

# OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

Chronicle of Important Events  
of Interest to Our  
Readers.

### Timber Trespass Cases Dismissed.

Portland.—That the U. S. Department of Justice has no right to prosecute individuals for trespass upon timber lands, or for cutting timber upon government land unless more than \$50 worth is cut in one year, or if it is used for other than mining, agricultural or domestic purposes, was the statement made by U. S. District Attorney McCourt before Federal Judge Bean. The question came up upon Mr. McCourt's application for dismissal of the indictments against William Hanley and J. Frank Adams, of Klamath Falls, charging illegal timber cutting. The indictments were dismissed. Judge Bean saying he had no doubt that the statement of Mr. McCourt as to the law was correct.

### BUGS SPUR FOREST FIRES

Insects Inflict Annually Upon Timber Resources Loss of \$62,500,000.

Baker City.—It has long been known by experts on forest insects that fully 75 per cent of the fuel consumed by disastrous forest fires has been killed by minute insects before the fire touched it. This fact is easily proved by the presence of insect work on the dead and down timber of nearly all old burns. Therefore, if the original cause of these fires, the insects, should be removed, severe forest fires could not occur for lack of fuel. Reliable statistics tell us that the annual loss from forest fires today is approximately \$50,000,000. The known average annual loss from forest insects is \$62,500,000. Yet 75 per cent of this so-called forest fire loss is known to be directly due to forest insects. The total average annual loss from forest insects would be then \$31,500,000, compared with \$11,000,000, the total average annual loss chargeable to forest fires.

### Weather Bureau Man Takes Charge.

Baker.—Colonel D. C. Granow, who will have charge of the Eastern Oregon weather bureau, located at Baker, has arrived here to take charge of his office. It is just a year since the old weather bureau was destroyed by fire. The bureau will give out a full daily report of the temperature, rainfall and other data concerning climatic conditions of Eastern Oregon.

### REDUCED RATES TO STAND

Federal Court Makes Decision for Low Rates.

Portland.—The Federal circuit here declined to issue an injunction against the state railroad commission of this state restraining it from putting into effect an order reducing rates on class freights between points in this state located on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The court held that the Southern Pacific Company, the complainant, had not shown that the reductions were unreasonable nor that the company would be deprived of a fair remuneration upon its investment without due process of law.

### Retailers Will Meet at Medford.

Salem.—After a spirited contest in the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, between Portland, Cottage Grove and Medford, the latter town was named as the place for holding the next annual convention. Portland merchants strongly supported Medford and the final vote showed that the Southern Oregon city had won by almost 2 to 1.

### 15 Cows Yield \$1012.50.

Eugene.—Dyring 1910, W. R. Jephcott, who lives on the North Fork of the Siuslaw River, sold at the creamery at Acme 91,500 pounds of milk—an average of 6100 pounds from each of 15 cows. The average test of the milk was 3.7 per cent, making 225 pounds of butter fat to the cow and 3375 pounds for the herd. The average price received for the year was 30c a pound, making a total income from the herd of \$1012.50.

### Removed Protection From Oregon Beavers.

Salem.—In compliance with the recommendations contained in the biennial report of State Game and Fish Warden R. O. Stevenson, Representative Hollis of Washington introduced a measure in the house removing the protection now offered by the law on beavers. That section of the law, section 2275 of Lord's Oregon code, making it unlawful to kill beaver in the State of Oregon until 1920, is repealed.

### NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

Proceedings for absolute divorce from her husband, Oscar Hammerstein, the operatic impresario, were begun by Mrs. Marina Hammerstein in the supreme court at Nyack, N. Y.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, author and lecturer, died at her home in Newton Center, at the age of 67 years.

It is reported that King George of England will institute criminal libel proceedings with the object of ending once for all rumors freely circulated for years that his majesty, when Prince of Wales, wasmorganatically married to a daughter of an admiral at Malta.

Edward Green, son of Hetty Green, is planning the organization of a trust company to look after his mother's vast interests.

Five wealthy Southern lumbermen at Atlanta will enter the Federal prison to serve sentences for poonage. They are W. S. Harlan, Robert Gallagher, Dr. W. E. Grace, C. C. Hilton and E. S. Huggins, all of Lockhart, Ala.

### LEGISLATIVE NEWS BITS

The Beas constitutional amendment for the submission of the question of woman suffrage to the electorate at the next general election was passed by the California senate.

The Nevada state senate passed a bill making it unlawful to sell or give cigarettes or cigarette papers to any man, woman or child.

The county local option law was superseded in Indiana by the Proctor-Kennedy measure when Governor Thomas R. Marshall affixed his signature and made it a law. Under the measure elections will be held by cities and townships instead of by the county as a whole.

Protest against the reported change in the United States treaty with Japan, whereby the coolie clause will be eliminated, was made in a resolution presented in the California assembly. The language of the resolution was so strong that Speaker Hewitt declined to submit it to the house as a committee of the whole, and telegraphed it at once to President Taft and members of congress.

A resolution favoring San Francisco for the site of the Panama exposition was passed in the lower branch of the Massachusetts legislature by a vote of 60 to 32.

San Francisco is indorsed as the place in which to hold the Panama exposition in 1915, in a resolution which passed in the lower branch of the Rhode Island legislature.

### BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

From an authority it is learned that a powerful group of French banks is negotiating to supply the Southern Pacific with \$50,000,000.

The National Highways Protective society has completed a list showing the number of registered automobiles in the United States up to November 1. This is estimated at 500,000 cars for the entire country.

Smoke costs the citizens of Chicago \$21,830,000 a year, or about \$10 per capita, according to statistics given out yesterday by City Smoke Inspector Bird.

All past records for the Adams county, Ohio, election inquiry were smashed when the grand jury reported 328 new indictments. The last batch brought the total for five weeks' investigation up to 2148, or one-third of the entire electorate. Between 1800 and 1900 have been disfranchised.

For the first time in the history of aviation, an aeroplane rose from the surface of the water, sailed about and, returning to the starting point, landed on the water as easily as a gull. This feat was achieved by Glenn H. Curtiss in his specially equipped aeroplane on San Diego bay.

Attend the entertainment at the M. E. church this evening. It will be of great interest.

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