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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

3563 Claims Presented to Commission.
Salem.—Since the workmen's compensation law became operative ten months ago over \$500,000 has been paid into the industrial accident fund, according to an announcement made by the secretary of the industrial accident commission. During the period \$149,572.71 has been set aside for dependents in fatal cases and to workmen sustaining permanent or partial disabilities; \$97,850.45 has been paid to workmen whose injuries were temporary, and \$55,858.81 for surgical treatment, transportation and hospital accommodations. The cost of the administration since the commission was created 12 months ago has been \$39,267.32. The surplus in the fund on April 30, was \$179,074.93. Up to that date a total of 3563 claims had been presented, and of this number 2205 were settled. Of the total, 142 were rejected. The accidents reported to the commission averaged 14 daily.

Vein of Pitchblende Near Dallas.
Dallas.—Pure pitchblende, from which radium is derived, is said to exist in large quantities in Polk county. A few weeks ago, while ditching on the John Ritner farm, near Lewisville, J. W. Elliott, one of the pioneers of that section, struck a sticky mass that resembled tar. Samples of the dirt were sent to the state college at Corvallis, and to assay offices at Seattle and Denver, as well as to the bureau of mines at Washington, D. C. Replies were received from each place that the substance was undoubtedly pitchblende, but that there was not enough of the samples submitted to determine whether or not it contained radium.

ROAD WORK DIVIDED
Linn Judge Thinks Each District Should Choose Day.

Albany.—A new plan for volunteer road work has been devised by D. B. McKnight, county judge of Linn county. Instead of observing state or county road days the county court here will endeavor to have the observance of Community Good Road days. The new plan is expected to prove effective and result in the completion of considerable road work at small cost.

The plan is to have each road district in the county set a best adapted date on which to observe a good road day. The county court will furnish all necessary machinery for the work and send ample supplies of gravel or crushed rock and other equipment into the district so that it will be equipped for that day.

The Community Road day is expected to prove much more successful than one to be observed throughout the county as a whole. This was illustrated by the state good roads day.

In some parts of the county the roads were too wet to work and because of unusually late rains the streets were too high to set places to permit construction of securing gravel. Another advantage of the Community Road day will be that road building machinery can be shipped from one district to another, so that each district celebrating the day will have an abundance of equipment.

O. A. C. Hens Near Lead.
Corvallis.—Reports received by Professor John Dryden, of the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College, indicate that the Oregon Agricultural College hens, entered in the egg-laying contest which is a feature

MOUNT LASSEN HAS GREATEST ERUPTION

Flood of Mud From Volcano Causes Widespread Destruction of Property.

Redding, Cal.—Lassen peak burst into an eruption Saturday that is reported to have surpassed all the eruptions, several score in number, from its crater since a renewal of its eruptive activities one year ago. A tremendous funnel of smoke shot from the mouth of the peak and rolled skyward to a great height.

Farmers, driven from their homes in panic by the flood of mud that laid a black blanket from one to three feet deep over an area 15 miles long and from one-half to two miles wide, who returned to look over the desolated landscape, found their crops utterly destroyed, stock killed and large damage done to farm equipment. Every bridge for 30 miles down Hat Creek valley was reported gone.

The volcanic avalanche from the crater of the peak was diverted in its furious rush Sunday into old lava fields and the lower part of the fertile Hat Creek valley was temporarily paved.

The latest new development in threatened danger arose from the drying up of Hat Creek. It was dry Sunday for the first time known. Reports came in that the volcanic mud had dammed the stream near its headwaters in a narrow canyon, impounding a great body of water. Fear of a break in this dam and a consequent flood that would inundate the whole valley under many feet of water added to the terrifying prospect of new destruction from the mountain's crater.

VERDICT FOUND IN ROOSEVELT'S FAVOR

Syracuse, N. Y.—Twelve men chosen as a jury to determine whether Theodore Roosevelt libeled William Barnes when he charged that he worked through a "corrupt alliance between crooked business and crooked politics" and that he was "corruptly allied with Charles E. Murphy of Tammany Hall," returned a verdict in favor of the ex-president. In the belief of the jury everything Colonel Roosevelt said about the former chairman of the republican state committee was true and therefore Mr. Barnes was not libeled.

