

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Company G is Recruited**  
Dallas—Company G, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, which was one of the four companies of the second battalion that was affected by the assignment of the battalion in August, and which has, since that time, been known in military circles as the second provisional company, has recruited back to full strength, and soon will be ready for transferring back into the Third Regiment.

**Experiment Farm Urged**  
McMinnville—A movement has been started to have a walnut experiment station here and several joint organizing committees have been selected for a meeting to be held at the courthouse, to consider what legislation will be necessary. The county court has set aside 10 acres of the best land of the county farm for this experiment station.

### FAVOR PUBLIC UTILITY LAW

Representatives of Companies to Cooperate With Railroad Commission.

Salem—After much discussion an agreement was reached between the railroad commission and representatives of gas, water, telephone and telegraph companies, who held a conference here. The agreement is that all tariffs shall be filed by January 15, and that they shall be the same as tariffs in existence on January 1, 1911, as provided by the bill.

Committees were appointed to take up the question of uniform accounts and other matters were discussed. The gas and water companies will have one committee, and the telephone and telegraph companies another committee. The railroad commissioners feel that much has been accomplished toward bringing about an intelligent administration of the public utility law. The public utility corporations will be required to provide the commission with copies of all contracts with customers or other public utility corporations and also copies of franchises, which they hold with municipalities. Many of the provisions of the bill were given interpretation by the commission so that the corporations might understand how to proceed under them.

### Land Show Has Results

Oregon City.—The first fruits of Clackamas county's display at the recently held land shows at Minneapolis and Chicago are seen in the many letters that are daily arriving at the local publicity headquarters. Manager Freytag is answering inquiries fully, and has an elaborate follow-up system, so that no genuine inquirer is lost sight of.

### Woman, Weight 400, Dies

Halfway.—In the death of Mrs. McCord, of this place, Baker county and possibly the entire northwest, lost its largest woman. Mrs. McCord weighed nearly 400 pounds, and in burial it took 12 men as pallbearers.

### FARM AID IS ASSURED

Klamath County to Get Experiment Station.

Corvallis.—President Kerr is in receipt of a telegram from the United States department of agriculture stating that the federal government will cooperate with the state of Oregon in the establishment and maintenance of an irrigation experiment and demonstration farm for Klamath county, the purpose being to provide scientific aid in demonstrating to the farmers the possibilities of production on reclaimed tillable land of that county.

The action on the part of the federal government is the direct result of a conference held at Oregon agricultural college last November when F. H. Newell, director of the United States reclamation service, met the college authorities and took up the matter of adopting some practical means by which the federal government could work to the best advantage in aiding the farmers of southern and central Oregon to cultivate their lands most profitably.

### \$100,000 Mortgage Filled at Hood River

Hood River.—The largest mortgage that has yet been filed in Hood River county was placed on record by the Merchants Savings & Trust company of Portland, and executed by the Hydro Electric company of this city, for the sum of \$100,000.

### Albany Depot is Now Open

Albany.—The Oregon Electric depot in this city was opened Saturday. It is one of the best depots in the state. The structure is 110 by 32 feet, constructed of red tapestry brick, laid in Flemish bond with raked joints and Oregon stone trimmings.

## IRON WORKERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Prison Terms of From One to Seven Years Imposed on 33 of Defendants.

Indianapolis—Thirty-eight defendants, including Olaf Tveitmo and E. A. Clancy of San Francisco, in the so-called dynamite conspiracy trial, were found guilty by a jury in the United States court here on every point in the indictments charging them with illegally transporting dynamite. Only two of the defendants—Isaiah Buckley of Davenport, Iowa, and Herman Seiffert of Milwaukee—were acquitted.

Two of those convicted were not affiliated with the Iron Workers' union, but they were found guilty of joining with the Iron Workers' officials in promoting the conspiracy.

Imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, was imposed as punishment upon 33 of the labor union officials convicted of having engaged in the destruction of property by dynamite over an area stretching from Boston to Los Angeles.

As the head of the union whose strike was given as the motive for promoting the dynamite plots, Frank M. Ryan was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, the heaviest sentence of all.

Of the 33 men convicted as conspirators and aiders in the McNamara dynamite schemes, eight other men affiliated with Ryan each were sentenced to prison terms of six years, two men each were sentenced to four years, 12 men each were sentenced to three years, four men were sentenced to two years each, six men to one year and one day each, and six men, including Edward Clark, Cincinnati, a dynamite maker who pleaded guilty, received their liberty on suspended sentences.

The elimination of those who received suspended sentences left 23 who are to go to Leavenworth, where the shortest sentence will be one year and one day.

