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## TRACED DESCENT OF HORSE

Oregon Professor Left Records of His  
Researches in the Marshes  
of Oregon.

Horses of the miocene tertiary times,  
and during the pliocene age, which  
came later, roamed around the marshes  
of Oregon, according to Professor Con-  
don of the University of Oregon. A  
letter which the professor wrote to a  
woman in Nashville, Ore., thirty years  
ago, has been discovered, in which he  
referred to some of his own specimens  
of the early horse.

"There were in Oregon three or four  
species of the small horse," the pro-  
fessor wrote. "I have fragments of  
many individuals of several of these  
species. The one of which I have the  
most complete skeleton was about two  
feet high. He lived during the miocene  
tertiary times.

"My fossils would not warrant me  
in speaking of more than three hoofs  
on each foot; the center one on each  
foot being large, and the other ones  
small. Each fetlock bone furnished  
him with what was an external hoof.  
"Belonging to a later period, the illo-  
Cenozoic of the Annual Statement of the  
PEOPLES NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware, on the  
thirty-first day of December, 1919, made as  
follows:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$1,000,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year (and perpetual deposits)	1,032,176.36
Interest, dividends and rents re- ceived during the year	112,372.56
Income from other sources received during the year	49,569.77
Total income	\$1,214,118.43
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	488,913.74
Dividends paid on capital stock	50,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	379,047.27
Taxes, licenses and fees paid dur- ing the year	28,268.53
Amount of all other expenditures	184,123.59
Total expenditures	\$1,140,963.04
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (mar- ket value)	\$ 192,293.84
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	1,281,968.00
Loans on mortgages and collat- eral, etc.	493,250.00
Cash in banks and on hand	79,973.03
Prepayments in course of collection written since September 30, 1919	188,981.29
Reserve due on losses paid	1,931.52
Interest and rents due and ac- crued	19,108.00
Total assets	\$2,215,765.89
Less special deposits in any state	19,108.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$2,206,657.89
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 112,462.88
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	804,794.47
All other liabilities	17,350.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of cap- ital stock of \$1,000,000.00	\$934,607.45
Less special deposits in any state	19,108.00
Total liabilities admitted in Oregon	\$915,499.45
BRIEFING IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 5,172.42
Losses incurred during the year	537.21
Reserve incurred during the year	728.27

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,  
E. B. STOKES, President,  
M. B. YATER, Secretary,  
Statutory resident attorney for service  
FRANK E. DODD, Portland, Oregon.

ence, I have other horse remains. The  
older classification gives the name Hip-  
parion to the pliocene horse. The side  
hoofs of this animal were still exten-  
sive, and therefore, to some extent, func-  
tional. These horses multiplied in  
species, as well as in numbers, varying  
in size until the horse proper, or equus,  
came on the stage with only rudimen-  
tary fragments of the metatarsal  
bones of the side hoofs provided for.

**Insects That Walk on Water.**  
Insects that walk on the water by  
means of pneumatic floats are the  
familiar spider and the pond skater.  
The pond skater really walks on  
pneumatic floats. There are tiny hairs  
on the feet of this insect, so fine that  
they cannot be seen, that are arranged  
to collect air. The amount collected in  
and about these hairs is sufficient  
to allow the insects to walk or float  
on the surface of the water. As each  
foot is put down it forms a cuplike de-  
pression, or tiny pit, in the water. The  
foot does not sink because the air  
bubble that has been formed is too  
light to let it. A fine covering of hair  
protects the water spider, too, and even  
if it is submerged in the water it is  
never really wet; the hair keeps a lay-  
er of air between its body and the  
water. It looks like a white pearl  
when below the surface.

**All That is Left of the Mastodon.**  
An early find of mastodon bones  
from Shawanunk, Ulster county, New  
York, was presented to the University  
of Virginia by Thomas Jefferson,  
third president of the United States,  
who, like Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-  
sixth president, was an enthusiastic  
naturalist. It is noted by natural his-  
torians that after the great transconti-  
ental glacier receded large marshes were  
left in the region where these bones  
were unearthed, and in them these ani-  
mals frequently became mired. Both  
Ulster and Orange counties have been  
prolific in mastodon remains. The  
Warren mastodon, dug up near New-  
burgh in 1845, and now in the American  
museum, is the most perfect skeleton  
so far found. Bones are frequently  
turned up by farmers, and the best  
ones have even included hair, long,  
dense and shaggy, and of dark golden-  
brown color.

