

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Drugstore Men Arrested.
Astoria.—Following the investigation that was started some months ago, by Dr. Macey, post surgeon at the Fort Stevens barracks, and L. L. Levings, a Portland detective employed by the State Board of Pharmacy, Theodore F. Laurin, proprietor of the Eagle drug store, and Ross A. Farr, clerk in the same store, were arrested on charges of selling cocaine, without having a prescription, to soldiers, stationed at Fort Stevens.

Contractor Expects Work All Winter.
Eugene.—Grading has begun by the Southern Pacific Company on its Eugene-Coos Bay line, Fuller & Co., subcontractors, having started a force of men and teams at the work on the land the company secured from the Lane County Asset Company. This is the highest point between Eugene and the tunnel in the mountains 23 miles west of here, and because it is well drained grading can proceed all winter or until the cut is completed.

RECALL INOPERATIVE

Attorney-General Gives Opinion Act Is Not Self-Executing.

Salem.—That the recall amendment to the Oregon constitution is inoperative and ineffective because it is not self-executing is the final opinion of Attorney-General Crawford, handed down for R. H. Howell, county clerk of Lincoln county, who requested information on the point because of a move on foot in that county to circulate recall petitions against the county judge and one of the county commissioners.

Once before this point had been passed on by the office of the attorney-general when an assistant offered an opinion that the amendment was self-executing. The opinion is sweeping in its nature and declares that the recall provision is not self-executing and that further legislative enactment is required before the recall amendment will become effective.

Port Wins Decision.

Marshfield.—Judge John S. Coke, of the circuit court, has given a decision in the injunction case regarding the formation of the Port of Port Orford in Curry county, deciding in favor of the port, thus dissolving the temporary injunction. It will now be possible for the canvass of the vote on the port question to be made by the county officials of Curry county and the port proposition declared carried.

Estate to Be Cut Up.

Marshfield.—The estate of the late R. D. Hume, recently purchased by Portland men, has passed into the hands of the new owners and their representative, W. H. Leach, has taken charge of the property. It is the intention to establish a settlement and sell much of the land in small tracts to homeseekers.

P. G. W. CONTRACT LET

Pacific Great Western Work to Begin at Once, Says Chief Engineer.

Eugene.—The McArthur-Perks Company, Limited, of Chicago, was awarded the contract for construction of 114 miles of railway between Eugene and the coast, to be known as the Pacific Great Western. B. B. Hunt, chief engineer of the Pacific Great Western, promises immediate commencement of construction. The line is popularly supposed to be a hill affair, and a race to Coos Bay between this line and the Coos Bay extension of the Southern Pacific is expected similar to the race that took place from the Columbia River up Deschutes canyon into central Oregon. Roylance, Messenger & Dye have been awarded contract for the big tunnel at the summit of the Coast range. They were the contractors on the Nation tunnel.

Rock Roads Planned.

Hillsboro.—Several road districts in this county are publishing notices of special road meetings to levy taxes for rock roads. This will be in addition to the levy to be made by the county commissioners' court, which has announced its intention to levy to the full limit and turn half of the funds over to the road districts for special work.

Anderson Jury Disagree.

Canyon City.—The jury in the case of George W. Anderson, who shot and killed Attorney George Barnes in this city last June and was indicted for murder in the second degree by the grand jury, disagreed and was discharged from service in the case.

FRANKLIN K. LANE



Franklin K. Lane, interstate commerce commissioner, who urges a new commission to deal with corporations.

M'NAMARA TAKEN TO PEN

Journey of 501 Miles to San Quentin Made by Train.

Los Angeles.—James B. McNamara, confessed murderer, and John J. McNamara, confessed dynamiter and secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, have been taken to San Quentin penitentiary, 501 miles away. James B. begins a sentence of life imprisonment, while his brother faces a term of 15 years.

"I'm a union man and I'm for union labor," was John J. McNamara's parting comment to the world, according to Clarence S. Darrow, his chief counsel, who was last with him. John J. also expressed the hope that the sentiment of union labor toward him would change, remarking that in time the case would be better understood.

Western Steel May Reorganize.

Seattle.—Creditors of the Western Steel Corporation, the \$20,000,000 company which was placed in the hands of receivers, October 13, held their first meeting here and elected Lester Turner, Sutcliffe Barker and Edgar Ames trustees. A proposition for the immediate reorganization of the defunct corporation was made by a representative of the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York.

