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OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of
Past Week Briefly Com-
piled for Our Readers.

One of the most spectacular fires in
years, which for a time threatened
the main business section of The
Dalles, destroyed two large ware-
houses bordering on an alley back of
Second street, at a total loss of \$35,
000.

The gasoline fishing boat Nema-
mosha, owned by the Burke Fish com-
pany, was run down in the Columbia
river entrance in a dense fog by the
Oregon-Oriental freighter West No-
mentum and two members of her crew
were drowned.

Sales of mills of the West Coast
Lumbermen's association held up well,
according to report just issued for the
week ending June 20, when the aggre-
gate bookings of 113 reporting mills
was 110,821,935 feet. The new business
was 3 per cent above manufactures,
which amounted to 107,376,627 feet.
Shipments aggregating 117,850,139 feet
were 6 per cent above bookings.

All individuals, firms and corpora-
tions taking sand and gravel from the
navigable streams in Oregon will be
required to pay royalty to the state
at the rate of 10 cents a cubic yard.

This was announced by the state land
board after it had entered into con-
tracts with eight corporations in Port-
land which are desirous of obtaining
sand and gravel from the Willamette
river.

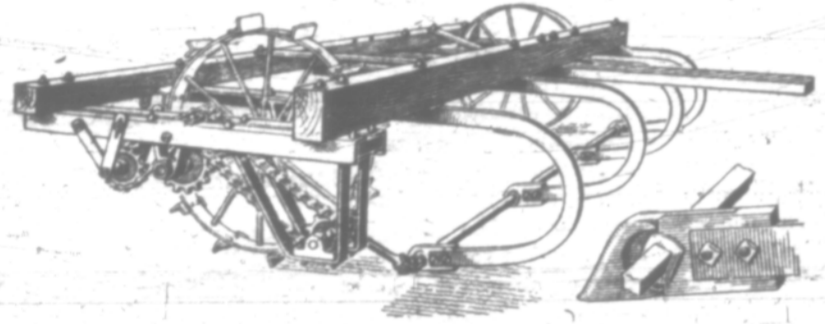
At a special election held at Falls
City to authorize the sale of the munici-
pal light plant there were 67 ballots
cast for the sale and 26 against. By
this election the mayor and city coun-
cil are authorized to accept the offer
of \$15,000 cash and lights for street
purposes to the value of \$750 a year
for two years following the transfer,
made by the Mountain States Power
company.

Manufactured products made in
Oregon establishments in 1923 showed
an increase in value on the basis of
factory price of more than \$146,000,
000, or 62.7 per cent, over those of
1921, the department of commerce an-
nounced in making public a summary
of the biennial census of manufactur-
ers for this state. The aggregate
value of Oregon manufactures in 1923,
according to the department, was
\$383,912,000 as compared with \$238,
664,000 in 1921.

A campaign against the white pine
blister in Jackson county is being con-
ducted by T. D. Mallory and R. B.
Fehren of the Oregon Agricultural col-
lege, under direction of the depart-
ment of agriculture. The cultivated
English black currant and the wild
gooseberry are the objects of attack.
A force of 30 men are now camped
at Woodruff Meadows engaged in de-
stroying gooseberry and black currant
bushes. The war on the fungus will
be waged until snow falls.

The Rotary Rod Weeder

Manufactured in Cheney, Washington



The Rotary Rod Weeder & Mfg Co. of Cheney,
Washington, was established in 1912. Since that
time they have built nothing but Rotary Rod
Weeders. This company originated the Rotary
Rod Weeder and while imitations are appearing
on the market, you can buy the best value for
your money from these pioneer builders of the
most valuable farm implement placed on the
market in recent years.

The Moro Hardware & Implement Co. carry a
complete line of Rotary Rod Weeders and re-
pairs. The new machines, guaranteed to please
you, can be seen at the Moro Hardware & Im-
plement Co. warehouse. Ask N. W. Thompson
to explain this guarantee.



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GASOLINE
UNION OIL COMPANY
OF
CALIFORNIA

DR. C. H. ERDMAN



Dr. Charles R. Erdman, professor of
theology in Princeton Theological
seminary, who was elected moderator
of the Presbyterian general assembly
in Columbus, Ohio.

