

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Albany Fire Loss Reaches \$105,000.

Albany.—A loss of \$105,000 was caused by a fire which completely gutted the Wallace block, containing the big Hamilton store, and damaged adjoining buildings and stocks of other stores in the heart of Albany's business district. The damage is covered by \$69,700 insurance, most of the smaller losses of the fire being fully insured.

Although it burned for almost two hours before firemen gained control, the blaze was confined to the two-story brick building owned by Dr. J. P. Wallace, and a two-story brick adjoining it on the west.

A request for aid was sent to Corvallis. Fifty members of the Corvallis department hurried to Albany in automobiles, bringing 850 feet of hose. They arrived in less than an hour from the time they were summoned, and while the fire was almost under control when they arrived, rendered valuable assistance in keeping it within limits and in subduing it ultimately.

Many Rabbits are Poisoned.

Baker.—R. T. Jackson, government rabbit expert, who has been in this city for a week or more telling the ranchers of this vicinity how to get rid of the long eared pests by the poisoning method, has been a very busy man, as he has been called on to make many trips, where there has been much destruction.

An experiment with poisoned grain on the Frank Collins ranch near this city a few days ago resulted in 100 dead rabbits being counted in a small area, where 15 cents' worth of grain and poisons had been put out.

Lumber Rate Cut \$1.50.

Eugene.—A reduction from \$5 to \$3.50 in the freight rate on rough green lumber from the Willamette valley sawmills to intermediate California points will take place May 1, according to word received from Washington. The action is the result of the interstate commerce commission in denying the Southern Pacific company exemption from the fourth section of the interstate commerce laws.

The 30 per cent reduction granted marks a victory in a fight made by the Willamette valley lumbermen covering nearly a year.

POWER PROJECT FEASIBLE

Great Cost at Celilo Precludes Probability of Undertaking.

Salem.—From an engineering standpoint the Celilo falls power project is entirely feasible, according to the report of the government and state engineers who made an exhaustive cooperative investigation of the huge project.

The engineers report that 480,000 continuous horsepower can be developed at the falls, at an estimated cost of \$50,000,000. In addition to this amount of continuous power the year around, over 360,000 horsepower could be developed during eight months of the year.

While the project is reported entirely feasible from the standpoint of construction difficulties, the enormous cost of the undertaking almost precludes any effort to make use of the great amount of water now tumbling over the falls.

In connection with a possible use of the power in manufacturing fertilizer, the nitrates would be made from the air in electric furnaces. The phosphates could be brought from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, where some of the largest beds in the world are said to be located. The potash, the third element necessary for mixed fertilizer, could be had from the kelp beds along the coast.

No Shortage Found in Baker.

Baker.—The shortage in the office of the county treasurer, which was reported by C. Lockwood, special state accountant, as \$1223.09, failed to materialize in the thorough audit of the county books which has been conducted since January 4 by C. H. Whitney, and Davis Miles, expert accountants. Instead, the accountants found the books to have been well kept, and so have stated in their report to the county court. A shortage of \$8.80 was discovered due to clerical errors.

Court Says Dyer is Pendleton Mayor.

Pendleton.—John Dyer is mayor of Pendleton, according to a decision made by Judge Phelps in quo-warranto proceedings brought by Dyer against Robert Kirkpatrick, recently appointed mayor by the city council. Dyer was chairman of the council when Mayor Matlock died, and performed the functions of mayor until attorneys for the water bonds questioned his right to sign them. Kirkpatrick was then appointed.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Considerable building activity is expected in Lebanon this summer.

Linn county expended \$193,843.95 in improvement of its highways during 1914.

The Hood River commercial club is interesting itself in the improvement of a city park.

A short course for Klamath county farmers and their wives is to be held the week of February 22 to 27.

Bids for the construction of the \$122,000 Pendleton postoffice will be opened at Washington, D. C., March 25.

Fully 1000 men, representing the retail interests of the whole state of Oregon, met in Portland Monday to attend the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' association.

Even tons of acclimated seed corn will be distributed to Oregon farmers along the lines of the O. W. R. & N. company, commencing March 1, by C. L. ("Farmer") Smith, of that company.

Two boys, each about 19 years old, giving the names of Jack Anderson and Frank Riley, are in the county jail at Eugene charged with burglary of the jewelry store of L. Welsa in Eugene.

Captain R. W. Collins, U. S. A., Coast Artillery Corps, instructor officer, left Eugene Monday for his third annual inspection of the Coast Artillery Corps. He was accompanied by Adjutant-General White.

With six cow testing associations carrying slightly more than 3000 dairy cows on official test, dairymen of Coos county lead all counties of the United States in this progressive plan of building up the dairy herds.

Forty-eight accidents were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week, but there was no fatality. Fifteen accidents occurred among the men engaged in lumbering and logging, and 13 among railroad employes.

