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OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Notes in Brief of Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week. Baker City Would Oust its Mayor and Officials.

Big Apple Will Feature Exhibit.

Hood River.—Hood River county county will occupy the center of the Oregon exhibit at the Panama exposition with its display. A huge Spitzenberg apple about 30 feet in diameter and 18 feet in height will be constructed and on the interior will be a life-like panorama of the Hood River valley with its orchards and flowing streams and with the electric effects that will be installed it will present a novel effect. It is estimated that the apple and its interior panoramic display will cost several thousand dollars.

Private Salmon Hatchery Operated.

The Dalles.—F. A. Seufert, Sr., of the Seufert Brothers' cannery, has installed a salmon hatchery which is being used in restocking the Columbia River. The canneryman has constructed a dam across Fifteen Mile creek, which flows into the Columbia near the big cannery. The dam makes a large pond where the hatching is done. The plant now is turning out from 100,000 to 200,000 fry each day, the variation being caused by the difference in climatic conditions.

Would Oust Mayor and Officials.

Baker.—The state of Oregon through District Attorney Godwin, has brought suit against all municipal officials of the town of Cornucopia, Baker county, including Mayor Robinson, members of the council, recorder, treasurer and marshal, seeking to have them removed from office, alleging that irregularities in charter election, makes it invalid and illegal. It holds that incumbents illegally usurped offices and asks court to oust them.

Gold Beach Plant to Start.

Gold Beach.—Williamson & Allen, of Caldwell, Idaho, are repairing their black sand plant at this place, and soon will renew operations. They have a large amount of machinery at Bandon ready for shipment here, and the Randolph will bring it down next trip.

ROAD PLANS NOT MADE

State Highway Improvements Not Decided Definitely.

Salem.—Although the state highway commission has not decided upon a definite plan as to how all the money raised for state highway improvement under the law passed at the recent session of the legislature creating the commission should be expended, it has made arrangements to begin active work about June 1, when the money for next year will become available. The commission has decided to expend part of the money in providing supervision of road construction by county courts, when desired, and the remainder will be used either in building an experimental thoroughfare to determine the merits of the various hard-surface pavements, or in building a stretch of the Pacific Highway between this city and Portland. The commission has decided that all work done by it shall be hard surface, the law providing that durable roads shall be constructed.

Flax Mill is Favored.

Oregon City.—Farmers of many parts of the county and valley are interested in a proposition to erect a \$200,000 flax mill in Oregon City, and many of them have promised to sign agreements to produce the material in case the city raises \$50,000 required and obtains the mill.

West Pardons Peacock.

Albany.—After serving 382 days in the Linn county jail for violation of the local option liquor law, Albert E. Peacock was released upon a pardon signed by Governor West. His term in prison was the longest thus far in this state for selling liquor in "dry" territory.

County May Have New Highways.

Grants Pass.—The county commissioners have called a special election for Wednesday, December 31, for the purpose of voting upon the question of the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$225,000 for the building of highways in the county.

Miss Carol Hogue is home from Monmouth for the holiday vacation.

VISITS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mrs. E. C. Joss, who formerly lived on Park Ave., returned from a very interesting trip on the 12th Inst. Dr. Joss, head of the government meat inspection work in Portland was assigned the duty of visiting New Zealand and Australia by the Department of Agriculture last Summer. He decided to take his wife with him. They left their two boys with the Doctor's sister, Mrs. Adams. They left Portland the first of August, going by way of Victoria, where they took steamer, and proceeding by way of Honolulu, the Fiji Islands, and New Zealand, Tasmania to Sydney. The work of the trip begun at New Zealand where the doctor visited and inspected the dairies and stock farms and slaughter-houses of the country. He found the people of New Zealand very intelligent and progressive in their handling of livestock and dairy products. The New Zealanders are accustomed to use a small percent of boracic acid in the butter they pack, but the shippers are as anxious as any one to avoid the use of this chemical in the butter that is being packed for shipment to this country.

