

**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

Postal savings banks will be opened January 19 at Brownsville, and Jefferson.

The semi-annual examination of teachers in Linn county is now in progress in Albany.

J. K. Kirby, of Sunnyslope, near Baker, is the father of 22 children. All the children are living.

The senate public buildings committee has reported favorably the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for construction of Portland's new federal building.

John A. Hunter, of Roseburg, will start the erection of a fruit spray manufacturing plant in Portland. The plant will have a capacity of 75 barrels a day.

Central Howell school, eight miles northeast of Salem, boasts the first glee club to be organized and conducted successfully in a rural school in Oregon.

In a gun fight between Griffin Perry and Jack Taylor at Andrews, 120 miles southeast of Burns, Perry was shot dead and Robert Settemyre, a bystander, was mortally wounded.

Of five men at work in the Lowman sawmill at Apiary two were killed, two were blown out of the building and one escaped injury when the boiler in the plant exploded.

Consumption is prevalent among children of the Klamath Indian tribe on the reservation, and probably one in five of the girls and boys between 12 and 15 years of age have affected lungs.

The Borah bill, authorizing an additional loan of \$15,000,000 to the reclamation fund, if it becomes a law, will open the way for the final adoption and construction of the West Umatilla irrigation project in Oregon.

A meeting for the purpose of considering the question of irrigation and the benefits that it would bestow upon the farm lands of the Rogue River valley was called at Medford on December 9, and was attended by almost 500 farmers and orchardists.

Ontario has a unique license system. The Ontario ordinance provides that the number of saloon licenses shall be limited to six, and that these licenses shall be issued monthly at the regular council meetings. By this plan the saloons are kept strictly on probation.

The senate has confirmed the following postmasters in Oregon: Edwin S. Abbott, Seaside; Clyde K. Brandenberg, Klamath Falls; Harvey M. Hoskins, McMinnville; George W. Donnell, Grants Pass; Dewey B. Davidson, Prarie City; Albert N. Johnson, Estacada; Charles E. Hasard, Independence, and Jay B. Steward, Myrtle Point.

A. O'Reilly, principal of the school of Spring Valley, Polk county, has reported to Superintendent Alderman on the success of a plan of "home credit work" which he has established in that school there and which has opened up a new order of things for the pupils of that school. The plan is to offer so many minutes credit for each little task which is performed about the house.

The department of agriculture announces the discovery along the Pacific coast line of Oregon of potash sources whose potential production can be valued at \$40,000,000 annually. The potash source is in the giant kelp groves, from which the department estimates 1,000,000 tons of potassium chloride could be taken annually, from which sufficient potash can be obtained to render the United States independent of the German supply.

**State Capital Gleanings**

W. M. Wells, assistant engineer of the state railroad commission, has resigned to take a position with the California commission.

Requisition papers on the governor of California have been granted for Charles Fultz and James Dalton, who are wanted in Portland on a charge of passing forged checks.

Recalling the move to secure the services of a committee to draft a compensation law for protection of organized labor, Governor West has requested Will Daly, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, to take the matter up at the convention which will meet next month. The appropriation of \$5000 made by the last legislative assembly to assist in the fight against bubonic plague, will not be paid by Secretary Olcott because of the failure of the act to provide a proper manner for auditing the claim and further because it fails to authorize who shall expend the money.

According to a compilation of votes made in the various congressional districts of the state at the election of 1910 the new district including Multnomah county cast 31,941 votes. The second district as it now stands, cast 26,373 votes and the first district 55,796 votes. This indicates that the voting strength of the first district, which is all that territory in western Oregon outside of Multnomah county, has twice the voting strength of the second district, which as it stands now, is all that territory east of the Cascade mountains.

**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.**

**Macadam Road Bonds Proposed.**  
Astoria.—Citizens of Clatsop county are considering the proposition of bonding the county for the construction of a macadam road that will connect this city with Tillamook and which will join a road now built running from the Columbia county line to Tillamook. The construction of the road from Astoria to Seaside will be first on the program in the event the bond issue carries.

**New Experiment Station.**  
Corvallis.—The site for the new Medford experiment station has been selected by the O. A. C. authorities. Twenty-five acres of improved land, with \$2500 worth of buildings, formerly a part of the Jackson county poor farm, was deeded to the college. The location is eight miles south of Medford and a half mile east of Talent, on the main county road.