The house has appropriated \$366,000 for the Umatilla reclamation project, and \$377,000 for the Klamath project. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been appropriated for fire protection of lands involved in the Oregon & California land grant suit.

George Jaackson, of Portland, has received the contract for the erection of the postoffice building at The Dalles, at a price of \$79,658. The construction will be of sandstone. The building will be two stories above a basement 70 by 78 feet.

The success of the Powder River Gold Dredging company in its operation of dredges in the Sumpter district, has led to the adoption of this means of saving the values at several old placer properties, including that at Gold Center in the Sumpter district.

Taking the remarks of an I. W. W. speaker as an insult to Americans, M. J. Parcells, a soldier from Vancouver barracks, knocked the speaker from his stand at Fifth and Alder streets in Portland and started a small riot which was only quelled by the timely arrival of the police.

Governor Withycombe has granted a conditional pardon to Earl Shorten, 17 years old, who is in the Marion county jail. He was arrested February 4 on the charge of stealing a pulley and log chain which he sold for 50 cents. He was convicted and sentenced to a term of 30 days.

The district forester at Portland announces that during the fiscal year 1914, there were 521 timber sales made from the national forests in Oregon, and 142 from the forests in Washington. This represents 24,594,000 feet board measure for Oregon and 139,146,000 feet board measure for Washington.

The largest property sale closed last week in the state involved the transfer of the Ben Harrison mine, located in the Greenhorn district not far from Baker, to the American Smelting & Refining company for a consideration understood to be about \$500,000. About 40 men have been employed at the mine, which produces approximately \$15,000 a month when in operation.

As spring comes on it becomes more and more apparent that there will have to be more reseeding in Umatilla county than was thought a few weeks ago. Farmers whose first examinations led them to believe that their grain was not damaged by the cold weather are now admitting that some of their fields will have to be resown. The lack of moisture in the ground resulted in much freezing out during the cold snaps.

President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, has announced the appointment of guides for the Oregon building at the San Francisco exposition. These men were selected by a committee, which took into consideration the scholastic record of the applicants, their appearance and personality and the knowledge of the state of Oregon as indicated by the answers given to questions asked in a recent examination. Lectures were given by a number of members of the faculty, preparing the applicants for the examination. Out of about 300 men who applied for appointment 120 were allowed to take the examination and 38 were appointed. In addition 22 alternates were chosen.

UNDER A VOLCANO

A Town That Lives in Perennial Dread of Extinction.

COLIMA'S CRATER IN ACTION.

It's a Solemn Spectacle For the Dwellers in the Shadow of the Gloomy Peak When "Old Faithful" Explodes, as It Does Regularly Once a Year.

It is singular how indifferent to a persistently threatened danger human beings can become, even when the danger is of a deadly nature and may imperil their very lives. Harry H. Dunn, in the Montreal Herald and Star, tells of a case in which a whole townful of people lie under the constant threat of extinction by a volcano. The roof of the little boxlike hotel in Colima, capital of the state of Colima, in Mexico, was freshly drenched with water in a vain effort to fight off some of September's heat. I think there were eighteen of us gathered there in the cool, gray night. The almost silent town lay like a black and white checkerboard at our feet.

Twenty miles away, across a valley still green with the rains of summer, rose a conical mountain, almost solitary. Even by night it looked sinister; by day it was terrible, with its barren, lava coated sides, its gas exuding cone shrouded even by the vultures which haunted mountain and plain. It was the volcano of Colima, the "Old Faithful" of craters, which explodes regularly once a year—and it was almost due for an exhibition.

"He should begu soon," droned the hotel keeper. "Maybe today, maybe tomorrow, maybe not for a week, but it is the middle of September, and it is his time."

The old man had scarcely finished when a bubble, black as night, crowded itself out of the broken end of the mountain, which we knew was a pot of molten stone, twenty miles away. The bubble, so dark that we could see it plainly, swelled like a growing puffball and then, pushed out from below, rose like a giant umbrella, with incredible speed, into the sky. Behind it came a straight tubular column of smoke, such smoke as that of which the bubble was made, black and thick and ominous.

Up, up, up, rose the bubble, riding, it seemed, on the column below it. It appeared to hang like a huge blanket a thousand feet in the heavens; then slowly, like some great octopus feeling its way along the bed of the sea, the bubble flattened and began to spread out. Probably it moved miles every minute, but it was far away and so monstrous that we could not judge it by ordinary standards.

It seemed that the town below us heaved a long sigh. The thing for which its ten or twelve thousand inhabitants had been waiting was about to happen. The mighty drama was about to be enacted before their eyes, as it was before the Spanish conquistadores set foot on Mexican soil. Yet to them the spectacle was ever exciting, for its end might be death, might be destruction of their town, as it had been the destruction of the many small, or towns clustered more closely round the skirts of the gloomy peak.

