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Our individual sales have reached the 3,000 mark. We have grown from one of the smallest to one of the largest Lumber Yards in the district. No order too small for our best attention—none too large.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Killing Follows Saloon Quarrel.
Portland.—Hemmed about by a strong chain of circumstantial evidence, Ernest L. Oetinger, saloonist, confessed to the killing of Edward W. Mutch. The crime was committed in Oetinger's saloon after a quarrel. The slayer then dragged the body of his victim through the saloon and out the back door, and left it in the rain in an open area way, where it was later found.

Escaped Honor Men Recaptured.
Medford.—Frank Arara, J. W. Riley and Albert Saloni, honor men who broke their pledges to Governor West and deserted the convict camp at Westville in an effort to escape, were captured by Superintendent Boltz of the Pacific & Eastern railroad near Eagle Point. They were completely exhausted and gave themselves up readily.

LAND TITLES HELD VALID
Judge Galloway Ruling Legalizes Ownership of 300,000 Acres.

Albany.—That the title to all that part of the big Oregon & California land grant not actually attacked in the present government suits for forfeiture is good, was the ruling of Judge Galloway in deciding the case of William George vs. the Curtiss Lumber company, in the state circuit court here.

This decision is of far-reaching effect, as it validates the title to about 300,000 acres of land, worth at least \$15,000,000 and held by about 5000 different purchasers. The case will be appealed to the state supreme court. Included in the land title to which is indirectly involved in this case is most of the town of Mill City, part of the city of Brownsville, thousands of acres of improved farming land, and large areas of valuable timber land, all lying in western Oregon.

Plant Diseases at Close Range.
Corvallis.—Some 40 plant diseases are being grown in cultures in the plant pathology department at the Oregon agricultural college. Although several hundred cultures are being prepared for a close study of their characteristics that adequate means of protection may be found, some 40 of them have not yet been wholly identified.

Launch Wrecked; Five Lost.
Marshfield.—Five men were drowned when the little gasoline launch North Star No. 1, control of which had, in some unknown manner, become lost, capsized on the Coos Bay bar. Those who perished were: Joe Yongers, the skipper; Frank Tanner, Ira Albee, Con Ferri, William Brainard.

BANKERS ARE ACCUSED
Stockholder in Bank Alleges Assets Were Juggled.

Portland.—General mismanagement of the German-American bank, including the misappropriation of about \$100,000, alleged to belong to the stockholders of the bank, is one of the sensational charges in a suit against Mark A. M. Ashley, Charles E. Rumelin, Thomas C. Devlin, Samuel G. Reed and P. L. Willis filed in the state circuit court by Arthur L. Finley, a stockholder in the German-American bank.

In his complaint Mr. Finley charges that the defendants, through the organization of a conspiracy, acquired at a big discount the obligations of the suspended bank, disposed of its assets at a heavy discount and so manipulated its affairs that the stock of the German-American institution, in which plaintiff owned stock to the amount of \$10,000, was rendered valueless.

Oregon Potatoes to Middle States.
Elgin.—Twenty-four carloads of potatoes were shipped from Elgin Monday to Kansas City markets and to cities south of that center. The shipment was made as a special train over the Harriman lines directly to the Missouri river.

Gold in Deschutes River Sand.
Redmond.—Gold was found in the Deschutes river at Lower Bridge, 12 miles northwest of this city. One man took out a large nugget and the black sand in the river is yielding returns. Quite an amount of gold has been washed out of this sand.

Short Weights Detected at Astoria.
Astoria.—Retail merchants and local creamery men are stirred by the finding of Deputy State Food and Dairy Commissioner Duncan, who discovered that not one pound of butter issued by three creameries was up to standard weight.

COL. GEORGE HARVEY



George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, who was told by Woodrow Wilson that his support was a detriment in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

RAILROAD CHIEFS KILLED

Illinois Central Passenger Trains Collide.

Centralla, Ill.—Five persons are known to be dead and more than a score injured as a result of a rear-end collision at Kinmundy, Ill., between Seminole Limited No. 3 and No. 25, also a fast passenger train on the Illinois Central railroad. The private car of F. O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island railroad, attached to train No. 25, was telescoped and the four occupants were killed, also the engineer of No. 3.

The dead are F. O. Belcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island railroad, Winnetka, Ill.; J. T. Harahan, Sr., former president of the Illinois Central railroad, Chicago; E. E. Wright, an attorney of Memphis, Tenn.; Albert H. Pierce, general solicitor, Chicago.

Judge Donworth to Stay on Bench.

