

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Hood River Companies Will Merge.

Hood River.—Despite the recommendation of the state railway commission, which was engaged here in hearing complaints against the rates of the Hydro-Electric company and the Hood River Gas & Electric company, that the two companies should consolidate, the announcement that the concerns would be consolidated the first of the year came as a surprise to local business men. The merger was not expected until later.

John A. Lang, an attorney of Portland, will be president of the consolidated companies, and George F. Mevius secretary-treasurer.

To Help Unfortunate Girls.

Portland.—E. Henry Wemme, who died in Los Angeles, left real estate valued approximately at \$400,000 for the creation of an endowment fund to establish a maternity hospital for unfortunate girls, according to the terms of his will.

The will provides that at the end of three years the fund and the hospital shall be given to the Christian Science churches of Portland, which may in their own discretion continue the hospital or divert the fund to other charitable purposes.

A. W. Lawrence Made State Printer.

Salem.—Arthur W. Lawrence, of Portland, was appointed state printer by the state printing board to succeed R. A. Harris January 1.

The board receded from its action of a few days ago in appointing W. M. Plimpton temporary state printer, for the term beginning January 1, it appearing that he was disqualified by a constitutional provision which says that only those who have had 10 years' experience as a practical printer shall be eligible.

BUDGET IS \$8,775,396

State Secretary's Estimate of Next Biennial's Expenses is Ready.

Salem.—The first biennial budget which will be submitted to the legislature early in January shows that the various state departments estimate that they will require a total of \$8,775,396.47 for the years 1915-1916. This is a large increase over 1913-1914, when the legislature appropriated \$7,973,320.83, and a still heavier increase over 1911-1912, when the legislature appropriated \$5,252,336.10.

Of this sum the legislature must appropriate \$3,889,095.64, the remainder of the revenue being derived through continuing appropriations, millage taxes and fees.

Under the law the various departments must submit estimates to the secretary of state not later than November 15, and he must have a complete itemized statement ready for the members of the legislature several weeks before the beginning of the session.

Among the items that must be taken care of by the next legislature are deficiencies totalling \$58,224.62, which have been authorized by the state's emergency board.

Oregon Stone Probe Started.

Corvallis.—President Ball, of the Corvallis commercial club, appointed a committee, consisting of Victor P. Moses, A. J. Johnson, and N. R. Moore of this city, to investigate building stone in Oregon, and after thorough investigation, if such stone is found in quantity, to report the facts to the Oregon delegation in congress, and request that Oregon stone be used in the construction of all federal buildings to be built in Oregon.

Kaolin Deposits Are High Grade.

Ashland.—Deposits of kaolin, which are to be found in abundance a few miles northeast of this city, have been submitted to experts for analysis, with the result that the product has been found equal to any in the country. The kaolin proper is adapted to pottery work, while its residue may be used for remedial purposes akin to those for which anti-phlogistine is employed.

Rabies Cause of Heavy Stock Loss.

Baker.—According to the report of County Stock Inspector Dr. F. T. Notz, rabies in Baker county during the last few months has caused the loss of over 300 head of cattle, and several hundred sheep on the ranges, through infection carried by coyotes.

Packing Plant Planned for Albany.

Albany.—In a few weeks Albany will have an important new industry, a meat packing plant to be established by R. L. Nobergall. Equipment is being procured and as soon as a site is selected the plant will be assembled and placed in operation.

GENERAL VON MACKENSEN



General von Mackensen, one of the Kaiser's commanders operating against the Russians in Poland.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Nothing of importance has been accomplished during the week anywhere along the battle lines. The allies have made several small gains in France and Belgium, and an advance of perhaps three miles has been scored against the Germans in southern Alsace. Nevertheless the week's western operations have emphasized the tediousness and terrible cost of driving the Germans back.

Fog has interfered with the battles in Flanders, but along the French front the Germans have been delivering fierce counter attacks in an effort to throw off the pressure which the allies are exerting. In these, as in the attacks of the allies which preceded them, the losses on both sides have been considerable, but naturally heavier on the side which has been attacking.