The visit in Australia was interesting and highly instructive. That is a big country and it requires considerable time to get acquainted with it. But the officials of the country made every effort to give our representative every courtesy and advantage for information that was possible. The sheep raised in that country were especially of interest.

Australian sheep produce about the finest wool in the world. It is capable of being spun into the most delicate of woolen cloths. Mrs. Joss returned alone from New Zealand. The Doctor has been assigned the duty of doing some botanical collecting in addition to his work in the animal husbandry department. He is to go into the mountains of Queensland and secure specimens of native orange and one or two other plants. This will require about six weeks and take him into some of the wildest country in Australia, through forests so dense that even a pathway will have to be cut for them.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Theme, 11 a. m. "New Year Reflections." 7:30 p. m., "A Watchword for the New Year." "Will," "God," and "I Can" Reader, come to these services and you may get a determined inspiration to make a fresh start for 1914.

P. CONKLIN, Pastor

Baptist Church

SerVICES of Lord's Day, Dec. 28. Morning worship, 11 A. M. Sermon theme: "The Mystery of Christ." Dr. William Spurgeon of London, England will preach at the evening service. Do not fail to hear from him. You are welcome to these services. Come!

J. M. Nelson, pastor.

New North Bank Road President.

Portland.—Changes in the executive offices of the North Bank Road, involving the resignation of Joseph H. Young, president, and the election of L. C. Gilman, of Seattle, to succeed him, probably will be made before the first of the year.

Rail Jubilee in Tacoma.

Tacoma.—The northwest's principal railroad executives and Governors Lister, of Washington, and West, of Oregon, gathered in the rooms of the commercial club here at the 40th anniversary jubilee celebrating the entry of the Northern Pacific Railroad into Tacoma and the northwest.

Lister Not Candidate for Senate.

Tacoma, Wash.—That he positively will not be a candidate for the senate was announced here by Governor Lister.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 83c; bluestem, 93c; red Russian, 81c.

Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$14.

Butter—Creamery, 37c.

Eggs—Candled, 40c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 82c; red Russian, 81c.

Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.

Eggs—47c.

Butter—Creamery, 36c.

The Lents lodge, Women of Woodcraft, are preparing to have a lodge tree, Friday evening of this week. Their own members will be in attendance.



PRIZE FOR BEST BABY

Jan. 29th The Parent Teachers Club of Lents will hold a baby contest for Lents babies at the Mother's Bureau Room in the Court house. All mother who enter babies leave their names with Mrs. Gessell. Mrs. Gessell, the President of the Lents Circle offers a prize to the mother who raises her child's standard to the highest mark before June 1, 1914.

Fawcett—West

A quiet wedding was solemnized Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Groth Second Ave., when Mrs. Clara West was married to Dr. John Fawcett, Rev. W. Boyd Moore Pastor of the M. E. church officiating. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of Kenton. Only the immediate friends and relatives being present. Both bride and groom have a large circle of friends who wish them much happiness.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Fright, presumably from being held up or accosted, caused the death of Mrs. R. J. Prince, of Portland.

The assessed valuation of the public service corporations doing business in Hood River county amounts to nearly \$2,072,000.

Governor West has named Floyd Bilyeu, of Portland, and H. H. Clifford of Baker, as members of the state fish and game commission to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Indians are said to be killing off the deer that cross the Klamath reservation and are taking all wild fowl eggs. Senator Lane is asked to report the matter to the Indian bureau.

Frank Simmons is suspected of having killed his mother, cousin and himself, in a cottage in Portland. The bodies were found by a 12-year-old girl of the family.

Governor West is considering the plan of providing unemployed men with work clearing logged off land. Housing accommodations would be in the form of tent cities.

Fruit growers of Oregon, meeting at Portland, declare that limiting of working hours may prove a menace to the pickers and packers of the state.

As an attraction which Bakerites believe will be a rival to Portland's famous Christmas swim, the Baker country club plans for an open golf tournament, medal play, to be staged on Baker links Christmas day.

Marvel Lowrey, aged 15, of Alesca, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid while in a fit of despondency over the fact that she could not have pleasures the same as other girls.

