

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

## IN THE SCHOOLS

(Furnished by the county Superintendent and Supervisor.)

Two hundred people attended the rally at Hopewell January 8th, and an interesting program occupied the entire day.

No. 25, Fairview, has a new fence neatly painted, and the district recently voted a tax to build cement walks.

The people of No. 24, also Fairview, are beginning to plan for a new building during the year.

No. 52, Pike Valley, will try out the school garden project thoroughly this coming spring.

Miss Ruby Skinner, of the McMinnville High School, is substituting this week at the Bridwell school for J. L. Northrup, of Newberg, who will take charge next week.

Samuel Babcock, of McMinnville, has been engaged to teach in No. 74, just north of Newberg.

Mrs. Laura Crook has taken charge in No. 66, just east of Bellevue.

The award in the Peffer contest will be made soon. The decision in the matter has been referred to the agricultural college. This contest has created much interest, and we hope that other prizes will be offered. Yamhill is a dairyman's paradise, and we should do everything possible to interest the boys and girls in this work.

Donald McGogy, of McMinnville, is teaching manual training in Carlton and Amity. He spends Mondays in Amity and Wednesdays in Carlton. Other towns plan to take up the same work next year. Lafayette has a room already prepared in the basement of their new building.

The Esperanto cards are not for the purpose of interesting the pupils in the Esperanto language, but to enable them to communicate with pupils of other lands, to obtain geographical knowledge. Please write us if you desire further information, and we will secure it for you from J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, the originator of the plan.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES  
OF GENERAL INTERESTEvents Occurring Throughout  
the State During the Past  
Week.

## STATE ASSEMBLY MEETS

Forty Days' Session of Oregon Legislature Begins

Salem.—The 27th legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, convened here Monday. With the organization practically outlined beforehand, and the governor's message read Monday afternoon, the business of the session was quickly started.

The procedure of the first day of the session was simple. The senate and the house each convened at 10 o'clock in the morning. Organization was immediately effected. C. N. McArthur was elected speaker of the house and Dan J. Malarkey president of the senate on the first ballot.

In the senate the temporary organization plan went off like well-oiled machinery as arranged for in the caucus. It fell to Moser, of Portland, to make the nominating speech for Senator Malarkey as president of the senate. Joseph, of Multnomah, made a severe attack on Malarkey.

Organization of the senate was completed by election of chief clerk, John W. Cochran, Multnomah; reading clerk, Ben Huntington, Douglas; calendar clerk, Eugene Foster, Polk; sergeant-at-arms, Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, Lane; doorkeeper, George Crane, Douglas; mailing clerk, J. I. Moreland, following the election of McArthur as speaker the organization of the house was completed by the election of J. D. Woodman, of Yamhill, sergeant-at-arms; R. R. Corey, of Baker, doorkeeper, and the following as clerks: W. F. Drager, of Marion, chief clerk; Harry McClellan, of Douglas, assistant chief clerk; Dudley R. Clark, of Multnomah, reading clerk; W. B. Burrer, of Wheeler, calendar clerk; W. F. McAdams, of Polk, mailing clerk.

Following perfection of organization messages were interchanged between the two houses giving formal notice that the respective organization work was completed.

Governor West's message to the legislature reports the finances of the state of Oregon to be in excellent condition and takes up questions concerning all of the state departments and institutions and makes recommendations for legislation on moral lines and advocates a single board of control for all state penal and eleemosynary institutions; drunkards' compensation act, reformatory for convicts, home for aged and home for wayward girls; workmen's compensation and minimum wage bills; new additional liquor measure; sterilization of degenerates and feeble-minded persons; "Blue Sky" legislation.

Move to Stock Reserve With Elk Pendleton.—County Judge J. W. Maloney has started a movement to secure a \$500 contribution from the sportsmen of Umatilla county with which to bring two carloads of elk from Yellowstone Park to stock the Wenaha reserve.

Little Helps For Awning Makers. "Our greatest benefactor," said a local manufacturer of awnings, "is the office man who sits and smokes and throws his cigar stubs out of the window. If it's at the time of year when awnings are up on the big office buildings it is not improbable that the cigar will fall on an awning and burn a good sized hole. Possibly it will fall against a roll of the canvas and burn through several folds. Look at some of the awnings over the stores on the ground floor of buildings and notice the little round holes that have been caused by the falling cigar stubs. These holes, of course, greatly hasten the time when the awning must be replaced. Nearly every office building in town has suffered this same damage." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## LORE OF THE METEOR.

Divine Honors Have Been Paid the Wanderers of the Sky.

It is only within the last hundred years that science has taken up the study of the meteor seriously, but in all ages its fitful gleam has captured the imagination of men.

