

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Big Area to be Watered.

La Grande.—With capital stock of \$50,000 subscribed and engineers in the field running the final line for irrigation ditches to water 10,000 acres of semi-arid lands lying between La Grande and Cove, completion of arrangements for extensive irrigation in this valley was reached when the promoters formed the La Grande Irrigation company. The company will irrigate hundreds of acres owned by members of the company and pave the way for cutting large semi-arid tracts into well watered small farms.

Extensive Work on County Roads.

Eugene.—Comprehensive plans for the permanent improvement of Lane county roads were announced by the county court, with the statement that this year's programme called for the construction of seven miles of macadam road in different parts of the county, but all in such places that it will be a component part of the system.

Lunatic Leaps into Fire.

Salem.—Nora Maeller, an inmate of the asylum from Multnomah county, made an effort to commit suicide when she rushed from a band of patients with whom she was walking and hurled herself into a blazing brush pile. She was not burned seriously, attendants dragging her from the fire.

230-Foot Flagpole is Gift.

Astoria.—The Astoria Centennial committee has decided to present the management of the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco with the largest flagpole in the world. The stick is 230 feet long, and was given to the committee by the Whitney company to be erected in the city park at Astoria.

Mining Congress Holds Session.

Medford.—With nearly 300 delegates present, the semi-annual session of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining Congress was held in this city Friday and Saturday. The exhibit of ore from this district was the largest and most comprehensive ever gathered in this section and represented nearly 200 mines.

TO RECLAIM WASTE LAND

Completion of \$150,000 Dam Marks
Era in Reclaiming Vast Tract.

Klamath Falls.—Water is now flowing over the Lost River diversion dam, constructed to reclaim particularly the bed land under Tule Lake, and to send water over the dam to the Klamath river, eight miles distant. The scheme worked was by building a dam which would back the water in the low Lost river until it flowed over the dam into a high-level canal, which would carry it about ten miles distant to the higher level of the Klamath river, thus keeping the water from spreading off toward the Tule Lake country.

While the water is being thus diverted Tule Lake will have a chance to evaporate. The water is now going over the dam to the extent of about two inches in depth, or about 200 miner's inches per second, and the canal dug to carry it is running about a foot deep with water. The reclamation enthusiasts in the Klamath basin are exultant over the completion of the \$150,000 dam, as it is believed to mark an era of development in the work of bettering the land conditions in this section, and is the start of a solution of making tillable 40,000 acres now waste.

Dallas Armory Dedicated.

Dallas.—The National Guard Association of the state of Oregon held a convention in this city Monday and Tuesday. Monday saw the official dedication of the new armory building and Tuesday evening a military ball was given. Many prominent persons addressed the meeting.

Brakeman Slashed in Fight.

Albany.—As the result of a cutting affair in this city Harry Halkyer, a brakeman, is in St. Mary's hospital with a bad gash across his face, and Frank Patton is under arrest. The cutting was the result of a gambling dispute.

Sawmills Resume Operations.

Cottage Grove.—One by one the lumber mills in this vicinity are resuming operations after a shutdown of two months. It is predicted that every one of the 31 mills tributary to this city will be in operation within a short time.

Mabel Young Warner Held Not Guilty
Pendleton.—Mabel Young Warner, on trial since Monday on a charge of forgery in connection with the estate of her uncle, J. W. Young, of Weston, was acquitted.

SECRET DYNAMITE INDICTMENTS IN

More Than Thirty Labor Officials Involved by Grand
Jury at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis.—Union labor officials and agents, said to number between 20 and 40, whom the Government holds criminally responsible with the McNamaras and Ortie E. McManigal for perpetrating more than 100 explosions in cities from Massachusetts to California in the last six years, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building, were indicted here. Thirty-two indictments were returned.

Capiases for arrests have been issued and all the men indicted are to be taken into custody on a day secretly fixed by the Government, known to be within a week. March 12 has been set for the arraignment before Federal Judge Anderson in Indianapolis.

