

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

One-fourth of the county superintendents of Oregon are women.

Mount Jefferson, one of the highest peaks in Oregon, may be made a fire lookout station.

The new steamer Ernest H. Meyer was launched from the Wilson shipyards at Astoria Saturday.

Dallas is to be made the test station for the investigation of brown rot and other diseases of prune trees.

The population mark at the Oregon state penitentiary has declined to 433, a record for the past two years.

The annual convention of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association was held January 23, 24 and 25 in Salem.

The State Editorial association and the Willamette Valley Editorial association held a joint session at Salem.

The Union opera house, one of the finest buildings of its kind in Eastern Oregon, was completely destroyed by fire.

David G. Bruce and Mrs. Johanna Hanson, pioneers who crossed the plains to Lane county in 1853, died at Eugene.

Attempts are being made by the officials of the Salem commercial club to interest capital for a fine linen factory in Salem.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 for a postoffice building at Hood River.

The Roseburg W. C. T. U. has compiled statistics showing there was shipped into Douglas county \$30,500 worth of liquor in 1916.

The Dallas land office is swamped. The office staff is five days behind in the work of transferring the applications in the record book.

The Oregon State Federation of Labor opened sessions of its annual convention at Salem Monday, to continue throughout the week.

William Doyle, who last February killed Mrs. Mary A. Wilcox and her daughter, Maggie Jones, was convicted of manslaughter at Klamath Falls.

Improvements by the Bend Water, Light & Power company to be completed within the next nine months will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Plans to erect a mill for handling hardwood lumber in the Willamette valley are being considered by the J. A. Pattison Lumber company, Ltd., of Portland.

Three men lost their lives and one was seriously injured in a fire which swept through the second and third stories of the New Ross rooming house at Portland.

Out of 2000 carloads of apples produced by Hood River valley last season, a yield almost twice the tonnage of any former year, only about 350 carloads remain unshipped.

The Portland chamber of commerce will be represented by four delegates at the annual meeting of the national chamber of commerce in Washington, D. C., January 31 to February 2.

There will be no public building to house the branch postoffice at St. Johns. The item in the omnibus building bill appropriating \$25,000 for a postoffice building at St. Johns was eliminated.

Coryell pass, on the Pacific highway about four miles south of Eugene, will be marked with an iron plate by Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American revolution, in the near future.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has voted unanimously to approve the referendum of the United States chamber of commerce favoring single item veto power for the President of the United States.

For the championship of the Central Willamette district of the Oregon high school debating league, the high schools of Albany, Eugene and Philomath will meet in a triangular debate on February 2.

The annual conference of the presidents and faculty members of the non-conference colleges of Oregon was held at Albany college last week with all the sectarian institutions of the state represented.

A gigantic scheme whereby all the prominent high schools of Oregon will form an association for the promotion of interscholastic athletics is being fathered by W. D. Fletcher, coach of the Salem high school basketball squad.

A large number of hardware men from all parts of the state are expected to attend the 11th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association, which opened its session at Portland Wednesday.

Governor Withycombe issued a proclamation declaring the dissolution of 615 domestic and 3 foreign corporations and forbidding them from attempting further to do business in the state until they have complied with the law. The corporations were dissolved because of failure to pay their license fees for more than two years.

Resolutions protesting against the proposal to change the Pacific Highway to run from a point near Canyonville to Trail, have been adopted by the Grants Pass commercial club.

Two prominent eastern university presidents have accepted places on the Oregon summer school faculty, according to an announcement made by Dean Joseph Schafer. They are G. Stanley Hall of Clark university and Henry Churchill King of Oberlin.

Members of the eight farm loan associations of Jackson county met at Medford and perfected a permanent organization which has for its prime object the uniformity of valuations of farm lands in their districts under the classifications of alfalfa, fruit, grain and stock.

Governor Withycombe has announced that all appointments to boards, commissions, etc., that might be made during the present legislative session will be held in abeyance until after the session, when it will be determined just what offices are to remain provided by statute.

Many problems for the development of Oregon's mineral resources are to be undertaken during the coming year by the state bureau of mines and geology. These investigations are to be continued as rapidly and as far as the appropriation allotted by the legislature will permit.

Markets in Portland and Willamette valley points are thrown open to eastern Oregon plaster dealers by an order of the public service commission, which allows a rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds on plaster carloads, minimum weight 80,000 pounds, from Gypsum terminals at Portland.

Members of the Hood River county court have announced that they will build a half mile of experimental hard-surfaced road on the East Side of the coming spring. The road will be constructed in a district in which it is declared the traffic is heavier than at any other place in the valley.

The county courts of Polk and Marion counties in joint session accepted a report from the State Highway commission recommending that the proposed new intercounty bridge over the Willamette river at Salem be of steel and that it be built at the location of the present structure.

Continuation of its program of reinforcing its main line with heavier steel, the straightening of curves and filling trestles is contemplated by the O.W.R. & N. for the coming year, according to the budget prepared by President J. D. Farrell. Between \$2,500,000 and \$2,000,000 is included.