\$100,000 LIQUOR CARGO IS SEIZED

South Bend, Wash.—From the deck
of an ordinary and common-place ap-
pearing gravel barge, moored in the
placid waters of Landerback slough,
a secluded estuary of Willapa river,
\$100,000 worth of rare old peach
brandy and mellow Scotch whiskey
was ruthlessly poured to be borne by
the tide of the sea.

Under the direction of F. A. Hazeltine,
divisional prohibition director, a
wrecking crew smashed bottles and
poured the liquor over the side of the
barge. More than 1000 cases were so
destroyed, having been seized in a raid.
Alme Smith, at whose boat yard the
barge was found by the federal of-
ficers, and Tom Carson were under
arrest on a charge of "possessing
liquor."

According to Hazeltine, who took
charge of the situation after the raid
had been made by George H. Hurl-
bert and two other agents, the first
steps in breaking up a gigantic run-
ning had been taken.

The seizure was one of the largest
ever made in the Pacific northwest.

BANK ROBBERS CONVICTED

Bank Holdups Found Guilty of First
Degree Murder.

Tacoma, Wash. — Charles Kinney
and Arden Lloyd, both of Seattle, were
found guilty here of the murder of
Harry Schmidt, who was slain Feb-
ruary 7 during a bank holdup. The
jury was out 19 hours.

The verdict was one of first de-
gree murder without recommendation
for the death penalty.

The decision was reached on the
positive identification of the prisoners
by 11 witnesses of the robbery of the
Thirty-eighth-street branch of the Na-
tional Bank of Tacoma, in which
Harry Schmidt was shot down in cold
blood and his money satchel ruthlessly
snatched from his stiffening fingers
by his murderer, who the jury found
to be Lloyd.

CO-OPERATIVE SALES URGED BY JARDINE

Portland, Or.—Co-operative market-
ing and a strict businesslike admin-
istration of agricultural affairs, said
William M. Jardine, secretary of agri-
culture, in an address at the Portland
Chamber of Commerce, will prove the
salvation of the American farmer.

"It is a firm believer in co-opera-
tive marketing," said Mr. Jardine. "I
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posed would not, in my opinion, help
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has been the bane of the farmer
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"The farmer must learn to sell his
products; to merchandise the stock of
the soil as the merchant merchandises
his stock of manufactured goods
and as Gary markets his steel."

IDAHO TO HAVE NEW LINE

Railroad to Cost \$30,000,000 Will Tap
Big Timber Belt.

Minneapolis.—Construction of a \$3,
000,000 40-mile line of railroad in the
Clearwater timber district of Idaho to
serve the largest white pine lumber
mill in the Pacific northwest has been
announced by Charles Donnelly, presi-
dent of the Northern Pacific railway.

CALIFORNIA ROCKED BY EARTH TREMBLOR

Santa Barbara Suffers Loss
of Life and Property
Damage Heavy.

Santa Barbara, Cal. — A series of
earthquakes, described by survivors as
rocking and swaying the business cen-
ter of Santa Barbara as if it were a
turbulent ocean, early Monday left the
principal structures of the city a mass
of debris and ruins. The loss of life
was not large, due to the tremor oc-
curring at 6:44 o'clock in the morning
and also to the mass of ruins falling
in the second earthquake some 15
minutes after the first tremor.

Estimates of the loss vary from \$3,
000,000, a "conservative" figure by the
city manager, to \$30,000,000, a figure
quoted by the city engineer. Indica-
tions were that 12 lives were lost,
although this rested upon the recov-
ery of several bodies asserted to be
in the ruins.

State street, the main thoroughfare,
was left a ghastly avenue of ruin, por-
tions of its most stately buildings hav-
ing been tumbled down, and cornices,
walls and fronts of practically all
principal structures shattered down.

The earthquakes continued through-
out the day. They menaced the water
supply by crashing out the dam of
Sheffield reservoir, but a by-pass has
been established to a main reservoir
back in the hills and water provided
for the city.

Throughout the residential districts,
particularly in the east side, the small-
er frame houses in many cases were
knocked askew by the tremor, some
with fronts fallen out, chimneys and
gables gone and yards flooded by the
broken water mains.

Another slight tremor struck this
city at 5:45 a. m. Tuesday.

