

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

William Middlestadt was severely injured at Corvallis when a house fell upon him. He was moving the house when a part of the mover's mechanism slipped and let the house fall upon him, resulting in a broken collarbone, two fractured legs and a badly injured kneecap.

F. J. Meindl, attorney of Portland, has purchased the grand champion junior bull at the Oregon state fair of 1920, and has placed the animal on the Lazelle farm at Twilight in Clackamas county, the former home of Mrs. Meindl. The animal was from Tillamook county.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending October 7, according to the report of the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Harry Lund, camp foreman, of Cochran. A total of 561 accidents were reported during the week.

Argument has been heard by the state supreme court in the suit of the Union Fisheries company of Astoria to enjoin the state fish and game commission from enforcing the law regulating fishing outside the Columbia river beyond the three-mile limit during the closed season.

Application covering the storage of 1,600,000 acre feet of water in the upper Klamath lake for the irrigation of lands and development of power in California has been filed with Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, by Roy E. Swigart, president of the Shasta valley irrigation project of Montague, Cal.

The largest one-day sale and the highest average price ever received for Rogue River valley pears was made in New York, when 13 cars were sold for \$37,868, or an average of nearly \$3000 a car. One car of Anjous from Bear Creek orchard sold for \$3869, or an average of \$4 a half box.

A heavy wind storm which struck Shelburn wrecked a prune dryer, twisted the Catholic church there partially off its foundation, damaged two other buildings, blew down a silo, uprooted about 100 fruit trees and snapped or blew down a number of fir and oak trees. The total damage is estimated at nearly \$4000.

Seven hundred and three names appear on Oregon's official slacker list, which has been obtained by George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, from the federal government. The list is being checked with all available state records to remove any possibility of injustice when the names are released for information of the public.

Employment of an inspector to assist in eliminating a disease commonly known as sour brood, which threatens to destroy the bee industry in Marion county, was sought by a committee of prominent Turner and Silverton men who conferred with Count Judge Bushey. It is said that in some instances whole apiaries have been destroyed.

The constitution for the projected Oregon Farm Bureau Federation has been worked out and will be submitted for consideration at a convention of county farm bureau officials to be called by Paul V. Maris, director of the agricultural college extension service, to meet in Portland not later than November 15. This is the second step recently taken by representatives of the county farm bureaus to unite the county organizations in a state-wide association.

Outstanding features in the working out of the new scheme of national defense as affecting Oregon are—Assignment of headquarters of the 41st division to Portland; assignment of headquarters of an infantry brigade to Oregon, with the entire brigade, less one battalion, to be located in Oregon, and command to be reposed in a qualified Oregon officer; twelve additional infantry units, an observation squadron, with 13 airplanes, several artillery units and smaller headquarters company and formations of special troops, including a motorcycle company.

Purchase by the state of an irregular strip of timber land along the Seaside-Cannon Beach highway from the Crown Willamette Paper company and other owners as the most effective means of preserving the scenic beauties of that highway was the recommendation contained in a report submitted to W. B. Ayer of Portland by F. A. Elliott, state forester; C. E. Chapman of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, and George

H. Cecil, district forester, with headquarters in Portland. Mr. Ayer is chairman of the committee appointed some time ago by Governor Olcott to investigate and devise plans for conserving the forests abutting Oregon's scenic highways.

Elvie D. Kerby and John L. Rathie, convicted of first degree murder by a circuit court jury at Pendleton, were sentenced to be hanged at the state penitentiary Friday, December 3, by Circuit Judge Phelps.

With Bishop Shepard of Portland as the principal speaker, formal services attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$40,000 Methodist Episcopal church were held in Bend Wednesday afternoon.

The Pacific Power & Light company, with headquarters in Portland, has filed application with the Oregon public service commission for permission to increase fares on its traction lines at Astoria from 5 to 7 cents.

