

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Governor Withycombe designated Sunday, May 5, as "Oregon Y. M. C. A. day."

Astoria celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington with appropriate exercises.

A ban has been placed on the sale of "stomach bitters" in Lebanon by the city officials.

Lumbermen in Klamath county are predicting a big season in their particular line this year.

The nomination of George H. Foster as postmaster at Baker was confirmed by the Senate.

The Good Roads association of Harney county is advocating two main highways in that county.

The people of Juntura have formed a good roads association to promote a state highway from Burns to Vale.

Circulation of petitions to call a special election June 4 to bond Grant County for \$140,000 has been begun.

Mrs. Thomas Brogan of The Dalles has recently bought six sections of land from the Eastern Oregon Land company.

A patriotic day parade, which took more than two and half hours to pass a given point, was held in Portland last week.

Brownsville Presbyterians celebrated their 60th anniversary last week, the Brownsville church having been organized in 1857.

The United States forest service will replant 420 acres in the Mount Hebo district, Siuslaw national forest, the coming summer.

The Linn county Sunday schools held their annual convention in Lebanon last week with nearly 100 delegates in attendance.

The Radiators, Eugene's marching organization, in which 150 of the city's business men are enrolled, has organized a home guard.

Howard L. Aumack, employed as a lineman by the Portland Railway Light & Power company, was electrocuted at Mount Angel.

Organization of an Oregon branch of the League to Enforce Peace, of which Ex-President Taft is the head, was perfected at Portland.

The twelfth annual conference of the Woman's Home Missionary society, Salem district, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was held at Salem.

The rivers and harbors board of engineers has reported adversely on the proposed improvement of the Willamette river between Corvallis and Eugene.

The fifth annual state shoot of the Oregon State Sportsmen's association will be held under the auspices of the Capitol City Rod and Gun club at Salem on May 6, 7 and 8.

The net risks written by fire insurance companies in Oregon during the year 1916 totaled \$283,944,004, according to a statement issued by Insurance Commissioner Wells.

The forest service has recommended to Senator Chamberlain that an appropriation be made in the sundry civil bill of \$5000 for fire protection on the Coos bay wagon road lands.

Car shortage in the acute form that has prevailed during the last six months soon will be a thing of the past, says J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific.

Under the administration army bill, reported to the Senate by Senator Chamberlain, Oregon probably will be asked to contribute from 4500 to 5000 men under the first call of the president.

Frank C. Oxman, a Durkee stock man, was arrested on a felony charge of attempting to induce F. E. Rigall, of Grayville, Ill., to swear falsely in the murder trial of Thomas J. Mooney, at San Francisco.

The state land board, by unanimous vote, decided to call a meeting of the emergency board, to consider Attorney General Brown's request for \$3000 for continuing the Pacific Livestock company land fraud case.

Owing to the discouraging outlook for a reasonable price for hops, some of the hopgrowers of Forest Grove are preparing to join the preparedness propaganda and turn their hop yards into bean fields.

A drastic resolution against the sale of the essence of Jamaica, bitters, and other so-called remedies which contain a high percentage of alcohol, was adopted by the state board of pharmacists at a meeting in Portland.

One hundred and forty-two student cadets of the Junior and senior classes of Oregon Agricultural college have filed applications for admission to the training camp, which is to be opened at the Presidio, at San Francisco, May 8.

During the week ending April 19, 309 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission. Of these, three were fatal, the fatalities being Jim Liapes, Pendleton, railroad operator; George Webb, unknown residence, and Roy Barnes, Fall Creek, both alleged to be trespassers.

The gathering of caskers bark is getting to be an industry of some importance in Willamina. A. R. Ford, merchant of Willamina and Butler, shipped out 40,000 pounds of it last week and received \$3500 for it.

In accordance with the government plan to increase the production of foodstuffs, the Klamath commercial club has appealed to the legislators at Washington for the completion of the Klamath reclamation project.

News that Thomas R. Sheridan, ex-president of the First National bank, of Roseburg, had been pardoned by President Wilson was received with approval by the great majority of residents of Roseburg and vicinity.

Portland is contributing more men to the navy than any other city save New York, according to figures given out by Secretary Daniels for the week ending April 12. There were 355 navy enlistments in New York and 323 in Portland.

Tillamook beach resorts, including Garibaldi, Barview, Rockaway, Saltair and as far north as Manhattan will be equipped with electric lights and power for the summer season, the electrifying to be permanent in construction.

The Umpqua Baptist association, which will be held at Riddle this year, has changed its dates from June 6, 7, 8 to June 20, 21, 22. About 50 delegates are expected to attend and the dates were changed to accommodate the visiting delegates.

Because all the bids received were below par, the state land board rejected all bids for the \$250,000 rural credits bonds and instructed the clerk of the board to immediately wire the board's attorney in each county to cease taking applications for loans.

Thure A. Lindstrom, teacher at the Oregon school for the deaf, at Salem, is engaged in securing a census of all the deaf in that vicinity to ascertain who among them will help to make up a regiment of "silent fighters" to offer their services to Colonel Roosevelt.

A signal achievement in navy recruiting, unequalled by any other state in the union, has been attained by Oregon. The 800 men to be recruited from April 1 to 20 have been secured by the navy recruiting office at Portland under Lieutenant Commander Blackburn.

Spence Wortman, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, has sent notice to his district sealers to prosecute all berry dealers who do not give their customers full measure of berries. This notice is being given in connection with the arrival of the strawberry season.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, was authorized to take complete charge of Oregon's food production and conservation campaign at a meeting of representatives of most of the state's industrial, commercial, civic and social interests at Portland.