Counsel for Mr. Barnes announced that an appeal would be taken.

One juror stood out through a halo that Barnes shouldn't pay the court costs, or, if Roosevelt could not be made to bear them, that the verdict should be given the New York state leader. He was Edward Burns, a Syracuse motorman, formerly a democrat, but lately a republican.

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at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, have been leading all other entries for the past month, and stand well at the top of the list. A summary of results issued May 15, at the close of the first six months of the contest, shows that the Oregon Agricultural College pens stand in second, third, and fifth place.

Farmers' Quarrel Ends in Killing.
Eugene.—Walter Jay shot and killed Ira Brown following a dispute alleged to have been caused over a woman. He then fled to the mountains. His body was found, three hours later, five miles up the mountainside, where he had killed himself with a 30-30 rifle.

The tragedy occurred in the coast range mountains, 30 miles northwest of Eugene, on Lake creek, a tributary to the Siuslaw river.

Willamette Pacific to Build to Acme.
Eugene.—The Willamette Pacific rails will be extended from Mapleton, at the head of tidewater, to Acme on the Lower Siuslaw, within three or four weeks, according to the announcement of W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer on the Willamette Pacific construction. The last piece of grading—that at the rock quarry, where right-of-way was delayed—is nearly complete.

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20,000 TEUTONS FACE ITALIANS.
The Hague, via London.—From information reaching The Hague, it is understood that the Germans and Austrians have concentrated approximately 20,000 men on the Italian frontier. They have occupied strategic positions in order to meet an attack or to attempt to strike the first heavy blow in an endeavor to dishearten the new combatants at the beginning of the campaign.

The Germans constitute the larger part of this force, which is made up of 14 divisions of approximately 20,000 men each. Only ten of these divisions are Austrians.

German and Austrian diplomats were apparently not perturbed by the entry into the war of a new antagonist.

There is much interest among diplomats here in regard to the attitude of Roumania and the other Balkan states. The general opinion of these men is that Roumania will not join the war for some time, but that even finally she will take up arms with the allies, together with Bulgaria.

NEW TRADE CHANNELS SEEN
Pan-American Plan Greater Commerce; Steamship Line Proposed.
Washington.—Some of the obstacles which war across the Atlantic has thrown into the paths of industrial and commercial prosperity and the march of trade in the western hemisphere were outlined at the session of the Pan American finance conference. The outstanding thought of the conference as it was expressed by many speakers was the crying need for improvement of transportation.

President Wilson, who welcomed the delegates to this country, dwelt upon the need for development of transportation, and Secretaries Bryan, Redfield and McAdoo and Postmaster-General Burleson later added their recommendations for steamship lines independent of Europe.

Besides delegations from 18 Latin American countries participating in the conference, are members of President Wilson's cabinet, the federal reserve board, the federal trade commission, treasury officials and more than 100 representatives of great American banks, industrial corporations and commercial houses.

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VILLA BEATEN, IS REPORT ITALY BLAMES AUSTRIA

General Obregon Claims Victory After 16-Hour Battle
Vienna Claims Adriatic Fight.

Washington.—Italy has addressed to the neutral governments of the world a lengthy communication explaining her reasons for declaring war on Austria. Count Di Cerna, the Italian ambassador, presented the document to Secretary Bryan in the form of a note to the United States government. It reviews negotiations between Italy and Austria, revealing that they began immediately on the dispatch of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. Italy contended then that the action of Austria disturbed the equilibrium of the Balkans interests. As an ally of Austria-Hungary, Italy asserts the right to have been consulted before sending of the ultimatum, the first news of which was received through the newspapers.

Failing to obtain through diplomacy the satisfaction of her territorial and national aspirations, Italy announces in the note that declaration of war was the only means of safeguarding her position in Europe.

Vienna.—A naval engagement in the Adriatic during which one Italian destroyer is declared to have been forced to surrender in a sinking condition, following the bombardment of Italian coast towns, was officially reported in an announcement from the Austrian admiralty.

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