**What's in a Name?**  
"Missus—Let me see! What's your  
name?"  
"Maid—Minnle, mum."  
"Missus—Well, Minnle, if you'll  
only do the maximum of work, you'll  
suit!"—TH. Bitts.  
**The Result.**  
"My wife undertook to make me  
some of this new 'bee' wine."  
"What happened?"  
"I was stung!"

## WOULD TAKE OVER GERMAN TRADE

Washington.—A plan under which  
American steamship companies would  
take over and operate with American  
ships the 60 pre-war world trade routes  
of the Hamburg-American line is be-  
ing worked out by the shipping board,  
subject, it is understood, to the ap-  
proval of the German company.

The proposal was approved by the  
senate commerce committee, 10 to 4,  
after Chairman Payne had explained  
it in executive session.

Both Chairman Jones and Mr. Payne  
said the board would not be a party  
to the proposed arrangements with the  
Hamburg-American line; that its part  
merely would be to furnish ships,  
either through sale or lease and to lend  
its cooperation in obtaining this busi-  
ness for American shipping interests.  
It was said that any arrangement  
made would be a co-operative one, that  
the Hamburg-American line had the  
port facilities for handling its pre-war  
business, but was without ships. The  
routes, which the American companies  
will take over include not only those  
between Germany and the United  
States, but also those to South Ameri-  
ca, the orient and other parts of the  
world.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Secretary Houston has announced  
that no further loans would be made  
to the allies.

Vermont advocates of license added  
nearly 100 towns in the town meetings  
held recently.

The French government has acquired  
the patents to a new gun which has a  
range three to four times that of the  
German "big Bertha."

Since January 1 emigration has ex-  
ceeded immigration by 300, it was de-  
clared by Representative Isaac Siegel  
of the house immigration committee.

The commission appointed by Presi-  
dent Wilson to settle the coal strike  
has split definitely on the questions  
of wage increases and hours of work.

The loss to the government as a re-  
sult of the supreme court's decision,  
declaring stock dividends not taxable  
as income, will be nearly half a billion  
dollars.

The Montana state railroad commis-  
sion will oppose the plan of the state  
of Washington to construct the Colum-  
bia basin reclamation project, embrac-  
ing land in eastern Washington.

## 14,000 SOLDIERS NOW IN GERMANY

Washington.—There are approxi-  
mately 14,000 soldiers now in German  
territory, it was stated at the war de-  
partment, and these forces are under  
the supreme command of Marshal  
Foch, under the terms of the armistice.

The American army of occupation  
numbers 85,000 men, under the com-  
mand of Major General Henry T. Allen,  
and there are 6000 additional  
troops under Brigadier General Wil-  
liam H. Sage, sent into German terri-  
tory to supervise the Silesian pleb-  
iscite.

It was the opinion of officials that  
American or allied forces could not  
be used unless the German revolution-  
ists should take steps which threat-  
ened violation of the terms under  
which the allied forces of occupation  
are in Germany.

## REVOLUTION NO SURPRISE

Test of Strength of German Factions  
Long Held Inevitable.

Washington.—News of the revolu-  
tion in Germany sustained the con-  
viction of some officials and diplomats  
here that a test of strength between  
the socialists and the military and  
conservative elements was inevitable.

They said the military and conserva-  
tive parties had seized upon every  
demand of the armistice and peace  
terms to goad the pride of the Ger-  
man people into resistance and had  
not found it difficult to fasten re-  
sponsibility for acceptance of these  
terms on the Ebert government.

Members of the Oregon public ser-  
vice commission will go to Bend on  
March 23, where they will conduct a  
hearing with reference to an applica-  
tion of the Central Oregon Irrigation  
company for an increase in mainten-  
ance rates.

Extravagance in dress will be elimi-  
nated from the Roseburg high school,  
according to a vote taken by the girls  
of the student body, when 180 cast  
their ballots in favor of uniform dress  
regulations, while only 16 favored the  
old order of things.

Two deaths, numerous injuries, sev-  
eral wrecks and machines and a number  
of arrests on charges of reckless driv-  
ing were among results of nearly 40  
automobile accidents reported to the  
Portland police for the 24-hour period  
closing Sunday night.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Pendleton and other towns in Umattilla  
county are to have fire surveys  
made during the week.

Andrew J. Foster was nominated by  
President Wilson to be receiver of pub-  
lic moneys at Lakeview.

For the first time in 12 years the  
Baker county jail was empty five con-  
secutive days last week.

