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**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

Portland postoffice receipts for 1913 were \$1,183,555.78, or a gain of \$75,061.32 over 1912.

"Beile Steuricht," a bright pink rose of a hardy variety, may be chosen as the "Albany rose."

Dallas National bank at Dallas has filed application to become member of the new banking system.

Congressional action looking toward election of United States senators in Oregon will be unnecessary, states Senator Chamberlain, who says the Oregon law on the case is legal.

The Coos County Good Roads association will renew its campaign for a county bond issue for building permanent, hard-surface roads in the near future.

Unemployed men who come to Portland to seek work and free food at the hands of the city may be sent to the rockpile, if the plans of the mayor are carried out. No imposters will be permitted.

During the year 1913 the supreme court handed down 354 written opinions on motions and four dissenting opinions. Since the court was increased to seven judges the court has averaged nearly 30 opinions a month.

In attempting to rearrange the star routes in Oregon the postoffice department has met with many protests from localities which are threatened with a curtailment of the service to which they have been accustomed.

Senator Chamberlain predicts that the country is on the eve of a great business awakening. He says that the tariff problems and the currency question, being out of the way, makes the future clear for commercial progress.

The increase of deposits for the Portland postal savings bank for December over November was \$11,706, or an average of \$409 a day. The total deposits December 31 were \$906,631.

Colonel Charles H. Martin, U. S. A., retired, commander of the Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, held a New Year's reception to the officers under his command and the regiment, at the armory in Portland.

Congressman W. C. Hawley is trying to induce congress to follow out the suggestion of the Portland chamber of commerce to have an adequate Alaskan exhibit at the San Francisco exposition.

Paul Ord, deaf and blind, deliberately smashed a big plate glass window in the Meier & Frank store, Portland, because of disgust with the world in general. He broke the glass with a hammer and waited for the police to arrest him.

One of the largest inheritance taxes collected in Oregon will be that from the heirs of the late Asahel Bush, pioneer banker and journalist of Salem. The estate has been valued at \$2,000,000, and the inheritance tax will be about \$20,000.

On the initiative of the county court, Jackson county is overhauling its insurance policies. It has employed an expert who will investigate values on county property and seek to equalize the indemnity carried thereon on a more equitable basis.

At the request of Representative Hawley, the chief of engineers has instructed Major Morrow, engineer officer at Portland, to hasten his report on the further improvement of the mouth of the Siuslaw river, and telegraphic advices have been received saying that the supplementary report is on its way to Washington.

Senator Lane says that the new denatured alcohol legislation embodied in the Underwood tariff law is working satisfactorily. It annuls restrictions of the former law prohibiting farmers from manufacturing denatured alcohol from farm products without restriction.

City Engineer L. G. Hicks, of Roseburg, has been instructed by R. E. Clanton, state game and fish warden, to remodel the fishway in the South Umpqua river. The work will entail quite an expenditure, but will be the means of saving thousands of salmon which perish under the present conditions.

W. H. Lytle, secretary of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board, has notified Governor West that the board, after a conference with Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health, had voted to request the governor to issue a proclamation that rams and range bucks from other states be dipped twice after being brought into this state.

The total number of motor vehicle licenses issued in this state in 1913, according to the annual report of Secretary of State Olcott, was 13,957, and the number of chauffeurs receiving licenses was 1472. The fees aggregated \$56,873. In 1912, 10,165 motor vehicle licenses were issued, the fees totaling \$42,994.

By a vote of two to one the state printing board decided not to try to have abrogated the contract made by State Printer Harris with the allied printing trades, providing that only union men should be employed in the state printing department and that the union label be used upon state printed matter.

**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.**

**Deep Snow Fatal to Deer.**  
Hood River.—The deep snow in the mountains of Hood river has resulted in the killing of a number of deer that are helpless after a short chase by the hunter. Instances have occurred where the hunters have run down the deer on snow shoes, and then cut their throats with pocket knives. As many as 14 deer have been butchered by a single hunter in one day by this method.

**Silver Gray Fox Good Day's Work.**  
John Day.—Cobb brothers, the trappers who secured a silver gray fox in Logan valley last week, sold the fur for \$450 in the local market. Eastern prices on these hides range from \$200 to \$1500. The fox was in prime condition and of medium size. The trappers report good success in Logan valley. Mink are plentiful and there are signs of more silver fox.

**Toledo to Get Creamery.**  
Toledo.—Directors of the Toledo Creamery association have signed a 20-year lease with the Toledo Port commission. The association, purely \$2500 worth of stock and intends to a farmers' organization, has taken have the creamery in operation by April 1.

**Auto Law to Be Tested.**  
Roseburg.—A move has been inaugurated here by automobile owners to employ counsel and contest the collection of license fees by the state from persons owning motor vehicles. Automobile owners say the law has been declared invalid in Ohio and other states where it has been contested.

**Hewett Federal Commissioner.**  
Eugene.—I. P. Hewett, for two years United States commissioner at Redmond, Crook county, has received an appointment from Portland making him the United States commissioner for this place, to fill the vacancy caused several months ago by the resignation of W. W. Calkins.

**Road Work is Planned.**  
Oregon City.—During the ensuing year, Clackamas county will spend \$318,560 on roads. Of this amount, \$244,170 is raised by the eight-mill general levy, and \$74,390 from the special levies that have been made by the 28 districts out of the total 59 in the county.

**A Great-great-grandmother.**  
Mrs. Sarah A. Dike of Pittsford, Vt., who was 100 years old last May, has received word from a great-granddaughter in Arizona announcing the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Dike is now a great-great-grandmother.

