

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Baseball fans in Yamhill, Washington and Polk counties are planning to form a tri-county baseball league.

Logging operations in the Lower Columbia river district are tied up as a result of the snow.

Mrs. Sarah J. Grant, one of the pioneers of Polk county, died at her home in Kings Valley at the age of 86 years.

Representative Hawley has recommended the appointment of F. B. Southwick as postmaster at Salem to succeed Squire Farrow.

Frank W. Osburn, 60 years old, a prominent citizen and banker of Eugene, died at his home there after several months' illness of paralysis.

W. McCormack of Eugene, with the percentage of .9511 ranks as the top notch amateur trap shooter of the state of Oregon for the season of 1912.

Governor West has granted a stay of execution in the case of Bob Morgan, who was to have been hanged for the murder of Miss Virgie Hart at Condon on October 17.

At a rate of 200 a month letters are pouring in on the Portland commercial club from people who want to learn more about Oregon and who contemplate building homes here.

C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, have purchased the \$300,000 bond issue of the Port of Coos Bay commission for \$289,975. The money is to be used in harbor improvements.

Governor West and all the members of the legislature were invited by Samuel Hill to be his guest at his expense on a visit to Maryhill, Wash., to inspect his seven varieties of good roads.

Judge Woods of Huntington, deposed by Governor West and twice rejected on petition for reinstatement by the county court, is back on the job as a result of the election last November.

Astoria is planning suitable mementos for each member of the life-saving crews for services rendered at the wreck of the Rosecrans and on various occasions when life and property was in danger.

When the democratic presidential electors met at Salem to cast the unanimous ballot for Wilson and Marshall, Hugh McLain of Coos county, was delegated to convey the official vote to Washington.

Senator-elect Lane has filed his final statement of campaign expenses with the secretary of the senate, showing that \$887.89 was contributed to his campaign fund and his expenditures aggregated \$922.89.

With the conferring of the thirty-second degree on forty-seven candidates, the twenty-seventh semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of Oregon came to an end in Portland. Over 500 of the higher degree Masons were present at the ceremony.

A coyote with two tails is the latest animal freak to be discovered in Umatilla county. Chris Stannull, a prominent farmer of Coe, killed the animal with the double caudal appendage and brought the pelt with the two tails attached to the county clerk to collect the bounty.

John Torgersen, wanted at Vina, Cal., for the murder of James Miller, while shooting up a store and saloon, is under arrest at Roseburg. Torgersen confesses to having burglarized four postoffices, three railroad stations and eight stores in southern Oregon between December 27 and January 8.

For attempting to save Ray S. Udder, a machinist, from burning at Hood River on May 18, 1910, Ernest E. Boggess of that city has been announced as one of the winners in the Carnegie fund distribution. Mr. Boggess was awarded a bronze hero medal, \$425 disbursement benefits and \$1000 as needed.

For the first time in ten years an election was held Monday in the town of Clatsop, Clatsop county, in which five trustees, a recorder and marshal were elected. Outside of Portland, Clatsop probably covers more ground than any city in the state, the town limits extending from Seaside to Warrenton.

President Taft has sent to the senate the list of Oregon nominations prepared and endorsed by Ralph Williams, national committeeman. Among them are John H. Burgard to be collector of customs at Portland; Thomas McCusker postmaster, and E. C. Kirkpatrick, United States marshal, and L. H. Arnsen, receiver, The Dalles land office.

It is understood that the proposition of Coos Bay to place \$150,000 at the disposal of the government to assist in the work of enlarging Miner harbor has been accepted by the board of army engineers. The board of army engineers has concluded to recommend practically everything asked for the improvement of Coos Bay by the delegation from Marshfield.

Forest rangers of the Shasta, Klamath, Siskiyou and Crater National forests, in northern California, and southern Oregon, have been summoned to a convention to be held at Medford, February 18 to 21. The convention is not an annual affair, but one of several that have been held periodically to discuss new ways and ideas of fighting fires, building trails and telephone lines, and the like.

COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

Exciting Race For Eastern Title Is Predicted.

PRINCETON APPEARS STRONG.

In Many Quarters Tiger Team Is Picked to Win Eastern Championship. Columbia and Penn Also Look Good Yale Out of It.