The slowness of the allies' progress is explained in London as being due to the refusal of the general staff to sacrifice a great number of soldiers. They are satisfied with gaining a series of small successes by means of artillery practice which in time, it is pointed out, should prepare the way for a general forward movement.

In the east, the Germans held their own before Warsaw but have not progressed to any significant degree. The Russians have resisted General Franco's attempt to reach the Vistula from the north, but the Slavs themselves have been unable to develop a serious counter-stroke in East Prussia. Reinforcements have been sent to the Russian armies in Galicia, but the week has seen no new developments there.

A deadlock is apparently impending in the fighting between the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenberg and Grand Duke Nicholas in central Poland.

With the Germans unable to advance their lines beyond the Russian defenses along the Bzura and Rawa rivers, reports indicated that the two armies may settle down to virtual siege operations, such as have prevailed in the west, until the outcome of the fighting at other points in the eastern area is determined. Despite severe fighting throughout the week, the Germans have made no appreciable gain along the entire 75 mile front west of Warsaw. On the northern half of their battle front from the Vistula to the east of Skierniewice, they have been held in complete check. Further south the battle is still developing.

While his main army is engaged before Warsaw, Field Marshal von Hindenberg has successfully repulsed all attempts of the Russians against the line of communications to Thorn. All attempts of the Russians to cross the Vistula river, which guards the line, have been repulsed.

An attack by British warships and hydroplanes upon the German navy base in the North Sea, of which Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven are important centers, is reported in a statement from the German admiralty.

The admiralty reports, the statement asserted, that on December 25 eight British ships made a dash into the German bay. Hydroplanes conveyed by them advanced against the mouths of the German rivers, and hurled bombs at the anchored ships there, and the gas tank near Cuxhaven without hitting them or doing any damage. The hydroplanes were fired upon and withdrew to the west.

According to information from Constantinople, the Turks, under advice of the Germans, are fortifying the shores of their territory in the Gulf of Saros and on the Sea of Marmora, indicating that they expect visits from the allied fleets.

Avlona, Albania, has been completely occupied by Italian forces, according to a Rome dispatch. The government buildings were taken over by the Italians without untoward incident.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

During the last ten months more than \$250,000 has gone into the construction of business blocks and dwellings in Astoria.

Plans are under way for a big celebration at Molalla on February 2 in honor of the opening of the Willamette Valley Southern Electric.

Milwaukie will spend from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in the construction of a municipal water plant to supply Bull Run water through meter from Portland.

The new steel bridge over the Yamhill river at Dayton has been formally accepted by the county officials and thrown open for the use of the public.

More than 1,000,000 letters and postcards were delivered in Portland during the past week, according to estimates made by Postmaster F. S. Myers.

Mrs. Mary Doak, one of the oldest residents of Wasco county, who had passed the century mark, died at the home of her son, A. C. Doak at Pleasant Ridge.

Plans for the new public building at Pendleton have been completed and bids will be asked for in February, according to information furnished Congressman Sinnott.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Oregon and Washington division of the Travelers' Protective Association was held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland.

After January 1, Portland will have 61 fewer saloons, one less liquor wholesaler, three fewer grills and five less grocery-liquor establishments than are in business in the city at present.

County superintendents of Oregon have gathered at Salem to pass upon the papers written upon by applicants for teachers' certificates during the recent examination. All but five counties are represented.

Ex-Judge Seneca Smith, pioneer Portland attorney, a former heavy property owner, and one of the most prominent residents of the state, died at his home after an illness of several months. He was 70 years of age.

Whisky Run, an old mining camp a few miles above Bandon, has taken on new life during the past six months and several mining concerns have employed men, dredging and sluicing. The greatest values found now are in platinum.

Provided W. H. Chapin, convicted in Multnomah county of larceny by bailie, can make restitution to Mr. and Mrs. William Grace, an aged couple whom he defrauded by larceny, he will be given a pardon, according to an announcement made by Governor West.

