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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered During a Week from Different Parts of the State.

At the state agricultural college \$130,000 is to be spent in construction of buildings this year. Rural mail routes have been ordered established from the Dufur, Joseph and Athena post offices.

Theodore Roosevelt will arrive in Portland at 3 o'clock the afternoon of April 5 and remain until 12 o'clock that night.

At a special meeting of the Douglas County Fruitgrowers' Union approximately \$2500 was subscribed towards erection and equipment of a cannery in Roseburg.

The big brick power plant being erected by the Oregon Power Company, at Springfield, will be completed in less than 30 days, according to the plans of the engineers.

The Eugene city council has created a water commission to have entire charge of the municipal water works and the electric power plant just completed at Walterville on the McKenzie River.

In a revolver battle at Salem Jack Frost, an aged storekeeper, was shot twice while barricaded behind a counter defending his little general store on Twelfth street from being looted by a single robber.

Dr. Frank E. Smith, of Salem, was appointed superintendent of the state school for feeble-minded to succeed H. E. Bickers, who filed his resignation with the board. The change becomes effective April 1.

Governor West has filed all of the appropriation bills for the University of Oregon, including a bill carrying \$30,000 for the medical department at Portland. All of the Oregon Agricultural College bills have also been filed.

Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, is at Bend assisting the people of that and other towns on the Deschutes River to provide for pure water supply and to dispose of sewage in such a way that the Deschutes River will not be polluted.

Temporary insanity brought on by use of a drug, was seen at La Grande when a stranger named Jones had to be bound hand and foot to keep him from injuring himself in his cell in the city jail. After three hours of terrible suffering the man recovered.

At their preliminary hearing before the justice court at Eugene, "Babe" Vaughn and his two sons, of Thurston, charged with the larceny of a cow from State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey, were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$1000 bonds.

The first annual Pacific northwest live stock show, which is to be held at the Union stockyards in North Portland, March 20, 21 and 22, will be the first comprehensive exhibition of beef stock to be held west of Denver. It will be solely educational, as there will be no gate fee.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman and Miss Cornelia Marvin, of the state board of normal regents, have returned to Salem from a visit at Monmouth, where they started preparations for placing the Oregon State Normal school in condition for the opening of the institution.

There will be a special meeting of the claims committee of the House, at which time Representative Hawley will make an effort to secure a favorable report on the bill, which recently passed the Senate, authorizing an appropriation of \$250,000 to pay claims of Sherman county settlers.

Attorney-General Crawford has prepared an opinion for State Treasurer Kay in which he states that the gross earnings taxes on franchises of certain companies are not collectible this year, inasmuch as Judge Burnett has held that the general tax code repealed by implication and superseded the gross earnings tax law.

People who eat dried apples are warned by Pure Food Commissioner Bailey against the product that is dried on galvanized iron trays, samples of which have been analyzed and found to contain a small percentage of zinc. This is detected easily by a careful examination of the fruit, the presence of zinc being indicated by streaks of rust.

Colonist rates from the east will apply to points on the Oregon Trunk as soon as they go into effect March 10 and home-seekers will be able to

ride into central Oregon on first-class equipment, including a Pullman parlor car, according to arrangements completed between W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent of the road, and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Remembrance of a sensational murder case of two decades ago was revived at Portland when District Attorney Cameron said that he had received private information that Burdette Wolf, accused of killing Birdie Morton, a Montavilla girl, is living in Calcutta. The rumor has served to revive the hunt for Wolf, which has continued spasmodically nearly 20 years, and the East Indian office will be communicated with.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

Reports from the bedside of Joaquin Miller state that the poet is likely to recover from his illness.

It is rumored that John Hays Hammond, bosom friend of President Taft, would soon be appointed American ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Whitelaw Reid.

Charles D. Hilles, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., at present assistant secretary of the treasury, has accepted the position of secretary to the President, in succession to Charles D. Norton.

Edward Canfield Sterling, who invented pressed brick while a resident of Memphis, Tenn., in 1863, and afterwards formed a company in St. Louis and made millions from his invention, is dead at Redlands, Cal.

Next Saturday Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and their daughter, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, will start on a long trip throughout the west.

The "June Bug," the first aeroplane to make an official flight in this country, has been donated to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington by its builder, Glenn H. Curtiss.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has set aside about 200 acres of her land at Hempstead, L. I., as a school of agriculture for women.

Lieutenant S. B. West, U. S. A., of Fort Davis, Alaska, was frozen to death while stalking trail five miles from Tishou, during a severe blizzard.

GENERAL W. H. BIXBY.

Army Officer Who is Raising Wreck of Battleship Maine.



Colonist Day is Honored.
Salem, Ore.—Governor West issued a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, March 1, as Colonist day. In his proclamation he called upon the people of the state to avail themselves of the privilege of sending a personal letter to some one in an eastern state accompanied by literature telling of the advantages this state has to offer to the homeseeker.

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