L. C. Cavanaugh, 65 years old, re-  
tired hop grower and stock raiser,  
dropped dead in the Central cigar  
store at Salem.

Creswell, Lane county, has a post of  
the American Legion, the veterans of  
that part of the county having organ-  
ized Friday night.

A farmers' extension school, deal-  
ing with poultry, dairying and crop  
management, was held at Canyonville  
Friday and Saturday.

A strong sentiment is developing in  
Hood River county for a bond issue to  
pave a loop valley road connecting  
Odell and Hood River.

Rosee Dorsey died in the Wallowa  
hospital as the result of wounds from  
pocket knives in the hands of two of  
his playmates a few weeks ago. He  
was 15 years of age.

Eight thousand acres of public land  
at Tule lake will be farmed this year  
by lessees of the government. The  
highest price per acre will be \$12.25 as  
against \$5 last year.

Practically all workers in the state  
are employed at present and there  
will be a serious shortage of labor  
by June 1, according to W. H. Fitz-  
gerald, federal director of employment.

Kenneth H. Day, salesman of a  
big New York firm, who is making a  
survey of The Dalles fruit district,  
predicts that fruit will be higher than  
ever on account of the small California  
crop.

A large quantity of tri-nitro-tolual  
allotted to the Oregon state highway  
commission by the war department for  
use in road construction has been  
ordered shipped from Camp Lewis,  
Wash.

A movement has been started in  
Grant county to create a new county  
out of the northern portion to include  
the towns of Hamilton, Range, Fox,  
Granite, Austin, Long Creek and Su-  
sanville.

State Prohibition Agent Frank Davis  
of Baker was arrested on a westbound  
train at The Dalles on information tel-  
eographed ahead by the conductor and  
was placed in the city jail charged  
with drunkenness.

Work of completing the grading of  
the Hood River-Mozer stretch of the  
Columbia river highway is being de-  
layed by broken steam shovels. Two  
of the big excavating implements are  
laid up for repairs.

The Florence Electric company has  
filed an application with the Oregon  
public service commission for an in-  
crease in rates. The minimum charge  
is now \$1, and the corporation asks  
that it be increased to \$1.50.

A vocational training school for all  
those who have not as yet completed  
their eighth grade work and have  
dropped out of school to go to work  
will be opened in the La Grande high  
school building in the near future.

The chief of the United States  
weather bureau has declined to estab-  
lish a weather station at Oregon Agri-  
cultural college, Corvallis, asserting  
that it was impracticable, also im-  
possible by reason of lack of funds.

Klamath county sheepraisers will  
meet at Merrill, March 17, in confer-  
ence with Dr. H. E. Armstrong, federal  
livestock inspector, to consider  
methods of combating the spread of  
scabies among southern Oregon flocks.

Every available certified Burbank  
and White Rose seed potato in Oregon,  
aggregating more than 1000 sacks, has  
been purchased by Marion county  
ranchers, according to a report filed  
with the county community federation.

W. D. Barnes, county judge of Des-  
chutes county, has resigned his office,  
according to announcement made by  
Governor Olcott. Robert W. Sawyer,  
a Bend newspaperman, was named  
by the executive as Mr. Barnes' suc-  
cessor.

In a pitched battle lasting for 20  
minutes in The Dalles city jail, Frank  
Heater, police chief, was knocked un-  
conscious and was locked in the cell  
corridor with James McClaskey, patrol-  
man, by two recalcitrant youths who  
escape from the city battle was frus-  
trated by the timely arrival of Sheriff  
Henderson of Kilekitt county and  
John Crawford of Grand Dalles.

The most extensive realty deal pur-  
through in recent years was the pur-  
chase at Bandon by a company com-  
posed of officials of the Nestle's Food  
company, of the A. H. Thrift estate  
dairy ranch at Langlois. The purchas-  
ers are E. G. McCoy of Portland, H. J.  
Conlin, D. D. Warner and George P.  
Laird of Bandon. The ranch consists  
of 840 acres lying along the coast. The  
sale price was \$72,000, which included  
100 dairy cows.

Approximately 1000 real estate owners  
in Oregon have filed applications  
for licenses for 1920, according to a  
report prepared by G. V. Johnson, who  
is in charge of the real estate depart-  
ment of the insurance commissioner's  
office. Last year the applications for  
licenses totaled 1539.