The roofs filled with people. Here and there a woman screamed; many, both men and women, prayed; querulous cries and questions from children rose on the night air, and the bells in the churches began to ring, slowly at first and then more rapidly, as the fire god began to play about the crest of Colima.

Like a waterspout on the crest of a lofty roller at sea, the smoke column and its spreading top rested for a moment on the volcano and then, with a thunderous outrush of air, which must have been heard for at least a hundred miles, vanished into thin air. A column of fire took their place.

No ordinary fire was this. No flame ever kindled by human hands burned so white as that tower of luminous bits of lava and sand and stone and superheated gases that shot upward from the mouth of the crater. I gazed at it spellbound as the light of day spread round all over the valley and the city. A constant roar came from the volcano, a roar so insistent, so monotonous, that I could not hear what the old hotel keeper who stood at my elbow was saying. I bent my ear to him and heard: "Not so bad as last year. Maybe we shall not be harmed."

Too Modest.

Sir W. S. Gilbert's own story of his first experience as a playwright is instructive. He took his maiden attempt to a manager, who read it carefully and offered to accept it. "Now," said he to the overjoyed dramatist, "what do you expect me to pay you for this?" The young author, not liking to be too forward, modestly suggested 30 guineas. The manager immediately wrote out a check for the desired amount and, presenting it to Gilbert, said: "Young man, let me give you a word of advice. Never sell so good a play for such a small amount again."

A Curious Trial.

The records of Kirby Matzeard church in Yorkshire, England, mention a curious trial which took place in the church in the seventeenth century. A woman was tried for stealing a skull out of the churchyard. Her defense was that she took the skull to put under the pillow of a sleepless friend as a charm to make her sleep. She was reprimanded and ordered to put the skull back.

Gain has oft with treacherous hopes led men to ruin.—Sophocles.

Summons

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Crook, W. G. Mustard, Plaintiff,

vs. Ada Johnson, J. O. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Johnson and all persons unknown, claiming any right, title, interest, estate or lien in the real property described herein.

To Ada Johnson, J. O. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Johnson and all persons unknown, claiming any right, title, interest, estate or lien in the real property described herein, the above named defendants:

You are hereby notified that W. G. Mustard is the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered Eighty-four -84- issued on the 22nd day of December, 1914, by the Tax Collector of the county of Crook, state of Oregon, for the amount of Eleven and 19-hundredths -\$11.19- dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1910, together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owners as appears of record. You are further notified that said W. G. Mustard has paid taxes for said year upon said property with the rate of interest on said amounts, the number of tax receipts and from the dates as hereinafter set forth to-wit:

For the year 1911, paid December 22, 1914, receipt No. 1888, amount \$4.76, rate of interest 15 per cent per annum;

For the year 1912, paid December 22, 1914, receipt No. 2366, amount \$49.72, rate of interest 15 per cent per annum;

For the year 1913, paid December 22, 1914, receipt No. 6312, amount \$39.92, rate of interest 15 per cent per annum;

Said Ada Johnson, J. O. Johnson and Mrs. J. O. Johnson as the owners of the legal title of the above described real property as the same appears of record, and each and all other persons, unknown claiming any right, title, interest, estate or lien in the real property above described are hereby further notified that said W. G. Mustard will apply to the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend the action or pay the amount due as above shown together with the costs and accrued interest and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above described.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable G. Springer, judge of the county court of the state of Oregon for the said Crook county, and said order was made and dated this 31st day of December, 1914, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the said 21st day of December, 1914.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned, residing within the state of Oregon, at the address hereinafter mentioned.

Date of the last publication of this summons is the 4th day of March, A. D., 1915.

WILLARD H. WIRTZ, District Attorney and Attorney for Plaintiff, Address: Prineville, Oregon.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Robert Pennington Johnson, deceased, to all persons interested in said estate, that he has made and filed with the clerk of the county court his final settlement of his administration of said estate, and that the court has set Monday, the 1st day of March, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting. At which said time and place, any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said final accounting.

Dated this 28th day of Jan., 1915.

M. K. ELLIOTT, Administrator of the estate of Robert Pennington Johnson, deceased. 1-28-p

Call for Warrants

Notice is hereby given that all registered general fund warrants up to and including registered No. 518 and all road fund warrants up to and including registered No. 13, will be paid on presentation, and interest on same will stop from this date.

RALPH L. JORDAN, January 14, 1915. Treasurer.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the executrix of the estate of James Henry Window, deceased, to all persons interested in said estate, that she has filed with the clerk of the county court her final accounting of her administration of said estate, and that the court has set Monday, the first day of March, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting. At which said time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and object to said final accounting.