In Asia in early times a fragment was picked up which probably bore a very rude resemblance to a human figure. It was looked upon as an image of Diana, sent down from Jupiter. A great temple was built at Ephesus in its honor—the Temple of Diana of the Ephesians. There from all parts of Asia people flocked to worship a meteorite.

The Romans, too, at certain epochs of their history, fell under the spirit of the meteorite. Aeneas, the mythic founder of the race, is said to have carried one with him to Italy, and one of the strangest pictures in the wonderful gallery of Roman history is that of the Emperor Helioagabalus paying divine honors to his meteoric god, for the head of the imperial city was high priest in a temple whose god was a rude fragment of meteoric stone.

A magnificent temple was built for it in Rome. Every morning hecatombs of bulls and sheep were offered, firkins of the richest wines were poured out and much costly incense was burned. Every year the meteoric god was carried with gorgeous ceremony to another temple in the suburbs. The chariot in which it rode glittered with gold and precious stones and was drawn by six white horses in golden trappings. The emperor himself held the reins, walking backward, so as to keep his eyes fixed on his god. On either side the people ran, bearing torches and throwing garlands of flowers as they passed.

On another occasion a meteoric stone played an important part in Roman history. It fell in ancient times in Phrygia and was worshiped at Pessinus by the Phrygians and Phoenicians as Cybele, "the mother of the gods." To it had been ascribed the victory of the Romans over Hannibal in the first Punic war. So when in later years the Carthaginian general had crossed the Alps and maintained his place in Italy for twelve years the troubled Romans wished for the wonderful stone.

They had learned from the Sybil-line books that an enemy might be expelled from Italy if the stone were brought to Rome. So they went to King Attalus, asking that it might be sent. It was carried with much ceremony to the Temple of Victory on the Palatine hill, and, sure enough, Hannibal was presently compelled to return to Africa. Having surmounted incredible difficulties, he was yet forced to yield to a meteorite! — London Globe.

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NEWS FROM OUR  
NATIONAL CAPITALFinancier Says Control of  
Money in Bad Hands Might  
Cause Trouble.

Washington.—That the present concentration of money and credit "has gone far enough," that "in bad hands" it would have a bad effect upon the nation, that the safety of the situation lies in the personnel of the men in control and that present conditions are "not entirely comfortable for the country" were a few of the statements by George F. Baker, master of finance, as the climax of an examination before the house money trust committee.

Mr. Baker reviewed in detail the operations of himself, his bank, the First National Bank of New York and J. P. Morgan & Co., in the issuance of bonds.

"In Wall street," said Baker, "Morgan is recognized as the great general of the financial army." He admitted that he and James Stillman were Morgan's chief lieutenants, saying:

"Morgan could be the dominant financial power of the world if he were younger." Concluding his testimony, Baker admitted that the wealth of the nation had been greatly concentrated during recent years.

Democrats Will Hold up Appointments Democratic senators held a caucus and decided to stand pat in their opposition to confirmation of Taft appointments.

The republicans having refused to cooperate with a democratic committee to consider the nominations with a view to determining what should be and what should not be confirmed, they determined to hold up everything but army and navy promotions and the diplomatic appointments.

Postmasters and other civil appointments intended to be filled with republicans within a few weeks of the end of the republican administration will be protested against by the democrats, even if it takes a filibuster to enforce their protests.

Republican senators profess to believe there will be wholesale confirmation before the session is much older, but it now seems that everything depends upon the progressives. If they are present in full numbers and vote solidly with the democrats, they can defeat the Taft appointments.

Appropriation Bill Carries \$40,800,000.

The first appropriation bill of the present session of congress was reported to the house by the house rivers and harbors committee Monday and provides \$40,800,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors throughout the country.

The bill carries the following appropriations for northwestern waterways: Mouth of the Columbia river, \$1,000,000; Columbia and lower Willamette, Portland to the sea, \$160,000; Columbia at Cascades, \$100,000; Cello canal, \$600,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$42,000; Columbia and Snake rivers above Cello, \$40,000; Columbia, Bristport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000; Snake river, \$25,000; Yaquina bay, \$28,800; Coos bay, \$30,000; Nehalem bay, \$100,000; Coquille river, \$6000; Siuslaw river, \$5000; Lake Washington canal, \$335,000; ship canal connecting Port Townsend bay with Oak Harbor, \$62,500; Puget Sound and tributaries, \$25,000; Skagit river, \$10,000; Lewis and Cowlitz rivers, \$23,500; Grays river, \$500; Grays Harbor and Chehalis river, \$30,000.