Twenty-two alleged violations of  
federal prohibition laws are included  
in the final report of the November  
term federal grand jury in Portland,  
which was discharged Saturday. Ren-  
dering its report to Federal Judge Bean,  
the grand jurors returned 37 true bills,  
five not true bills and four secret.

Thirteen districts in Yamhill county  
were represented in a meeting at Mc-  
Minville for the organization of the  
Yamhill County Public Forum, the  
object of which is the "free and open  
discussion and action on all public  
questions." It is non-partisan in char-  
acter, yet political discussion will be  
permitted.

A ten days' fair for the year 1920  
and ultimately a free gate are under  
consideration by the state fair board,  
and it is expected that some action to  
this end may be taken in the near  
future. The report of the fair board  
shows that all indebtedness has been  
paid and there remains in the treasury  
a small balance.

W. W. Cryder, for six years super-  
visor of the Umattilla national forest,  
with headquarters in Pendleton has  
been named superintendent of the  
Malheur forest and will succeed Su-  
pervisor C. J. Bingham, at John Day,  
on March 1. J. C. Kuhns of Walla  
Walla, supervisor of the Wenaha forest,  
will have charge of the Umatilla  
reserve after the change.

The machinery for the first time  
of the Astoria Flouring Mill company  
new plant is said to be working per-  
fectly and is now grinding at the  
rate of approximately 1400 barrels of  
flour daily. Within the coming few  
weeks this output will be increased to  
over 1900. The machinery for the  
second unit should be ready for op-  
eration in about 30 days.

With \$1200 indorsed by the school  
directors of Umattilla county as the  
minimum salary for teachers and a  
strong sentiment among them for the  
two mill tax levy for school purposes,  
two steps toward better local educa-  
tional facilities are believed to have  
been taken. The directors have  
agreed against competitive bidding  
for services of teachers within the  
county.

Titles involving five sawmills and  
logging equipment, together with 160  
acres of timber, passed from the Grove  
Lumber company to a Roseburg com-  
pany composed of Charles McElhinney,  
R. L. Whipple and Ernest Whipple. A  
large amount of lumber also goes with  
the mills, and the total property is  
worth approximately \$50,000, it is said.  
The sawmills have a capacity of 15,000-  
feet daily each.

A member of the legislature of 1919  
cannot legally be named master fish  
warden, according to an opinion by  
Attorney General Brown, given at the  
request of State Game Warden Shoe-  
maker. The 1919 legislature, Brown  
points out, permits increasing the  
salary of the master fish warden, thus  
raising a bar to the naming of a mem-  
ber to that post. The same conditions,  
he says, obtain in the positions of  
deputy fish and game wardens.

Members of the state irrigation se-  
curities commission certified to \$40,-  
000 worth of bonds issued by the En-  
terprise irrigation district in Klamath  
county and \$106,000 worth of bonds  
authorized by the Grants Pass irriga-  
tion district in Josephine county. The  
Enterprise district comprises approxi-  
mately 2400 acres, while in the Grants  
Pass district there are included 8000  
acres. Development work on both pro-  
jects is in progress.

A determination to get better dairy  
cows through the organization of a  
Jersey bull association, the elimina-  
tion of rodents and vermin, the pro-  
duction of better crops through soil  
improvement, constituted the program  
of work adopted by the Nashville com-  
munity farm bureau which organized  
at Toledo. The women's meeting, pre-  
sided over by Miss Lane and Miss Biles  
of the Oregon Agricultural college, was  
well attended. Home demonstration  
work was new to the Toledo ladies.

The State Taxpayers' league which  
held a meeting in Portland denounced  
the united land and labor league as  
socialistic, undemocratic and a menace  
to the state of Oregon. Attending the  
meeting were representative men from  
all sections of Oregon, and there was  
a considerable sprinkling of members  
of the legislature. The Resolutions  
adopted: Indorsed 1.26 mills tax bill  
for support and maintenance of Ore-  
gon Agricultural college, University of  
Oregon and State Normal school. In-  
dorsed soldiers', sailors and marines'  
millage tax educational bill. Indorsed  
4 per cent road bonding amendment  
to the constitution. Indorsed 2 mill  
tax bill for support of elementary  
schools of the state. Indorsed plan for  
divided session of the state legislature.  
Adopted resolutions denouncing Land  
and Labor party and Non-Partisan  
League, and outlined plans to oppose  
them throughout the state. Adopted  
resolutions opposing attempt to repeal  
the 6 per cent limitation amendment to  
the constitution.

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