

BRIEF INFORMATION

Coming Events. Automobile show at La Grande March 15, 16 and 17. Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon annual convention at La Grande, April 22-23.

Today's Forecast.

Portland and vicinity—Tonight and Tuesday probably fair; westerly winds.

Weather Conditions.

Table with columns for Stations, Temperature, and other weather data for various locations.

TOWN TOPICS

Rose Festival Candidates.—The Rose Festival nominating committee will hold its third meeting tonight in the Oregon building and begin its task of selecting 24 candidates for the 12 positions on the Rose Festival governing board.

Car Snatched Truck.

380 Front street driver of a truck for the Vienna Cleaning Works, was painfully injured at 9:30 this morning, when his machine was struck by a street car on Broadway and Alberta streets.

Librarians to Meet.

In order to cooperate more closely with the Special Library association of the United States a meeting of all the special librarians of Portland will be held Saturday, 8 p. m. in room E of the Central library.

Grange Meeting.

Pomona grange, including the 10 granges of Multnomah county, will meet at Pleasant Valley grange hall, 2 p. m. This morning will be given over to discussion of agricultural questions and to the proposed \$5,000,000 bond issue.

Will Review Work.

Review of the work accomplished by the Portland Traffic and Transportation association during the year will be a feature of the association's annual dinner, to be held Thursday evening at the Multnomah hotel.

Steamship and Railroad Tickets.

Travel Bureau, 1122 2nd St., Portland, Or. Dorsey B. Smith Tourist Agency

yer and Taskbery this morning in a rooming-house at Twenty-fourth and Kearney streets at the request of the Salt Lake City police. Stanley is wanted on a charge of burglary. His record shows that he was in jail in Portland two years ago for vagrancy, and he was also in the Monroe and Boise penitentiary and the Seattle and Portland jails for highway robbery and burglary.

Suffrage Alliance Luncheon.—The Oregon Equal Suffrage alliance will give a luncheon at the University club Tuesday, at 12:30 p. m. at which Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie will speak on "What the Women of Oregon Can Do in Case of War." There will also be a report of the recent meeting of the National Woman Suffrage organization at which time the services of the organization were turned over to President Wilson to be used in the event of war.

Street Patrols Thieves.—Twenty pounds of carry-over of a dozen mail-order books were taken from the window of the Albert Larson grocery, 509 Montana avenue, by boy thieves on Monday night. The boys reported to the police that they had broken into the Larson grocery, and that they had found on the edges of the glass and inside. The thieves are supposed to be schoolboys and investigations are being made at the Shaver and Thompson schools today.

Notice to Public.—It has been brought to our attention that solicitors for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company are informing the public that the trouble between their company and the city of Portland has been settled. This is untrue. The company still refuses to arbitrate its difficulties with the union.

Street Car Bumps Truck.—Doing no further harm than nicking a pane of glass in the street car, a Marshall Wells hardware truck, going east on Broadway, after hitting and bouncing off a telephone post, was struck by the street car, from which it bounced to the walk, and from there around the corner. The accident occurred about 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Public Meeting Planned.—A public meeting will be held in the Central library at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening for the discussion of the work of the North Dakota Non-Partisan league. These reports to what the league is doing in regard to the food situation. The meeting is called by G. E. Day and G. E. Kellogg.

Columbia River Highway Stage.—Two round trips, Multnomah Falls to Portland, daily. Leaves Multnomah Falls 7:30 a. m. and 4:10 p. m. Leave St. Charles hotel, Portland, 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday evening, leave Multnomah Falls 6:30 p. m. and Portland 10:30 a. m.

Traffic Official Here.—James G. Woodworth, second vice president in charge of traffic of the Northern Pacific railway, arrived this morning for a business sojourn of several days in Portland. He is a guest at the Arlington club. Mr. Woodworth is on his annual inspection trip and traffic survey.