FIVE MEN TAKEN ALIVE FROM MINE

Knoxville, Tenn.—For the second time in 10 years a great mine disaster has made the Knoxville colliery district echo with the sobs and wails of women and children—relatives of the men whose lives were snuffed out in a flash as they worked.

One hundred men—perhaps more, perhaps a few less—are entombed in the Cross Mountain mine near Briceville. Five men have been brought alive from the mine, and rescuers are making strong efforts to reach at least three more whom they believed still alive.

The explosion is believed to have occurred two miles from the opening and about 800 feet below the surface.

President Stephenson, of the Knoxville Iron Company, which owns the mines, said that the explosion probably had been caused by a windy shot. This might have ignited gases accumulated in one of the many "rooms" in the mine or might have set the coal dust on the floor.

Loss of \$150,000 in Linton Fire.

Portland.—Burning over an area of five acres, fire last night destroyed practically the entire property of the West Oregon Lumber Company at Linton, entailing a loss of \$150,000, with insurance probably totaling \$75,000. The mill destroyed was one of the finest of its kind on the coast.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat — Track prices: Club, 79c; Mustem, 82c; red Russian, 78c. Barley—Feed, \$37 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton. Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, \$14. Butter—Creamery, 36c. Eggs—Ranch, 42c. Hops—1911 crop, 45c; 1910, nominal. Wool — Eastern Oregon, 9@10c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c. Mohair—37c.

Seattle.

Wheat — B'nestem, 82c; club, 78c; red Russian, 77c. Barley—\$35 per ton. Oats—\$30 per ton. Eggs—Ranch, 50c. Butter—Creamery, 38c. Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Baker Commercial Club will try to raise a fund for a \$40,000 armory.

Astoria authorities have inaugurated a campaign to put a stop to the selling of tobacco and cigarettes to minors.

A demonstration road a quarter of a mile long is to be built at the Oregon Agricultural College branch experiment station located at Hermiston.

Poultrymen of Albany and vicinity are preparing to form an organization for the purpose of reviving the custom of holding annual poultry fairs.

The Baker county officers have received many complaints of horse stealing from the residents of the Missouri Flat district, and are investigating the matter.

The first carload of grain for immediate railroad shipment that has ever been sold in Goose Lake Valley was disposed of by B. Keller, of New Pine Creek, to Reno parties.

Centralization in Portland of the government of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company will be completed December 15, at which time all the company's lines will be placed under the supervision of the Portland officials.

A referendum having for its object the revoking of a franchise granted the Prineville & Eastern Railway on the streets of Prineville will be considered by the voters Monday, December 18, the date of the regular annual city election.

The first bird and game refuge to be created under the new game laws is on the banks of the Willamette slough, opposite Sauvie's Island. It has been created by Hannah Holbrook and M. C. Holbrook, and is 285 acres in extent.

The Oregon Development League has asked the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce to induce the farmers to raise peas for seed. The county grows fine peas, and it is suggested that the farmers could make big money by growing peas to furnish seed.

In one of the swiftest trials in the history of Polk county, John Magers, a negro, who on August 14, while a paroled convict, attacked Miss Beulah Walton in West Salem and shortly afterward attacked Mrs. M. Jorgenson on Eola road, was sentenced to the penitentiary.

It was booster day in Eugene Friday, delegations from the commercial organizations of Portland, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, McMinnville, Roseburg and all the valley towns gathering to help the Eugene Commercial Club dedicate the pleasant new quarters, into which it has just moved.

With the appointment of a special legislative committee to go before the Legislature and see that the dairymen receive consideration, and with the passing of important resolutions having to do with the advancement of the industry in Oregon, the annual convention of the State Dairymen's Association closed at Portland to meet next year in Albany.

State Capital Gleanings

The State Threshermen's Association adjourned to meet in convention again in 1912, in Condon.

An increase of 40 per cent in the number of state warrants drawn for the 11 months of 1911 over the 12 months of 1910 is shown by a statement which has just been prepared.

With 175 delegates in attendance, the Young Men's Christian Association for Oregon and Idaho has opened its 12th annual convention in this city.

At the annual meeting of the Salem school district taxpayers, it was unanimously decided that eight and one-tenth mills be levied for the maintenance and the construction of two new school buildings.

