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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

The population at the state penitentiary has reached the high figure of 563.

Mayor John G. Samler, 50 years old, died suddenly of heart failure at Yoncalla.

Edwin C. Smith, who built the first house in Grants Pass, died there Monday, aged 82.

The queen for the 1916 rose festival at Portland will be chosen from the state of Oregon.

A two-story brick building is to be erected at McMinnville for the W. O. W. lodge of that city.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Victor G. Conrad as register of the Burns land office.

The northwest district convention of the Christian church will be held in St. Johns March 21 to 23.

The Sumpter Valley railway will build 50 miles from Dixie to tap the rich timber belt in southeastern Grant county.

William Wallace Hawley, early day miner of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, died at his home in Corvallis of heart disease.

The annual United States military inspection of the Oregon agricultural college cadet regiment will be held this year on May 16.

According to Secretary of State Otis, over 5000 more automobiles have been registered to date in 1916 than in the same period in 1915.

Forty-four delegates from the various farmers' locals of Wasco county met at Boyd and unanimously endorsed the bulk handling of grain.

By a vote of 184 to 127 the people of the Roseburg school district have decided to issue \$75,000 bonds to erect a modern high school building.

Dependent on account of ill-health, Bert Fisher, of Wilbur, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The youth was 17 years of age.

Rapid progress is being made with the construction of the sugar factory being erected by the Oregon-Utah Sugar company at Grants Pass.

Walter L. Meyers, of the university of Oregon, won first place in the annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical association of Oregon, at Monmouth.

According to the annual report of Dr. W. H. Lytle, secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, the expenditures of the board for last year totaled \$20,104.24.

To familiarize children in game laws of the state, a course of instruction will start in the public schools of Baker and Grant counties the last of this month.

The foundation has been laid for a new factory building at Hood River for W. A. Schaffner and A. F. Adams, who will engage in the preparation of candied fruits.

Douglas county has appropriated \$5000 for the improvement of the Crater Lake road on condition that the United States forest service contribute a like amount.

Mrs. Anna Booth was found guilty of murder in the second degree at McMinnville for killing her husband, the late William Booth, near Williams, last October.

The Greater Merchants club, Commercial club and Merchants' association, have joined in a movement to raise \$1200 to insure an up-to-date band in the city during 1916.

Ground was broken at Pendleton for the construction of a workshop for the Blawett Harvester company and it is announced that the plant will be moved from Spokane.

With the going of snow and the coming of warm weather, farmers all over central Oregon are looking forward to one of the best years they have ever experienced.

Pacific university won the state non-conference college championship when its varsity "knight" team defeated McMinnville college by the score of 22 to 12 at Forest Grove.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association has turned down orders for carloads of evergreen blackberries because of scarcity, according to J. M. Holt, the association manager.

T. L. Dillon, a mining man of Hugo, was killed, and George Barrett was injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by an extra Southern Pacific freight train.

Preparatory to constructing a jetty on the north spit of the Umpqua river, the port of Umpqua commissioners have passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds.

As a result of the appearance of another case of smallpox, making five in all, at the state prison, the quarantine against visitors to the institution has been extended for two weeks.

The county court of Coos has announced its intention of providing a fire-proof concrete building, with large vault room in which to store the valuable records of the county. The new structure will be erected in Coquille.

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

A through road from the Columbia river highway up the John Day river to the Idaho line near Ontario is proposed by L. V. Stewart, state senator from Grant, Harney and Malheur counties.

A good roads agitation has been begun in Walla Walla county. At a meeting of the commercial clubs of Walla Walla, Enterprise and Lostine, a resolution was passed favoring a bond issue of \$200,000.

With the completion of about one mile and a half of macadam road between Weston and Milton in Umatilla county there will be a continuous macadam road from Pendleton to Walla Walla.

Representative McArthur has introduced a bill to guarantee the purity of Portland's water supply by the exchange of privately-owned lands within the Bull Run reserve for other lands in the state of equal value.

All the railroads of Oregon and representatives of the organizations of railroad employees met at Salem to attend the hearing on the matter of safeguarding the railroads by removing overhead and side obstructions.

The state senate and farmers union, with the state federation of labor cooperating, have practically completed a rural credits bill for Oregon which they plan to submit through the initiative at the next general election.

