

COMMITTEES WILL DRAFT LAWS TO PROTECT FORESTS

Appointed by Oregon Conservation Commission; Will Also Outline Plan for Reforestation of Logged Off Lands.

The Oregon Conservation commission held an important meeting yesterday afternoon, at which time committees were appointed to begin the preparation of drafts of laws for the protection of the Oregon forests from fire and other destructive forces.

From data that has been gathered by the commission, it has been found that the timber of the state, if cut into lumber, would bring into the state \$5,000,000,000.

To Study Development. The development of the Willamette valley will also be given exhaustive study by the commission.

Small Appropriations. Oregon has made small appropriations in the past and as a result there is but little known, officially, of the resources of Oregon.

It is also desired that a geological bureau be created by the state for the purpose of gathering information regarding the natural resources of the state.

The commission will also gather data regarding the fisheries industry of the state and will be in a position to impart valuable information to the next session of the legislature.

J. N. TEAL AT HEAD OF PROPOSED TICKET

The annual meeting of the Oregon Conservation association will be held in the assembly rooms of the Portland Commercial club Monday, March 21, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

J. F. FLYNN ENGAGED TO RECLAIM MUCH LAND

J. F. Flynn, the engineer who has been engaged in reclaiming 2000 acres of the waterfront property of San Diego, Cal., has written Mr. K. MacRea, chief clerk of the Hotel Oregon, telling him of a great harbor system which he has been hired to create.

Mr. Flynn is also working on the improvement of the Oakland harbor.

CANADIAN BARRISTER DIES; FUNERAL TODAY

George A. Steward Potts, brother of McDonald Potts, cashier of The Journal, died Tuesday night at the Hotel Oregon, on his way to his home in the east.

JOHN A. WATSON WEDS MISS ISABELLA BOND

John A. Watson of Scappoose, and Miss Isabella Bond were united in matrimony by Rev. W. H. Boukes at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church yesterday.

MISS PEARL LUCKEY SMITES FOULS BOLD TRAMP ON LAUREL BRIDGE

Miss Pearl Luckey, a teacher in the Washington high school, owes her escape from serious injury at the hands of a blivving tramp to her athletic training in her college days.

Miss Luckey was approaching the East Twelfth street bridge about 7 o'clock last Thursday evening on her way to the home of her mother, Mrs. T. G. Luckey.

Just before she reached the bridge she heard some one coming behind her, but she was not apprehensive until a hand grasped her by the throat and another hand reached for the silk bag which she was carrying on her arm.

Though somewhat staggered by the blow the highwayman recovered his balance and before Miss Luckey could get out of the way he had struck her twice in the face.

The next thing she knew, she says, was that she was running wildly in one direction and the tramp in another.

"I had no fear that he could catch me, even if he had tried, once I got a start," said Miss Luckey last night.

Miss Luckey did not have to run very far in making her escape from the man who tried to grab her before she came to the home of some people who live near the end of the bridge.

COMES FROM NEWBERG AND ROBBED OF \$87

Frank L. West, a carpenter from Newberg, Or., came to Portland Friday night, and was robbed of \$87 in a rooming house at Second and Madison streets.

West went to the rooming house to stay over night. He says Wolf showed him to a room, and also introduced him to Miss Naylor.

Detectives Carpenter and Price arrested Wolf and Miss Naylor. West says Wolf is the man who got the money.

BAD CHECK MAN GETS TWO YEARS IN PEN

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on the scion of a prominent family of Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday afternoon when George S. Walker stood before Presiding Judge Morrow in the circuit court and pleaded guilty to passing a bad check.

NEWSY NUMBER OF THE LENS ISSUED

Bright, newsy, interesting and finely edited is the March number of The Lens, the excellent monthly issued by the pupils of the Washington High school.

FALLS FROM SCAFFOLD; RIGHT ANKLE BROKEN

Harry A. Johnson, a carpenter living at 541 East Sixteenth street, fell from a scaffolding yesterday afternoon at Nineteenth and Taggart streets, and got his right ankle badly mashed.

Hermiston Is Headquarters.

Hermiston, Or., March 12.—Hermiston will be the headquarters for the construction gang which will work on the O. R. & N. cutoff.



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"IL TROVATORE" IS POPULAR OPERA

Packed House Grets Last Performance of Successful Engagement.

"Il Trovatore" has never outlived its popularity. This was evidenced last night, when the highest house of the week greeted the Lombardi company at the Bungalow.

The performance was well balanced, with the soloists sharing honors. This is one opera where the contralto has a chance to shine as brightly as the soprano.

Scalabrini did by far his best work of the season as the troubador, Manrico. Again and again he was encoored, and his robust tenor sounded clearer and stronger than before.