The night and early morning were
punctuated by two other severe trem-
bles which again rocked the city at
1:22 and 4:39 a. m. The first of these
brought down one of the remaining
chimneys of the Arlington hotel and
also completed the wrecking of a
couple of small brick buildings which
had been badly damaged in the quake
of Monday morning. As the hotel
chimney came crashing down there
were cries of searchers sought
safety in flight, but returned to their
labor almost before the dust of the
smash had cleared away.

The quake was general throughout
Southern California but apparently
centered at Santa Barbara, where the
damage and loss of life was greatest.

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The line will run northeast from
Orofino, Idaho, and will be constructed
by the Northern Pacific and Union
Pacific railroads to serve the Clear-
water Timber company, a Weyerhaeuser
interest, who are planning to erect
a huge lumber mill at Lewiston, Idaho.
Work on the new line will start
this fall, Mr. Donnelly said. He also
announced that the Union Pacific and
his line may construct another line
from Bend to Klamath Falls, Or., an-
other heavily timbered district.

JAMES J. STORROW



James J. Storrow of Boston, who
was elected president of the Boy
Scouts of America at the annual meet-
ing in New York.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS FOR YEAR IS HUGE

Washington, D. C.—The federal gov-
ernment finished the fiscal year Tues-
day with a surplus in excess of \$345,
000,000, nearly \$50,000,000 greater than
any previous estimate and more than
twice as large as was calculated when
the year began.

Another phase of treasury opera-
tions that gave rise to feelings of sat-
isfaction was the continued upward
trend of receipts from income taxes.

Despite the reductions in tax
rates which have been effective
throughout the current fiscal year,
total internal revenue receipts are ex-
pected to fall only about \$220,000,000
below the receipts for the last fiscal
year, which totaled \$3,975,912,000.

Total receipts to June 15 of this year
were roughly \$3,750,000,000. Since re-
ceipts from income taxes thus far
are only about \$30,000,000 below those
for 1924, it thus becomes obvious that
the shrinkage in the revenues has
been in the miscellaneous group and
as a result of the abolition of certain
taxes.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

President Coolidge appointed Alfred
J. Pearson of Iowa to be American
minister to Finland.

As the result of a coup, General
Pangalos, ex-war minister, overthrew
the Greek cabinet and established a
new government under Pangalos' pre-
miership.

Abolishment of 294 positions in the
field service bureau of Indian affairs
on July 1, with an annual saving of
\$227,905 in its payroll, was announced
by the secretary of the interior.

John W. Mahan of Helena, Mont.,
was elected national commander, and
Atlanta, Ga., was selected for the 1925
convention city by the Disabled Amer-
ican Veterans of the World War at
the concluding session of the conven-
tion held in Omaha.

The first step toward putting France
back on gold basis was taken when
senate and chamber of deputies voted
approval of Caillaux financial bill in-
creasing paper circulation by 6,000,
000,000 francs and providing credits of
3,229,000,000 francs for current needs
of government.

Seismograph Shows Quake in Spokane
Spokane, Wash. — A severe earth-
quake disturbance which was felt dis-
tinctly in Spokane was registered on
the seismograph at Gonzaga univer-
sity at 5:25 Saturday afternoon. Ac-
cording to A. M. Jung, observer of
the Gonzaga seismograph, it was
evidently close to Spokane. The dis-
turbance continued for some time
after the first shock. The quake was
felt distinctly in all parts of the city.

La Follette's Estate Small
Madison, Wis.—Senator Robert M.
La Follette's will, offered for probate
in county court here names his widow
as sole beneficiary and executrix. The
senator's debts including the mort-
gage on the homestead are estimated
in the petition at \$29,000, his personal
property at \$20,000 and his real es-
tate, which is the homestead, at \$48,
000.

Pierce Veto Is Sustained.
Salem, Or.—In an oral opinion hand-
ed down, the supreme court sustained
Governor Pierce in his veto of the bill
passed by the last legislature calling
for a special election on referendum
measures in September.

Chaplin Father of 6 1/2 Pound Boy.
Beverly Hills, Cal.—The birth of a
6 1/2-pound son to Mrs. Lita Grey Chap-
lin, wife of the film comedian, Charles
Spencer Chaplin, was announced by
spokesmen for the actor here Sunday.