Morgan May Tell of Ocean Combine

An investigation of the International Mercantile Marine, the \$120,000,000 American corporation controlling numerous foreign and American steamship companies, with J. P. Morgan as the chief witness, is contemplated by the house committee on merchant marine in connection with its hearing of the so-called shipping trust. Mr. Morgan is believed to have organized this great company and to control its stock.

National Capitol Brevities

Senator Borah has introduced a bill giving settlers on government reclamation projects 30 years in which to make payment for water rights, and exempting them from payment of interest on the \$20,000,000 loan authorized a year ago.

Representative Hayes of California, has introduced a bill to amend the alien contract law. The amendment allows the entry of musicians, actors, lecturers, ministers and persons belonging to any organized learned profession.

Nearly 2,000,000 parcel post packages were sent through the postoffices of the 50 leading cities of the country in the first week of the operation of the new service, according to reports received by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

Mortality records have been broken during the present congress. Since the sixty-second congress began Vice-president Sherman, six senators and 16 representatives have died. One representative-elect, Joel Cook, of Pennsylvania, died before congress convened.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The coming spring will see considerable activity in the building line in Marshfield.

John E. Beesely has been appointed postmaster at Falls City and William M. Brown at Lebanon.

Peo, chief of the Umatilla Indians, died Friday at his home on the Umatilla reservation, a few miles from Pendleton.

Governor West has appointed Chas. Harding to be county judge of Lincoln county, to succeed C. H. Gardner, who recently resigned.

Representative Hawley has recommended for appointment John F. Miller as postmaster at Jacksonville, to succeed Mrs. Miller, deceased.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' association will be held in Portland on January 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Timber Cruiser McCarthy, who has just completed cruising the timber of Coos county, reports 14,605,069,000 feet of merchantable timber in that county.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association takes place at Albany January 22 and 23 and promises to be the largest in their history.

Secretary of War Stimson has approved General Bixby's recommendation for a bridge across Coos bay, at Marshfield. The railroad has promised to begin work immediately.

The automobile bureau of the Secretary of State's department is swamped with the task of outfitting for the new year the 10,000 or more motor vehicles of the state with the new 1913 license tags.

L. W. Wright, a janitor at Hood River, craving cocaine, to which drug he is a slave, entered the drug store of C. A. Plath and holding up the clerk, Herman Kresse, secured a large quantity of the drug.

The state board of tax commissioners announced for 1913 the lowest state tax levy in the history of Oregon, 1.2 mills. This levy will produce \$1,086,014 on an assessed valuation placed at \$905,011,679.

Representative Hawley has secured an increase in the appropriation for the Chemawa Indian school from \$9000 to \$12,000, with the understanding that \$6000 of this amount shall be applied to improving the water supply.

To celebrate securing the \$250,000 endowment fund for Albany college, the Albany Commercial club will give a big banquet in honor of H. M. Crooks, president of the college, who directed the successful campaign.

For the establishment of the Oregon Caves National Park, to include the Oregon caves, Senator Bourne has introduced a bill setting aside township 40 south, range 6 west, Josephine county. This tract, which includes the caves, is a national monument.

Seven delegates to the National prohibition party convention, which met in Atlantic City last summer, will receive no expense vouchers from the state. The state already has paid the expenses of 10 delegates and that is the restriction which is placed by law.

Secretary of State Olcott visited Pendleton and on behalf of the state board accepted the new Eastern Oregon State Mental hospital. The big \$1,000,000 institution is now ready for occupancy, some 30 or more patients already being housed and cared for in it.

State Printer Duniway is preparing an elaborate statement which he intends to submit to the members of the legislature showing in detail the questions involved in the work of state printing and also urging that the law passed by the 1911 session be repealed.

An immense gas plant, covering 10 acres, with concrete buildings, offices and tall iron tanks, which will supply Portland with gas until 1920, is being built by the Portland Gas & Coke company at the government moorings, on the Linton road, at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Charles S. Withill, of Portland, has written to Secretary Olcott demanding that an investigation be made of the counting of votes in Portland at the last general election. Whitehill declares that 50 per cent of the votes were counted illegally. Olcott has notified him that the question is not coming under his jurisdiction.

Three hundred citizens of Redmond and the surrounding country participated Friday in the opening of the Redmond Union Warehouse company, one of the largest and most substantial buildings of the kind in the northwest. Ex-Congressman Williamson was orator of the day. The warehouse was built of stone, cost \$10,000, and will store 200,000 bushels of potatoes.

An important decision has been handed down by the Oregon supreme court in the case of Multnomah county vs. County Clerk Frank S. Fields, when the court ruled that county clerks were not required to pay naturalization fees into the county treasury. In naturalization proceedings, says the decision, the clerk acts as agent of the United States and is entitled to the fees up to \$3000 a year, the surplus over that amount going to the government.

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