**FAIR CONFERENCE IS HELD**

**Organization Formed to Urge Educational Features.**  
Salem.—County school superintendents, school supervisors and secretaries of fairs from many parts of the state at an enthusiastic meeting in Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill's office, organized the county fair conference. The object is to make the educational feature an important one at county fairs. Mr. Churchill was elected president and Frank Meredith, secretary of the state fair board, was made secretary.

A resolution asking all the county courts to give financial aid to the children's industrial fairs, and another providing for the appointment of committees to solicit juvenile exhibits for the county fairs were adopted.

**Homeless to Get Care.**  
Marshfield.—The Men's Fellowship club, an organization of business men which has for its aspiration the betterment of the masses, is planning to establish a home and lodging place for the floating population this country is now concerned about.

**Rate Increase Denied.**  
Salem.—An application of the O-W. R. & N. for an increase of rates on its branch lines was denied by the state railroad commission. The commission about a year ago reduced the rates of the company on distance, class and commodity service on the main and branch lines.

**Diversified Farming Now Plea.**  
Ashland.—As an incentive to more diversified agriculture among southern Oregon farmers, an application has been made to the Jackson county court for an appropriation of \$1500 to further the movement.

**Wave Strips Man of Coat.**  
Newport.—An unusually high tide occurred here. An unidentified man was caught in the surf near Jumpoff Joe, his overcoat was pulled off and with it he was washed high on the bank, escaping uninjured.

**Baker Has \$10,000 Fire.**  
Baker.—The big storehouse of the Sumpter Valley railroad was destroyed by fire. The flames started from unknown causes. The loss is \$10,000, covered by insurance.

**Want Michigan Strike Investigated.**  
Chicago.—An appeal to congress to investigate conditions in the copper country of Michigan was made by the Chicago Federation of Labor in resolutions which directly charged owners of the mines and their agents with being responsible for the tragedy of Christmas eve, when 72 children and adults lost their lives.

**Grave of Asahel Bush Guarded.**  
Salem.—Fearing that ghouls would attempt to steal the body of the late Asahel Bush, a millionaire banker, and hold it for ransom, relatives have caused a watch by day and night to be placed at the vault.

**NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL**

**Money Trust Still Feared and Fight Against Interlocking Directories to Continue.**

Washington.—Official Washington seemed to approve the action of J. P. Morgan & Co. in resigning from numerous corporation directorates, but it was not believed that it would prevent an attempt in congress at the present session to enact legislation to prohibit interlocking directorates.

There was a general impression that while the action was a step in the right direction, it did not signalize the breakup of the so-called money trust.

Lawyers who followed the money trust investigation by the house committee pointed out that while Morgan & Co. had given up directorships in several large banks and trust companies the connections severed for the most part were with railroads. So far as these officials could see from the information at hand, the relations between some of the big financial institutions in New York have not been broken, although this might follow.

Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, author of a bill to prohibit interlocking directorates, said: "I doubt if the action of Morgan & Co. will have any effect on legislation. It is in line with the evident purpose of big business to try to meet the demands of the people and is in anticipation of legislation."

**Education Test Pending.**

The house of representatives soon will take up and probably pass the educational test immigration bill. The bill that is now on the house calendar is similar to the measure which passed both houses a year ago and was vetoed by President Taft.

In effect, the pending measure bars from the United States all aliens over 16 years old who are unable to read their own language, exception being made in the case of those who may come to the United States seeking refuge from religious persecution at home and in the case of certain immigrants, members of whose families have already been admitted to the United States.

**Higher Naval Rank Essential.**

Congress will be asked to create four vice-admirals in the United States navy immediately after the holiday recess. Secretary Daniels said he had determined this course to avoid the possibility of embarrassment to the American navy in foreign service.

Frequently, Mr. Daniels explained, in a field which rightly should be dominated by American influence, a foreign officer might take first rank because of the failure of the United States to provide a grade above that of rear-admiral. This subject has been much discussed in connection with the situation in the gulf of Mexico, where an English naval officer, Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, outranks Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American squadron.

**May Further Restrict Orientals.**

Recommendations will be made by the bureau of immigration for the further restrictions of certain kinds of oriental immigration.

A. Caminetti, commissioner-general of immigration, who recently returned to Washington from an extended official trip to immigration stations on the Pacific coast, will submit some important recommendations, particularly with regard to the tide of oriental immigration that is tending in the direction of the United States.

"It is not my purpose," he said, "to direct my recommendations to any particular people, but it is manifest that many Orientals now are getting into this country unlawfully. This is particularly true of the so-called students, who ostensibly come to this country to obtain an education. . . ."

**National Capital Brevities.**

Out of an enlisted strength of 80,000 officers and men the United States army passed through the year with but two cases of typhoid fever.

December 31 there were 2750 national banks in the United States, according to a statement of the controller of the currency.

Shipment by parcel post of the body of any wild animal killed in violation of the state or government game laws will be prohibited by Postmaster-General Burleson.

Aircraft will hereafter form a large part in the war program of the United States, according to Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the federal geological survey, indorses the withdrawal of all lands having radium deposits, in the interests of the general public, as made by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

Forty-five states, representing 767 banks of the country, having a combined capital exclusive of surplus of about \$300,000,000, have notified the authorities at Washington of their intention of entering the new currency system.



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**FIGURE OF ENTERPRISE CROWNS HUGE TRIUMPHAL GROUP AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.**

**T**HE above photograph represents "Enterprise," a detail of the sculptural group, the "Nations of the West," which will crown the Arch of the Setting Sun at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915. This arch will be on the opposite side of the Court of the Sun and Stars to the Arch of the Rising Sun, crowned by the composition "Nations of the East." The group "Nations of the West" is designed by Messrs. A. Stirling Calder, Leo Lentell and Frederick G. R. Roth.