming more and more apparent that the vicinity of the Belgian frontier will see the decisive conflict in the Aisne campaign.

Russia has checked her Gallician advance during the week and very properly exhibits greater caution as her armies approach Cracow and the German boundary. The comparatively simple strategy of the Gallician campaign is being encroached upon by the far more complicated plans of the march to Berlin.

The armies are fighting along a tremendous line, extending from the neighborhood of Cracow, in Galicia, along the frontiers of Poland and east Prussia, almost to the Baltic sea. The Germans and Austrians, instead of waiting on the line between Cracow, Czestehowa and Kallisc for the Russians, have advanced farther into Poland. Their outposts have been reported as far east as Pietrko (90 miles southwest of Warsaw), in the north, and Stoppnica (32 miles south southwest of Kielce) in the south.

The German attack on Antwerp continues. The defenders on the east have been compelled to fall back before the violence of the German artillery. The Belgians say they have a strong position on the Nethe and will resist to the full extent of their powers.

The opinion prevails in London that the Germans do not intend, at present, to make a serious attempt to besiege Antwerp, and that the attack they have made is for the purpose of keeping the Belgians within the fortress and stopping sorties, which were disconcerting to the Germans.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for public improvements of Ontario have been subscribed by two banks of that city.

Labor Commissioner Hoff has notified logging companies that they must install logging bunks on cars by January 1.

A three mile electric railroad connecting Glendale and Taltoos lake is planned by capitalists of the Siuslaw section.

Work of grading has been resumed by the Willamette Pacific railroad near Springfield, and trains are hauling gravel.

Portland now is one of the five \$1,000,000 postal savings banks in the United States. The million mark was passed Saturday.

A petition calling for an election on the liquor issue has been signed by the wets at Granada. At present Lane county is dry.

Thousands of tacks were scattered on the streets of Roseburg in order to annoy drivers of automobiles, and police are searching for the guilty ones.

A bounty of 25 cents a head having been offered for all animals killed, the farmers in numerous districts in Polk county are waging war on gophers.

Eric Anderson has been appointed postmaster at Pleasant Home, vice L. A. Shineman, resigned, and Carrie R. Otley has been appointed at Sumner, vice E. O. Hall, deceased.

Professor Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural college, advises Oregon fruit growers to use extreme care to select only the best grades of fruit for shipment outside, keeping only the poorer grades at home.

The beautiful new \$160,000 courthouse at The Dalles, of which Wasco county is proud and which is the finest county government home in Oregon outside of Portland, was formally opened Saturday.

An order permitting the Rogue River Water company to increase its rates about 3 per cent was issued by the state railroad commission. Rates fixed by the city were declared by the commission to be unjust.

Portland contractors, Boys-John-Arnold, have commenced work on the new administration building for the university of Oregon, and it is expected that the building will be completed within seven and a half months.

More than 25,000,000 salmon eggs have been taken for hatching purposes so far this year by the state game and fish department, according to R. E. Clanton, state hatchery superintendent. This marks the year as a record breaker.

The third crop of alfalfa is now being cut on many of the ranches in the vicinity of Baker, where conditions have been better for large hay crops than in many years. The third crop is proving to be almost as large as the first and second.

The best state fair in the history of Oregon, from the standpoint of exhibits, came to a close Saturday at Salem. Because of rain two days, the attendance was not so large as last year, but it was sufficient, it is believed, for the proceeds to meet all expenses.

Secretary Lane has notified Senator Chamberlain that he has designated as non-irrigable more than 1,000,000 acres of land in Oregon. Persons having entries of 160 acres within the designated area may apply to enlarge their homesteads to 320 acres by taking up designated vacant land adjoining their present entries.

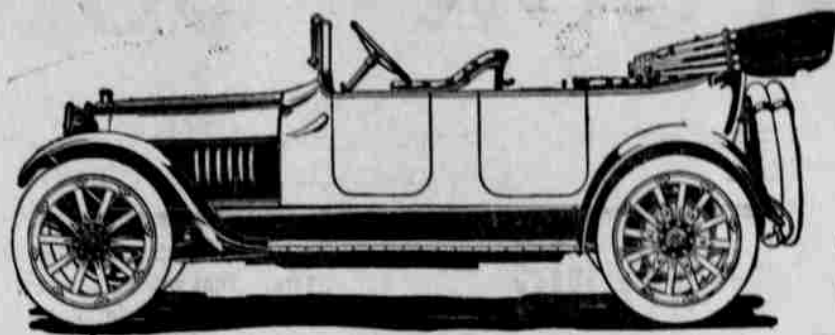
All records for attendance at Crater Lake national park were broken in the season of 1914. In 1913 the travel to September 27 totaled 5826 people and in 1914 the total September 27 was 6947. During the season of 1913 only 760 automobiles visited the park and this year up to September 27, 1252 had visited the park.

The Fort Vannoy (Eismann) orchard of 85 acres, four miles down the Rogue river from Grants Pass, was sold to J. P. Peurrung, of Cincinnati, O., the consideration being \$150,000. The orchard consists of 19 acres of peach trees, four acres of pears, 30 of young apples and 35 of older apples in full bearing.

Five thousand men will be put to work through the resumption of construction of government projects already under way in the first and second Oregon districts. In addition to the 2000 men which the government will employ on its own plants, the Columbia contract and other sub-contractors will, it is estimated, employ 3000 more.

Figures gathered from the government engineer's records show that Coos Bay has been making a good showing in its commerce. During the first six months of the year 1914 the total incoming tonnage over the bar was 25,111 tons. The total outgoing was 222,396 tons. If as much is shipped the last six months this year as there was shipped the first six months, there would be a total for the year of 436,000 tons as compared to a total of 329,985 tons of lumber products shipped in 1913, or an increase of 10 per cent.

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