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MANY RATTLESNAKES DRIVE MAN TO OREGON

Frederick R. Seay of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived in Portland yesterday from the south. He will buy a ranch in Oregon and live in the state.

\$9000 for State Road.

Woodland, Wash., March 12.—Bids have been asked for the construction of the state road up the north bank of the north fork of Lewis river by the state highway commission.

MINSTRELS BRING HEARTY LAUGHTER

Amateur Show Given for Benefit of Woodmen of World Is Great Success.

Burnt cork, white face and various other comedians displayed their talent at the minstrel show given last evening by the Woodmen of the World, No. 191, in great style.

The clever minstrel artists among the various degrees of the Woodmen of the World took part in the snow and much credit is due to C. A. Wood who chose the men skilfully and directed the show from start to finish in great style.

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NO BRONZE COSTUME FOR HER; SO HAS HER MANAGER ARRESTED

Miss Josephine Collins, posing in living pictures at the Pantages theatre, did not object to working in pink tights, but she refused to appear in a costume of bronze when asked to do so by her manager, P. V. Pasill.

PERSONAL

George H. Baker and family of Spokane, Wash., are guests at the Cornelia.

German brewers get 25 gallons of beer from a bushel of barley, while English brewers extract but 15 gallons.

LYTLE SAYS BROWN BROKE STATE LAW

Reporting to Wrong Official; Makes Statement.

Dr. C. E. Brown, veterinarian, stated yesterday that he had been making verbal reports of the tuberculin tests of cows made by him, to Dr. W. M. Mack city milk inspector.

Dr. Lytle said yesterday that he had secured evidence and was ready to go to trial against Dr. Brown and two others whose names he has not made public.

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BY LESBY CO. HAS NO PURCHASED NORTHWESTERN

So Says A. Welch, General Manager of Latter Corporation; Admits It Holds Options on Gas and Electricity.

A. Welch, general manager of the Northwestern corporation, was interviewed yesterday regarding the reported sale of the firm's properties to the H. M. Byllesby company of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Welch said later that the H. M. Byllesby company held an option covering property of the Northwestern corporation valued at about \$4,000,000.

Through an official statement given out during the time H. M. Byllesby and his party were in Portland, it is given that negotiations for the purchase of the North Yakima, Walla Walla and Vancouver, Wash., systems of the Northwestern corporation.

Reports that the Byllesby company has purchased the Northwestern corporation are mere nonsense, said Mr. Welch.

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CAPITAN ECCLES COMING HERE TO ANSWER CHARGE

Indicted on Charge of Illegally Securing 100,000 Acres of U. S. Land in Baker County; Accused Give Bonds.

David Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley railroad and the Oregon Lumber company, well known as one of the leading capitalists of the west and under indictment for land frauds in eastern Oregon, will trial in Portland tomorrow or Monday, and will appear before the United States court and give a bond for \$5000 to insure his appearance for trial when the case is called.

All of the men who were indicted by the federal grand jury for complicity in the alleged land frauds in Baker county, through which it is said that Eccles and his associates secured 100,000 acres of government land contrary to the law, have now been secured by the United States marshal at a cost of them have given the \$5000 bond required by Judge Wolverton.

Grant Geddes, general manager of the Sumpter Valley railroad and the Oregon Lumber company, and Joseph Barton, general superintendent of the Sumpter Valley, have both given their bond in Baker City and will not be required to come to Portland until the case is called and they appear for arraignment.

According to Wallace McCamant, attorney for David Eccles, the bond for Mr. Eccles will be readily secured as soon as he reaches the city. It is believed that he will arrive either Sunday night or Monday morning.

DUNLWAY WOULD WARN PUBLIC ABOUT BONDS

Ralph R. Dunlway's war on the Broadway bridge took a new turn late Friday afternoon when he filed a suit in the circuit court to compel the city's official paper to publish an advertisement warning the public that the legality of the bond issue is under fire in the courts and advising the people that the bonds are of no value.

Dunlway says his anti-bond advertisement was published only one day. It did not appear after that, he charges, because City Auditor Barbur, ex-Senator Fulton and M. G. Muni severely criticized the advertisement and induced the publishers to drop the ad.

Presiding Judge Morrow signed an order requiring the defendants to appear next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to show cause why a preliminary mandator injunction should not be issued restraining the publication of the rejected "ad" and restraining Barbur, Fulton and Muni from using any further inducements to prevent its publication.

OIL WELL GUSHES 251 FOOT STREAM

Harkersfield, Cal., March 12.—The Meys well broke again today and from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. flowed 9000 barrels, or at the rate of 30,000 barrels a day. The tremendous gas pressure caused the oil to gush forth breaking off the bit at the top of the well.

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