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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Minnesota Society of Oregon was formally organized at a meeting held at Portland.

Pilot Rock is left without hotel or eating-house accommodations as the result of the most serious fire in her history.

The Washington County poor farm is to be under a superintendent at a salary instead of the old contract system, which has prevailed there for many years.

For the second time in as many years the postoffice safe at Weston was dynamited by yeggmen. The cracksmen secured more than \$100 in stamps and money.

A shipment of 250,000 chinook salmon eggs for the Clatskanie River hatchery was received at Astoria. This makes three consignments of eggs that have been taken to the plant since it was started.

Following reports that genuine beer is sold in bottles labeled "near-beer" in Benton and Lynn counties, which are "dry," State Chemist Wells has begun an investigation which may cause serious trouble for brewers of those counties.

The Oregon Trunk railway inaugurated regular passenger and freight train service November 1 over the line recently completed from Opal City to Terrebonne, formerly Hillman, Redmond, Deschutes, the station for Laidlaw, and Bend.

A. T. Strahorn, of the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture, has just completed a soil survey of the Rogue River Valley which embraces about 400 square miles of the valley lands and lower slopes of the district.

State Railroad Commissioner Miller and W. M. Wells, assistant engineer, of the commission, are in Medford ascertaining the value of railroad property embraced in the rights of way and terminal grounds in Jackson County. The commission is ascertaining the physical valuation of the railroads as a base upon which to figure rates and taxation.

A conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the colleges of Oregon opened at Albany Friday for a two days' session. Fifty-five delegates representing the Christian associations of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Pacific University, Willamette University, McMinnville College, Pacific College, Albany College, Philomath College and the Eugene Bible University were present.

Amity citizens desire the installation of a city water system and the city council has the matter under advisement. Near there a large well has been struck, which recently underwent the test of furnishing 600 gallons an hour without any apparent decrease in the volume of water in the well. The discovery of this flow of water has roused the citizens to their opportunity to secure a fine water system at a nominal cost of running a pipe line to the town.

State Capital Gleanings

Threshermen of Oregon will meet in Salem December 7-8.

More than \$1000 was pledged by Salem business men for Governor West's project to construct a chain of roads between the state institutions.

Citizens of Douglas County have petitioned the governor for a loan of from 30 to 40 convicts to work on the road between Roseburg and Myrtle Point.

Snowed under by an avalanche of negative votes, the charter for a commission form of government for Salem met defeat by practically a two to one vote.

By using persuasive and coercive methods \$1221 has been saved through the corporation department from 10 foreign corporations starting business in the state during the last six months and it is believed several hundred dollars more will follow.

Increase in the valuation of taxable property in the various counties of the state are shown in the summary of assessment received by the state tax commission. There has been one exception to this rule, however. Morrow County shows a decrease of \$572,072.

Governor West when called upon to appoint delegates to the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, appointed C. E. S. Wood, W. S. U'Ren, H. J. Parkison, W. T. Slater, Martin L. Pipes and Attorney-General A. M. Crawford. These are the attorneys appearing on the respective sides in the University of Oregon referendum cases.

Governor West has completed plans for shipping the 28 convicts who will be sent from the State Penitentiary for work on the Crater Lake road. Twenty-five of these will be pick-and-shovel workers, two will be cooks and one blacksmith. The governor says the gang will be kept there indefinitely and as fast as the terms of any of the men expire, others will be sent to take their places, that the gang may remain intact.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week

Young Wife Asks \$150,000

Oregon City.—Cleta Pearl Alisky, wife of Charles W. Alisky, both of whom are suing for divorce, has filed suit for \$150,000 damages against her husband's parents, Charles A. Alisky and Mrs. Caroline Alisky. The plaintiff, who is a sister of Maybelle Gilman Corey, alleges that her husband's affections were alienated by his parents.

Fifth Annual Apple Fair at Albany

Albany.—Active preparations are being made for the Fifth Annual Apple Fair, which will be held in this city November 8 to 10. The association is sending out printed premium lists to all the apple-growers of the Willamette Valley, accompanied by letters soliciting exhibits for the event.

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ELECTION MAY NOT BE VALID

State Institutions Not in City, is Contention.

Salem.—To test the validity of a special city election held several months ago, defeat of which might result in the State Asylum for the Insane and the State Penitentiary being considered outside the city limits, Attorney W. P. Lord, Jr., has in the circuit court a case which involves the right of state employees to vote at certain elections and to determine whether the annexation of certain districts is legal.

Prior to the last census a special election was held for the purpose of taking the asylum and penitentiary and contiguous districts into the city in order to swell the sum total of the population by 3000 people.

Attorney Lord sets up the contention that every voter in the district to be annexed who voted in favor of the annexation was a state employee working at the asylum.

Jury Acquits Robinson

Prineville.—After standing for hours balanced between acquittal and a verdict of second-degree murder, the jury in the case of the State against Ernest Robinson, charged with the murder of Louis McAllister, acquitted the prisoner.

Street is City Dance Floor

Springfield.—A celebration was held in Springfield in honor of the completion of the paving on Main street. The celebration consisted of a masquerade dance on the new pavement.

Bay Ocean Port is Voted

Hillamook.—The special election for the purpose of submitting the question of creating a port at Bay Ocean was carried by a majority of 15 votes.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR WINDOWS?

You had a cold last week, perhaps? You, or a member of your family? Or if you didn't you rather expect one before the autumn is much further advanced? You always have a cold at this time of year, and you can't understand it. All summer you live out of doors. You let the wind blow over you all it would, and you have forgotten that there was such a thing as a stuffed up nose and a headache and a general feeling of being far away. So why should the first chill of autumn set you to sneezing?

Well, it may be that you are one of those exceedingly sensitive persons whose bodily mechanism seems set on such a hair trigger that it goes off in a sneezing fit with every variation in temperature. But the chances are that the trouble is less serious.

What about your windows? Do you get plenty of fresh air?

It used to be supposed that a cold was merely an unaccountable dispensation of Providence. Then doctors began to notice that there was a coincidence, at least, between closed windows and sneezing epidemics. Now it has been definitely determined that bad ventilation is responsible for most colds.

Colds are caused by invasions of colonies of various sorts of bacteria that are always lying in wait for the unwary. Usually the body is in such good condition that its natural policemen, the white blood cells are active enough to dispose of the invaders. But let the system for some reason or other get below par, and the watchful invaders jump at the chance to make an assault.

Now with the chill of autumn people begin to shut up their windows and to see that there are no drafts. The body is deprived of its customary supply of oxygen and is supplied with a lot of junk in the shape of vitiated air. The balance is upset and the bacteria get in their work.

Some physicians, in their enthusiasm for fresh air, have insisted that drafts didn't matter, even in the most extreme weather. They do matter, and most persons do well to avoid them. But this can be done while sleeping and living rooms are flooded with fresh air.

Keeping a building sealed up while people are living in it, is the best way to invite colds and pneumonia.

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