Convinced, after a preliminary examination that sufficient grounds exist for a thorough probe of the farm products rates of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, the public service commission ordered a hearing on both.

The director of the United States Geological survey has obtained from Secretary of State Olcott a list of all automobile owners in Oregon, to provide them with data relative to the topographic maps of the state. These are maps, the director says, in which every automobile owner is interested, and he desires to get them into the hands of all such car owners.

A mass meeting of fully 400 fishermen at Astoria adopted a resolution protesting against the law enacted at the recent session of the legislature forbidding the sale in Oregon of salmon caught by trollers outside the three-mile limit during the Columbia river closed seasons. The meeting also decided to bring an action to test the constitutionality of the law.

The Crown-Willamette Paper company has purchased from M. J. Kinney, a Portland timber dealer, a tract of about 2000 acres in Clatsop county in the Lewis and Clark river district. The property, with the timber upon it, was valued at about \$175,000. Standing timber to the extent of about 100,000,000 feet, mostly fir, spruce and hemlock, was included in the sale.

Spring farm work was very much delayed in the Rogue river valley by reason of the continued rains. The planting of the beet crop is now in progress and as beet plantings can continue till June, there will be no reduction in the acreage which has been contracted for. The product of between 3500 and 4000 acres will be brought to the Grants Pass sugar factory this season.

Members of the state highway commission and officials of the government forestry service, during a conference in Portland, agreed upon a network of forest roads which are to be graded and improved during the next three years with moneys derived from both federal and state funds. Each year a sum of \$127,500 forest service money will be available, and as this is to be matched by a like sum from the state, it means that about \$750,000 will be available for expenditure on forest roads within the three-year period.

CODY WAS SCARED

One Occasion When Buffalo Bill Was Shy on Courage.

TYING A MARRIAGE KNOT.

As a New Justice of the Peace He Had to Perform the Ceremony, but He Didn't Like the Job—One of His Close Calls as a Pony Express Rider.

It is difficult for this generation of boys, even though they be born on the "Great American desert," to believe that Buffalo Bill was ever anything except the star of a tent show, but old timers know of his perilous life of earlier days as an Indian fighter, scout, overland freight guard and pony express rider.

When the Kansas Pacific railroad was building to the coast it employed Will Cody to supply its construction gangs with meat. One of the greatest shots of the plains, he won his name and his spurs killing buffalo for the builders of the iron trail.

During Indian campaigns Cody rose

to be chief scout for the army and Indian adventures became a part of his daily routine. The fame of Buffalo Bill spread through the army. None doubted the courage and resource of the great scout and Indian hunter.

Yet one day this courage was sorely tried. There was one time when Buffalo Bill admitted he was scared.

General Emory, in command at Fort McPherson, induced the county authorities to make Buffalo Bill a justice of the peace.

"Why, general," protested the scout, "I don't know any more about law than a mule knows of singing."

But the appointment was duly and legally made, and the new justice had to serve.

His first task was to perform a wedding ceremony. A wedding was a great event at McPherson, and the whole fort resolved to attend.

In vain his wife and sisters tried to coach Buffalo Bill. Nobody could find a copy of the marriage service.

The great day came. The guests assembled. Cold sweat stood in beads on the brow of the Indian fighter. His hands trembled.

Yet at first the ceremony moved without reproach. The bride and groom were counseled in the conventional manner until the close of the ceremony, when Buffalo Bill started the congregation by announcing:

"Whom God and Buffalo Bill hath joined together let no man put asunder!"

As a marrying justice he was voted a great success.

Before the days of the telegraph news traveled by the pony express, nine days from St. Joseph, the end of the railroad, to Sacramento, Cal. The distance over the short route was 1,900 miles.

Will Cody was twice in the employ of the pony express as one of the relay riders in the western wilderness. It was during his second engagement that he saved his life by his knack of shooting straight and thinking quickly.

Will was riding from Red Butte, on the North Platte, to Three Crossings, on the Sweetwater, a distance of seventy-six miles, when a station boss one day informed him:

"There's signs of Indians about, Billy. Better keep your eye peeled."

The young rider nodded comprehension as he swung into the saddle on a fresh pony and dashed out of the station with his mail sacks.

Plainsmen learned early to keep their eyes open. As Will Cody rode he scanned the country ahead of him with tireless gaze. Every rock and hummock had his attention.

It was a grim, wild country he rode through. Great cliffs overhung his narrow path and darkened the way. For-

ests of black pine stood thick on the precipitous slopes of the Rockies.

His keen eye caught sight of a slight movement behind a large boulder that lay ahead of him. It needed no more than that to tell the pony express rider of danger. Ridding at top speed toward the danger zone he made his plan.

Cody was almost upon the rock before he swerved his horse sharply and dashed off to one side. Two ride reports came simultaneously, and from behind the rock sprang two unmounted Indians.

At the same time a score of Indians on ponies burst from the timber on the opposite side of the valley and rode toward him.

Ahead lay a narrow pass leading to safety. The race began.

Only one rider threatened the express messenger. He wore the headdress of a chief, and his pony was fleetest.

Close together the horses sped toward the pass, and the Indian was gaining steadily.

Cody turned in his saddle.

The Indian chief had lifted an arrow to his bow and even then was sighting his target.

Like a flash Cody drew his revolver. Seemingly he fired without aim, so quick was the action. The Indian dropped from his saddle, and the pony express sped on safe. — Kansas City Star.

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