**PROJECT IS APPROVED**

**Channel of 16 Feet on Tillamook Bay is Contemplated.**

Tillamook.—The Secretary of War has transmitted to congress with his approval the report of the army engineers, recommending the construction of the north jetty at the entrance to Tillamook Bay and the dredging of a channel 200 feet wide and 16 feet deep from the entrance to Bay City at an estimated cost of \$814,000, on condition that local interests bind themselves to defray half the cost.

As the Port of Tillamook and the Port of Bay City have pledged themselves to raise half this amount, the engineers recommend that Congress this session appropriate \$200,000 cash to start the work and adopt a continuing contract for the remaining \$207,000 of the government's share, it being understood that local funds will be made available as needed, so that work, once begun, can be carried forward rapidly to completion.

**Oregon Eastern Work to Begin.**

Ontario.—Men and equipment for construction of the Oregon Eastern railroad in Malheur canyon are arriving almost daily. The construction company is sending in men as well as equipment. Equipment and provisions are being taken to the canyon as fast as possible and actual construction is planned to begin by the first of the year.

**Garrison is Found Guilty.**

Marshfield.—Frank Garrison was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the circuit court at Coquille. He was charged with the killing of Roy Perkins September 1, 1910, and afterward throwing the body in the bay.

**COUNTY PATROL NECESSARY**

**State Forester Says Co-operative Fire Fighting Key to Tree Protection.**

Salem.—The leading feature of the work for the ensuing year mapped out by the Oregon state board of forestry is the organization of county fire patrol associations. It is the aim of the board to get every timber owner in each county into his local organization and to have them pay into the associations on the basis of the acreage of timber owned.

Four leading points in favor of county fire patrol association are mentioned in the annual report of the state forester to the governor. The first is that they prevent duplications of work and supervision, they insure a higher grade of patrolmen working under expert supervision, they insure trained crews always available, and they give the small owner who is not able to hire a private patrolman an opportunity to contribute to the association, which in turn can protect his timber.

**Police Captain Charged With Grafting**

Portland.—Charges of corruption against George H. Bailey, captain of police, were laid before the grand jury at an extra session by Acting Chief of Police Slover and Mayor Rushlight.

The specific charge against Bailey, as an effort to obtain his indictment, is that of accepting graft money from women of the underworld.

**School Population Increases.**

Hillsboro.—County School Superintendent Case has announced the result of the recent school census of the county, placing the number of persons of school age at 7649, an increase of 528 over last year.

**Dallas to Have Library.**

Dallas.—The city council has passed a resolution providing for the levying of a tax each year to raise the sum of \$1000 for the maintenance of a free public library.

**HENRY C. YOUTSEY**



Henry C. Youtsey, serving a life term for the murder of Governor Goebel of Kentucky, who was refused a pardon.

**EXCLUDE AMERICAN GOODS**

**Russia and Japan in League Against United States.**

St. Petersburg.—Intimation that the commercial treaty which is being negotiated between Russia and Japan is to exclude all goods of American manufacture from Manchuria was made semi-officially here. It is said to be part of the tariff war which Russia is preparing to wage against the United States in retaliation for the abrogation of the Russo-American treaty of 1832.

The unwonted speed with which the negotiations are being carried on here and at Tokio in order to have the convention ratified within the next fortnight if possible, indicates that both nations are acting from a more important impetus than originally mutual consideration.

**Standard Hash Proposed.**

Topeka.—With the ultimate object of standardizing all hash served in public places in Kansas, the state board of health has instituted an investigation as to the ingredients commonly used by restaurants and hotels in the concoction of the dish.

**Britons Say Treaty Bars Rebates**

London.—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1902 between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States is quoted as against President Taft's suggestion in his message to congress on December 21, that preferential treatment should be accorded to American ships passing through the Panama Canal.

**TABRIZ ATTACKED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS**

London.—Fifty persons were killed and many wounded in street fighting between Russian troops and Persians at Tabriz, according to dispatches from the Persian government. The Russians have practically taken possession of the city, as all government buildings and the telegraph office are in their possession. The dead include a number of Persian officials.

A massacre has been going on in Resht since Saturday, according to official Persian telegrams received here. These assert that on Sunday 500 Persians were killed by Russians.

