

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Hermiston Work Moves

Hermiston.—Government officers here will commence work in a few days signing up the lands under the west extension of the Umatilla project. Contracts for water rights will be made, and as soon as this work has been completed it is expected construction work will be ordered. The few months' delay was caused by legal technicalities, but these have been now overcome and the movement forward will become more active.

Concern to Prospect for Oil.

Albany.—The Linn County Oil company, recently organized with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, has secured the land leases and other assets of the Valley Oil company. The company now holds leases on approximately 6000 acres of land in what is known as the Lacombe district, and announcement is made that active work of drilling will be in progress within 60 days.

LABOR HAS WAGE BILL

State Federation Will Ask Voters to Help Regulate Salaries.

Portland.—A minimum wage bill, which will permit no man over 20 years of age to work as a clerk, mechanic, railroad man, bookkeeper or factory hand for more than 10 hours a day more than six days a week for less than \$2.50 has been prepared by direction of the state federation of labor and will be placed on the ballot in the November election.

Women over 20 years of age are not to be permitted to work over 10 hours, more than six days a week, or for less than \$1.55 as clerks, bookkeepers, factory hands, waitresses or at hotel or laundry work. No child under 16, it is proposed, shall be permitted to work for hire except in harvest time or with parent or guardian for less than 15 cents an hour or more than six hours in one day.

Farm work is not affected by the bill, except that a minimum wage of \$1.55 is established, and where board and lodging is included in the pay, it shall not be charged for at a greater sum than \$4 per week. Those receiving \$4 per day or more and those engaged in occupations governed by laws of congress are not affected.

Two of Engine Crew Die

Columbia City.—The logging engine of the Peninsula Lumber company, of this place, while at work in the woods on the logging road owned by the company, eight miles from this place, ran away down a moderately steep grade, and was derailed and wrecked. Engineer William Bodsley and Fireman Brettan, the latter a resident of Deer Island, were instantly killed.

Co-Ed Athletics Meet

Eugene.—Safely hidden from all masculine eyes, the women of the University of Oregon held their first official track and field meet here in the men's gymnasium. The class cup was won by the sophomore women with 479.25 points. The freshmen scored 302.75 points. An individual system of scoring was used.

MAN SUES ELECTION JUDGES

Asks \$1500 Damages Because Vote Was Refused.

Roseburg.—Denied the privilege of voting at the election held in the city of Glendale on April 1, of this year, because he was not the owner of real estate, F. C. Ladd, a merchant of that city, has filed suit in the circuit court against the three precinct judges, demanding \$500 damages from each of them for the "humiliation" which, he says, he suffered. The complaint recites that the action of the judges was based on a provision of the city charter that no nonfreeholder shall be eligible to vote at a city election. This provision, the complaint declares, directly contravenes the state constitution, which, as interpreted by the supreme court in a test case several years ago, gives a citizen the right to vote at a municipal election, whether he owns real estate or not. The court also held that the election judges would be amenable to actions for damages.

Democrats to Have Weekly

Salem.—What is designed to be a permanent Democratic weekly magazine, devoted to the state-wide interests of the Democratic party, was started at a meeting of the county central committee. The magazine will be published at Salem, and the first issue will be out about June 1.

Coal Is Struck in Excavation.

Oregon City.—While workmen were excavating on the Farr property, Seventh and Monroe streets, a few days ago, a vein of coal was struck. From indications it appears that it is rich.



James Hamilton Lewis, former Washington congressman, who won the Democratic nomination for United States senator at the Illinois primaries.

STEEL HEARING HAS BEGUN

Suit is Most Important Ever Begun by Government.

New York.—Hearings in the trial of the government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law have begun here before Henry P. Brown, of Philadelphia, who was appointed special commissioner to conduct the hearings.

In point of magnitude of the property involved and the prominence of the individual defendants, the suit is the most important of its kind ever presented by the government. Among the individual defendants are J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill, George W. Perkins, E. H. Gary, Charles M. Schwab, Henry C. Frick, William H. Moore, Norman B. Ream, P. A. B. Widener, Daniel G. Reed, Charles Steele, Edmund C. Converse and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Maryland Favors Roosevelt.

Baltimore, Md.—Maryland's 16 votes in the national convention will be cast for Theodore Roosevelt and Speaker Champ Clark, as a result of the state's first presidential primaries.

The primaries divided the delegates to the state convention as follows: Republicans—Roosevelt 65, Taft 63, Democrats—Clark 72, Wilson 44, Harmon 4, in doubt 9.

Confederate Veterans in Wreck.

New Orleans, La.—The first section of the Confederate veterans' special train, crowded with old soldiers, was wrecked near Eastabuchie after leaving New Orleans. Ten passengers and six trainmen were killed and 26 passengers injured.

The veterans were en route to Macon, Ga., where the annual reunion of Confederate soldiers is being held.

