

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Find May Be Ambergris.

Marshfield.—Frank Blackerby, until recently a member of the Umpqua Life-Saving station crew at Gardiner, is the possessor of an 85-pound lump that is really worth its weight in gold, that is unless he and those who have examined it are badly deceived. It is said to be ambergris. He found it in the breakers, while patrolling the beach. Samples were sent to David Starr Jordan in California. The latter replied that it apparently was genuine ambergris, but it probably would be necessary to send samples to France to definitely determine it and so Blackerby will. Ambergris is worth \$500 or \$1000 a pound.

Remorse Makes Fugitive Surrender.

Albany.—A fugitive from justice since December 8, 1912, since when the county has offered a reward of \$100 for his arrest, Paul Ackerman, who shot and seriously injured Jack Leib in a road near Shedd, while the latter was buggy riding with his sweetheart, gave himself up to the authorities. Although his victim has recovered from the injuries, Ackerman said that the incident continually preyed upon his mind and he assigned this as the reason for giving himself up. He has been tramping through California.

Socialists Denounce Coos Sheriff

Coquille.—The socialists of Coos county, in a convention called here for the purpose of denouncing the action of residents of this section in deporting Dr. B. K. Leach, adopted resolutions addressed to Governor West, asking that the sheriff of Coos county be removed from office because he "refused to enforce the law against mob rule."

FIREMEN GUARD FORESTS

Nation Joins State, Counties and Timber Owners to Protect Billions.

Salem.—To protect its billions of feet of timber from the ravages of fire, the state, with the aid of the federal government, is this year taking more elaborate precautions than ever before, and as a result of the work there has not been a disastrous fire this season. Timber owners will spend about \$150,000 for fire protection, the federal government has appropriated for fire patrol work \$150,000, and a law passed at the last session of the state legislature places at the command of the state board of forestry \$75,000 for the next two years.

Oregon has one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States, or about 545,000,000,000 feet, worth on the stump \$680,000,000, and if manufactured would sell for \$6,822,500,000. The money expended and the precautions taken are in protection of the state's chief resource. The forests already distribute more wealth in the state than apples, fish, wool and wheat combined, and the marketing of the timber has scarcely begun.

Quadrennial Trip of Toads Taken.

Klamath Falls.—Millions of small toads are now making their way from the swamps surrounding Lake Ewanna to the Upper Klamath lake. Every few years, during the latter part of July, the reptiles leave the marshes along the lake and work their way through the streets of the city to Link river. They do not take the line of least resistance for their march, which is along the lake shore, but come the shortest route through the city. The hegira of toads occurs about every four years.

Coal Vein in Nehalem Valley.

Clatskanie.—J. M. Davey, of the department of the interior, government service, has been in this vicinity locating coal and mineral lands. He returned from a trip through the Nehalem valley and reported the finding of coal in marketable and workable quantities in the southern part of the county, principally in the Pebble creek district.

Rabbit Squad Is Named.

Salem.—Governor West has appointed W. L. Finley, state game warden; Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian; and T. D. Beckwith, professor of bacteriology in the Oregon Agricultural college, a commission to devise a plan for the extermination of rabbits, which have become a pest in the southern part of the state.

Mines Bureau to Be Aided.

Albany.—The Albany commercial club will cooperate with the Oregon bureau of mines and geology toward the development of the mining industries of this section of the state. At the request of the bureau the club has named a special committee on mining, which will work with the bureau toward that end.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

William T. Andrew has been appointed logging engineer in the forest service at Portland at \$2500 a year.

The Oregon supreme court has decided that the Day bill, calling a special referendum election for next November, is constitutional.

According to a La Grande ordinance recently passed every citizen has a right to kill a dog found running at large without a muzzle.

The farmers of McCoy have organized a Farmers' Society of Equity with a large membership. Its object is the systematic marketing of farm products, and J. P. Sears is president.

In Oregon approximately 75,000 acres have been restored as non-oil-bearing lands and about 12,000 acres were withdrawn for waterpower or reservoir sites.

No dogs from Oregon will be permitted to be brought into the state of Washington until the quarantine established by the Washington state veterinarian is raised.

Probably \$1500 will be added to the annual budget of the University of Oregon because of the new eight-hour law in Oregon, which forbids laborers for the state working more than the specified maximum.

The desert land board has approved the plans of Project Engineer O. Lauergaard for the main feed canal of the Tumalo project, which will be about seven miles long. Construction can be commenced immediately.

Scarlet coats will be worn by all Oregon hunters in future as a precaution against accidental shooting. If the recommendations of William L. Finley, state game warden, are carried out.