MONTANA SHAKEN BY A SERIES OF QUAKE

No Lives Lost but Property
Damage Pinned at
\$500,000.

Helena, Mont. — As the task of
checking up damage done by earth-
quakes throughout Montana over three
days proceeded, indications were that
total property damage would not ex-
ceed \$500,000.

Although shocks were reported Mon-
day from Helena, Great Falls, Billings,
Roseman, Logan, Three Forks and
Manhattan, none was severe enough to
cause additional damage.

Residents of the Gallatin valley, the
apparent center of the earthquake
which shook four states Saturday
night and Sunday fastidiously remain-
ed out in the wide open spaces Mon-
day, looking back at about \$500,000
worth of ruins—the aggregate cost of
the tremor.

It was a whimsical earthquake. No
one was killed. Nearly a score of
buildings cracked and fell. There
were a half dozen landslides. A crevice
extending at irregular intervals from
Manhattan to Three Forks, a distance
of ten miles, remains as one of the
scars caused by the quake. The Lomb-
ard tunnel of the Chicago, Milwaukee
& St. Paul railroad suffered a cave-in.

The quake began about 6:22 o'clock
Saturday night. Thousands of persons
in Butte, Great Falls, Billings, Liv-
ingston, Missoula, Helena and other
cities and towns were thrown into a
near-panic and rushed clear of build-
ings. The shocks continued intermit-
tently until well after 10 o'clock. Sun-
day there were slight recurrences at
Three Forks, White Sulphur Springs
and Anaconda.

Three Forks, Manhattan and Logan,
all near the junction of Madison, Gal-
latia and Jefferson rivers, which form
the source of the Missouri, sustained
the greatest loss. The courthouse at
White Sulphur Springs fell and sev-
eral smaller structures were demolish-
ed. The loss there will exceed \$100,
000, it is said, and Three Forks, where
the damage was greater, lost about
\$200,000 repairs say.

Leaning walls and twisted buildings
in Manhattan and Three Forks re-
ports will have to be razed by dynamite
in order to forestall danger.

LANDSLIDE CREATES LAKE

Geography of Jackson's Hole Region
Permanently Changed.

Jackson, Wyo.—The geography of
the famous Jackson's Hole region was
permanently changed by a gigantic
landslide, forest officials say. The
Gros Ventre valley above the natural
dam, formed when the north end of
Sheep mountain crashed into it, is de-
stined to become a lake more than a
mile in width, six to seven miles long
and nearly 200 feet deep. It will take
four weeks, it is estimated, for the
river to fill the lake. The slide was
preceded by earth tremors.

A section of the Teton national forest
was smashed to splinters, several
herds of cattle swept away and many
buildings lost, the advices said.

Coolidge Opposed to Tariff Reduction

Swampscott, Mass.—President Coolidge
has no sympathy with recent sug-
gestions from abroad that this coun-
try curtail production and lower its
tariff in order to assist Germany to
pay reparations and other nations to
pay their international debts. It was
stated officially at the summer White
House here. The president regards
such suggestions as a repetition of
previous efforts to persuade the people
of the United States themselves
to pay the reparations cost or to cancel
debts.

Ex-Army Men As Dry Officers

Washington, D. C. — Retired and
former United States army and navy
officers may form the backbone of
the administration's new prohibition
enforcement system, it was learned at
the treasury department. General L.
C. Andrews, field marshal of prohibi-
tion, who is reorganizing enforcement
under plans approved by President
Coolidge, announced that qualifica-
tions being equal he will select ex-
military men as district administra-
tors in preference to civilians.

Chinese Note Sent State Department

Washington, D. C.—The Peking
provisional government has transmitted
to the state department a duplicate
copy of its latest communication to
the diplomatic representatives in
China requesting among other things
action which would pave the way for
renunciation by foreign nations of
extra-territorial rights there.

Kidnapers Felled in \$50,000 Plot

San Francisco, Cal.—An attempt to
extort \$50,000 from D. C. Jackling,
wealthy Utah and San Francisco cap-
italist, through a reported plot to kid-
nap his wife, was foiled by Jackling
and the police. Eliza Baker, a stu-
dent at the University of California
and Russell Crawford were held in
connection with the alleged plot.