The fight for the Intercollegiate Basketball league is off to a start on what promises to be a most sensational season. Last year's championship race was nip and tuck all the way, but on the present form of the teams the season's battles will be even more exciting. Columbia, last year's champion, and Dartmouth, which finished a close second, have practically the same players as last season. Cornell has splendid material, and Al Sharpe, a member of the rules committee, for years a basketball official, is in charge of the men. Sharpe should have a team fighting at the top of the heap because he combines a thorough knowledge of the game with a splendid personality. The Ithacans finished fourth last year, falling down in midseason after making a splendid start.

Princeton was a disappointment last year, but the Tigers are counting on coming back strong, and many of the basketball wiseacres predict Princeton's championship. Led by the husky fullback of the Princeton eleven, De Witt, who plays guard on the five, the Tigers should put out a fighting team. The Princetonians have introduced a new style of basketball this year, being coached by F. W. Leuhring of the University of Chicago, who will give the Tigers the western open game.

Then, too, Dr. J. E. Raycroft, formerly of the University of Chicago and now the chairman of the college basketball rules committee, is director of physical education at Princeton. Dr. Raycroft is a basketball strategist, and the Princeton team will benefit by having many of Dr. Raycroft's aggressive scoring plays.

Like Columbia, Pennsylvania, the fifth member of the league, can be always counted upon to produce a strong team. The Red and Blue five is led by Lon Jourdet, who played end on the football team. A new lot of players represent Penn this year, as most of last year's team have been graduated. Pennsylvania is fortunate, however, in having a good staff of basketball coaches in Charles Keinath, Artie Kieferer and Carl Eblers, three stars of the champion 1910 Penn team.

Al Sharpe should turn out a strong team at Cornell with the material on hand.

Princeton plays a strong open attack and endeavors to play its opponents off their feet by rolling up a large score. Dartmouth plays a dribbling game, with Sisson, the clever scoring forward who led the league in points scored last year, as the storm center.

Sisson is the best dribbler playing college basketball today and is second only to the wonderful Keinath of Pennsylvania's champion 1906, 1907 and 1908 teams in whirlwind ability. With three others of last year's five to support him, Sisson should carry Dartmouth's colors to the front this year.

Yale, the sixth member of the league last year, resigned because of the Minor Sports Athletic association reorganization at New Haven, but the Elis, captained by Swihart, who also catches on the Blue nine, will play Princeton and Pennsylvania home and home games and will meet Columbia in New York, so the relative rank of the original six teams may, as usual, be determined. The Elis expect to be back in the league in another year, and it will be well to rank the Blue with the league teams.

MILLIONS FOR THIS PITCHER.

Rockefeller's Grandson Takes Lessons From Mordecai Brown.

Fowler McCormick, fifteen years old, son of Harold F. McCormick and grandson of John D. Rockefeller, took up a course in baseball pitching recently under the tutelage of Mordecai Brown, formerly star pitcher of the Chicago National League club.

The boy, who, some day probably will rank with the world's wealthiest men, is being trained for pitching in Princeton University. His father is a graduate of Princeton, and it is his ambition to watch his son strike out the batsmen of Yale and Harvard, for Fowler McCormick is to enter the university as soon as he is prepared.

Brown will give his pupil two lessons each week, and when spring comes Fowler will try for a pitching berth on the team of the preparatory school he now attends.

Syracuse to Reconstruct Navy. Syracuse university will reconstruct its navy, destroyed by a recent cyclone. The alumni committee will raise \$3,000, the student committee \$3,000, and the citizens of Syracuse will contribute \$2,000, making \$8,000.

Shanghai to Hold Race Meet. A Sydney (N. S. W.) dealer recently shipped twenty-five well bred geldings to the International Race club at Shanghai.

PREMIER POINCARE



Raymond Poincare, the French Premier, who was elected President of France by the National Assembly.

GARMENT WORKERS REBEL

Not More Than Half Of Waist Makers Will Obey Orders

New York.—An announced settlement of the strike in the dress and shirtwaist branch of the garment-making industry, promising to send 37,000 operatives back to work, was followed almost at once by rebellion among employees affected against the terms their leaders had agreed upon with the manufacturers.

Two meetings to ratify the agreement between the manufacturers and the leaders of the dress and shirtwaist branches of the garment-making industry, by which the strikers are to return to work, were held Sunday. At both there seemed to be only a half-hearted acquiescence by the workers in the plans of their leaders. The protocol affects 129 shops and close to 30,000 operatives. It is expected, however, that only about half the operatives will return. Even if all go back, it would leave more than 100,000 workers still on strike in other branches of the garment trades.