Medford business men are planning with Rev. R. W. McCullough of the Baptist church to establish a university in that city, with courses in horticulture, law, medicine, and liberal arts.

The following nominations of Oregon postmasters have been made by the president: Marshall W. Malone, Linnton; J. W. Boone, Prineville; Iva E. Dodd, St. Helens. He has also nominated L. E. Pinkham of Hawaii to be governor of Hawaii.

It is announced from Salem that several Oregon counties are preparing to take advantage of the good roads legislation passed by the last Oregon legislature, and that the services of H. L. Bowby, state highway engineer, are in demand.

Charles Jamieson of Bandon, who owned a placer gold mine on the Sixes river in Curry county, has sold the property for \$30,000. The purchasers were men from Minnesota who have put 50 men at work developing the mine.

Salmon fishing on the lower Rogue river has been more extensive this season than ever before. This is the first season the river has been open to commercial fishing for several years and there are several firms buying and packing the fish.

Senator Lane has introduced a bill in the senate providing that farmers or fruitgrowers may manufacture denatured alcohol from their surplus farm products without the payment of a tax, by making monthly reports to internal revenue officials.

Petitions have been filed at Oregon City asking for a recall election against County Judge Beattie and County Commissioner Blair, who are accused of negligence and of failing to account for county funds. Over 1700 voters signed both petitions.

The Oregon supreme court has confirmed the lower court for Jackson county in sentencing Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour to death for murder in the first degree. Efforts were made to show that the confessions had been extorted from the men by "third degree" methods.

Mrs. Louise Hollenbeck was killed by a live wire in the basement of the Hotel Enterprise at Enterprise, which her father conducts. It is presumed that in taking down an electric lamp in order to change a globe her hand came in contact with a wire from which the insulation had worn, and that death resulted instantly. Her body was found by her father an hour after she had entered the basement.

Indians on the Klamath reservation have petitioned the secretary of the interior to take steps to amend the Indian appropriation bill authorizing the construction of the Modoc project so the cost shall be reimbursed only by persons whose lands lie under the project.

Mrs. G. H. Eddy and Mrs. August Kausek, residing in the northern part of Josephine county, were struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed while removing clothes from a clothes line. The women were recent arrivals from Ohio, and their husbands are officers of the Ohio-Oregon Land & Power company.

President Robert Strahorn announces that the construction operations of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railroad would call for the expenditure of several millions of dollars in Oregon this year. The holding up of the Southern Pacific \$30,000,000 loan in California would delay but would not prevent these activities, he said.

HENRY LANE WILSON



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Henry Lane Wilson, Ambassador to Mexico, who was called to Washington to confer with the President and Secretary of State over the Mexican situation.

\$400,000 LA GRANDE FIRE

Two Shots Fired at Night Watchman; Blaze Believed Incendiary

La Grande, Or.—Fire, believed to have been due to incendiaryism, caused a loss of about \$400,000 near here when the yards, several sheds and a large amount of equipment of the Geo. Palmer lumber company was destroyed.

The fire started about the time that two unidentified men fired two shots at a nightwatchman and made their escape.

The fire started at the most western point of the yard and swept through the dry lumber northward like powder. The city fire department and the Palmer fire department were unable to cope with the situation.

Apple Talks to Be Given

Portland.—Representatives of the United States bureau of plant industry and fruit growers of the northwest will hold a series of meetings to discuss in a general way the subject of apple storage and refrigeration, and to report something of the progress of the government's investigations as to the behavior of fruit in cold storage.

The meeting places and dates are scheduled as follows: Medford, Or., August 2; North Yakima, Wash., August 4; Prosser, Wash., August 5; Wenatchee, Wash., August 7; Freewater, Or., August 9; Payette, Idaho, August 11; Hood River, Or., August 12 or 13; Portland, August 14.

MUCH OREGON LAND TO BE THROWN OPEN

Portland.—Thousands of acres of Oregon agricultural land heretofore included in the national forest reserves will be thrown open for settlement before the end of the year.

Most of this land is in the Siuslaw and in the Paulina national forests, but acreage in other districts also may be affected.

Within the last year the federal forestry bureau has been developing a more liberal attitude toward prospective settlers. This new attitude is finding expression in the apparent policy of the forestry officials to return all agricultural land within the forest areas to the public domain.

The recent visit to Oregon of Henry S. Graves, chief forester of the United States, and the approaching visit of David Franklin Houston, secretary of agriculture, are for the purpose of interpreting to the people of this state the meaning of this newly developed policy.

