

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

State May Get Lands.

Portland.—Oregon, instead of the United States may become the beneficiary of the suit brought by the United States to forfeit 114,000 acres of land valued at \$4,000,000, granted to the state and later passed on through several hands to the Southern Oregon Company, these lands lying between Coos Bay and Roseburg, and granted in aid of the military wagon road.

The state may regain title to the lands through a discovery made by Representative James Cole. After a careful examination of the law and the bill of complaint recently filed in the United States circuit court by B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the attorney-general, Mr. Cole, who was formerly a United States deputy district attorney, has become convinced that the state can intervene in the case and establish its title to the big timber land prize.

Holds Jury Has No Jurisdiction.

Salem.—Alleging that the grand jury had no jurisdiction when it sat at the state penitentiary a week and proceeded to take testimony from among the inmates of that institution relative to the stabbing there two weeks ago of Guard Jerry Simpson, Attorney William P. Lord, Jr., has filed a plea in abatement to the indictment of Thomas O'Rourke, the accused convict. Attorney Lord's plea in abatement is also a departure from the customary procedure, it being the first time that such a plea was ever filed in a criminal action in this state.

WAR ON COYOTES

New Cases of Hydrophobia in Wallowa County.

Wallowa.—New cases of hydrophobia are being reported almost daily and citizens of this county are awakening to the necessity of prompt action.

State Veterinarian Lytle will take personal charge of the 12 hunters who are in the employ of the forest service and also of a number of volunteer hunters.

Approved methods of hunting, trapping and poisoning will be used to exterminate the coyotes and the surplus of worthless dogs and cats. After a conference with the county commissioners, it was decided to police the entire county and enforce the quarantine rigidly.

It is probable that an increased bounty will be placed on coyotes. The bounty is now \$3 and the pelts are worth an average of \$2.50 for they are in prime condition. With the added bounty it is proposed to give, the value of a coyote to the hunter will be approximately \$7.50.

Bank Loss May Be Repaid.

Elgin.—Petitions are being circulated to ask the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the county court of Union County to make a levy sufficient to repay County Treasurer Frawley and Sheriff Childers the county money which they lost in the failure of the Farmers' and Traders' Bank of La Grande.

Meyers Trial Postponed.

Salem.—As a result of a conference held by the attorneys for George Meyers and District Attorney John H. McNary, the second trial of Meyers for murder in the second degree has been postponed by Judge Percy Kelly from Monday, January 16, to Monday, February 8. This was done in order to procure witnesses that are important both to the state and to the defense.

Douglas Builds Good Roads.

Roseburg.—Approximately \$175,000 will be spent on good roads in Douglas County this year. A general levy of 4 1/2 mills for that purpose has been made by the county court, providing for a fund of \$142,400. The court refused to grant the urgent request of a number of the heaviest taxpayers of Roseburg for a levy of 5 mills to defray one-half the cost of building a new armory in this city.

Farmers Save Millions.

La Grande.—More than \$600,000 with unknown profits probably bringing the figure to an even million dollars, have been saved by farmers of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties in two years, through co-operation and organization under the Farmers' Co-operative Union. This was asserted at a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon State Farmers' Union.

The Maggie Ceiling.

One of the apartments in the ancient royal palace at Coimbra, Portugal, is known as the Hall of Magpies. Painted in the arabesque ceiling is to be found a swarm of magpies. Each has in the mouth a scroll, on which, painted in red on a white ground, are the words, "Por bem." The story runs that King John of Portugal was making love to one of the maids of honor in this chamber and was surprised by the queen. His majesty made the best of the circumstances and explained to the queen, "E por bem minka sacre" ("Oh, it is nothing at all. It is quite right. There is no harm in it"). As to whether the queen was satisfied the legend is silent, but the ladies of the court were deeply interested and were constantly saying to one another with a smile, "Por bem! Por bem!" The king thought it time to act, so he commissioned an artist to paint on the ceiling as many magpies as there were talkative ladies about the court, each holding in the beak the ribbon with the words, "Por bem."—London Globe.

Fate of Portugal's Homer.

