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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Through the union of members of several different denominations, Secl soon will have a Federated Protestant church.

Three hundred Oregon schools are now offering work above the eighth grade, Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced.

A timber deal involving \$350,000 and 15,000 acres of land is pending at Roseburg on account of the railroad building to the Umpqua national forest reserve.

Henry Stoeschler, Jr., a well-known rancher of Yonah valley, east of Klamath Falls, was found dead at his ranch house. He had shot himself in the head.

An old miner, named Esop, has been making in the neighborhood of \$5 a day washing out gold from the bed of the Umpqua river within the city limits of Roseburg.

On their placer mining claim on Boulder creek near Bandon, Charles Curli and Clint Ainsworth picked up a gold nugget weighing 12 ounces and valued at \$225.

Nineteen sets of plans for the proposed bridge across the Willamette river at Salem were submitted by engineers to the county courts of Polk and Marion counties.

The annual show of the Yamhill County Poultry association, which was held at Newberg, was one of the best in point of attendance and quality of the exhibits ever held there.

Edward Bradley, 35, a laborer employed in construction work at the Booth Kelly company mill at Springfield, sustained injuries which resulted in death at the Eugene hospital.

E. J. McClanahan, of Eugene, for four years president of the State Poultry association, received all but two of more than 100 votes for re-election, although he had not been nominated.

Evidence of improved conditions along the line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company are shown in an increase both in the freight and passenger earnings for October.

A government engineering crew has begun work on a survey of Hammond's waterfront in an effort to stem the river's inroads on the shore line due to the action of the jetty at Fort Stevens.

Mrs. Parthenia E. Blank, 89 years old, and the last of the Joseph McMillan family, pioneers of Oregon and the first to settle at Forest Grove, died at the old McMillan homestead at Forest Grove.

Arrangements are being made to stage an Oregon state swimming championship meet in Portland next month. The list of events, the winners of which will receive medals, will be selected after New Year's day.

The business men of Baker have expressed their belief that home contractors and home concerns should have the preference when the time comes to let the contract for the proposed three-story \$125,000 high school building.

Sportsmen in general and duck hunters in particular are warned by the state game warden, Carl D. Shoemaker, to renew their yearly licenses before the expiration of the old ones, for he has declared war on the dilatory ones.

Because postoffice regulations regarding parcels post have been changed a large eastern mail order house has eliminated Roseburg as a distributing point for catalogues and the loss to the local postoffice will be \$7000 annually.

Two of the 164 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending December 23 were fatal. They were A. L. Skelm, of Eugene, killed in railroad operation, and James M. McPherson, of Springfield, killed in sawmill operations.

According to a report from Pendleton the state highway commission has given assurance that there will be appropriated out of the 1917 highway fund sufficient to hard surface the road from the city limits of Pendleton to the eastern Oregon state hospital, a distance of one mile.

George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, has assured Congressman Sinnott that if congress makes an appropriation for experimental artesian wells, Oregon will be apportioned a share of the funds. The survey has included \$100,000 for this purpose in its estimates.

According to United States army orders which have been received in Eugene, First Lieutenant Willis Shipman, of the 126th coast artillery company, U. S. A., has been detailed as instructor of the coast artillery of the Oregon national guard, with headquarters in Eugene, to succeed Captain R. W. Collins.

Church workers of Portland and vicinity are to have one of a series of three city institutes conducted by the educational department of the American Baptist Publication society. A number of these are held in cities of over 200,000 population each year, but this is the first time that one has been conducted on the Pacific coast.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Klamath Bounty on Coyotes Raised. Klamath Falls.—County authorities raised the county bounty on dead coyotes to \$2.75 in the campaign by Oregon, California, Idaho and Nevada authorities to stamp out rabies. Coyotes in the region of Fort Klamath bring \$4.75, residents of Fort Klamath having pledged \$2 additional for each animal killed. The situation in Klamath county was described as not serious but fear is felt that rabid coyotes may find refuge in Klamath county from the vigorous campaign being waged against them in Modoc and in Lake counties, in California.

Moro Hunters Get 600 Rabbits. Moro.—The annual rabbit hunt of the Moro Rod and Gun club was conducted with Dr. C. L. Poley as captain of 68 members of the winning side, and L. Barnum, with 57 members, captain of the other side, which will give the winners a stag smoker and oyster supper December 30. The 600 rabbits were shipped to the Portland Muts. One lynx, one coyote, one bald eagle, two badgers, 29 porcupines, some obnoxious birds and eight geese were also taken.

Must Build New Reservoir. Salem.—The state public service commission has made an order requiring the Coos Bay Water company to construct an additional reservoir, with a capacity of 250,000 gallons, at North Bend on or before April 1, 1916. It is further required that all of the high pressure storage capacity at North Bend be made available for the protection of Marshfield against fire by the installation of the necessary equipment.

SUGAR PLANT TO BE BUILT Contract for \$500,000 Factory to Be Let at Once.

