OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Railways Prepare for Spring Influx.

Portland.—With the opening of the colonist season less than two weeks distant, the railroads are preparing to handle the annual spring influx of homeseekers and settlers.

The volume of travel into Oregon and Washington will not be as heavy this spring as it was a year ago, but it will consist of a much greater proportion of persons who actually are prepared to take up their homes in the northwest.

Officers Kill Klamath Man

Klamath Falls.—While resisting arrest for murderous assault upon another settler, C. E. Shaffer was shot through the heart and through the abdomen and died instantly. Two deputy sheriffs did the shooting. The officers assert they shot when Mrs. Wilson, who was Shaffer's companion and who fired on them first, was in the act of handing a rifle to Shaffer, who is a crack shot.

RATE BALLOT IS PROPOSED

Medford Shippers will Circulate Initiative Petition.

Medford.—The Medford Traffic bureau, composed of local jobbers and shippers, has printed and soon will circulate for signatures an initiative petition for submission to the people of Oregon at the November election for an act to provide for a uniform percentage in the relationship of the classification ratings and providing for the establishment of minimum carload rates. The petition also aims to fix the maximum rate on a basis of the less than carload rate and the minimum carload weight that may be charged on carload shipments.

The bill is designed to aid small-town jobbers and make possible the building up of distributing centers. It is indorsed by the Oregon Equal Rate Association, comprising the commercial organizations of the various small towns from Baker on the east to Medford on the south.

Old Duelists Recover.

Albany.—Isaac B. Smith and George Volkhardt, both nearly 70 years old, who engaged in a fight in this city with a hatchet and a large wood chisel as weapons, are both recovering from the injuries they received. Volkhardt, who wielded the chisel in the fight, is still in the hospital, but is improving rapidly, although his skull was fractured.

Pendleton to Spend $5000 Annually

Pendleton.—The sum of $5000 is to be expended annually by the Roundup association and the city of Pendleton in beautifying Roundup Park in this city. The greater part of the expense will be borne by the association, though the city also will help, as the park has been deeded to the municipality.

ELECTION COST $125,000

Primary and Ensuing Vote to Engage 16,764 Clerks.

Salem.—With an army of judges and clerks employed and with all the expensive machinery in operation, the two elections for 1912—the general and primary elections—will cost the taxpayers of the state more than $125,000 at a conservative estimate with all the figures shaved to the lowest possible margin.

According to figures on file in the office of the secretary of state there will be 1397 election boards. Each of these boards will have three judges and three clerks, or a total of 8382 persons who will be employed at each election, or 16,764 persons at both the primary and general elections.

There are 1082 precincts, the 1397 election boards including boards in those precincts for which two sets of boards are provided.

Cornelius Plans Bonds for Water

Cornelius.—This town will vote on the proposition to bond the town for $27,000, this money to be used for installing a water system. It is probable, should the proposition carry, that a gravity system will be installed and the water be taken from Roderick creek, west of this city.

Building Roads Near Stayton.

West Stayton—A large force of men is at work opening up new roads through the timber on the irrigation project here. The roads which were completed last spring east of the railroad will be graded and fenced by the irrigation company.

Wimer Merchant Blows Out Brains

Gold Hill.—With his brains blown out and a revolver at his side, Harry Triplett was found in his store at Wimer, 16 miles from here. Insanity is believed to have been the cause.

O. B. COLQUITT

O. B. Colquitt, governor of Texas, who protested against the transfer of Mexican federal troops through his state, fearing a battle while crossing the international bridge at El Paso.

TOTS GO TO NEW YORK

Children of Striking Lawrence Mill Workers to be Cared For.

New York—Amid scenes of wildest enthusiasm in which 150 bewildered children were literally mobbed by the friendliest crowd that probably ever was formed in America, the little tots whose mothers and fathers are braving hardships of the textile workers' strike in Lawrence, Mass., were greeted at the Grand Central station here.

The children were sent here to be housed and fed while parents and older brothers and sisters are fighting out their differences with the Lawrence mill owners. The visiting children had each been checked, with their names and New York addresses, before they were put on the train at Lawrence.

Fair Suffragettes as Cavalrymen.

New York.—The antisuffrage argument against women's adaptability to make a cavalry charge in time of warfare will be exploded when 50 beautiful young women of social distinction will proclaim themselves willing and able to go to war, will demonstrate their peculiar fitness by riding on high spirited mounts at the head of the big suffrage parade on May 4.

Suffragists Ask Place On Bench

Seattle, Wash.—Suffragist leaders of Washington are preparing to circulate a petition to be signed only by women asking President Taft to appoint a woman to the Federal bench for the district of western Washington, to succeed Judge George Donworth, who will retire soon.

ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN FORMALLY LAUNCHED

Chicago.—A campaign for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt by the national Republican convention was formally launched, an organization to carry forward this campaign was formed and an address to the Republican voters of the country was drafted by the national conference of Roosevelt boomers here.

The meeting, called by the national Roosevelt committee, was composed of eight governors and delegates from 28 states, and in an informal conference organized a permanent committee to push the candidacy of Roosevelt.

The governors present were: Walter R. Stubbs, of Kansas; Charles S. Osborn, of Michigan; H. S. Hadley, of Missouri; Chester H. Aldrich, of Nebraska; Robert P. Bass, of New Hampshire; W. E. Glasscock, of West Virginia; R. E. Vessey, of South Dakota, and J. M. Carey, of Wyoming.

Paralysis Overcomes Nordica.

Boston.—Madame Lillian Nordica, the famous American soprano, was stricken with paralysis as she was about to go on the stage here. It was announced that Madame Nordica's condition may be serious.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 87c; bluestem, 96c; red Russian, 86c.
Barley—Feed, $40 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, $32 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, $15; alfalfa, $13.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Eggs—Ranch, 30c.
Hops—1911 crop, 36c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.
Mohair—35c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c; red Russian, 84c.
Barley—$40 per ton.
Oats—$30 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—31c.
Hay—Timothy, $16 per ton.

CHINA'S EMPEROR ABDICATES THRONE

Centuries-Old Dynasty Surrenders at Last and Republic is Proclaimed.

Pekin.—China has joined the sisterhood of the world's republics. In three imperial edicts the Manchu dynasty changed 400,000,000 people from subjects of an absolute ruler to citizens of the largest self-governing nation on the earth. The first edict announced the abdication of the dynasty after 300 years of absolute rule. The second declared the throne accepted the republic. The third approved all the conditions agreed on by Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Republicans.

The publication of the edicts has given profound relief to everyone in Pekin, both foreigners and Chinese. The arrangement is considered a satisfactory compromise and it is believed the terms will satisfy the republicans.

The abdication of the Chinese throne by Pu Yi, the child emperor, brings to an end the powerful Manchu dynasty, which has reigned in China since 1644.

The boy ruler has been on the throne since November 14, 1908, when the emporer, Kwang-Su, his uncle, died. His father, Prince Chun, was appointed Regent, and was the chief figure in China for three years.

The legations consider that the first phase of the revolution has been concluded, but they fear the second may be more disastrous. The legations will deal unofficially with Yuan Shi Kai's government until it is recognized. It is expected that such recognition will be given immediately upon the formation of a coalition cabinet.

Wreck of Maine Begins To Float

Havana.—The wreck of the Maine floated free from the mud when the water was turned into the dam surrounding the wreck here. The ship will remain within the dam until orders are received from Washington to float her out, which can be done within a fortnight.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT

Quarrels and Bolt Mark Territorial Convention at Manila.

Manila.—The Democratic territorial convention for the election of delegates to the national convention at Baltimore was held Saturday. It was in continuous session 12 hours and was marked by quarrels between two factions which resulted in a divided convention.

One of the factions attacked the national Republican policy, but made no mention of President Taft or the Philippine administration; the other faction was more vehement in its denunciation of the national insular policy and also went on record against President Taft and strongly condemned the local administration.

Wilson Opens Campaign.

Chicago.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, opened his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination in an address before the Iroquois club at a Lincoln's birthday luncheon, at which he was the guest of honor.

INVASION FEARED BY MEXICAN GOVERNOR

El Paso, Tex.—Mexico is to be crushed under the military force of the United States and is to lose its identity as a world power. This is the message of Acting Governor Aurelance Gonzales to the people of Mexico and his native state of Chihuahua. The message was telegraphed to all the jefe politicos of the state, and created a sensation among the Mexican and American population of the state.

The mobilization of the American army means the invasion of Mexico, Governor Gonzales says in his firebrand message.

"The hand of the oppressor is pressing hard upon your brow," he continues, "and will brand alll true Mexicans as slaves unless they resist the foreign power. The attitude of the United States toward Mexico is one of a lordly master toward an abject slave."

American Force Seizes Railroad.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras.—There has been a clash between United States and Honduran authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine, an American, to surrender to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under the lease by the Valentine syndicate. Seventy-five marines from the United States gunboat Petrel lended and seized the wharf and railroad.

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It is an interesting fact shown in immigration statistics that, while the vast majority of Italians who emigrate from their native land to the western world come to the United States, just as large a per cent of the Spanish peasants go to South American countries. During the past year 230,000 people left Spain, 8,000 of these arriving in Buenos Aires in a single fortnight.

The home merchant who solicits your patronage deserves it.