"The Lusiad" is one of the noblest records ever written of national glory and success. Camoens, its gifted author, determined to do for Portugal what Homer had done for Greece. The great poem was written in the sixteenth century, which has been called the heroic age of Portugal, and its main feature is the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope by Vasco da Gama, while a most interesting episode is the crowning after death of Luoz de Castro as queen of Portugal. "The Lusiad" took its name from Lusius, who was said to have founded Lisbon. Its author was born about 1520, and his career, which began brilliantly, was blighted by the death of a broken heart of the lady of his love, for whose sake he was banished from the land. He wrote "The Lusiad" in his banishment and was recalled in 1571, losing on the way all his property except his poem. Poisoned at first by the king, this great epic poet of Portugal died in great poverty in 1570, when his patron was also dead.

Down in a Coal Mine.

To the ear accustomed to the constant sound of a living world the stillness of a coal mine, where the miles of crosscuts and entries and the unyielding walls swallow up all sounds and echo is a silence that is complete, but as one becomes accustomed to the silence through long hours of solitary work sounds become audible that would escape an ear less trained. The trickling murmur of the gas, the spattering fall of a lump of coal loosened by some mysterious force from a cranny in the wall, the sudden knocking and breaking of a stratum far up in the rock above or the scurry of a rat off somewhere in the darkness strike on the ear loud and startling. The eye, too, becomes trained to penetrate the darkness, but the darkness is so complete that there is a limit—the limit of the rays cast by the pit lamp.—Joseph Husband in Atlantic.

Portuguese and Codfish.

It is an interesting fact that the fishermen of northern Portugal started and developed the fishing industry on the "banks" off the northern coast of America, and, though they now send fewer ships, their taste for salt cod from Newfoundland is unabated. In fact, it is a national Portuguese delicacy. It is found in every little grocery shop, hard and brown as a board. A number of Portuguese have made their home on the islands to the south of the mainland of Massachusetts, and there the dark eyes of the Iberian maiden, raven locks and a certain picturesque element in dress are not infrequent. This connection with Portugal dates back many years, the ships of Marthas Vineyard bridging the distance over sea and returning with Portuguese crews.—Exchange.

Adam and Eve.

"I hope this expulsion of ours is not going to injure our social position," said Eve ruefully. "I guess not," replied Adam. "They can't stop us from being one of the very first families, whatever they do." "I don't find our names here in the 'Social Register,'" said Eve, looking the volume over. "Look under 'Dilatory Domiciles,' my love," said Adam as he went out and named the jackass after himself.—Harper's Weekly.

A Pithy Sermon.

Here is the pithiest sermon ever preached: "Our ingress into life is naked and bare, our progress through life is trouble and care, our egress out of it we know not where; but, doing well here, we shall do well there. I could not tell more by preaching a year."—

Wanted it Well Hidden.

Little Bobby was too polite to say he wanted a big piece of the turkey, but he said he would like a piece of the chest, where the wishbone was, only he didn't want to find the wishbone too quick.—Browning's Magazine.

It Was This Way.

"I suppose the father gave the bride away." "Not exactly. He gave a million away and threw her in."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Excluded.

Ascum—Well, well! I congratulate you, old man. And how is the baby to be named? Popley—By my wife's people, it seems.—Exchange.

A long, slow friendship is the best; a long, slow enmity the deadliest.—Merriam.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

What Our Lawmakers Are Doing and Other Interesting Events.

Washington, D. C.—It is safe to assert that Senator Lorimer will be declared never to have gained a valid title to his seat in the senate. It is said that Lorimer can command only 23 votes in the senate out of a total of 52. It is equally probable that the resolution for the popular election of senators will pass the senate, perhaps next week, if not then, during this session. Senator Borah has served notice on the senate that any attempt to delay or prevent a vote may result in the holding up of all business. He is in charge, on the floor, of the Bristol resolution and is in daily conference with Senators La Follette and other supporters of the resolution. They have their fighting clothes on and it is their purpose at this time, if it be within possibility, to achieve this great reform, following the years of agitation and public demand for it. It will pass the house and almost unanimously.

