

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

While working on a farm at Tigard Lloyd Peterson, a deaf mute, lost his left hand when dynamite exploded prematurely.

Much interest is being manifested in the loganberry industry around Jefferson. About 100 acres, adjoining town, are being cleared preparatory to planting.

Almost without an exception farmers in Umatilla county are compelled, by reason of a recent heavy breeze, to reseed their barley crop, which amounts to more than 50,000 bushels each year.

The Charles K. Spaulding Logging company has leased the plant and property of the Newberg Brick & Tile company from the receiver in whose hands they were placed several months ago.

When the county court recently at Pendleton made a call for bids for burying paupers, John S. Baker, of that city, offered to enter into a contract to bury the county's dead at 1 cent per head.

Governor West, Game Warden Finley and Game Commissioner Kelly will hunt cougars and wildcats east of Eugene, to learn the extent of damage done by the animals. They will be gone three weeks.

Dr. L. Victoria Hampton is the first woman to file a declaration of intention to become a candidate for city office in Portland. She will make the race for the Republican nomination for councilman-at-large.

The city treasury of The Dalles was swelled \$1000 by the failure of the Hydro-Electric company to comply with its agreement with that municipality, and the concern likewise loses its franchise to furnish electric light and power there.

Announcement to the effect that a railroad will be built from Albany into the timber on the west slope of the Cascade mountains is construed to mean construction of the first link of an east and west line across the state by the Hill system.

The Hood River Apple Growers union has taken it in hand to supply its members with all kinds of material used on the farm at a wholesale price. Spray material, spraying machines, hay, grain, and like things will be furnished the growers and the retailer's profit will be saved to the consumer.

The coroner's jury, investigating the death of John Van Slyke, who was killed at Weston in a saloon fight, brought in a verdict stating that S. B. Couch, with whom Van Slyke had the fight, was responsible for the killing, but did not charge him with murder, and he has been held to the circuit court in \$2000 bail.

Forty thousand dollars in gold, greenbacks, silver and checks (certified), were turned over to County Treasurer Dimmick at Coquille by Sheriff Gage. This amount represented taxes collected in the last week, and it was by far the largest amount received since the recent rush to pay taxes has begun.

With the coming of the railroad Myrtle Point has developed an unusual thirst and now desires to possess saloons of its own so that the dry ones can be accommodated right at home. At least so a petition filed with the county court states and the court has set apart April 7 as the day on which to vote on the question.

The greatest fruit crop the Rogue river valley has yet experienced is predicted by all orchard men in that locality. There remains but one element to darken the prospect, frost, but probably by continuous smudging the growers will vanquish even that foe. Some fruit men say they would like to have a few buds nipped as that would do away with part of the enormous summer thinning.

The DuBois Lumber company, which owns large bodies of fine timber in the Nehalem country, is making tentative plans for an outlet for the timber by the construction of a railroad to the Columbia river. The road will be built from the heart of the Nehalem country to a point in the vicinity of St. Helens. It is understood that it will be a standard road and thus made available for general traffic.

As the result of a fight in which a large and ugly knife and an ax were freely used, Frank Day occupies a cell in the county jail at Salem, and Fred Corbin lies at his home. The fight occurred in a rooming-house, and the men tell different stories. Day received a bad scalp wound from the ax wielded by Corbin, and Corbin a deep, ugly gash from a knife used by Day, as well as other wounds.

First through-train service over the Salem, Falls City & Western since it was taken over by the Southern Pacific was inaugurated out of the state capital. The service is made possible through the completion of the bridge across the Willamette between Salem and West Salem, which has just been turned over to the operating department. The through trains will be operated from Salem to Dallas, Falls City and Black Rock, and also between Salem and Independence, Monmouth and Arlie.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

#### \$4,000,000 TIMBER DEAL

Porter Brothers Buy 102,000 Acres of Land in Linn County.

Portland.—Porter Brothers, railroad contractors, agreed to pay \$4,000,000 to the Oregon & Western Colonization company for 102,000 acres of land in eastern Linn county, containing 4,000,000,000 feet of the best yellow fir timber ever grown, and will begin immediate development of the property by building a railroad to it from Albany, 26 miles away, and by erecting two sawmills on the south fork of the Santiam river, which runs through it. They propose to cut the timber on their newly acquired land as fast as it can be hauled away.

The property is located entirely between the Willamette meridian, which forms the western border and the crest of the Cascade range, which forms the eastern border. It is 12 miles wide, but includes only every alternate section.

#### Good Roads Association Organized.

Roseburg.—Believing that passable highways are important in the development of a community and that they can only be brought about through the co-operation of the common people, delegations from various localities of Douglas county met and organized what will be known as the Douglas County Good Roads Association. The object of the local association is to get as many auxiliary organizations launched in various parts of the county as possible. In interesting the people living in the rural districts, it is believed that the membership of the association can soon be increased to 1500 or 2000.

#### Jalem Center of Big Game Preserve.

Salem.—When senate bill 208 goes into effect the city of Salem will be the center of a new game preserve, to be called the Capital Game refuge.

## NEW FARMS MADE POSSIBLE

Reclamation of Hundreds of Thousands of Acres May Follow Survey Salem.—With \$100,000 available, the work of making a detailed survey of the resources of the Deschutes river can be commenced just as soon as John H. Lewis, state engineer, and the chief of the reclamation service agree on the provisions of the contract between the state and the government for the expenditure of this fund. At present, the contract is being held up because the state engineer wants to have its provisions broad enough to cover other streams besides the Deschutes, and the chief of the reclamation service has drawn the contract so as to confine the work to that one river.

This fund of \$100,000 is made up by an appropriation of \$50,000 from the state and \$50,000 from the government. This is said to be the first time the government has agreed to co-operate with a state on such a large scale in a matter of this kind. Its importance is much greater than is generally understood.

#### Success of Apple Sale Astounding.

Portland.—Portland's first general apple sale, the biggest in the history of the United States for the same space of time, ended with a record of between 20,000 and 25,000 boxes of apples sold, an average of about eight apples for each man, woman and child in the city.

Compared with the famous apple sale at Chicago, last month, when 34,000 boxes of apples were moved, and considering the difference in population, Portland families purchased nearly three times the quantity of fruit.

#### Oldtime Malheur Camp is Revived.

Malheur.—Following the example of its sister town of Brogan, 18 miles south, this old mining camp, in the extreme northern end of Malheur county, held a mass meeting and raised a large cash bonus for the establishment here of the Malheur Mining News, a new weekly newspaper. The publisher receiving the bonus will put in a plant here, as well as at Brogan, and the Malheur Mining News and the Brogan Herald will make their initial appearance about April 1, one on Tuesday and one on Friday.

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