Teheran.—The cabinet has notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum. The cabinet intimated to Mr. Shuster that they would communicate to him later plans for turning over his accounts to a successor.

**THE MARKETS.**

**Portland.**  
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79c; bluestem, 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, 37c.  
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.  
Mohair—37c.

**Seattle.**

Wheat—Bluestem, 81c; club, 78c; red Russian, 77c.  
Barley—\$35 per ton.  
Oats—\$30 per ton.  
Eggs—Ranch, 50c.  
Butter—creamery, 35c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

President Taft helped stow away a fifty dollar prize pie that was presented to him by a lady friend eighty years old. This is how it was made: Two pints of apples cut in squares, half a pound of sugar, a pint of water and a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg. The crust of this prize winning culinary creation was made of two pounds of flour, a pound of butter and half a pound of lard. Do you notice that shortening?

That there is still a good sized nigger in the wood pile somewhere in the transit of apples between producer and consumer is shown in the prices paid growers in central and eastern states for apples the past season—in some cases as low as 37 cents a bushel—and the price now being paid by the chap who eats 'em—from 3 to 5 cents apiece. Any one who will locate this Ethiopian and chase him out of the wood pile will confer a favor on his fellow.

While the usual time for using the King road drag is just following rains during the open weather of the spring, summer or fall, there is no time when better work can be done with one of these drags than during pleasant winter weather when there is no snow on the ground and when the surface of the dirt roads has been softened and mellowed by warm weather. Especially is such work with the road drag to be urged when the roads froze up rough and rutty.

It will be a very natural mistake for the farmer in the northern part of the corn belt to make this year to select larger ears of corn for seed than will mature in an average season. The past season was one of unusual length between frosts, there being 165 days instead of 120 days, as is often the case. This made possible the ripening of huge, deep kernalled ears, seed from which it would be decidedly unsafe to use next year for any considerable portion of the field crop.

The calla lily is a favorite plant with many and reaches its highest perfection during the winter months when it has had a couple of months' rest during the summer and is put in a well drained pot and fertilized generously. While prepared fertilizers give good results, pulverized cow or sheep manure is excellent. A liquid made by soaking some of the fertilizer in water for a few hours should be applied at least once a week. The calla being a warm country plant should be given plenty of sunlight and should not be allowed to get a chill.

Catalpa seeds for spring planting may be kept through the winter nicely by mixing with sand, putting in a box and burying just below the surface in a dry place until spring. In the preparing of nuts for seed it is well to reproduce in a general way the conditions which are to be found during the winter months in the wood lot where nut trees grow—a covering to take the place of leaves and yet sufficient exposure so that they will be subject to frost, but not to alternate thawing and freezing, as would be the case where the nuts are entirely exposed.

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**HUSBAND NO. 7 WANTS EX-WIFE LOCKED UP**

Seven husbands have come and gone in the matrimonial experience of Ida Hoffman, according to the statement of Martin Ritz, who claims to be the seventh, and who has filed an insanity complaint against the woman. Ritz went into Probate Clerk Bob Shaw's office in great trepidation Saturday. He stated that the woman had left him in May, 1909, going to California with another man. He has not seen her since that time, until he caught sight of her on the street just before coming to the Court house.

"I think she is looking for me again," he told Clerk Shaw. "After I married her in Minnesota, I learned that she had killed one of her husbands and two children. She's crazy and probably will murder us all in our beds. I want her locked up."

Ritz secured a divorce after the disappearance of the woman in 1909, and has remarried. He lives at Syracuse station, and his household includes two children of Mrs. Hoffman by one of her former husbands. The Sheriff has been asked to bring the woman in if she can be found. Ritz states that she is living in Albina.—Telegram.

**GRAPHITE MADE FROM COAL.**

Graphite, the commonest use of which is seen in the "lead" pencil, is almost pure carbon. This mineral is therefore only a step removed from coal and in fact some of the natural graphite deposits are found in coal beds where the intrusion of masses of intensely heated liquefied igneous rock has metamorphosed the coal, thus forming graphite. An example of this natural manufacture of graphite out of coal is described in one of the reports of the United States Geological Survey on the Raton coal field of New Mexico. On the other hand, large quantities of high-grade graphite are artificially manufactured direct from ordinary coal.

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