By the liberation of Hiram R. Kline, a former official of the Carpenters' Union, Olaf A. Tveitmo, of San Francisco, remained as the only labor union official among the prisoners not related with the Ironworkers' union.

### FREIGHT TRAIN SMASHED

Rain and Snow Damage Property in Pacific Northwest.

Ellensburg.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound eastbound fast freight, which was stalled in a drift one mile west of Laconia, in Snoqualmie Pass, was wrecked Monday by an avalanche that swept down the mountain just when the train was almost free from the drift.

Two locomotives were knocked off the track and wrecked, 12 cars loaded with Oriental imports were smashed into small bits and 23 other cars were buried under the snow, part of which is 15 feet deep.

Snow conditions in the Cascade mountains are the worst in 20 years, according to railroad officials here.

The Milwaukee is completely tied up by slides. The Northern Pacific has refused to handle Milwaukee trains over the mountain. Snow blows at Easton and Lester are wedged in the snow.

### Would Blow Up German Bridges

Berlin—Many arrests have occurred at Breslau, capital of Silesia, of men and women, charged with being involved in a widespread conspiracy. Correspondence has been seized revealing a plot to destroy all the bridges near Breslau in the event of German mobilization.

## WILSON CELEBRATES 56TH BIRTHDAY

Staunton, Va.—Virginia welcomed home Saturday Governor Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria until he reached the little parsonage where he was born 56 years ago the reception was one of great enthusiasm.

The president-elect proclaimed the hope that his administration might mean the final obliteration of everything that in the past divided the north and the south.

Standing on the porch of Mary Baldwin Seminary, in the chapel of which he was baptized, he spoke to a great crowd. The presidency, the governor said, he regarded "as an office in which a man must put on his war paint," but he added that his visage was such that he "did not mind marring it, for a man can keep his manners and still fight."

A great many men who have taken the narrow view of legislation for sectional advantage would have to be watered, the governor pointed out, in order that they may be the instruments of justice and mercy."

## O. E. TVIETMOE



Photo by American Press Association.  
O. E. Tveitmo, prominent San Francisco labor leader, convicted in the dynamite conspiracy trial at Indianapolis.

### "DARE DEVIL" RACE FATAL

Venice Track Scene of Disaster When Exhibition Dash Goes Amiss.

Los Angeles.—Hal Shain, a well-known automobile racer, was fatally injured, three others seriously hurt and others slightly cut and bruised when Shain's racer shot out of the cur shaped track known as the "dare devil race for life" on the concession pier at Venice and plunged into the crowd. Shain died a half hour after doctors sought to save his life by an operation.

The seriously injured are: Mrs. A. R. Atkinson, 48, tourist from Vancouver, B. C., fractured lower jaw and lacerated lip; M. W. J. Johnson, 55, tourist from Madison, Wis., left hand fractured and minor injuries; J. M. Meyer, 32, Los Angeles, abdominal injuries. All will recover, according to the doctors.

### Municipal Carline Pays

San Francisco.—In the first day and a half of its operation, San Francisco's new municipal railway line returned to the city a profit of \$632.75. The first car was sent out Saturday noon and the receipts for the half day were \$748.75. Monday's receipts were \$910, making a total of \$1588.45 for the day and a half. The estimated operating expenses of the road are \$450 a day and the fixed charges on the bonds \$234 a day.

### Men in Well 6 Days Are Rescued

Burns, Or.—Prisoners at the bottom of a well 45 feet deep for six days, without food or water, Robert L. Koonitz, aged 33, and William M. Carroll, aged 26, mountaineers in Carlow valley, to the west of Stein's Mountain, Harney county, were rescued by a neighbor.

## BIG GARMENT STRIKE ON IN NEW YORK

New York.—Men and women garment workers estimated at 125,000 went out on strike in New York Monday, tying up approximately 4000 factories. They demand higher pay and better working conditions. Picket squads of 12 have been posted at all the factories affected.

The strike is confined at present to the makers of men's and boys' clothing. Of the 125,000 workers in this industry there are about 40,000 women. It is declared, however, that the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is at work organizing its forces for the demand of an extension to other branches of a peace agreement signed two years ago and that a strike of 70,000 more workers would be called to enforce the demands.

An eight-hour day, 20 per cent increase in wages with a minimum of \$10 a week for girls and \$16 for men, abolition of child labor and work in the tenements are the features of the strikers' demands.

### National Capital Brevities

Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, will lead the inaugural parade in connection with the induction into office of President-elect Wilson.