Dated this 21st day of Jan., 1915.

REBECCA WINDOW, Executrix of estate of James Henry Window, deceased.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 10, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that William Fender, whose post office address is Prineville, Oregon, did on the 23d day of June, 1914, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 9330, to purchase, the w 1/2 sec 19, section 19, township 14 south, range 17 east, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provision of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal and land pursuant to such application the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$200.00, the timber estimated 100,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M., and the land \$40.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 21st day of March, 1915, before Timothy E. J. Duffy, U. S. commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

12-17 H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

Summons

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county, The First National Bank of Prineville, a corporation, plaintiff,

vs. S. R. Cooper, defendant.

To S. R. Cooper, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and action, within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within Crook county, state of Oregon, or, if served within any other county in the state of Oregon, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, or, if served without this state by publication, as required by law, then on or before the 6th day of March, 1915. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear or answer, or want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars, with interest thereon at rate of ten per cent per annum from the 2nd day of June, 1914, (less the sum of Two hundred fifty-seven and one half dollars paid thereon July 8th, 1914,) and for the further sum of Fifty dollars as attorney's fees, and for the further sum of Three hundred dollars with interest thereon at rate of ten per cent per annum from the 23rd day of July, 1914, and for the further sum of Thirty dollars as attorney's fees, and for the further sum of One hundred sixty-eight dollars with interest thereon at rate of six per cent per annum from the 1st day of October, 1914, and for the costs and disbursements of this action, and for an order of said court that certain personal property belonging to you, and attached in this action in this county, be sold to satisfy said judgment. This summons is published in the Crook County Journal for six full weeks in seven consecutive issues thereof, commencing with the issue of January 21st, 1915, and ending with the issue of March 4th, 1915, by order of the Hon. G. Springer, county judge of Crook county, state of Oregon, made and entered on the 13th day of January, 1915.

Dated and published first time January 21st, 1915.

M. E. BAINS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Order

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Crook, State of Oregon, plaintiff,

vs. A. H. Lippman, administrator of the estate of Fernando Roots, deceased, all heirs at law of said decedent (if any there be) and all other persons and parties, unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the personal property described in the information herein, defendants.

It appearing to the court that the information on file herein that Fernando Roots died intestate on the 4th day of April, A. D., 1914, within the county of Crook, State of Oregon, leaving an estate therein consisting of personal property alone made up of cash in a bank and wages due of the value of Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 38 hundredths (\$666.38) dollars; and

It further appearing that A. H. Lippman was thereafter appointed and duly qualified as administrator of the estate of the said Fernando Roots, deceased, that the said administrator took possession of all the assets and property of the said estate, administered upon same in the usual course of business, collecting and converting into cash all of the said personal property of said estate and paying all claims and just demands against said estate; and

It appearing that said estate is now fully and finally settled and that there remains, after the said payment of all of said claims and demands, together with the costs and expenses of the administration thereof, now in the possession of the said A. H. Lippman, the administrator aforesaid, Three Hundred Seventy Nine and 9 hundredths (\$379.09) dollars in cash, and that the said decedent died without heirs at law, children, widow or kindred, capable of inheriting said personal property and that by reason thereof the state of Oregon has by law a right to the title of said property;

Wherefore, Upon the motion and application of Willard H. Wirtz, district attorney for Crook county and attorney for the state of Oregon herein;

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, in the name of the state of Oregon, That all heirs at law of Fernando Roots, deceased, (if any there be,) and all persons and parties, unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the personal property of said decedent, be, and they are, hereby summoned and required to appear and show cause in this court, if any they have, by the 13th day of March, A. D., 1915, why the title in and to said personal property, described herein and also in the information herein, should not be adjudged escheated to and vested in the state of Oregon; and it is further ordered and adjudged that a copy of this order be published in the Crook County Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in said county of Crook and state of Oregon, for a period of six consecutive weeks prior to said 13th day of March, A. D., 1915.

Done in chambers, at The Dalles, Oregon, this 23rd day of January, A. D., 1915.

(signed) W. L. BRADSHAW, Judge.

Date of first publication, Jan. 28, 1915. Date of last publication, March 11, 1915. Willard H. Wirtz, District attorney and attorney for plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Patrick W. Haden, deceased, to all creditors of said decedent and to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of M. R. Elliott in Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Dated and published the first time January 21, 1915.

N. J. LAMBERT, Administrator of the estate of Patrick W. Haden, deceased.

Wood Sawn on Short Notice

Leave or 'phone orders to H. D. Still's Harness Shop. C. F. FERRIN. 12-24

Advertisement for A.H. Lippman & Co. Stoves, Ranges and Heaters at actual cost. Furniture will be sold at greatly reduced prices up to February 20, 1915. A.H. Lippman & Co. Prineville Flour.