Grants Pass.—The Rogue river valley received her one best Christmas gift when announcement was made from Salt Lake that the Oregon-Utah Sugar Beet company had definitely decided to erect a beet sugar factory in the Rogue river valley. Bids for erection of a factory will be called for immediately after the holidays and construction of a \$500,000 plant will be started at once. Seed for 5000 acres of beets, to be planted in 1916, has been arranged for and contracts made with farmers for seeding this area.

While the exact location of the factory has not been made public, it is significant that surveyors have been busy just across the river from Grants Pass, where the California-Oregon Coast railway enters the town and that the Grants Pass district has signed up a much larger acreage than any other district.

Yamhill Wants Agricultural Expert. McMinnville.—At a largely attended meeting of Yamhill county taxpayers here it was voted to spend \$1500 of the county funds for one-half the expense necessary to obtain a county agriculturist. The state will pay the other half of the expense. Farmers from all parts of the county were present. It was a gathering representative of all classes. There was only one dissenting vote.

Coburg Man for Rhodes. Baker.—The Rhodes scholarship examining committee has chosen Lutan Ackerson, principal of the Richland Union high school, as one of the United States Rhodes scholars to begin a four year course at Oxford University next fall. Ackerson is 23 years old, and is a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1915. He took charge of the Richland schools last September. His home is in Coburg.

Forest Supervisor Promoted. Bend.—M. L. Merritt, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest, has been notified of a promotion from his present station to supervisor of all improvement work in the northwest district, including Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Mr. Merritt will take up his new duties soon after January 1.

Cattle Losses Are Expected. Baker.—Early winter has worked a hardship on cattle, and losses before spring are expected. Because of the long, dry summer and fall the range did not contain the usual amount of nourishment and many cattle started to feed this winter in poor condition.

Sutherland Has Big Fire. Sutherland.—Fire that broke out shortly before midnight completely wiped out the \$30,000 J. F. Luse residence, overlooking Sutherland and considered one of the finest and most elegant country homes in southern Oregon.

MEASURE FOR LAND LOANS IS COMPLETED

Plan Provides for Regional Banks, Financed by Subscriptions from Public.

Washington.—A land loan bill, which is expected to have the approval of the administration, was completed by a sub-committee of the joint congressional committee on rural credits. Senator Hollis was authorized to present the measure to the full committee on January 3. Already it has been informally approved by practically the entire membership of the committee.

The bill would provide a comprehensive farm credits system under the control and supervision of a federal land bank board of five members, to be appointed by the president, with the approval of the senate. The country would be divided into 12 districts, each with a regional land bank having a capital stock of \$500,000, to be issued in \$10 shares for purchase by the public. Any such stock not taken within 90 days by private capital or by a local loan organization contemplated by the bill would be subscribed by the federal government.

Business would be transacted directly between the regional banks and the local bodies which farmers would be authorized to organize in the form of co-operative loan associations or joint stock banks.

Object Lesson in Warfare Planned. Congress will have an object lesson in preparedness for modern warfare, if Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, succeeds in carrying out a plan he has conceived to illustrate graphically the problem of national defense.

When congress reassembles the senator will propose that a division of regular troops or of regular and national guard troops be assembled at the nearest suitable point to Washington. He would have these troops when mobilized dig trenches and otherwise fortify a defensive position.

Then the division would attack the fortified position, the artillery using real shrapnel and high explosive shells and the infantry ball cartridges and hand grenades.

Although the position would not be defended by troops and no men would be under fire at any time, the senator is of the opinion that the attack would furnish a more valuable object lesson than the ordinary maneuvers or sham battle.

Zwiedinek's Message Encouraging. Baron Erich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, is understood to have told Secretary Lansing at an informal conference that in preparing a reply to the second American note the Vienna foreign office would be guided by concern for the good relations at present existing with the United States government.

This tended to ease somewhat the existing tension though there was no indication that Austria had decided to comply with the demands of the United States for disavowal, punishment of the commander of the submarine and reparation by the payment of indemnity for the Americans killed or injured.

The United States does not contemplate entering into extended diplomatic exchanges over the Ancona case. Unless some good reason presents itself for further negotiations, the United States, it is said, will consider as final the reply to its second note.

American Union Lansing's Plan. A Pan-Americanism of "One for all; all for one" was outlined by Secretary Lansing at the opening of the second Pan-American scientific congress.

"Pan-Americanism," said the secretary, "is an expression of the idea of internationalism. America has become the guardian of that idea which will in the end rule the world. Since the European war began other factors have strengthened this natural bond and given impulse to the movement. Never before have our people so fully realized the significance of the words of peace and fraternity."

At another point in his address Secretary Lansing said: "If the sovereignty of a sister republic is menaced from overseas, the power of the United States, and, I hope and believe, the united power of the American republics will constitute a bulwark which will protect the independence and integrity of their neighbor from unjust invasion and aggression."

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