An effort to extend the senate campaign fund investigation to cover the presidential fight of 1912 will be made by Senator Clapp, chairman of the investigating committee.

For the first time in history wireless Christmas greetings were flashed from the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco to Washington.

The final fight against the so-called "book trust" opened in the supreme court, where a printed argument was filed asking for an injunction against the carrying into effect of agreements between publishers and book sellers, alleged to control the supply and sale of books.

Among the democratic senators who have talked recently with President-elect Wilson, there is considerable talk to the effect that no western candidate for appointment as secretary of the interior will receive serious consideration for that office unless he has the undivided support of the democracy of his state.

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Trust Investigations, Reports and Tariff Hearings Awaiting Congressmen.

Washington.—When congress reconvened on Thursday active preparation for the enactment of legislation during the next administration was commenced.

Seven distinct investigations by the house are scheduled to begin. They are the money trust, tariff revision, New Haven-Grand Trunk railroad, general trust legislation, foreign and domestic shipping trust, currency bill and an inquiry into the affairs of the superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia. The investigations will cost over \$100,000 and testimony will be taken both in Washington and New York.

### Committees Will Report

In addition congress will receive reports from:

The senate committee on interstate commerce, which has taken a vast amount of testimony on the anti-trust subject.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on privileges and elections, which has conducted the inquiry into campaign receipts and expenditures.

The subcommittee of the senate foreign relations committee, which has investigated charges that Americans and American interests are responsible for the unrest in Mexico and the attempted revolutions in Cuba.

The tariff hearings are expected to last during the entire session. While they are under way, Mr. Underwood and his associates on the ways and means committee will be engaged in formulating their several tariff measures.

### Will Expedite Tariff Legislation

While the ways and means committee is holding hearings the democrats of the finance committee of the senate will be studying rates so as to be ready for action when the house measures reach their chamber. In fact, everything points to the utmost expedition in tariff legislation by the democrats.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Underwood have urged President-elect Wilson to call the extra session immediately after March four. They want him to confine the business of that session to the tariff only. If they have their way congress will assemble on March 26 or thereabouts. The first tariff bill will be reported without delay and others will follow promptly.

### Government May Acquire Express

In discussing the inauguration of the parcel post system which was put in operation at midnight, Dec. 31st, Postmaster-General Hitchcock said he regarded it as a stepping stone to the acquisition by the government of the entire express carrying business of the country.

### Commissioner Suspends New Rates

The interstate commerce commission has suspended until April 30 proposed advancement of rates on lumber from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia to eastern states via Denver, Pueblo and Pullman, Colo. In order to afford an opportunity to determine the reasonableness of the advance. The present rate from Portland to Chicago via the Colorado gateway is 65 cents and an advance to 95 has been proposed.

The present rate from Portland to New York is 85 cents and it is proposed to advance this to \$1.00. A hearing will be held to determine the reasonableness of the advance.

While lumber is the only commodity involved in the commission's order, it is probable that tariffs affecting all other commodities likewise will be suspended pending a hearing. Lumber is the only item against which a protest was made.

## C. S. MELLEN



Charles S. Mellen, president of the New Haven railroad, former president of the Northern Pacific, who was indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman law.

### Brief News of the week

Bradstreet's reports 322 business failures in the United States during the past week, as compared with 281 during the previous week.

In view of the unsatisfactory position of the opium question, the Chinese government has issued a manifesto reiterating its desire to suppress the evil.

A remarkable record has been established by French submarines, which despite storms traveled 800 miles, submerged all the time, without a single stop.

The Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, beginning January 1, established a minimum wage scale of \$9 a week for women and girls in its employ.

Orders for \$10,000,000 worth of equipment to accommodate the rapidly increasing traffic in the northwest were placed with the carshops and engine builders last week by the Northern Pacific.

The Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake company is alleged to be violating the Sherman law in a petition in equity filed in the United States district court at Detroit by order of Attorney General Wickensham to settle for all time the extent to which a manufacturer can control retail prices.

A new application of the recall will be attempted at the coming session of the Wisconsin legislature. Heretofore such a law has been proposed to apply only to elective officials, but a bill will be introduced which will apply the recall to all appointive offices, especially the railroad, industrial and tax commissions.

Chas. W. Farris, state printer, was arrested at Oklahoma City, Okla., on a warrant charging him with the forgery of state warrants.

Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter, secretary of state of the German Empire, died Monday at Stuttgart, Germany, of heart disease.

John Schrank, who attempted to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt, is reported to be a model patient at the Oshkosh hospital for the insane.