Although the names of the defendants and their exact number were ordered withheld pending the arrests, it was said probably more than 32, and possibly 40 men are accused, inasmuch as more than one defendant was named in the indictments. Among the men were either union officials or men who were charged with affiliating with the dynamiters.

With the return of the indictments, District Attorney Miller completed an inquiry begun last October, and the grand jury ended a six weeks' hearing of testimony in which, it is said, McManigal's confession, given by him before the jurors and involving others, and papers taken from the headquarters of the ironworkers, had important bearing.

TO ESTABLISH REPUBLIC

Chinese Premier is Ordered to Co-operate With South.

Pekin.—The empress dowager has issued an edict instructing Premier Yuan Shi Kai to establish a republic in co-operation with the southern republicans. The edict has not yet been published and it is expected that it will be kept more or less secret as far as the public is concerned until arrangements in the south have been completed.

Yuan is now endeavoring to persuade the Nanking government to hand over the control of affairs to enable him to carry on the administration of the whole empire until the national convention appoints a permanent government and adopts a constitution.

Connors Jury Unable to Agree.

Los Angeles.—The jury in the case of Bert H. Connors, accused of having attempted to destroy the Hall of Records with dynamite, reported to Judge Willis that it was unable to agree and was discharged. It stood 10 to 2 for acquittal.

La Follette Suffers Breakdown.

Washington.—Suffering from a serious nervous breakdown resulting from overwork and the incidental worry to the illness of his 12-year-old daughter, Mary, Senator Robert M. La Follette has cancelled all his immediate engagements. By orders of his doctor he will take a complete rest for the next three weeks at least.

MEXICO TO RETURN TO DIAZ' METHODS

Mexico City.—Without blare of trumpets and without official proclamation the federal government proposes to employ the drastic methods of Diaz in restoring peace. Immediate application of the new policy will be the nation's only appraisal of it.

This is the substance of a statement by a cabinet minister. Swift punishment is to be the portion of all agitators who can be reached, whether of gun or pencil. A few newspaper writers will be deported, it is said, under that provision of the constitution which provides for the expulsion of undesirables.

General Pascual Orozco has been appointed military dictator of the state of Chihuahua with full power to quash the uprisings.

Three Die When Ice Bridge Breaks.

Niagara Falls.—The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the cataract and the upper steel arch bridge below the falls for the past three weeks, broke from its shoring and went toward the river, taking with it to their death a man and woman said to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, Canada, and Burrell Heacock, 17 years old, of Cleveland, O.

General James B. Weaver Dies.

Des Moines.—General James B. Weaver, Populist candidate for President in 1892, died at the home of relatives here. He was 80 years old. He had been ill only a few days.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Highbinders in Portland are on the verge of war.

Every dental office in Medford, with one exception, was robbed Friday night. Over \$400 in gold was secured.

A. H. Lea, of Portland, has filed his declaration of intention to become a Republican candidate for the office of state dairy and food commissioner.

No longer are the short course students at the Oregon Agricultural college to be called "Short Horns." This edict has been made by the president.

The Medford commercial club wants Governor West to call a special session of the legislature for the sole purpose of securing necessary legislation for good roads.

The Lane county Prohibitionists are preparing for the campaign, and a mass meeting or convention was held in Eugene Monday to elect delegates to the state convention.

Representative Hawley has secured inclusion in the army appropriation bill of an item to pay John E. Butler, of Junction City, \$417 due him for past service in the army.

John P. Rusk, of Baker, twice elected to the Oregon legislature, has announced his candidacy for representative to congress on the Republican ticket at the coming primary.

Nora Darling, aged 17, who disappeared from her home in Medford several months ago and for whom the authorities have kept up a constant search, has been located at Nashville, Tenn.

Benjamin G. McPherson, a prominent farmer of Springfield, died at his home near that city February 1 at the age of 67 years. He came across the plains from the east with his grandfather in 1853.

