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**Monmouth and Independence
Auto-Bus Schedule**

Leaves Monmouth	Leaves Independence
6.50 a. m.	7.30 a. m.
1.50 p. m.	2.25 p. m.
5.15 "	5.48 "
10.00 a. m.	10.34 a. m.
3.15 p. m.	3.51 p. m.
6.30 "	7.12 "

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**OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Infor-
mation of Our Readers.**

Five of seven Linn county road dis-
tricts voted in favor of special road
levies.

City schools of The Dalles are being
thoroughly fumigated as the result of
a smallpox epidemic.

James Batchelor, aged 90 years and
since 1882 a resident of Salem, died
at his home in that city.

Fire at Mosier completely destroyed
seven structures, comprising approxi-
mately one-half of the business section.

The Union County Ad Club has start-
ed a movement to assist in the restor-
ation of capital punishment in Oregon.

The state convention of the Oregon
Butter and Cheese Makers' association
will meet in Portland December 17 and
18.

Out of a total of 265 men incarcerated
in the Oregon state penitentiary,
55 of their number are serving life sen-
tences.

The 12th annual conference of the
presidents and faculties of the inde-
pendent colleges of Oregon was held
at Philomath.

With a good yield and high prices
prevailing, some Linn county potato
growers will receive \$400 per acre for
their crop this year.

Albany's bank resources have in-
creased more than \$1,000,000 in the
past year and have reached an aggre-
gate of almost \$4,250,000.

Arrangements are being made for
an attendance of 2000 at farmers' week
to be held at the Oregon Agricultural
college December 29 to January 3.

Lane county teachers will make no
contracts to teach next year for less
than \$100 a month, according to res-
olutions adopted at the closing session
of the annual teachers' institute at
Eugene.

Records of life-terms taken at ran-
dom from the files at the state peni-
tentiary indicate that the men sent to
that institution to serve the extreme
penalty under the present laws have
served on an average a trifle more than
five years.

At the request of County Commis-
sioner Holman, District Attorney
Evans is preparing a resolution offer-
ing a standing reward of \$5000 to per-
sons leading to the apprehension of
any man committing a murder in Mul-
nomah county.

Transporting convicts to the Oregon
penitentiary by airplane instead of by
train and automobile as is the present
practice, is proposed in a letter receiv-
ed by the governor from Chester G.
Murphy, secretary and attorney for an
airplane company.

The packing plant of the McMinn-
ville Fruit Growers' association, now
finishing the season's pack of more
than 30 carloads of first-grade apples,
has been obliged to curtail the work
of caring for all the fruit produced in
the vicinity of McMinnville through
lack of cars.

As a result of the splendid prices
received the past two years for the
fruit, Gordon G. Brown, horticulturist
of the Hood River experiment station,
says he finds that many Hood River
orchardists, despite the high cost of
the nursery stock, are planning heavy
plantings of cherries.

That no person, firm or corporation,
hiring another in this state, shall pay
a wage of less than \$4 a day of eight
hours for any male employe or a wage
of less than \$20 a week of 48 hours
for any female employe is proposed in
a constitutional amendment filed with
the assistant secretary of state.

David Smith and Walter Banaster,
charged with murder in connection
with the shooting of J. N. Burgess and
George Peringer, eastern Oregon stock
men, during a holdup of the Claremont
Tavern, near Portland, pleaded guilty.
Previously James Ogle, another mem-
ber, had pleaded guilty and all were
sentenced to life imprisonment.

Because of having more water avail-
able than is necessary to irrigate lands
at present included in its project, the
Columbia basin survey commission has
written a letter to Percy A. Cupper,
state engineer, asking for maps, pro-
files and other data regarding eastern
Oregon tracts which might be acquired
by the commission in its irrigation
program.

To make plain amendments to the
election laws passed at the last session
of the legislature, Sam A. Koser, as-
sistant secretary of state, is sending out
letters to every county clerk in Oregon
calling attention to the act requiring
the re-establishing of voting precincts
within the counties of the state at the
regular December terms of the various
county courts.

Mandamus proceedings to settle the
question as to whether Governor Ol-
cott is to serve out the unexpired term
of the late Governor Withycombe or
to hold the office merely until the next
regular election will be instituted at
once by G. M. Roberts, district attor-
ney of Jackson county, according to
an announcement made by Attorney-
General Brown.

