

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

The Newport city election will be held December 4.

The second annual Ko-Keel Korn Carnival opened at Coquille Friday.

The city of Hood River is facing a serious shortage of fuel, because of the car shortage.

The Oregon naval militia is soon to change its name. It will be known as the naval volunteers.

Stephen T. Mather, assistant secretary of the interior, in charge of national parks, was in Portland this week.

The annual meeting of the Oregon state horticultural society will be held in Hood River December 11, 12 and 13.

The division of Cook county seems to have carried. Before the question can be determined litigation will be necessary.

A school structure to contain 20 class rooms and to cost \$75,000 has been approved of by the Astoria board of education.

The annual conference of the faculties of the independent colleges of Oregon will take place in Albany December 1 and 2.

R. H. Bone, aged 74, died at Salem from injuries received when he was struck at a street crossing by a Southern Pacific train.

Miss Velma G. Davis was elected county recorder and Mrs. Ida Maxwell Cummings was elected county school superintendent in Linn county.

State Biologist William L. Finley is making final plans for the publication of a general survey of the wild life of Oregon, especially the birds.

For the week ending November 9, a total of 268 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission, of which five were fatal.

As a result of the car shortage, the Clatsop Mill at Astoria has been compelled to shut down temporarily, and about 200 men are out of employment.

Postal receipts at the Portland post-office for the first 10 days of November show an increase of \$3202.28 as compared with the similar period of 1915.

Bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 were authorized by a vote of 56 for and 28 against the proposition by the land owners of the Ochoco irrigation district.

The hull of the steam schooner Wahakeena was launched at Astoria last week and another member was added to the Columbia river's ocean-going fleet.

The estimates of the Hood River apple crop for 1916 have jumped from 900,000 boxes, pre-harvest figures, to a present total of more than 1,200,000 boxes.

A rolling mill, with a capacity of 20,000 tons of steel plate a month, probably will be added to the plant of the Northwest Steel company in Portland.

Incomplete returns from all counties of the first congressional district give W. C. Hawley a lead of 20,237 votes over Mark Weatherford, his opponent.

The gross earnings of the Pullman company in Oregon for the year are placed at \$411,666.80, and the expenses of operation in the state at \$328,704.02.

The net operating income of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company for the year ending June 30 was \$49,002.68, an increase of \$32,443.56 over the previous year.

Oregon's vegetable production for 1916, as estimated by O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, from statistics gathered by employees of his office, will equal \$26,450,542.

Steps are being taken to organize a state-wide automobile association. A meeting was held in Portland Wednesday for the purpose of forming a preliminary organization.

Surveying has been completed at the site of the Pacific Chemical company's project at Summer and Abert lakes and the task of rebuilding the dam is about half completed.

Sixteen leading officials of nine large Pacific coast cement companies have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Portland on charges of organizing a trust in restraint of trade.

William E. Newell, assistant postmaster at Grants Pass, was fined \$581.94 and was sentenced to 80 months in the county jail for embezzling funds from the Grants Pass post-office.

Judge John S. Coke of the circuit court decided that the Sunday closing ordinance of Eugene prohibiting theatres from operating on Sunday is not in contravention of the state Sunday law.

The largest deal ever made in the neighborhood of Weston was consummated when Hey Winn became the owner of Meadowbrook farm. The place contains 763 acres, and the consideration was \$107,000.

In the second Oregon congressional district, all of eastern Oregon, N. J. Sinnott, incumbent, has been re-elected by an overwhelming majority over Barkley, his socialist opponent. He has a lead of about 15,000 votes.

Orders have been issued by the war department detaching Lieutenant-Colonel Charles L. Potter from duty as engineer officer at Portland, and sending him to Boston, Mass. His successor at Portland has not been chosen.

Examination of a majority of the officers of the coast artillery branch of the state troops was held in Eugene this week. This examination is required by the war department semi-annually, under the new army bill.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has filed with the public service commission a petition asking for a rehearing in the case recently decided by the commission, fixing the valuation of the company's properties.

One of the largest ranch deals consummated in Baker for some time is the recent purchase for \$90,000 of the F. W. Talmadge 760-acre ranch by R. N. Warnock, of Portland. The ranch is located near Sparta, 26 miles from Baker.

There was a balance in the state industrial accident fund October 31 of \$275,343.87. Receipts from the time the commission commenced its work, November 5, 1913, to October 31, a period of three years, totaled \$1,599,582.61.

A. O. Anderson & Co., Ltd., of Copenhagen, Denmark, have purchased a large interest in the McEachern-Standifer-Clarkson Ship company of Astoria. The company is building seven auxiliary five-masted schooners at the yards in Astoria.

John Mills, of Talent, won the title of the "banner sugar beet grower" at the beet growers' celebration held in Grants Pass. He reported a crop of 28 tons per acre, yielding a gross return of \$154 per acre, the cash outlay being only \$29.70 per acre.