Taft Backs Longworth Bill.

President Taft's efforts in behalf of a permanent tariff commission, now include a public endorsement of the Longworth bill, which was a feature of his address at the banquet of the National Tariff Commission Association. This endorsement followed a charge administered by the President to the Republican members of the ways and means committee, that they harmonize their differences.

The Longworth bill would put into the hands of the commission to be created, ample means for obtaining information and for making it most highly efficacious when in possession of the government.

Cannon for State Militia.

The house committee on military affairs appropriated \$770,000 for field artillery for organized militia to be added to the regular army appropriation bill. The provision, which will allow four field guns to every 1,000 rifles, is an outgrowth of the recent movement for placing the country in a better state of military preparedness. It authorizes the secretary of war on the requisitions of the governors of the various states and territories, to issue this artillery material to the organized militia and the \$770,000 is appropriated and made immediately available for the procurement and issue of these guns without cost to the militia. The guns are to remain the property of the United States.

Advance Payment May Be Required.

Senator Carter introduced a bill giving the secretary of the interior authority in his discretion to require persons seeking to make entry on any government irrigation projects at any land-opening to deposit with their application such advance payment as the secretary may specify and the secretary may forfeit such deposit where persons making the same fail to make entry after the privilege of doing so has been given them. Moneys so forfeited are to go into the reclamation fund.

Homesteaders May Get More Time.

The house public lands committee made a favorable report on the bill which passed the senate last month extending from December 1, 1910, to May 15, 1911, the time for homestead entrymen or persons who have made declaratory statements to establish residence upon land entered and relieving entrymen and settlers from the necessity of residing on their land from the date of passage of the bill until May 15, next.

National Capital Brevities.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial bill, carrying approximately \$35,000,000.

President Taft, after consideration, has decided that the \$1,000,000 fund, soon to be deposited in the bank to the credit of the Colville Indians, must go exclusively into national banks.

The Bates bill proposing that Congress extend thanks to Captain Robert E. Peary and retire him with the rank of Rear-Admiral as a reward for his polar achievements, was approved by the house subcommittee on naval affairs.

The Gardner bill, which would prohibit the admission into the United States of any illiterate alien over 16 years of age, was ordered favorably reported to the house by the committee on immigration.

Representatives of many interests were present to hear the final arguments of Attorney-General Wickersham in the tobacco case. On these might rest the prosecutions of the future or might be found the justification of the existence of other business concerns.

No Clock Wanted.

There had been some talk of placing a clock in the tower of the village church. But John, the old sexton, who lived in the little cottage opposite the church, declared himself "dead agin it" and expressed the opinion that it would mean "an awful waste o' brass" were the scheme carried out.

"We want no clocks," he said the other day. "We've done without clocks up to now, an' we shall manage. Why, lyin' 'n' my bed of a mornin' I can see the time by the sundial over the porch."

"Yes," replied one who approved of the scheme, "that's all right so far as it goes. But the sun doesn't shine every morning. What do you do then?"

"Why," answered John surprisedly, "I knows then as it ain't fit weather to be out o' bed, an' I just stops where I is."—London Tit-Bits.

The Lavish Jenkins.

In October, 1888, a religiously minded Buckinghamshire farmer named Jenkins brought his firstborn to the parish church to be christened, and this was to be the name: Abel Benjamin Caleb Daniel Ezra Felix Gabriel Hazael Isaac Jacob Kiah Levi Manuosh Nehemiah Obdiah Peter Quartus Reebah Samuel Tobias Uziel Yvajah Word Xystus Zechariah. It will be observed that the names are all arranged in alphabetical order and are as far as possible selected from Scripture. It was only with the very greatest difficulty that the clergyman dissuaded Mr. Jenkins from doing the lasting wrong to his child that he had unwittingly devised, but eventually it was decided to christen the boy simply Abel.—Chambers Journal.

OREGON'S LAWMAKERS

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State Teachers' Association. He wishes certain powers of this kind to be more definitely delegated to city health officers.

Lorimer Scandal Eliminated.