Mrs. J. H. Koberg, who resides on a farm east of Hood River, held up two suspects with a revolver as they were trying to enter the house of a

WORK PLANNED FOR IDLE OREGON MEN

Salem, Or.—Governor West called a meeting of the state emergency board for Thursday morning, at which he suggested that a deficiency of \$50,000 be created to give employment on public roads for the next two months to men now out of work. He figures that the money will provide employment for 500 men at \$2 a day and that the work will be of advantage to the state by hastening improvement of thoroughfares.

The decision to call the meeting was reached by the governor after C. C. McCulloch, state senator, Mr. West's representative at the meeting of the unemployed in Portland, had made his report. Senator McCulloch said that the meeting was orderly and he was convinced that the men actually desired work. The governor said if the proposed road work is undertaken it would have to be done in the regular way through the state highway commission.

Japanese near ner nome, and detained them until the arrival of the sheriff.

State dairy and food commissioner Mickle has started a war on all dealers who are said to be selling imported New Zealand butter, branded as the home product. Evidence of alleged violations has been laid before the grand jury.

The annual meeting of the Polk County School Officers' Association will be held at Monmouth Saturday, December 20. The first school officers' association in the state was formed in Polk county about eight years ago, and meetings have been held each year since.

State Engineer Lewis announces that \$3790.21 would be due the state January 1 for power development under permits issued by his department. The fees represent a charge of 25 cents for each theoretical horsepower a year, assuming 50 per cent plant efficiency.

It is claimed that water power development is being retarded in this state through the uncertainty of what the annual fee charged by the state will be and the revocable permit issued by the government for power sites on government land, according to State Engineer Lewis.

Corporation Commissioner Watson has instituted in the supreme court mandamus proceedings against State Treasurer Kay to compel him to pay a warrant for legal services issued to Claude McCulloch, state senator and assistant of the corporation commissioner.

The Pacific Coast Rescue mission of Portland has filed a request with the Pendleton Commercial club for the carcasses of 1000 of the jackrabbits to be killed during the rabbit drives in Umatilla county, and these will be used for food in the mission stations in the cities of the coast. The Pendleton club has promised to ship the rabbits after each drive.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS BIG GROWTH

The total school population of what is now Lents, Woodmere, about half of Arleta and South Mt. Tabor schools ten years ago, could have been cared for in a four room school, probably 250 pupils. The district cared for by the Lents school now has 1322 pupils of school age; Woodmere 1049; Arleta, 1516; and South Mt. Tabor 271. The first two were formerly entirely in the Lents district, half of Arleta, and a considerable part of South Mt. Tabor. It is safe to say that the Lents district of 1903 now numbers over 2500 pupils of school age. And this is indicative of the growth of this district in population and wealth.

GENERAL VILLA



General Villa, rebel leader in Northern Mexico, who is accused of confiscation of property and demands for exorbitant sums of money on entering Chihuahua.

INDIAN HELD AS BURGLAR

Series of Robberies Alleged to Have Been Committed in Portland.

Portland.—Richard Mills, a Carlisle Indian school graduate, one-fourth Sioux, and the owner of a 640-acre farm in Nebraska, was arrested here for the alleged robbery of five houses. These are about one-half the house burglaries in Portland since Mills came here, December 9.

Mills, the police charge, is financially well fixed, but steals for the love of the game. He has served a year in Deer Lodge, Mont., for burglary, it is alleged, and it is also alleged, that he served some time in the Washington state penitentiary in Walla Walla for the same offense.

Washington Fruit Men Meet.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Fruitmen of the state who held their annual convention in Walla Walla commencing Wednesday, heard one of the most important programs ever prepared for the organization, leading fruitmen say. Talks covered every phase of agricultural and horticultural work.

Wife-Murder Not Proved.

Astoria.—The circuit court jury returned a verdict acquitting F. Ferdinand Fernandez of the charge of murdering his wife. The women's statement that she stabbed herself was the main evidence in the defendant's behalf.

Wheat in Need of Gluten.

Pendleton.—In an attempt to raise the percentage of gluten in wheat grown in Umatilla county, a few local farmers are importing some seed grain from Canada.