Attorney General Crawford has handed down an opinion to the effect that foreign corporations transacting business in the state are supposed to pay license fees whether their declarations to incorporate have been filed or not.

That Oregon will have ten delegates to elect to the Republican national convention in 1912 under the presidential preference primary nominating plan is the official statement received by Secretary Olcott from William Hayward, secretary of the Republican national committee.

Negotiations by telegraph between the Desert Land Board and the Northwest Townsite Company have practically assured that company that it can take over the Paisley project of 12,000 acres, the contract for which, to the Portland Irrigation Company, was cancelled some time ago.

The report of the Oregon & Washington Railroad received by the state railroad commission showed operating revenues amounting to \$935,725 and operating expenses of \$572,412. With other deductions the net operating revenue was shown to be \$363,313. The net operating income was \$340,109.

TAFT MEN CONTROL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Primary Plan Defeated and Chicago Selected For Next Convention.

Washington.—The meeting of the National Committee was strongly pro-Taft. The President's advisers won on every point. The names of Roosevelt and La Follette were not mentioned at the meeting, which formulates the preliminary plans for the campaign of 1912.

Chicago was chosen as the National convention city, and the call was issued for the assembling of delegates on Tuesday, June 18.

The Taft forces also dictated the entire membership of the arrangements committee, which was increased to seven, instead of the usual five, and is composed as follows:

New, Indiana; Vorys, Ohio; Mulvane, Kansas; Murphy, New Jersey; Williams, Oregon; Rosewater, Nebraska, and Duncan, North Carolina.

The committee adhered to the convention call of 1908 and the primary question was left as it was four years ago. The champions of Presidential preference primaries and state-wide primaries for the selection of delegates in states where primary laws are not operative, were defeated. They were led by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who contented himself with a minority report from the subcommittee on call, of which he was chairman.

Liquor Sales in Clubs Ruled Out.

Salem, Ore.—Holding that a club which is a corporation is in itself an artificial person and as such owns the liquors were supposedly the property of the individual members of the club, Justice McBride, in the Supreme Court, modified the recent opinion of the Circuit Court in the case of the Bachelors' Club versus the City of Woodburn.

GIRL WANTS \$25,000

Moneyed Citizens, Principals in Tar Party, Would Pay.

Lincoln Center, Kans.—Miss Mary Chamberlain, the victim of the Shady Bend "tar party," will not receive less than \$25,000 damages, and it is probable that the courts have heard the last of the affair.

E. G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Scranton, who pleaded guilty, and John Schmidt, who was convicted, are worth in the aggregate more than \$100,000. Clark alone being rated in excess of \$50,000. Their pleas of guilty and the conviction of Schmidt leave them exposed for an action for damages. It is said that upon the advice of their attorneys they will pay rather than go to trial.

George V. Hailed as India's Ruler.

Delhi, India.—Before thousands of their subjects, white, brown and black, King George V. and Queen Mary were proclaimed Emperor and Empress of India. The ceremonial was the crowning glory of the Durbar, and, it is asserted, surpassed all spectacles of modern times.

EXPECT OFFICIALS TO GIVE SELVES UP

Indianapolis.—That one or more officials of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers are to surrender voluntarily to the government is expected in the nationwide investigation of dynamite outrages.

It was announced that without resistance being offered, letters and records have been conveyed by detectives engaged by the Erectors' Association from the headquarters of the ironworkers' association in this city to the office of the United States District Attorney.

"No promise of immunity to men suspected of complicity in the dynamiting conspiracy have been made by the government," declared Charles W. Miller, United States District Attorney. "But, of course, we will accept evidence from any direction to be presented to the grand jury when it resumes its session Thursday."

John D. Decides He Will Not Testify.
New York.—John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Frederick T. Gates formally declined the invitation of Chairman Stanley of the congressional steel investigation committee to make a statement concerning the testimony recently given by Leonidas and Alfred Merritt.

"Powder Trust" To Fight.

Olympia, Wash.—It was announced at a conference before the Industrial insurance Commission that the Dupont Powder Company, the so-called "Powder Trust," would fight the new Washington liability law.

THE LENTS FRIENDS CHURCH



View of the Friends Church on S. Main street. This church is peculiar in that it has a woman for a pastor. Her name is Myra B. Smith, who took up the work upon the illness of her husband, Rev. Ed. Smith, who is now laboring in other ways until his health is improved.

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