Declaring that the preamble of Senator Miller's senate concurrent resolution, regarding the election of United States senators by the people, was "all rot," Senator Abraham Douglas started a small tempest in the senate. Senator Miller admitted that the preamble might be "a little too strong" and agreed to amend the preamble. It was more than amended—it was eliminated entirely.

The resolution urged Congress to submit a constitutional amendment to the states that senators be elected by the people and Miller availed himself of the opportunity to take a fling in the preamble at the Lorimer scandal, intimating that the corporations control the United States senate and a few other strong things.

Rail Passes Wanted.

What promises to bring forth some lively clashes in both the senate and the house is a bill now being prepared by Representative Eggleston, which will make it mandatory for the railroads to furnish free transportation for all state officials when they are compelled to use the railroads in connection with their official duties.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

Wallowa County tax levy is the lowest in the history of the county. The levy is only 6 1/2 mills.

The Oregon Retail Merchants' Association will hold its fifth annual convention at Salem, January 25, 26 and 27.

President Taft has sent to the senate the renomination of Philip S. Malcolm as collector of customs at Portland.

The grand jury will call J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, to answer charges of graft and incompetency, made against him by three deputies who have resigned.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, introduced a bill granting a pension of \$16 a month to all veterans who served 30 days or longer in any Indian war in the United States prior to 1880.

Diamonds and other jewels valued at \$500 were stolen in broad daylight from the Fred J. Holmes residence, one of the most fashionable homes of La Grande.

Under direction of the Newberg Commercial Club a determined effort is being made to secure an appropriation from Yamhill and Marion counties to bridge the Willamette River at this point.

The annual Farmers' Week at the Oregon Agricultural College will be held this year from February 13 to 17 inclusive, and the college authorities are planning for the largest gathering of agriculturists in the history of the state.

The Oregon tax commission goes on record as being heartily in favor of the proposed income tax amendment to the federation constitution to be considered by the legislature next week and its adoption is strongly urged.

Governor West sent a special message to the legislature Monday asking that Oregon go on record favoring San Francisco as the place for holding the world's fair commemorating the opening of the Panama canal.

In his message to the legislature, Acting Governor Bowerman recommended that the Oregon Conservation Commission be abolished and that the money appropriated for the commission be devoted to "some useful purpose."

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a lightship near Orford Reef, off Cape Blanco, Oregon, to cost not more than \$150,000. Bourne delivered an address Sunday at Jersey City on the Oregon system of laws reestablishing rule of the people.

Two convicts, Albert Ferris and Albert Murray, who were among the five that escaped from the guards while employed at the state institute for the feeble-minded a year ago last October were tried in the circuit court for Marion County before Judge Kelly and found guilty.

Because of the recent cold snap and the consequent covering up of their food supply, it is feared that all the Hungarian and China pheasants with which the Rogue River valley was recently stocked by the state will perish.

Governor Oswald West will be tendered a banquet soon by the members of the class of applicants that were admitted to practice law in Oregon with him by examination before the supreme court of this state in June, 1910.

The Sigulaw national forest has been closed to homesteaders who seek to take up land under the forest homestead act. The secretary of agriculture has sent word to Acting Supervisor Fitton of the reserve, that he has issued an order forbidding the filing of further applications for presentation.

Early in the session the legislature will be asked to request the United States government to send the cruiser Boston to Portland for use as a training ship for the Oregon naval militia. It is believed the legislature will pass a bill establishing the militia in official conformity with the regulations of the United States navy, the object

being to secure a training ship for use by Oregon men.

With an emergency clause on the end of it, a bill was introduced in the senate by McCulloch, of Baker, asking for an appropriation of \$20,000, to be used jointly with a similar appropriation from the State of Idaho in the construction of a bridge across Snake River from some point near Robi-nette, Oregon, on the Northwestern railroad, or some point near Brownlee, on the same railroad.

The first annual Pacific Northwest Live Stock Show will be held in Portland on March 20, 21 and 22 in the Union Stockyards. The show is to be in a class with those held in Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago, Fort Worth and Denver, and with the aid of both the Hill and Harriman systems of railroads will bring to Oregon some of the finest stock raised in the Northwest.



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