Railway Man Promoted.—H. M. Bevers, formerly stationed in the Canadian Pacific's passenger department in Portland, has been appointed traveling passenger agent for the company, with headquarters at Seattle. Of late he has been city passenger agent at the Spokane office.

G. A. B. Ladies Meet.—The President's association of the Ladies of the G. A. B. will meet Tuesday, March 6, in G. O. O. F. hall, Alberta street, near Seventh. All circle presidents and past presidents are urged to be present.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CARRY FEE SIMPLE

Act Introduced by Plowden Stott of Far Reaching Effect Throughout State. HAD ONLY RIGHT TO USE Before Passage of Measure School Districts Could Have Merely the Right to Hold.

An act of the last legislature, of far reaching effect, not only in Multnomah county but throughout the state, was introduced by Plowden Stott providing that all property acquired by school districts through condemnation proceedings should carry a fee simple or absolute title from the prior owner to the school district.

The importance of the act lies in the fact that prior to its passage where property had been condemned for school purposes, by any school board in the state, the school district acquired, not an absolute title, but merely a right to the use of the property so long as it might desire to make such use of the property the former owner or his heirs could, by appropriate legal proceedings, regain possession and title.

Handicap of the old law has been very apparent in Multnomah county, where the district has paid high prices for different tracts of land upon which school buildings have been constructed. With the growth of the city, the shifting of the centers of residential population and the encroachment of wholesale and business districts upon what were residence districts at the time such property was required, the value of these properties has greatly increased for school purposes, though it may have greatly increased for business uses.

In spite of the fact that these different tracts have been practically unusable for school purposes, and in spite of the large investments made in them by the school district, it has been impossible for the district to dispose of the lands because it could not give an unassailable title to them, where the district's title was secured by condemnation.

But to Getting Neighboring Property. The same condition has confronted the district as to property which it has desired to acquire adjacent to school sites now owned by it, because if tracts adjacent to existing schools were taken by condemnation, the tracts so condemned would be subject to possible reversion whenever the school use was abandoned. This condition faced the school board with the investment of large sums of money, more in the nature of rental than of purchase.

It was to meet this condition that the Stott act was passed. Under its repeal and all property acquired by school districts through condemnation carries an absolute title, so that it may be sold at any time in the same manner and with the same effect as property secured by outright purchase.

Is New Law Retroactive? The question has been raised in connection with the act, as to whether it is retroactive in its terms, so that it would cover all property secured by school boards in the past by condemnation. On this point there is a divergence of opinion, but should it be determined that the act does reach back into the past, it will enable the school board of Multnomah county, and probably of other counties as well, to dispose of various school tracts now held by fee simple, and which, up to this time, have not been able to dispose of because of the imperfect title under which they have been held.

Gold Hill, Or., March 5.—J. C. Dusenberry, owner of the Dusenberry sawmill on Sardine creek, six miles from Gold Hill, has been receiving so many orders for finished lumber that he has reached the capacity of his planing department at his mill, and last week made arrangements with J. W. Merritt, owner of a local planing mill and box factory, that he be permitted for some time, to start up the planing department and adjustments to machinery will occupy several days' time, after which Mr. Dusenberry expects to keep the plant busy until fall.

JUDGE BEAN UPHOLDS FEDERAL RECEIVER OF MONARCH LUMBER CO.

Strangers Should Not Interfere in Bankruptcy Proceedings, Court's Ruling. NEW COMPANY IN CHARGE Monarch Mills Has Been Operating Plant for the Past Three Months.

The proceedings of the bankruptcy court should not be interfered with by strangers, who have nothing but their own interests in mind, United States District Judge Bean asserted this morning, when he handed down an opinion allowing the motion to strike out the answer of the receiver of the defunct Monarch Lumber company.

Both Have Claims. It has been asserted by John W. Kaste that he has a deed to all the equity of the Monarch Lumber company in this property over and above the mortgage, and that the mortgage is usurious. The fact, as claimed, is that the Monarch Lumber company, when the mortgage was given, received the face value of the notes and mortgage, to-wit, \$300,000.

