

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

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 \$300,000 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 \$25,000 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 Gasler 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.

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.

Broccoli in Douglas county is heading up well, but the cold nights are holding it back enough so that the heads will be of large size and of excellent quality.

A county-wide community and trade week is to be fostered by The Dalles business men.

The forest service has sold 7,000,000 feet of timber in Lane county above Oakridge at \$1.75 per thousand for Douglas fir, incense cedar and red cedar and 50 cents for hemlock and other timber.

The Astoria Port commission and county court will cooperate in the construction of a road from the southern end of Eleventh street along the beach to a connection with the Nehalem road at Williamsport.

The entire Houghton building at The Dalles has been leased by persons interested in the establishment of a new bank for The Dalles and it is probable the institution will be in operation by May 1.

Plans for a public auditorium for The Dalles received definite impetus when the chamber of commerce directors voted unanimously to place the question before the voters at the next city election, May 18.

W. A. West, for the past three years deputy clerk of the Oregon supreme court, has resigned and will leave March 1 for Klamath Falls where he will associate himself with C. F. Stone in the practice of law.

Carl Shoemaker, state fish and game warden, is urging remedial legislation to keep Oregon streams stocked with fish. He predicts that in the near future it will be necessary for every county to have a hatchery.

Members of the La Grande Ad club are congratulating themselves on being able to increase the population of the city to 6500 through a cleanup committee, which gathers up those missed by the census enumerators.

About 25 community meetings will be held in Linn county in the next few weeks, at which farm bureau work for the remainder of this year will be planned. R. V. Smith, county agricultural agent, is arranging the meeting.

Of the 73,516 voters in Multnomah county who have registered to date, 52,149 have registered as Republicans and 17,331 have registered as Democrats. The Socialist, Prohibition and other parties claim the remaining 4036 voters.

Prospects for a prune crop this season are good wherever the trees were not killed by the December freeze, according to D. F. Fisher and C. A. Reed, federal fruit experts who passed several days in the Marion county orchard districts.

Following their purchase of a downtown business site at a consideration of \$6500, W. L. and T. M. O'Donnell of Bend have announced that they will commence the construction of a \$50,000 theater with a seating capacity of 1500 within a month.

The state board of control has employed W. C. Knighton, former state architect, to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise the construction of the new building at the state home for the feeble-minded. The structure will cost approximately \$40,000.

Fifty-nine parson skins and nine mink, brought into Bend by Bob Llewellyn, represent a cash valuation of not under \$2000 and is the richest take of furs marketed there in years. Llewellyn is a veteran trapper and has been wintering in the Davis lake country.

The Beaver Portland Cement plant at Gold Hill, under the superintendency of W. H. Green, is now ready to operate. Repairs have been completed and the plant cleaned up ready for a steady run of 3000 barrels per day. The plant represents an expenditure of nearly \$100,000.

Startling values in platinum ore sent from Curry county has brought into the section around Langlois representatives of San Francisco mining concerns who are offering as high as \$5000 for individual claims located by various residents since the discovery was made a couple of months ago.

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.

With the view of working out a plan whereby cattle rustling on the ranges of Central Oregon can be stopped, livestock men of Central Oregon met in Bend with Supervisor N. G. Jacobson, of the Deschutes National forest, to formulate a range policy for the coming year. It is conservatively estimated by livestock men that no less than 200 head of beef cattle have either been killed or stolen by cattle thieves in the last year.

For the purpose of determining the value of logged-off lands in Oregon either for agriculture or reforestation, the research department of the Portland forest service headquarters will make a study of this territory. The work will be directed by Forest Examiner J. F. Kummel and will include a survey of methods of logging and fire protection to insure a second crop of timber, possibilities of producing turpentine from native yellow pine and improved methods of handling grazing on the forest ranges.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, left Salem Saturday for Chicago to attend the annual convention of the national society for vocational education.

It has been decided at Salem to install warning signals at the railroad crossing at the intersection of Capitol and Union streets where several accidents have recently occurred.

Definite steps have been taken by Lane county Post No. 3, American Legion, Eugene, to place before the voters of Lane county the proposition to build a soldiers' memorial to cost \$20,000.

There were three fatalities due to accidents in Oregon during the week ending February 12, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were: John O. Foster, logger, Coquille; Henry Sylvia, logger, Sequim, Wash., and Fred Withrow, sawyer, Linnton.

The secretary of the interior has rejected the appeal of Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford, which was taken from a decision of the war mineral relief commission awarding Dr. Reddy approximately \$85,000 for his efforts to supply the government with chrome from a Siskiyou county, California, property, during the war.

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