Washington.—Announcement was made at the White House that Judge Donworth, of Seattle, had withdrawn his resignation and in view of that fact there would be no action on the pending indorsements of Representative Humphrey and Elmer M. Hayden, of Tacoma, leading candidates for this appointment.

Taft Wins in Oklahoma.

Coalgate, Okla.—President Taft was indorsed for the renomination by the Fourth Congressional District Republican convention here after Roosevelt supporters had made a determined effort to stampede the convention.

FRANCE DEMANDS RELEASE OF TURKS

Paris.—The gravity of the situation arising through the seizure of the French steamer Manouba January 19 by Italian destroyers while on a voyage from Marseilles to Tunis, seems likely to lead to serious international complications, and unless Italy gives France satisfactory explanation for the seizure of French steamers, France will send a naval demonstration against Italy.

It now appears that the captain of the Manouba, which included among its passengers 29 Turkish nurses of the Red Crescent society, surrendered the Turks only on orders from the French embassy at Rome.

Italy's reply to France will agree to give up the Turks surrendered by the captain of the French steamship Manouba when that vessel was detained by the Italian authorities, but as an act of homage to France and without prejudice, according to a special dispatch from Rome.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 81c; bluestem, 84c; red Russian, 80c.
Barley—Feed, \$40 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 38c.
Eggs—Ranch, 30c.
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.
Mohair—37c.

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TAFT OUTSPOKEN IN DEFENDING COURTS

Not All People, President Declares, Are Fitted for Popular Government.

New York.—With a denunciation of the principle of judicial recall, delivered to the bar association of the state of New York at its banquet, President Taft concluded a busy visit. After a plea for simplification of legal procedure, which he argued with much earnestness before the company of lawyers, Mr. Taft waxed more incisive in coming to the topic on which he evidently felt deeply.

"We do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government," he said. "Some of us don't dare say so, but I do, and the question whether a people is fitted for popular self-government depends upon the restraint that the minority can place upon the majority to see that justice is done."

"We of the bar are called upon to decide whether we are going to protect the judiciary and continue it independent of a majority during a time that it is deciding questions of law and justice."

"The judicial recall—the words themselves are so inconsistent that I hate to utter them! Are we going to make our constitution a liquid thing so that a majority can flood the halls of justice, decide every action and override with popular passion and prejudice every principle of this government, the greatest God ever made?"

LA FOLLETTE IN NEW YORK

Gifford Pinchot Says He Will Support Insurgent Statesman.

New York.—The political atmosphere in the east was further changed by the first appearance in this section of Senator R. M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, since he announced his candidacy as a "progressive Republican" for the presidential nomination.

Gifford Pinchot, a close friend of President Roosevelt, who has been regarded as a staunch Roosevelt lieutenant, appeared with Senator La Follette, and presided over the meeting. He presented the senator as the "candidate I support for the Republican presidential nomination."

Mr. La Follette mentioned the recall as a "progressive" doctrine, and said that he favored the recall of the judiciary.

Single Tax Will Go Before Voters.

Salem, Or.—Upholding the contention of the single taxers in the Clackamas county single tax petitions and ordering a peremptory writ of mandamus directing Secretary of State Olcott to place the single tax petitions on the ballot, but reversing the Jackson county road bond case and holding that the county road bond amendment is self-executing only in a negative way as a power against incurring indebtedness, the supreme court has decided vital points in two important amendments passed by the people at the last general election.

ARMY IS GUARDING TEXTILE FACTORIES

Lawrence, Mass.—This city is an armed camp. Militiamen, to whom a double round of ball cartridges was served out, patrol the business section and the mill region with their guns ready for instant action. State police and private detectives, with revolvers any half concealed, are much in evidence, not alone in the business section, but throughout the residence quarter. The city officials are united in declaring that, as the result of the textile workers' strike, the city is in grave danger of destruction.

In confirmation of this declaration, they point to the discoveries they allege to have made of great quantities of dynamite cached in the heart of the Syrian quarter in a clump of bushes less than a stone's throw from the big Arlington mills.

The strike leaders openly charge the dynamite was planted by emissaries of the mill owners. Joseph E. Terrell, head of the strikers, said that the mill owners were frightened by the change in public sentiment which is now behind the strikers because of their obvious attempts to preserve order in the face of maltreatment by the militia.

Bryan Espouses Cause of Wilson

Lincoln, Neb.—W. J. Bryan takes the side of Governor Woodrow Wilson in his break with Colonel Harvey and Henry Watterson and justifies the action of the New Jersey governor in requesting that his name be withdrawn from the columns of Harper's Weekly. In a letter Mr. Bryan says: "The recent break between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey illustrates the impossibility of co-operation between men who look at public questions from different points of view."