The official report for the fifth annual egg-laying contest at Mountain Grove, Mo., shows that the pen of Oregons entered by the Oregon Agricultural college, finished in second place with the high record of 231.8 eggs per hen and a total of 1159.

At the recent election, Wasco county voted bonds to the amount of \$260,000 for the construction of a trunk road leading from Mosier to The Dalles and thence south via Dufur, Kingsley, Tygh valley, Maupin, Shaniko and Antelope to the Jefferson county line.

The city of Grants Pass, through its municipal, commercial, civic and church organizations, and the officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, was host Saturday to 600 sugar beet growers and their wives from points between Oakland and Sutherlin and Ashland, the occasion being the celebration of "Grants Pass Sugar Beet day."

Figures collected by O. P. Hoff, state labor commission, from Oregon land offices show that July 1, 1916, there were 15,337,809 acres of vacant public lands in Oregon open to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws. Of this amount 13,942,348 acres are surveyed. This acreage is a decrease in the year of 104,369 acres and 632,037 acres since July 1, 1914.

With snows deepening on the surrounding range tops and a decided winter nip to the atmosphere, orchardists of the Hood river valley who, according to estimates, have at the present time 400,000 boxes of fruit unprotected from excessive frost, are worried. Because of the shortage of refrigerator cars, the storage plants of the valley, holding an approximate 600,000 boxes of fruit, were closed against further delivery.

Oregon will go totally dry December 1, if means are found whereby violators of the new prohibition amendment to the state constitution can be punished. Governor Withycombe has announced. If it is found, however, that the "bone-dry" amendment cannot be enforced, because it lacks a penalty clause, Governor Withycombe will not issue a proclamation.

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ation putting the amendment into effect until the legislature meets and passes an enabling act, fixing a penalty for violations.

The vote on the initiative and referendum amendments with most of the counties complete, together with incomplete returns from the remainder, is as follows: Single item veto—yes 127,232, no 48,592, majority for 78,640; ship tax exemption—yes, 109,063, no 58,753, majority for 50,310; negro suffrage—yes 89,025, no 87,523, majority against 348; Pendleton normal—yes 93,867, no 102,270, majority against 8,403; full rental land tax—yes 38,752, no 121,571, majority against 82,819; anti-compulsory vaccination—yes 89,017, no 88,587, majority for 430; Sunday closing law repeal—yes 112,320, no 81,022, majority for 31,298; brewers' amendment—yes 80,237, no 127,479, majority against 47,242; absolute prohibition—yes 108,813, no 105,712, majority for 3,101; rural credits amendment—yes 94,179, no 74,291, majority for 19,888; state-wide tax limitation—yes 86,809, no 74,401, majority for 12,298.

CLARK'S QUAIN DIARY.

The Explorer Had a Code of Spelling That Was All His Own.

Writing on "Our Nation in the Building," in the Century Magazine, Helen Nicolay, speaking of Lewis and Clark and their expedition, says:

"Both the commanders kept diaries. Lewis' trained style pales a little beside that of Clark, whose pen, like his sword, was coercive and drove panic stricken letters into words perfectly intelligible to the sense, if not to the eye. His account has in it the very ripple of the Missouri on that May morning when they set off upstream in a 'gentle breeze' past the huts of French habitants, 'pore, polite and harmonious.' That jabbing of his bad strange power to make pictures and draw character.

"Reading on, we seem to accompany the travelers into the unsettled country, rich in game but purgatorial with all manner of crawling, biting insects. Camping with them on a sand bar and watching while they sleep, we see the stealthy Missouri eating it away, piece by piece, above and below. We call out in horrified alarm, and the company has barely time to take to its boats before the last square yard of earth vanishes in a dizzying whirl of muddy waters.

"We stand beside brave Sergeant Floyd when he is 'taken very bad' all at once with a Bilious Cholic, and see him die 'with a great deal of composure,' and we spend five winter months with the party inside a stockade at Fort Mandan, 1,600

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miles above the mouth of the Missouri, where perils of flood and field are exchanged for a game of exciting diplomacy with the Indians and with French and British fur traders. "Beyond this point, where they wintered, all was unknown. In the spring they set forth again to push on through a region of fantastic mountain grandeur, over ground whitened by alkali or black with coal or red and yellow or all four colors at once. Monster animals invaded their camp at night. Rattlesnakes and mosquitos added effective torment by day.

"Finally, after great hardships, on Nov. 7, 1805, Clark jubilantly wrote in his diary, 'Great joy in camp—we are in sight of the ocean!' Following this by a tale of seas that 'roiled and tossed uproriously' and made several of the party very sick. They retraced their steps and before the end of March, 1806, the principals made their report in person to the president."

Russia Leather.

When Marshall Jewell was minister to Russia he discovered the secret of making Russia leather by his sense of smell. The Russians use birch bark tar in dressing skins instead of tallow and grease. By literally following his nose one day on a visit to a large Russian leather tannery Jewell chanced upon the secret compound in a large kettle. He recognized the odor of the birch bark and reported the discovery to his government. As a result genuine Russia leather goods are made in this country.

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