Jason Brown, 99 years old, son of John Brown, famous as the leader of the raid on Harper's Ferry, W. Va., died at his home in Akron, Ohio.

General Luis Fernandez, who was prominent in General Orozco's army, has surrendered with 200 of his men at Harral, according to official reports.

Thomas L. Cummins, father of Senator Albert B. Cummins, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa. He was 90 years old and had been ill for more than a year.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, is to resign his \$12,000 position and will accept an administrative position with the Guggenheim mining enterprises and development projects.

Andrew Carnegie's merry Christmas to his friends and relatives cost him \$15,000. This amount of money was sent out in checks especially engraved with a border of holly in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1000.

## A FRENCHMAN ON GOLF

Sarcastic Comments on the "Absurdities" of the Game.

The "absurdities" of golf as presented themselves to the eyes of a Frenchman are amusingly dealt by a contributor to the Paris Journal.

"We see on green countryside during the warm days of summer peering creatures, flushed and unarmed with long handled clubs, digging the ground with frenzy as if wished to discover rare stones or precious metals. It is golfers at work. Any ground will do so long as it is level. Having found your ground, then take great care to fill up all natural holes in it. Having done you make a number of artificial holes which are all of a fixed shape and depth. The more these holes resemble natural holes the better they are."

"Golf is the direct descendant of now unfashionable sport known as stone breaking, which consists breaking stones on the roads with aid of a long hammer. The only difference is that the golfers do wear wire spectacles like their ancestors, the stoneshakers. The hammer has been replaced by a small rubber ball, which lasts much longer being unbreakable.

"The problem is to make this ball into the holes on the golf course without touching it with the hands. It would be much too easy. To put toward the holes you use a wooden stick with an iron butt, very ingeniously turned and shaped, so as to make the problem as complicated as possible. This stick is called a club and its number is legion, since it is correct thing to change the club between each stroke just as you change forks between every course.

"The collection of clubs contained an umbrella case is carried behind, line of fire by a youngster known as a caddy.

"The player, having chosen a great care from among his clubs, which is likely to make a successful stroke, flourishes it with both hands and strikes and misses the ball. There are two ways of missing the ball—by using too much force and the club by not using enough. The club with too much force behind it is easier. It consists in striking the earth a few centimeters behind the ball without touching it. When the stroke is well done it sends into the air a shower of earth and turf at the strike of a fireworks display, very elegant effect.

"The hit which misses is more delicate to achieve. In this case it is easy that your club, after a vigorous flourish, should make straight for the ball, pass it without touching it, return by the impetus given it, strike the player on the back of the head."

### Not Such a Hot Branch

A candidate for congress had been making a speech in one of the town of his district where he was not known personally, and in the evening while waiting for a train he strayed into a butcher's shop and, without saying who he was, began to pump the butcher to find out how he stood.

"Did you hear that speech this afternoon?" he inquired after some general talk.

"Yes," replied the butcher, "I was there."

"What do you think of it?"

"Fahaw!" said the honest butcher. "I've made a better speech than that hundred times, trying to sell 15 cents worth of soup bones."

The candidate concealed his identity.—Kansas City Star.

### "Taking Aim"

It is agreed among anthropologists that "taking aim" is a human characteristic that even the anthropoid apes cannot be said to share. Apes and monkeys frequently throw nuts at sticks, sometimes with unpleasant consequences to others, but they show little or no ability to take accurate aim. The baboon is said to excel somewhat in this respect, but still it would not pass for a marksman. Accuracy of eye and the judgment of direction and distance that are involved in real aiming have been developed only by man and are among the tokens of his intellectual superiority.—New York Press.

### Then There's No Row

"Gracious! That noise across the street sounded like a pistol shot."

"Don't be alarmed. That was Mr. Gribber slamming the door of his residence as he left for town."

"Does he always slam the door so hard?"

"Not every morning. There are some mornings when he and Mrs. Gribber don't meet at the breakfast table."—Spokane Review.

### The Boss Blower

Time 4:30. Whistle blows in nearby factory. New office boy asks if it is time to go home. Old office boy says no. New boy calls attention to fact that whistle has blown. Old boy reports, "You wait till the boss blows."—Chicago Tribune.

### Defined

He—What kind of a resort was it you were at? She—Well, judging from the kind of men I saw there, I should say it was the last resort for marriageable girls.—Boston Transcript.

### Doubt Trouble

Twelve Ann—Oh, mum, I've failed downstairs and broken me neck. Her Mistress—Well, whatever you've broken will be deducted from your wages.—London Sketch.

When a man lays the foundation of his own ruin others will build on it.—Fielding.

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