SUFFRAGETTES MARCH IN MONSTER PARADE

New York.—With banners flying and bands playing "The Boy I Left Behind Me," the great army of suffragettes, the biggest public demonstration of women ever seen in this country, marched up Fifth avenue. It is estimated that there were 20,000 marchers in line.

From Washington Square up Fifth avenue to Fifty-seventh street and thence to Carnegie hall, great enthusiastic crowds lined the way; windows balconies, roofs and sidewalks filled with admiring and cheering throngs for the plucky women taking the two and a half mile walk to demonstrate the earnestness of their supplication for the ballot.

So great were the crowds at Washington square when the marchers began to gather that the reserves were called out to clear the street and square for the delegations of suffragists assembled there.

Olympic Games Begin.

Stockholm.—In the presence of nearly every member of the royal family, the Olympic games began here.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, \$1.02; bluestem, \$1.08; red Russian, \$1. Oats—No. 1 white, \$40 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$13. Butter—Creamery, 26c. Eggs—Ranch, 21c. Hops—1911 crop, 39c; contracts, 26c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 17c; Willamette valley, 19c. Mohair—35c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.06; Club, \$1; red Russian, 99c. Oats—\$39 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 26c. Eggs—22c. Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Crop conditions throughout Oregon are the best on record.

Lafayette is to have a fine new schoolhouse, costing \$12,000.

The Epworth leagues of the Eugene district met in annual convention at Eugene Friday.

Plans are being considered to make Bull Run forest reserve a wild bird and game refuge.

The jury in the case of W. R. Foote, charged with murder in the second degree, at Marshfield, disagreed.

Senator Bourne is urging the establishment of a star route from Burns to Bend and from Canyon City to Prineville.

The Presidential Postmasters' Association of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will convene in Portland June 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The thriving little town of Dayton is to have the honor of establishing the first automobile street car service in the state of Oregon.

Assessor C. P. Strain of Umatilla county has filed a statement of his campaign expenses, showing that he spent just 60 cents to be re-elected.

Another effort is being made to have Baker desert commission form of government, a new petition to that effect having been filed with city officials.

Three big Columbia river salmon, frozen in blocks of ice, will be displayed this week in show windows at Dallas, Tex., to advertise one of Oregon's many resources.

With \$1,600,000 on hand in the state treasury, Oregon is better off financially today than ever before in its history. The state has no bonded indebtedness and all debts are paid.

Charles W. Thebaud, former president of the United States National bank of Vale, has been convicted of getting away with trust property and converting it to his own use.

The strike situation on the Albany extension of the Oregon Electric continues about the same, the company working a number of men, and the strikers conducting themselves peacefully.

County Judge Bushey at Salem has signed a temporary restraining order enjoining Secretary Olcott from calling a special recall election against District Attorney Cameron of Multnomah county.

Senator Bourne has withdrawn his opposition to the confirmation of Leslie M. Scott as United States marshal for Oregon, and the nomination was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee.

George and Charles Humphrys, on trial for the killing of Mrs. Eliza Griffith at her home near Philomath on June 2, 1911, have been found guilty of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to hang on Friday, June 14.

Government land must produce gold in paying quantities, and cannot be characterized of mineral value by a showing of merely blind mineral colors, according to a decision handed down in the Roseburg United States land office.

Postal savings banks will be opened June 1, at the following fourth class postoffices: Banks, Bay City, Brooks, Coburg, Cornelius, Dayton, Dilley, Florence, Gaston, Gervais, Halsey, Lafayette, Linnton, Monroe, Scappoose, Scio, Troutdale, Turner, Wilsonville.

An effort is to be made to change the date of the state mining congress, which is scheduled to be held at Baker, June 6, 7 and 8. The Baker commercial club has voted to ask that it be held in August. This change is asked because mines are not yet cleared of snow.

Ernest L. Oetinger, who shot and killed Edward Mutch in the Merchants Exchange saloon in Portland on the night of January 19, when no witnesses were present and who was indicted for murder in the second degree, was found not guilty by a jury in circuit court.

Engineers in charge of the construction of the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific railway announce that rails have been ordered for the first three miles of the line and as soon as they arrive in Eugene, they will be laid, as that much of the grade has been completed.

The largest warrant drawn by the secretary of state's office in the history of the state was made out when Secretary Olcott advanced \$200,000 in a single warrant to the First National Bank of Portland to pay the first two installments of the state's share in the purchase of the canal and locks at Oregon City.

A one man strike at the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton took effect when a man by the name of Hall, employed by the Pacific Fire Extinguisher company, of Portland, to do the electrical wiring on the new building, walked out. His action is a result of the strike of electrical workers of Portland and the coast.

A bill to cremate paupers who die at the state asylum for the insane will be introduced at the next legislature, according to plans of Superintendent Steiner and members of the state board. Near the Salem hospital and on the grounds of the state is the asylum potters' field, where are buried 1439 bodies. In the last year there were 146 buried.

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