Large Packers in Combine Alleged

Jefferson City, Mo.—An agreement tending to fix prices and to "lessen, restrict and destroy free competition" exists between the big packing companies of the country, according to an opinion filed with the state supreme court by Special Commissioner Daniel Dillon.

Lounsbury Found Guilty

Kansas City, Kan.—Wells Lounsbury, a former resident of Medford, Ore., was found guilty by a jury in the federal court of robbing a mail car August 22, 1912, near Lawrence, Kan. He was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison.

WILSON FROWNS ON INAUGURAL BALL

Trenton, N. J.—President-elect Wilson favors the abolishment of the inaugural ball. This became known when he sent a letter to William Corcoran Eustis, chairman of the inaugural committee, asking him to consider the feasibility of omitting it. Mr. Wilson wrote:

"After taking counsel with a great many persons and canvassing as well as I could general opinion in the matter, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to ask you to consider the feasibility of omitting the inaugural ball altogether."

He declined to say what ceremony he would favor as a substitute for the inaugural ball. A popular reception at the capitol had been suggested.

Washington.—"There will be no inaugural ball," said William C. Eustis, chairman of the inaugural committee, after an informal conference with several members over President-elect Wilson's letter requesting that the committee consider the feasibility of omitting the function.

"The wishes of President-elect Wilson will be complied with," said Eustis. The committee may decide to ask Governor Wilson if he would consent to a monster reception at the White House on the night of his induction into office.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 92c red Russian, 83c. Oats—\$27 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$12. Butter—Creamery, 37c. Eggs—Candled, 30c. Hops—1912 crop, 20c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 22 1/2c.

Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, 92c; club, 86c; red Russian, 83c. Eggs—31c. Butter—Creamery, 36c. Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 per ton.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Life Crews Are Lauded

Astoria.—Captain J. H. Quinnan, inspector of the Lifesaving Revenue Cutter service, has completed his official investigation of the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans, and the circumstances attending the loss of the power lifeboats, the "Tenacious," of Cape Disappointment, and the "Dreadnought," of Point Adams.

He finds no blame attached to either crew in the matter, and speaks in the highest terms of the work done in their attempts to save the survivors of the wreck.

Josephine Poultry Show Success

Grants Pass.—The Josephine County Poultry association has just concluded the most remarkable exhibition of blue-blooded fowls ever held here. Visitors and poultry-raisers acknowledge that this was the best show held in Grants Pass since the organization of the association. Numerous prizes were awarded.

BUILDING REPORT IS MADE.

Status of State Work Described by Officers

Salem.—Report of the progress made on the various public buildings of the state is in the hands of the state printer being prepared for submission to the legislative assembly.

The public building commissioners, consisting of the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, report the general progress made on the state projects, commend the policy of employing a state architect and strongly praise the work of W. C. Knighton, state architect, in the past two years. This report refers to the new Eastern Oregon insane hospital as the best and most modern plant of its kind west of Chicago.

In noting the progress made on the new supreme court and state library, now nearing completion, just east of the capitol, it is shown that the board has looked to the future and has provided for the inevitable enlargement of these departments, but that additional appropriation will be needed for completion.

Mr. Knighton's estimates show that the girl's dormitory at the feeble minded institute will require an additional appropriation of \$4146.98, and also sets out in detail the expenditures of the state funds on the new insane hospital. By this, the buildings and equipment cost the state \$437,881.05, and the land including litigation and improvements \$75,805.36.

H. M. Crooks is Honored

Albany.—In recognition and celebration of his success in obtaining a \$250,000 endowment fund for Albany college, H. M. Crooks, president of the college, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Albany Commercial club in the banquet-room of the First Presbyterian church. Almost 200 persons attended the banquet.

STUMP TESTS TO BE MADE

Forest Service to Conserve Wealth From Wood Waste

Portland.—The United States forest service, in co-operation with various local interests, is planning to make an investigation of the merits of wood distillation as a means toward reducing the cost of clearing logged-off lands and creating a revenue from the wood waste on timberland and in saw-mills. The government has appropriated \$5000 for this work and expects to show conclusively the adaptability of Douglas fir for yielding the various products of distillation.