State Architect W. C. Knighton asserts that the regular charge for services on the state's building projects from March 22, 1911, to December 22, 1914, would have been \$64,435.78 while the operating expenses of his office were \$42,457.99, a saving of \$22,229.79.

An attempt is being made on Coos Bay by Deputy Game Warden Thomas, of North Bend, to create a game reserve of all the area of Pony Inlet inside the bay shore, and about all the mud flats in the upper bay, comprising in all over five square miles of water.

The jury failed to reach an agreement at Roseburg on the statutory charge against Roy Farnum indicted in connection with the death of Edna Morgan, whose body was found in the ruins of a barn which had been destroyed by fire eight miles east of Glendale, December 8.

State Bank Superintendent Sargent recommends in his annual report that the "loan shark" law be amended so as to allow a minimum charge or cost of \$1 per loan. "The provisions of the present law practically prohibit the making of small, short time loans, which are really the most needed by deserving borrowers," says Sargent.

In a letter to Senator Chamberlain, the forest service disapproves the recommendation of Superintendent Steel that 130,000 acres of the National Forest land be included in Crater Lake National Park. The forest service contends that the land in question is not suited for the national park and is chiefly valuable for national forest purposes.

Labor Commissioner Hoff's weekly report of accidents shows three persons were killed, the fatalities occurring at Rainier, where Isaac Cupp and Frank Story, loggers, and Charles Byron Hammons, railroad employe, were victims. Fifteen of the 41 accidents reported occurred in activities connected with the lumber and logging industry. The total number of accidents is not as large as during the fall season because many industries are shut down now.

In his annual report to Governor West, State Forester Elliott directs particular attention to the fact that the forest fire hazard of the future depends chiefly upon how thoroughly the present-day operators dispose of the slash resulting from logging, wood-chopping and other woods work, and asserts that even today, with the logging industry of Oregon in its infancy, areas covered with unburned or partially burned slash are by far the greater source of dangerous and damaging fires.

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Department of the Interior,
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November 19th, 1914
Notice is hereby given that
Arnold Kester,
assignee of Albert B. Chapman, of
Prineville, Oregon, who, on Febru-
ary 3d, 1910, made Desert Land entry
No. 05941, for e½ sec section 12,
township 14 south, range 15 east,
Willamette Meridian, has filed notice
of intention to make desert land
proof, to establish claim to the land
above described, before Timothy E.
J. Duffy, U. S. Commissioner, at
Prineville, Oregon, on the 4th day
of January, 1915.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Floyd S. Townsend, Thomas M.
Baldwin, William R. McFarland,
Frank S. Towner, all of Prineville,
Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK,
11-26 Register.

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract.
Public Land Sale.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.
November 9, 1914.
Notice is hereby given that, as directed
by the commissioner of the general
land office, under provisions of act of
congress approved March 28, 1912, (37
Stat., 77), pursuant to the application
of Timothy E. J. Duffy, serial No. 013217,
we will offer at public sale, to the highest
bidder, but at not less than \$1.25
per acre, at 9:45 o'clock a. m., on the
8th day of January, 1915, at this office,
the following tract of land: Sec 21,
section 22, township 14 south, range 16
east, Willamette meridian.

Any persons claiming adversely the
above described land are advised to file
their claims or objections on or before
the time designated for sale.
11-19 H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

Notice for Publication.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore.
November 21, 1914.
Notice is hereby given that
Beverly E. Andrews
of Held, Oregon, who on October 10,
1910, made homestead entry No.
07541 for lots 1-2 and e½ nw¼ sec-
tion 30, township 19 south, range 20
east Willamette meridian, has filed
notice of intention to make final
three year proof to establish claim
to the land above described before
A. S. Fogg, U. S. commissioner, at
Hampton, Oregon, on the 6th day of
January, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: C.
A. Stevenson, N. A. Thomas, C. O.
McGee, of Held, Oregon, and Thomas
McGee, of Prineville, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK,
12-3p Register.

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