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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Anti-Compulsory Vaccination league has been formed at The Dalles. A new 100 room hotel is projected at The Dalles if sufficient inducement is assured by local capital.

All wooden bridges in the city of Salem are to be painted white in furtherance of the civic pride movement.

The convention of the Eastern Oregon Christian Endeavor society was held in the Christian church at Pendleton.

Senator McNary has introduced a bill in the senate to throw open the Klamath Indian reservation to settlement.

Roseburg will vote in May on a proposition to issue between \$200,000 and \$500,000 bonds for a municipal light plant.

Mrs. Margaret Monteith, who has resided in Albany continuously for 68 years, has celebrated her ninety first birthday.

The \$6500 deficit of former Sheriff Gellatly of Benton county has been made good to the county by two of his brothers.

The Veterans Lane County council has been organized at Eugene. It will consist of representatives of all patriotic bodies.

The annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association convened in Astoria Monday for a three days' session.

With a large exhibit and attendance, Albany's second annual automobile, truck and tractor show was held Friday and Saturday.

Trustees of the Klamath Falls Presbyterian church have placed an order for a pipe organ to cost \$4000 to be installed in August.

N. Michels, recently discharged from

the eastern Oregon state hospital, was killed when he threw himself in front of a train near Echo.

Voters of Eugene will ballot in May on a proposal to expend \$22,000 for the purchase of an aviation field as a base for the forest patrol.

Clyde Beckett, a native Oregonian and 55 years a resident of Polk county, died at his home in Salem following an attack of influenza.

An adult man cannot adopt another adult man in Oregon, according to a decision of Attorney General Brown, in response to an inquiry.

E. L. Smith of Hood River, an 82-year-old pioneer, is the last survivor of the republican convention of 1860, which nominated Lincoln for president.

Scottish Rite Masons at Baker are preparing for a local reunion the latter part of April, at which all degrees up to and including the 32d will be conferred.

Charles H. Haddix, deputy collector of customs at Astoria, was accidentally killed while he was replacing the underpinning of the house at his ranch at Fernhill.

Squirrels have become such a nuisance in the Clatsop section of Clackamas county that the farmers have appointed Albert Gassler to distribute poison grain.

Ankeny grange of Jefferson has adopted resolutions lauding Governor Olcott for vetoing a large number of bills passed at the extra session of the legislature.

It is reported that a number of Portland people interested in the future of the state industrial school for girls will present a bill at the next session of the legislature asking for an appropriation for the erection and furnishing of a new building at that institution. The proposed building will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, according to those interested in the bill.

Rice Terraces Are World's Masterpieces



This is a photograph of the Ifugao (gorrot) rice terraces, which are among the most remarkable of their kind in the world. They are one of the many marvelous sights for the tourist to see in the Philippine Islands and are to be found in the Ifugao district of the Mountain province, Northern Luzon.

The height of these terraces, which are held up by stone walls, is from 4 to 15 feet, averaging 8 feet high. It is estimated there are 12,121 miles of eight-foot stone walls in the Ifugao terraces, which is approximately half the distance around the world.

These terraces are skillfully irrigated by water brought in troughs along the precipitous mountain sides over long distances.

County Road Improvement.

Commissioner B. E. Anderson informs a Pendleton paper that two more 19-foot mogul graders will be added to the county road equipment before the end of this week. Two caterpillars and two mogul graders are already at work on the county roads. With facilities afforded by use of the new equipment it will be possible to smooth off all graveled and dirt roads that have long been in poor condition. The county court estimates the damage done to county roads during the past winter at \$25,000.

Hiked To the County Seat.

As rather ambitious pedestrians, two young ladies of Athena, Miss Murdock and Miss Hazel Burton, they must be given the palm. Friday morning these young ladies decided to essay a small spring hike with Pendleton, "twenty miles away" as their destination. The start was made about 8 a. m., the entire distance being traveled by three o'clock in the afternoon. Although being offered numerous lifts on the way, the intrepid walkers refused all rides and triumphantly entered the goal, though in the words of Harry Lauder, "Being very, very tired and wear-y-y." The return was made an hour later via the auto stage.

A movement has been started in Albany to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a community center as a memorial to the returned soldiers of Linn county.

County Farm Bureau to Meet

A resolution asking Congress to continue the minimum guarantee on wheat for another year will be presented at the County Farm Bureau meeting in Pendleton tomorrow. A committee was appointed last Saturday at an informal meeting of representative wheat growers to draw up a resolution and present it to farm organizations and commercial bodies as soon as possible. It is claimed by good authorities that there is an absolute necessity for the continuation of the guarantee in order to stabilize the wheat market during the coming year. Although indications are that wheat prices should be good, without a minimum guarantee farmers who are compelled to sell immediately after harvest will have to take what the buyers are willing to pay. With a widely fluctuating market much less credit can be advanced on the wheat. There are others who claim that the quicker the government guarantee is removed so that the farmer can learn to stand on his own feet, the better.

The committee will appear before the Farm Bureau to defend the resolution, which will be argued pro and con by the leading farmers and bankers of the county. It is very desirable that a good, representative crowd of wheat farmers be present at this meeting, so that whatever action is taken can be said to truly represent the sentiment of the farmers of Umatilla county.

Twelve communities have been organized in the County Farm Bureau, with a membership of about 250. A county program will be adopted and officers elected at the meeting in Pendleton tomorrow.

Kills Wife and Suicides.

Russell Clark, a Portland automobile and airplane dealer, who last week organized the Manchester-Clark Auto company at Pendleton, shot and

CHINA REFUSES TO TREAT WITH JAPAN

Washington.—China is determined to submit the Shantung question to the league of nations for settlement, and will not consent to enter into direct negotiations with Japan regarding the permanent status of former German holdings in that province. Advice to this effect have been received here by authorities in close touch with developments in the far east, more especially Shantung.

The Japanese government has announced its willingness to proceed with negotiations looking to the return of Shantung to China, as provided in the Versailles treaty. For the last two months Japan has from time to time approached the Peking government with a view to opening negotiations.

China so far has shown no disposition to begin the discussion, and the government is said to be strongly supported by Chinese popular opinion.

Curl in the Race.

Frank S. Curl, one of the most prominent republicans in this part of the state, has announced that he will be a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention in Chicago June 8 from the second congressional district. His election at the primaries is regarded as practically assured.

killed his wife at their home near Gresham, Monday night, and later committed suicide in a Portland hotel. The couple had spent the weekend in Pendleton. Clark demonstrated a Curtis plane while in Pendleton and flew to Walla Walla a couple of times carrying passengers with him. Sunday he left Pendleton for Portland by plane, his wife going later in the day by train.



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