Attorney-General Brown, of Oregon, intends to file an appeal in the supreme court from the decision of Judge Wolverton in the Oregon trading-stamp case. Judge Wolverton held the Oregon trading-stamp tax to be unconstitutional.

Checking the depredations of the scores and hundreds of beavers that are destroying peach and other orchard trees in the lowlands along Mary's river has become a serious problem with farmers and fruit growers of Philomath.

The public service commission has received word from the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company, that no shortage of freight cars now exists on that road, and that the company has a surplus of 215 open cars available for use.

The state fair board has decided to increase the prize money offered in the livestock department for the coming state fair by \$5000, because of the increasing interest which breeders and the public generally are showing in this feature of the fair.

Extensive improvements and enlargements in both building and machinery capacity are to be made in the Oregon factories of the Everfresh Food company. The two Oregon plants of the company are located at Hillsboro and Sutherlin.

Two trainmen were killed and a third seriously scalded in a train wreck on the Shanks branch at the Mud Hollow section-house, three miles south of Biggs. The dead are: L. K. Kater, fireman, and Joe W. Simpson, a brakeman, both of Portland.

Two of the 183 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending March 9 were fatal. They were: George March, of La Grande, killed in logging operations, and Edgar Battye, of Alameda, killed in mining operations.

Representative Hawley has introduced a bill authorizing an advance from forest receipts in Oregon of \$42,000 to build a road connecting the county road out of Grants Pass with the Oregon caves in Josephine county, the entire road lying in the Sixtyfour national forest.

Registration as reported to Secretary of State Olcott totals 87,217, the period covered being from January 1 to March 4. The registration by parties is as follows: Republicans, 57,699; democrats, 22,167; progressives, 567; prohibitionists, 1982; socialists, 2193; miscellaneous 2649.

With the consent of Jackson county, the state highway commission has decided to divert \$8000 from the amount allotted to that county for road work, for use in making a survey of the proposed road from Crater Lake to a point connecting with the Pacific Highway near Medford.

Organization of the Oregon Farmers' league was completed at Salem by representatives from the State Grange and Farmers' union. Officers elected were: J. B. Leedy, of Corvallis, president; J. D. Brown, of Arlington, vice-president; and W. K. Peery, of Dayton, secretary-treasurer.

The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union has set the prices for raw chinook salmon to prevail during the season, which will open at noon on May 1 at 6 1/2 cents a pound for fish weighing under 25 pounds each and 7 1/2 cents a pound for fish weighing 25 pounds or over.

J. H. Fleming, of Phoenix, Ariz., and T. H. Thackeray, of the Sacaton Indian school in Arizona, with Superintendent Swartzlander, of the Umatilla reservation, as members of a competency commission, are engaged in an investigation of the Indians of the Umatilla reservation to determine who among them is competent to take charge of his own affairs and take up the full rights and duties as a citizen of the United States. The members who are passed by the commission will be released as wards of the government and will be allowed to administer their own affairs.

Pessimism may be defined as that form of restricted mental vision that causes men to anticipate evils that do not happen.—Houston Post.

How Tea is Named.—In India and Ceylon teas are named according to the different leaves of the plant. The two small leaves at the tip of the shoot produce, as a rule, the best tea, known as "flowery" and "orange" pekoe. Pekoe without an adjective (literally "white down") is made from the leaf immediately below those of the orange and flowery. Next in the descending scale is the leaf of the somewhat coarser "souchong" ("little sprouts"), and lower still are larger leaves yielding congo (laborer's tea), or tea on which much labor is required to make it fit for the market, and Bobsa. Blended tea is now often described as "congo." Originally the name Bobsa was applied to any kind of black tea, it being assumed that it all came from Wui pronounced by the Chinese Bull—London Chronicle.

Excerpt of the Annual Statement of the	
NATIONAL-BEN FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Pittsburgh, Pa.,	
on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.	
Amount of capital paid up	\$1,000,000.00
Income	
Net premium received during the year	\$1,011,444.23
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	171,610.30
Income from other sources received during the year	731.44
Total income	\$1,783,786.00
Disbursements:	
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 895,560.46
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	80,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	533,235.28
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	53,614.72
Amount of all other expenditures	191,102.66
Total expenditures	\$1,659,503.18