Whether it would be to the best in-
terests of the state to close Columbia
slough and thereby increase the agri-
cultural possibilities of Sauvie Island,
lying north of Portland, or reclaim the
lands, dyke the waterway and thereby
make its navigability a greater asset
in attracting industries, is a serious
question in the mind of Percy A. Cup-
per, state engineer.

Opening bids for the construction of
the proposed new bridge across Youngs
Bay at Astoria, graveling the canyon
section of the Baker-Cornucopia high-
way in Baker county, and the sale of
\$1,000,000 worth of road bonds author-
ized at the last session of the legisla-
ture will feature the meeting of the
state highway commission to be held
in Portland on December 20.

There were approximately 1520 miles
of state highway work, including all
post and forest projects under contract
in Oregon on November 15, according
to a report prepared by the state high-
way department. The total cost of
these improvements, including 350
miles of paving, 316 miles of macadam,
824 miles of grading, engineering and
contingencies is \$21,464,613.44.

Because of the contention of the Ore-
gon-Washington Telephone company,
which operates extensively in Hood
River valley, that it would be unable
longer to continue its service unless
given financial relief, the Oregon pub-
lic service commission has authorized
an increase of rates for both residence
and business phones of about 10 per
cent, established an exchange toll
charge and made slight modifications
in several branches of the service.

Harney valley will soon have one of
the largest irrigation schemes in Ore-
gon and more than 100,000 acres will
be placed under water. At the Com-
mercial club at Burns the representa-
tives of the William Hanley and the
Pacific Livestock companies met with
the ranchers of the valley and reached
an agreement to build a large reservoir
at the head of Stivers river of suffi-
cient magnitude to care for the irriga-
tion of the valley and the surrounding
country. The cost was estimated at
more than \$2,500,000.

Major A. A. Hill, assistant adjutant-
general of Oregon since September,
1918, filed his resignation with Gov-
ernor Olcott to take effect January 1.

Edward E. Kiddie of Island City was
appointed by Governor Olcott as a
member of the state highway commis-
sion, succeeding the late J. N. Burgess.

Frank Gowan, Chinese-American, a
veteran of the recent war and mer-
chant of Astoria, died as a result of
injuries received when his store was
robbed.

Out of the 11 road districts exclusive
of the incorporated cities in Clackamas
county, ten of them made special tax
levies of 10 mills at district meetings
last week.

C. L. McNary, United States senator,
has returned to Salem from Wash-
ington. The senator will remain about
two weeks before he returns to the na-
tional capital.

Farmers under the Ochoco irrigation
project, at a community meeting, de-
cided to pool their orders for approxi-
mately 8000 pounds of alfalfa seed, to
be sown on project lands next year.

A bond issue of \$222,500 to enable
the central Oregon irrigation district
to purchase the townsite of Deschutes

from the Central-Oregon Irrigation
company was rejected by a vote of 352
to 28.

With 58,769 new students in the city
public schools, the estimated popula-
tion of Portland, as taken from the
school census, is 223,229, according to
tabulations announced by School Clerk
Thomas.

Preliminary steps were taken at a
meeting of the county budget commit-
tee and the Lane county court to pre-
sent to the voters of the county a propo-
sition to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds for
road work.

Umatilla county teachers, although
they advocate higher salaries for all
teachers in the county, are not in favor
of unions, according to resolutions
passed by 250 teachers at the Umatilla
county teachers' institute.

When the big cannery built at Al-
bany the past summer by the Puyal-
up and Sumner Valley Fruitgrowers'
association closes its first season's run
work will begin at once on the erection
of new buildings for next season.

A proposed constitutional amend-
ment extending the highway indebted-
ness limitation from 2 to 4 or 5 per
cent will be filed in the offices of the

secretary of state this week, according
to James Stewart, representative, of
Corvallis.

Portland faces a coal shortage, with
not a vestige of hope for relief, other
than strict conservation of fuel by res-
idents of the city, according to a re-
port made by Deputy City Attorney
Mackay, in charge of the fuel situation
in the city.

The Klaskanine river fish hatchery
is fast developing into one of the prin-
cipal plants of the kind operated by
the Oregon Fish and Game commis-
sion. There are now 6,000,000 chinook
salmon eggs at the Klaskanine hatch-
ery, while about 500,000 young fry have
been hatched. Additional shipment of
eggs are expected in the immediate fu-
ture and close to 10,000,000 fry will be
turned out from that plant next spring.

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