Judges and clerks of election will hereafter receive an additional compensation of \$1 a day for their services rendered in Douglas county, the county court having ordered that this sum be given for meals in addition to the \$3 provided by law.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has sent to all county clerks in Oregon instructions to make provision on the ballots at the November election for the election of a justice of the supreme court to succeed A. S. Bennett, resigned, and an attorney-general to succeed George M. Brown, who was appointed by Governor Olcott to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Bennett's resignation.

Postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Maggie L. Demaris, Barnes, Crook county; Belle M. Ladd, Geneva, Jefferson county; Sidney E. West, Lower Bridge, Deschutes county.

The day of the great naval review off Port Melbourne, on the occasion of the prince of Wales' visit, was also memorable in a minor way for the triumph of Victorian railway organization. Electric trains carried 55,000 sightseers, in about four and one-half hours, to and from Port Melbourne, a total distance of four miles. Only five trains were utilized for the whole service, yet it was possible to maintain a service of trains at intervals of less than three minutes. Thus the huge crowd was handled without a hitch.

LONG LOST USE OF WINGS

Ground Parrot, Found Only in New Zealand, Interesting to the Student of Evolution.

The wingless birds of New Zealand are particularly interesting to the nature student as illustrating the process of evolution. Nowhere but in their native land could these birds have survived, and, therefore, nowhere else would they have become wingless. New Zealand is the only region on earth where there are no destructive animals. Being unable to fly, the birds could not, of course, have escaped from any swift-shooting animals such as abound in all other lands. It is interesting to note that the kakapo, or ground parrot, once had the use of its wings, but being a grass seed feeder and finding no enemies on the ground gradually ceased to fly and eventually lost the use of its wings entirely, though it can run very swiftly. These birds are so gentle and so unconscious of having any enemies that if a person sits down near one and keeps quiet it will presently tuck its head under its wing and go to sleep. The kakapo breeds but once in two years, and the mother bird carefully hides the nest from her mate, though why she does so is unknown, the male showing no desire to harm the eggs or young birds. In this infrequent breeding is demonstrated nature's thoughtfulness—having no destructive enemies the kakapo would multiply to too great numbers if the breeding season occurred as frequently as with other birds.

Raising Bamboo in Louisiana.

The department of agriculture tells the people of this country that experiments in Louisiana show that Chinese and Japanese bamboo may be grown there and that the cultivation of some varieties may be profitable.

Mention is made, for instance, of *Phyllostachys pubescens*, which one may eat as a salad when the shoots are six or eight inches above the ground, or which may be used for timber later, as the "shoots" reach a height of from 90 to 70 feet in three weeks.

The bamboo, we are told, may be used in building operations or for telephone poles or spars, hence it is recommended as a source of wealth to those who live in southern Louisiana. It may be profitable to them, but folks in the North feel that the Louisiana residents will find it more profitable to continue to raise sugar cane and the price of sugar, remarks the Hartford *Connecticut*.

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WOULD YOU, AS A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN OF OREGON, PLACE SUCH
A SIGN ON THE BORDERS OF THE STATE?

That is exactly what you will help to do if you do nothing to prevent the passage of measure No. 314 and 315 on the November ballot entitled, "Constitutional Amendment Fixing Legal Rate of Interest in Oregon."

This measure proposes to limit the rate of interest in Oregon to 5 per cent. You can, by law, fix the rate of interest in Oregon, but you cannot, by law, force the loaning of money in this state, when a much higher rate can be secured elsewhere. The passage of this measure would force the withdrawal of the millions of foreign capital which is today loaned on factories, business and real estate in the state and send your local money owners outside the state to better investments.

Passage of this measure would mean foreclosure of thousands of mortgages; would result in financial paralysis, and would mean widespread unemployment.

You, no doubt, understand the viciousness of this measure, but have you talked to your neighbors and friends about it? We urge you to do everything you can to defeat this measure. Oregon's reputation as a sound state for investments requires that this measure be overwhelmingly defeated.

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