George E. Stoddard Buried at La Grande. La Grande, Or., March 5.—One thousand persons filled the La Grande tabernacle Sunday afternoon at the funeral of George E. Stoddard, millionaire lumberman of this city and president of the Mormon church.

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LAURELHURST CLUB WILL HAVE "SMOKER"

Laurelhurst club is to have a smolder "extraordinary" Wednesday night. It is to be a social gathering for the formal discussion of plans for financing of the new club house planned for this year.

Miss Tingle to Speak.—Miss Lillian Tingle, principal of the Benson polytechnic school for girls, will be the speaker before the Rotary club at noon Tuesday, her subject being "Impressions of Japan."

Commercial Club to Meet.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alberta Commercial club will be held this evening in Baker's hall, 622 1/2 Alberta street.

Steamer Jessie Watkins, for Canas, Washoulog and way landings, daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington Street dock at 2 p. m. (Adv.)

McCarger, Bates & Lively.—Fire, casualty and automobile insurance. Yeon bldg. Telephone Main 168. (Adv.)

Economy and Quality in Printing.—F. W. Bates & Co., Main 165, A-1165. Ad. Dr. B. G. Brown, Eye, Ear, Mouth and Throat. (Adv.)

Dr. Dayton, glasses, Swedenland bldg. (Adv.)

SUN DISPELS DARK CLOUDS AT INAUGURAL

which took seats to the left of the platform. The senate and house marched down in a body and sat at the rear of the platform.

PORTLAND LEADS IN U. S. NAVAL RECRUITS DURING THE YEAR '16

In Proportion to Population City Stands at Head and Holds Sixth in Rank. The United States navy recruiting station in Portland has made an enviable record in the past year, leading all the cities of the country in number of enlistments in proportion to population, and being sixth in rank with such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco.

Lieutenant Commander John H. Blackburn has established a system of recruiting along original lines. The service has no street soliciting or approach, as have all the other offices. A special point is made to seek the parents out before the young man enlists, even if of lawful age to do so, and to explain to them what the requirements of the service are.

All the young men enlisting from Portland are followed up by personal letters to their correspondents with their commanders and officers, congratulations as they attain promotion, and advance as to personal conduct, choice of trades, reenlistments and other matters.

Last February, 82 recruits were secured. More high school graduates have been enlisted in the last year than in any other recruiting station in the country.

The number of young men from the Portland office "making good" by earning promotion is 96 per cent, larger than in any other part of the country.

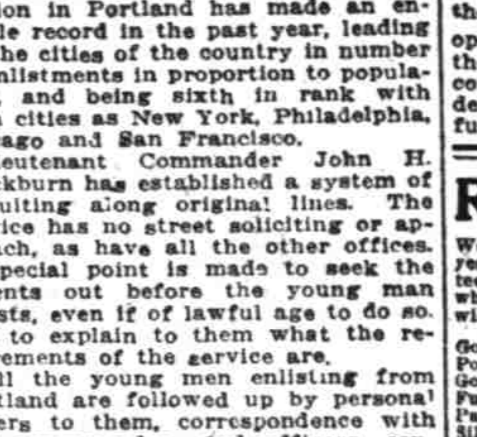
A branch recruiting office is to be established in Roseburg for the first time, and will be in charge of Samuel Harte, ranking as a chief gunner's mate. Another branch is to be established at Eugene under E. J. Guay, also a chief petty officer, ranking as chief water tender.

Marshfield, Or., March 5.—Although four large lumber mills are operating on Coos Bay, and in face of the fact that 265 square miles of Coos county area is covered by the residents of Marshfield are suffering fuel famine.

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FACTS. Unanimous Approval. Every person who traverses East Harrison street from Forty-fourth Street to Fourth Street, improved in 1912, is enthusiastic in praise of the fine condition of this thoroughfare and becomes a booster for the quality of the material with which it is improved.

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