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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Sinnott Demands Free Clothing.
Washington.—Representative Sinnott has pored over the statistics of the wool industry and has analyzed the tariff testimony on the same subject until he has become pretty well aroused on the subject of the injustice which he believes is being done to the wool growers. On May 6 he introduced an amendment to the bill putting woolen manufactures on the free list, and in support of it he spoke in part as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, this bill aims to put the inequities of schedule K almost wholly upon the wool raiser. Gentlemen said, the other day, that there was invested in woolen manufactures \$415,000,000. In sheep raising of this nation the census shows an investment of \$518,000,000. One is as much deserving as the other. Inquiry as to the cost of sheep raising in Oregon, based on 229,000 sheep, and with wool selling at 14 cents a pound, shows the profit on those sheep would be about \$50,000. If the price drops 4 cents a pound, the loss on those sheep will be \$15,000. But there are 2,000,000 sheep in my district alone."

GRANGE BACKS PLAN

State Organization Indorses Bill for System of Choice Voting.

Albany.—Initial steps toward submitting a bill through the initiative to establish the preferential voting system, including first, second and third choices, for United States senators and state officers, were taken in the 40th annual session of the Oregon state Grange.

The legislature was condemned also in a resolution that was passed. This resolution upbraid the legislature for passing measures that have been rejected by the people through the initiative or referendum.

The resolution recommending that the state furnish uniforms for public school children and that the school districts furnish free lunches at noon was defeated. The committee to which it was referred recommended that it do not pass and the committee report was adopted without extended discussion.

That mortgages on farm property be exempted from taxation provided the rate of interest is 6 per cent or less was the gist of a resolution which was adopted. If the terms of this resolution are enacted into law it will have the effect of making 6 per cent the maximum rate of interest in this state on loans on farm mortgages.

Cornering Wheat on Pacific Coast.

Portland.—Not more than 500,000 bushels of wheat remain unsold in farmers' hands in territory tributary to Portland. Some dealers estimate from their warehouse figures, that the supply does not exceed 260,000 bushels. This is, for all practical purposes, a clean-up of northwest stocks. Never before in the history of the trade, has the supply been reduced to such small proportions at this time of year.

This condition is the result of extensive but quiet buying that has been going on in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington in the last few days. Estimates of the amount purchased in this period range from 750,000 to 1,000,000 bushels. Almost all the buying was done by Portland speculators.

LANE PLEADS FOR OREGON

Senator Makes Impression on Secretary of Interior.

Washington.—Senator Lane, of Oregon, appeared before Secretary of the Interior Lane and put in a bid for the allotment of money from the reclamation fund sufficient for the construction of the West Umatilla and Deschutes irrigation projects. He not only demonstrated the equity of Oregon's claim against the reclamation fund, but pointed out the feasibility and desirability of both projects, and then showed Secretary Lane where funds could be found ample to build these two projects.

As Senator Lane concluded his statement he was congratulated by Secretary Lane, who told him his was the "most encouraging talk" he had heard in the course of the hearings covering the past two weeks.

Land to Be Recovered by State.

Salem.—Suits to recover about 30,000 acres of lieu land, alleged to have been fraudulently selected during the notorious Hyde and Benson operations in this state, will be started just as soon as Attorney General Crawford receives from Washington, D. C., the checked-over list he left at the general land office upon his recent visit to the capital. The attorney general expects to receive these lists within the next few days, as he was assured the work there could be accomplished within ten days.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Pan-Hellenic association at the University of Oregon has ruled that freshman girls living in sororities must wear simple gowns, devoid of all finery, at dances and parties.

Thirty-two students will be graduated from the Albany high school this commencement. Of this number 21 are young women. June 6 will be graduation day.

Labor Commissioner Hoff has reported that accidents in Oregon for April totaled 411, of which 14 were fatal. There were 146 accidents in connection with railroad work and 78 in connection with sawmill work.

Judge Hamilton, in the circuit court at Roseburg, dismissed the petition for a contest of the Drain mayoralty election filed by N. D. Cool, who was beaten by Charles E. Hazard by one vote in an election recently held there.

The Anvil has worked herself off the beach and was towed up and beached opposite Florence for repairs before going to Portland. The vessel is in excellent shape after a month on the beach. She is not leaking badly.

An advance proof of the ballot on which the people of Portland will choose a mayor, an auditor and four commissioners from a maze of 90 names June 2, shows that it will be two feet ten inches in length.

N. F. Thorne of Ashland has been taking Dr. Friedmann's turtle serum treatment as a precautionary measure against tuberculosis. He is said to be the first person in southern Oregon, if not in the entire state, to try the new cure.

The Polk County Fire Patrol association has been organized at Dallas, and is one of a chain that are being organized in timbered regions throughout the state. Of the 200,000 acres of timbered lands in Polk county, 140,000 were represented at the meeting.

According to an ordinance introduced at the council meeting at Albany, it is proposed to light the streets of the residence district of Albany with 100 watt lamps at each corner and three cluster lights at each corner in the business district. Several blocks of new pavement have been ordered.

L. S. Kelsey, 60, a prominent resident of North Powder, was killed when an automobile skidded and turned turtle four miles south of Haines. Miss Nellie Slater, 16, suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, and may die. Three other occupants of the car were slightly injured.

United States Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill providing that all proceeds from leases and other revenues of Crater Lake Park shall be available for the construction of roads and bridges within the park. These proceeds now go into the general treasury fund.

A Japanese mail carrier was attacked at La Grande by two unknown men who held him up in a dark alley. One threatened him with a dirk, while the other rifled the pouch of registered mail. They seemed to have been interrupted, and made a hasty flight without taking much of value.

Commercial fishermen near Oregon City drew from the Willamette six Japanese who had been trolling for Chinook salmon. The orientals became entangled in the eddies below the falls and their boats were capsized.

A number of Russian families are expected to arrive soon to locate on lands of the Klamath country. The leaders of the colony took options on several hundred acres. The first families to locate have arrived and are making an exhaustive investigation of the lands before making permanent selections.

W. L. Snider and son of Stella, Wash., have purchased the old Palm mill property at Clatskanie, recently burned, of the Rose City Lumber and Shingle company, of Portland, and will at once begin the work of clearing away the debris preparatory to erection of a shingle mill, which it is planned to have in operation in the early fall.

Captain James Keating, one of the best known pilots on the Columbia river, accidentally fell overboard from a launch at Astoria and was drowned. He was 40 years old, and had resided in Astoria practically all of his life.

Attorney General Crawford has given out an opinion at Salem to the effect that the signature of any signer to a referendum petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to the taking of official action thereon.

Officials of the O. W. R. & N. have announced the surveys of two proposed extensions—Condon to Fossil in Gilliam county and Pilot Rock to Ukiah in Umatilla county. The former extension would involve 20 miles of track, and the latter 45 miles. The officials say that if the expense is not too great, both lines will be built. Under direction of government officers, the Indians of the Umatilla reservation will, sometime during this summer, assemble to hold memorial ceremonies similar to those recently held at Fort Wadsworth, New York harbor. Garbed in their historic trappings the Indians will gather around their tom-toms and with weird chants raise the stars and stripes, dedicating themselves to the American government and a nobler civilized life.

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