The plan is to obtain a quantity of stumppwood from a characteristic section of logged-off land along the Columbia river and also in the vicinity of Tacoma, Wash., since these regions represent the two distinct soil formations of the Douglas fir belt. This stumppwood will be distilled in the reports of the Oregon Wood Distilling company near Linnton, and an exact record kept of the yield of the products of distillation, such as turpentine, tar oils, tar, pyroigneous acid and charcoal.

Employs Agricultural Teacher

McMinnville.—J. C. Gibbs, of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, has been obtained as instructor in agriculture in the McMinnville schools. McMinnville is among the first towns in the state to incorporate agriculture in the school curriculum.

Nyssa Has Cheese Plant

Nyssa.—Newberg men are starting a cheese factory here. A commodious brick building which was erected in 1910 and used for a time as a creamery has been secured and will be put into immediate service. Milk from 200 cows has been promised.

WORK AS REVIEWED

Week is Remarkable for Work Accomplished.

BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Legislation in History Bills Introduced Day—Senate Ahead of House Proposed Measures—Appropriation Large—San Francisco Fair Set Only \$250,000.

The first week's session of the legislative assembly was remarkable for the prompt manner in which the lawmakers got down to work and the great amount of work accomplished in strong to the time-marking proceedings. In the past week has been frittered away from accomplished aside from

holding officers were practiced in advance, and the vote of Arthur for speaker of the House Malarkey for president was a mere formality with little time. Both presidents promptly announced their support and the business of legislation the first day of the session heretofore unheard of. The first time in the history of legislatures bills were introduced the first day of the session the first time a bill was passed the first week of the session. One hundred bills have been introduced the first week as compared with the preceding session, the senate 75 bills have been passed against 24 bills last session.

The resolution provides that a committee of two from the senate and three from the house shall meet with a like committee from the Washington legislature to confer on the question of the advisability of the bridge and the ways and means to secure the desired result.

Invited to View Hill's Good Roads

Governor West and all the members of the legislature were invited by Samuel Hill to be his guests at his expense on a visit to Maryhill, Wash., to inspect his seven varieties of good roads. It is thought favorable action will be taken, as the time set for the visit is either a Saturday or Sunday, when the work of the session will not likely be seriously affected. The legislature is given the choice of two dates, Saturday, February 8, or Sunday, February 9.

Changes in Oregon System Proposed

The initiative and referendum and the corrupt practices act are being made in prospect the subject of numerous amendatory acts at the present session, but according to indications the majority of the amendments to these acts which have already been proposed will meet with scant favor from the committees to which they have been referred. Among the acts is one that provides that no more than two constitutional amendments nor five general laws shall be submitted to the people at any one election. Another bill proposes that after an initiative bill has received so many adverse votes it shall not go on the ballot again for a period of six years.

Check on Campaign Expense is Urged

With the view of confining the expenditure of money, either in behalf or against any initiative measure, to the publicity pamphlets and newspaper advertising, Representative Blanchard, of Josephine, introduced a bill in the house which, if passed, will revolutionize proceedings with relation to initiating measures and waging campaigns with relation to them.

The bill, in brief, provides that it shall be unlawful for anyone to expend money in promoting a measure or defeating it, save in arguments in the publicity pamphlets and in the newspapers. This cuts off all distribution of private literature, and also all other means of expenditures.

Board of Control for Institutions

A bill introduced in the house by Speaker McArthur provides for a state board of control to take over the management and affairs of 11 state institutions, some of which now have separate governing boards. The institutions included are the Oregon state hospital, the Eastern Oregon state hospital, the state institution for feeble minded, the Oregon state training school, the Oregon state penitentiary, the Oregon state school for the blind, the Oregon state school for the deaf, the Oregon tuberculosis hospital, the Oregon state soldiers' home and the capitol and supreme court buildings.

The board of control as provided for in the bill is to consist of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer. The board is to meet on the first Monday of each month, and all its meetings are to be open to the public. It shall be the duty of the members of the board under the law to visit each institution, with the exception of the Eastern Oregon state hospital and the Oregon state soldiers' home at least once in every three months, and to visit these institutions at least once every year.

Abolish Purchasing Board.

An appropriation of \$15,000 for the period, which has been in connection with McArthur's abolishing a state board of control really a substitute appropriation of a similar amount which is in the state purchasing board bill, which was passed in the senate. In event the McArthur bill goes through these duties will be taken from him and his salary increased to \$1200 a year.

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