Eight highway bills have been put before the people of Oregon by the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement. They were drafted by the state-wide committee appointed by Governor West.

The 1912 Roundup of the Northwest Frontier Association will be held in Pendleton September 26, 27 and 28. These were the dates agreed upon at a meeting of Northwest Fair Association secretaries held in Walla Walla.

Construction of a mill on the lower Siuslaw, with a daily capacity of \$250,000 feet, will begin in the spring, and will be pushed to completion by the Wendling-Johnson Timber company. When ready for operation it will have cost nearly \$1,000,000.

The grounds and buildings of the Pendleton Academy, at Pendleton, are to be sold and the proceeds of the sale added to the endowment fund of Albany college. Pendleton Academy, which was a Presbyterian institution, was closed a year ago.

A scheme to drain the east portion of Lake Labish came to a head when articles of incorporation were filed at Salem for the Labish District Improvement company, which contemplates the drainage of more than 1800 acres of the finest land in Marion county.

A thousand acres of orchard and timber land in the Lorne valley, west of Cottage Grove, was sold to the Milwaukee Orchard company, and a number of eastern individuals, who will hold the timber land for speculation. The price paid is in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

A mortgage deed given by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway to the Trust Company of America to guarantee the issuance of \$10,000,000 of bonds, was filed for record at Eugene. Among other projects the company proposes to have an electric line in operation between Corvallis and Eugene this year.

Complaint which has been heard from farmers in the vicinity of Klamath Falls that they cannot find a market for their hogs and that they have been unable to dispose of their porkers is met by the Klamath Falls butchers with the contention that the agricultural men are trying to hold them up on the price of porkers.

It has been announced by President Crooks of the Albany college that the college has a proposed gift of \$12,500 toward the establishment of a memorial professorship. Five thousand dollars is pledged without condition and the remainder of the \$12,500 is pledged on the condition that \$12,500 more is secured from certain sources.

The entire holdings of the California Northeastern railroad, operating between Weed, Cal., and Klamath Falls, have been transferred to the Oregon Eastern Railway company, the consideration named being \$5,250,000. The railroad was completed to Klamath Falls from there to Natron and Falls two years ago and is being extended ultimately connect with the Deschutes river line running to Lakeview, Alturas and Susanville.

In an opinion written by Attorney General Crawford, it is held that in case a candidate for the primary election dies or is disqualified the party he is representing cannot choose another candidate if disqualification or death occurs after the date set for the filing of declarations and before the primary election. In this event, the opinion holds, the voters must write in the name of a candidate on the ballot to take the place of the one dropping out.

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Additional Correspondence

DOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Miller spent Thursday in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Exon has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Kitzmiller for several days.

Mrs. Thayer was very sick a few days last week.

Joe Deshazer, was an Oregon City visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Cooper returned from Portland Friday evening.

Mrs. H. Miller has returned from Columbia City where she has been visiting her son.

Mr. Reed spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Mrs. Reid, Iva and Clinton, visited at Mr. Bews Sunday.

Joe DeShazen and family were entertained at Mr. Keiths Sunday.

David Miller left for Columbia City where he intends to work for some time.

LUSTEDS

Dr. Thompson of Gresham is improving his twenty acres here by building a small addition to the house and also a porch which will be painted and add much to the appearance. He expects to sell it and will make an ideal home for some one.

Charles and William Cook of Portland visited their Aunt and Uncle, E. D. Hamilton, for about ten days. The Highland school, which they attend, is closed on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Carlson and son Harry were Portland visitors last Friday.

Mrs. G. Lusted visited friends in Gresham last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Maupin returned home after spending a week in Portland with relatives.

The telephone lines are once more in operation in these parts after being out almost a month.

Dr. J. M. Short of Gresham is improving his 160 acre ranch near the Sandy river with a new woven wire fence around it.

E. D. Hamilton and son, Harris, have been putting in new telephone poles on the pipe line for the past two weeks.

Arnold Ruegg will ship the first carload of potatoes from Cottrell station this week.

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