Theodore H. Scheffer, of the federal bureau of agriculture, has been detailed to conduct a publicity and demonstration campaign in Multnomah county on methods of dealing with the mole and gopher pest, but particularly in regard to the mole, which has a peit with a value of from 10 cents to 25 cents.

The Oregon normal school is considering the establishment of an extension department to care for numerous inquiries that have been made during the past two years on school management and methods, and to satisfy the demands made upon the faculty members to give talks in various Oregon towns.

By a vote of 17 to 8 the farmers of the Gold Hill and Foothills districts sanctioned the creation of the Gold Hill irrigation district. The land coming within the district embraces about 1300 acres lying along the south side of Rogue river, in what is known as the Riverside Colony and Foothills Creek district.

Through the efforts of the Oregon woolgrowers' association an amendment to the constitution will be introduced in the legislature at this session providing for a special tax on livestock so that stockmen, who are the big sufferers from predatory animals, rather than the whole body of taxpayers, will contribute the money for the bounty fund.

Men and women ranging in age from 45 to 90 staged a free vaudeville and music show at Portland as part of the exploitation program adopted by the Forty-Year Efficiency club, a new organization of men past 45 years of age, who are out to discredit the middle age theory and to get the removal of age limits on national and local civil service rules.

Representative McArthur has announced the following appointments for cadetships in the military and naval academies as the result of competitive examinations held at Portland December 16: For West Point—Principal, Donald H. Nelson, Portland; first alternate, Kenneth Rowntree, Hillsdale; second alternate, Robert M. Montague, Portland. For Annapolis—Principal, Roland H. Krause; first alternate, Francis J. Clark; second alternate, Wallace S. Wharton; third alternate, Howard B. Hutchinson, all of Portland.

WESTON LEADER

CLARK WOOD, Publisher

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Six Months .75
Four Months .50

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Regular, per inch per insertion 12½c
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FRIDAY, JAN. 26 1917

Entered at the postoffice at Weston, Oregon, as second class mail matter.

Before Uncle Sam could consistently join an international peace league he would have to abandon the Monroe doctrine—which, anyway, he is not in a position to defend against a first class power.

President Wilson's peace address is so idealistically beautiful that it could well have been uttered by a voice from the New Jerusalem, but is drowned in this sad old world by the roar of cannon.

The LEADER man—living as he does in a town with normal school aspirations—is still doing his best to imagine that a certain blackened waste which he has passed every day for a year is a garden of roses.

The "leak probe" seems merely to have resolved itself into another Lawson advertisement.

The Welfare club was slimly attended Tuesday evening. Like its predecessors, this promising organization is sure to go to pot whenever most of its members prefer to stay away and "let the other fellow do it."

Sing Sing has sent out a hurry call for more barbers, but is herewith advised that Weston's cannot be spared.

Villa has resumed his taking ways. How delightful if he would only include a dose of prussic acid!

Weston is full of mad dogs— with muzzles on.

A Pennsylvania woman married a man to save his soul—and now he can no longer call it his own.

Still, the kings and rulers of Europe keep far enough way from the front to make pretty fair insurance risks, while their subjects continue to furnish the cannon fodder. Perhaps, if they hadn't, the war would have ended ere this.

It begins to look as though Carranza, Villa, Zapata and all the rest of the Mexican patriots are justified in killing as many fellow Mexicans as possible.

A POOR RESOLUTION

A Salem dispatch says that Representative Sheldon of Jackson county is preparing to introduce a joint resolution re-establishing the Ashland Normal and an Eastern Oregon Normal, but leaving the latter's location to be selected by the board of regents. This is in line with the views of certain of Pendleton's normal school boosters who are now outspokenly willing that the school should go to any town in this section of the state. As they are the same men who were keen to initiate the Pendleton bill last spring to "keep La Grande from getting it," their present attitude of beautiful unselfishness is much too good to be true.

Mr. Sheldon's measure provides one-twenty-fifth of a mill annual maintenance and \$125,000 for buildings for each school. Having a suitable plant at Weston which can be amply maintained for one-fortieth of a mill, it is doubtful if the voters will consent to grant \$125,000 for new buildings at Pen—excuse us—any Eastern Oregon town.

WESTON BAND CONCERTS DESERVE ENCOURAGEMENT

The Weston Concert Band will give its second popular concert at Weston opera house next Wednesday evening, January 31st. This organization is certainly deserving of community encouragement and support, and the Leader heartily endorses the following remarks of its director, A. W. Lundell:

"As I have explained before these monthly concerts will be given throughout the winter. In this way we expect financial aid sufficient to carry the band up to a standard of efficiency that will enable it to secure outside engagements for any occasion or any place.

"Just now every loyal citizen is using every effort to bring the normal school back. Remember, then, that the greatest advertising medium any town can have next to a newspaper is a good band, and any help given the band is a good boost for the Normal. Just as a prominent musician and citizen of Pendleton said at the Round Up: 'If you can keep the boys going for a year you will put Weston on the map with that band.' This I fully guarantee to do providing our home people will help us over the rough spots.