Spokane Recall Denied

Spokane.—By a decision of Judge E. H. Sullivan in the superior court the 15 per cent recall petitions filed against Mayor Hindley and Commissioner Robert Fairley are held invalid. The judge denied the writ of mandamus asked by the Central Labor Council to force the council to order the recall election.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat, New Crop—Club, 79c; bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 77c.
Hay—Timothy, \$22; alfalfa, \$13.50.
Butter—Creamery, 22c.
Eggs—Candled, 27c; ranch, 22c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

Seattle.

Wheat, new crop—Bluestem, 82c; club, 79c; red Russian, 78c.
Eggs—28c.
Butter—Creamery, 31c.
Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Administration Supporters Believe They Can Force Currency Bill to a Vote.

Washington.—Confronted with apparently irreconcilable disagreement among the democrats of the house banking and currency committee on the pending currency bill, the administration again changed its plans for getting the measure through the committee and the house. The scheme of Chairman Glass to take the unfinished bill out of the hands of the committee democrats and send it to the democratic house caucus which failed, was abandoned, after Chairman Glass had conferred with President Wilson.

The bill will be kept in the conference of the committee democrats this week, according to the new plan, and they will be forced to vote on the essentials of the measure. The administration supporters believe they will be able to outvote the so-called insurgents by 10 to 4 or perhaps 11 to 3.

The administration forces apparently were encouraged and advanced the belief that the President, despite the unhappy outlook, would be able to get his bill through both ends of the capitol practically unchanged.

Party Vote Kills All Amendments

While republican senators continued to offer amendments to nearly every paragraph of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill during its reading in the senate, the democrats in solid phalanx voted them down.

The first test vote came when Senator Smoot moved to retain the Payne rate of two cents a pound on oxalid acid, reduced by the administration measure to one and one-half cents. The motion was lost, 50 to 26, eight progressive republicans supporting the democrats. This is taken to indicate that the progressive republicans will aid the democrats in a number of tariff reductions.

The prospect for the coming week was that practically all of the republican leaders will make their last formal arguments on the bill.

The democrats are confident that the stubborn fight made thus far by Senators Bristow and Smoot on almost every item will be relaxed later on. They are so encouraged by the scarcity of long speeches from the opposition that they count on getting to the final vote by August 10 to 15, and to adoption of the conference report two weeks later.

Wall Street Plot Is M'Adoo's Charge

Secretary McAdoo issued a statement flatly charging that the decline of government 2 per cent bonds to 95½—a new low record—was due "almost wholly to what happened to be a campaign with every indication of concerted action on the part of a number of influential New York City banks to cause apprehension and uneasiness about these bonds in order to help them in their efforts to defeat the currency bill."

In his statements Secretary McAdoo declared the 2 per cents were worth par, notwithstanding their decline in the New York market, and continued: "The idea seems to be that the country banks, which hold about two-thirds of the 2 per cent bonds and use them as the basis for their circulating notes, may be induced to unite with the New York City banks in opposition to the bill if they can be made to believe that the proposed currency measure is going to injure those bonds and cause losses to the banks."

National Capital Brevities

Consideration of the Alaska railroad bill will be postponed until the next regular session of congress, which begins in December.

The house labor committee is considering legislation to prevent the employment of children under 14 years of age in mines and factories, and to limit the working hours of women to eight daily.

Formal reaffirmation of the Monroe doctrine by congress as a "warning to Japan and others" was proposed in the house by Representative Clarke of Florida.

Tentative plans for sending the Atlantic fleet through the Panama canal in April have been prepared by the navy department by direction of the secretary of the navy, who is now on the Pacific coast making an inspection with a view to the establishment of a naval base.

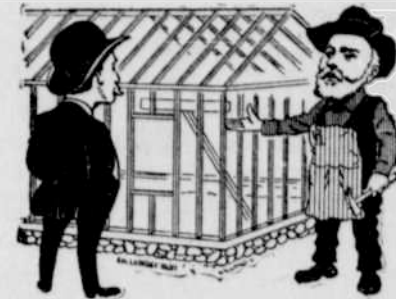
It has been discovered by Representative Britten of Illinois that only 700 torpedoes are available for Uncle Sam's torpedo boat flotilla, and as a member of the house naval affairs committee he will introduce a measure to double the capacity of the government torpedo plant at Newport, R. I.

Representative Lewis, one of the authors of the parcel post law, declared that sooner or later the government must take over transportation of parcels up to 100 pounds. He contended that under the law the postmaster general has complete authority to increase the limit on parcel post business.



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