TELEPHONE STATISTICS.

Of the more than twelve million telephones in the world at the beginning of 1912, nearly eight and one-half millions, or more than two-thirds, were in the United States. That gave one telephone to every eleven persons. Europe on the other hand, had only 3,153,000 telephones, or one for every 126 of the population. Denmark had a telephone for every twenty-four persons, Germany one for every fifty-six, Great Britain and Ireland one for every sixty-five, France one for every 150, whereas Austria had only one telephone for every 298 persons. There were 101,500 telephones in Australia, or one for every forty-four persons, 36,000 in Africa, and 88,000 in South America, but the huge population of Asia made use of only 205,000 instruments.

BURGLARS LOOT BARRICK & CO

Merchandise Valued at \$100 Taken From Belrose Store Friday Night While Owners Sleep Up Stairs. Thieves at Large.

Friday night was an eventful one for Barrick & Co. at Belrose. Some time during the night thieves broke into the storeroom and carried away merchandise valued at \$100 or more. They were extremely quiet about it for the family sleeps over the store and there was no disturbance to waken them, unless it be that a slight rasping noise which Mrs. Barrick heard about four o'clock but it was not sufficient to cause alarm and so the situation was not realized until the store was opened up in the morning. A panel was found cut in the door.

The sheriff was notified and he came out with three of his deputies but they could find no clue. The trace and hit used in cutting into the door was found but that did not give any particular advantage to the officers. A reward of fifty dollars has been made for the thieves.

The articles taken include a lot of corduroy pants, some jeans, blue flannel shirts, gloves, pocket knives, umbrellas, watches, and \$25 in cash. No trace of the thieves has been found up to this time. It is evident that an organized gang of thieves live in this section of the country and it would be well for store keepers and others having property of value to provide for its safety in some way.

MRS. LARSON PASSES

Mrs. Mathilda Larson, wife of William Larson of South Mt. Tabor died the 16th Inst. Mrs. Larson was born in Sweden, in 1844. She was married to Wm. Larson in 1865, and came to America in 1870, settling at the place that has been home ever since, in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have been prominent in the social affairs of their neighborhood. They have been active workers in the Evening Star Grange and their family has had an important part in the social affairs of the eastern part of the country. She leaves to mourn her, her husband and seven children and six grandchildren. The children are Gustaf Larson of Mc. Minnville; Charles, John R., Henry W. of Bull Run; Mrs. Geo. Picard, Theodore and Emma Larson of Portland.

Sons of Veterans Elect

The Monday evening session of the Sons of Veterans elected officers for the year as follows: Commander, Clarence Baker; S. V., A. Strickrott; Jr. V., J. M. Chewer; C. C., F. Melvin, H. E. Prink and W. W. McDowell; Secy., L. E. Wiley; Treas., J. W. Hammell; Color Bearer, Clayton Fish; Guide, Franklin Fish; I. G., C. Fish; O. G., W. W. McDowell. Installation will be given at the next meeting, second Monday evening in January. The officers of the auxiliary will be installed at the same time. A full attendance is desired.

Bennet Chapel

Patrons of the church at Bennet Chapel prepared a Christmas entertainment which was given to a good house on Tuesday night. There was a treat for all the children and a large number of presents distributed.

Why We Have a Christmas Tree

The people of Germany, Norway and Sweden decorated the apple tree for their mid-winter festival. It was in honor of Wodan, God of light. The tree was decorated by gilded apples and representations of fish and birds. These were to remind the people of the fruitfulness of the sun. After Christ was born, these people became Christians and worshipped Christ. They still had the mid-winter festival but it was on Christ's birthday. They were taught that Christ was the beginning of a new life. Instead of using the apple tree they now used the fir tree to remind them of the everlasting life. They still decorate the tree, not for Wodan, but for Christ.

M. E. CHURCH

Preaching 11 A. M. and reception of members. Services at Bennet Chapel by J. Stanford Moore; 3. P. M. Evening service 7.30. Everybody invited to these services.

W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.