"If we get this support the State of Oregon will know by next fall that there is a Weston on the map and that this same Weston has a real band. We therefore expect 250 of our good friends to come out to this concert. Give us 25 cents and enjoy a program worth at least double that amount."

NEW BOOKS FOR ALL TO READ

The following books have just been received at the Weston branch of the Umatilla county library. The library is open to the public each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, when patrons will be received by the local librarian, Mrs. Maud Stanfield:

A Lams—Making the Most of One's Mind.
Barr—Three Score and Ten.
Chalmers—The Beloved Physician.
Goodrich—First Book of Farming.
Henderson—Story of Music.
Hill—Cooking for Two.
Moody—Prose Plays.
Richardson—Woman Who Spends.
Sargent—Plants and Their Uses.
Wallace—Lure of the Laborator Wilis.

FICTION

Brown—Robin Hood's Barn.
Comfort—Red Fleece.
Deland—Around Old Chester.
Hoover—Pa Flickinger's Folks.
Jacobs—Sailor's Knots.
Quiller-Couch—Hochen and Hunken.
Rhodes—Bransford in Arcadia.
Rickart—Beggars in the Heart.
Sommerville—In Mr. Knox's Country.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Chapin—Wonder Tales from Wagner.
Overton—Life of Robert Louis Stevenson.
Richards—Miss Jimmy.
Sprague—Roy Pathfinder.
Spyri—Moni the Goat Boy.

Joe Hodgson is still at large.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Field Marshal von Mackensen apparently has been checked in his advance on the Sereth river.

Brussiloff, the famous Russian general, in an interview says the foe will be completely beaten in a year.

The British and Turks in Mesopotamia have been engaged in vigorous fighting along the Tigris river near Kut-el-Amara.

Artillery bombardments and patrol engagements appear to be occupying the armies on the entrenched war fronts of Europe.

On the western front there have been several small patrol engagements along the British portion of the line. On the remainder of the front the opposing artillery wings continue to hammer hostile trenches.

Four hundred and twenty thousand German soldiers and 870 German officers were captured by the Russian troops during the year 1916, according to figures published by the Russian service journal.

Reports of the supposed movements of the unidentified German raider in the south Atlantic and reports suggesting that she may have been accompanied by three small submarines acting as scouts, were the outstanding features of the war news the past week.

Cautious Dependence.

"Do you depend on the wisdom of the plain people?" "I do," replied Senator Sorghum; "if their wisdom is attained through courses of instruction which I supervise."

UPLAND NEWS NOTES

Weston Uplands, Jan'y. 25. Dolf Thompson of Gibbon visited at the Seth Hyatt home a few days last week.

The Woman's Exchange club met Friday with Mrs. John Hyatt.

"Bud" Beathe was a Weston visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Avery were Weston visitors for a few days last week.

A telephone meeting was held at the school house Saturday for the purpose of electing new officers, who are Roy Hyatt, Clarence Avery, E. E. Tucker, Will Beathe and Albert Gould.

Friday evening, February 2, there will be a "pic social" at the school house under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor. The pic will be selected from a table by a man and a woman's name will be found on the pic—hence said man will take said woman to the scales, close by and weigh her. He pays one quarter of a cent for each pound of her weight, then eats the pie with her. A coffee and sandwich booth will be there also. The proceeds go to repair the interior of the church. Come one, come all—big, little and small and help our cause.

Word was received a few days ago from Ben Lee saying that his wife had undergone a surgical operation at the Mayo hospital and is doing nicely.

A Glad Surprise

Pay your social debts with an excellent box of

WHITMAN CANDY

Sold only at the store that selects the best of everything.

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Made of selected bluestem in one of the best equipped mills in the Northwest.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or.,
December 22, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that Joseph O. Hyatt, whose post-office address is R. F. D. No. 1, Weston, Oregon, did, on the 28th day of February, 1916, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 915608, to purchase the NE¼, SW¼, section 23, Township 4 North, Range 36 East, Willamette Meridian, and the Hunter thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, at \$130.00 the timber estimated 110,000 board feet at \$1.50 per M, and the land \$50.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 21st day of March, 1917, before S. A. Newberry, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Pendleton, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit to this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

C. S. DUNN, Register.

Notice of Guardian's Sale of Realty.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Wendell La Brache, a Minor.

In pursuance of a license to sell granted in the above entitled matter by the above named county court on the 29th day of December, 1916, I, F. S. Le Grow, guardian of the property of Wendell La Brache, a minor, will proceed to sell to the highest bidder the following described realty, to-wit: the S. W. ¼ of the N. W. ¼ of Section 22, Twp. 4, N. R. 35, E. W. M. Umatilla County, Oregon.

That bids upon said land may be made and left with my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, from and after this 29th day of December, 1916, up to and inclusive of Saturday the 27th day of January, 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. on said date, at which time and at which place I will sell to the highest bidder the above described realty.

Terms of payment: At least \$3000.00 in cash; and the balance may be paid in cash or may be secured by a first mortgage upon the land herein described at the rate of 7 per cent interest per annum.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1916.

F. S. LE GROW,
Guardian of the property of Wendell La Brache, a minor.

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