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A NEW GOVERNMENT POSITION

A new government position is disclosed by the announcement by the U. S. Civil Service Commission of an examination which will be held February 23-24, to find three grading examiners for the forest service. The positions will pay a salary of \$1200 a year at entrance.

The announcement specifies that the applicants must be men, at least 29 years of age, and possessed of at least one season's experience in handling range stock, together with at least one year of technical training in specified botanical studies.

The establishment of this position is in line with the objects which the Department of Agriculture has always had in view in its management of grazing on the National Forests. It is not merely seeking to prevent cattle and sheep from doing damage to forest growth and watershed conditions, as they graze on the herbage which is yearly produced in the open forests, parks and high mountain meadows within the National Forests. Range-fed stock are a matter of decided importance to the American people in these days of rising prices for food products and diminishing supplies, in proportion to population, of live stock; and therefore Secretary Wilson intends that every acre of National Forest range shall be made to produce as much forage as it is capable of doing, consistently with the carrying out of the other purposes for which the National Forests are maintained.

Ever since the Forest Service took over the management of the National Forests, it has been studying the range problem along with its regulation of grazing. In the beginning it was confronted with the fact that a very large part of the range had been badly abused and depleted through the competition of rival owners before any restrictions had been put upon them, and by overcrowding and bad methods of handling stock. Its supporting power had in consequence been great-

ly reduced, and was steadily declining. To enable overgrazed conditions to new areas, the amount of stock to be allowed on the forests was everywhere carefully prescribed. The results were then observed, and if it appeared that there was still overuse of the range, the numbers permitted were cut down still further. On the other hand, where recuperation has taken place the allowance of stock has been correspondingly increased.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES.

Rare indeed are golden wedding anniversaries. Especially is this true when fortune with dollars and cents has smiled somewhat benevolently on the duo and health has been accorded them in such portion, and measure that the principals are hale and hearty at the hour of the Memorial event. Such as has been the case with Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Reynolds who this afternoon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds came to Union county thirty-four years ago and have, by diligent toil and perseverance, attained sufficient worldly goods to permit their retirement from hard work. Both are hale and well.

Truly, considered from various points of view, such careers are enviable. Contrasted to the husband and wife, who, by force of circumstances and necessity are forced to keep their noses to the grindstone until, in advanced ages, the Creator calls a halt on the strenuous lives, the comparison in favor of the former condition is worthy of genuine thanksgiving. The picture presented by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and others of their stamp who through a half century have suffered hardships and enjoyed good fortune hand in hand, is inspiring.

LOGGED-OFF LANDS

In the vicinity of Hood River, in Southwestern Washington and at various other localities of the Pacific Northwest, much stress is being laid on the value of logged-off land for fruit growing purposes, and in this connection Union county can claim to the forefront with proper attention to this important proposition. The system has already been found to be flawless by applemen about Elgin, but that is only a small portion of Union county's territory that is open to this particular line of soil utilization. Commencing at Mt. Glenn, for instance, and running north, following the contour of the valley is just as fine logged-off land as lies outdoors and not only there but at many other places in Union county is this true.

Foot-hill land a few years ago covered with timber was appraised at little aside from the actual cash value of the timber on it. This is no longer a condition for not only has Elgin and other communities in this valley proven it to be a misnomer but other sections of the state and Northwest have proven conclusively that it is not true. The only difference is, Union county has made less ado about it. Because it will grow fruit as readily as tilled land and because its purchase price is of necessity less, such ground is coming to be an extremely important factor in the development of orchard acreage.

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BOWERMAN SITE UPHELD BY COMMITTEE

PENDLETON ASYLUM SITE FOUND TO BE SATISFACTORY.

Special Legislative Committee Makes Its Report Today.

Salem, Feb. 9 (Special)—Declaring that the Oliver tract below Pendleton is in every way suitable for the proposed building site of Eastern Oregon asylum for the insane, the legislative committee recently sent to Pendleton to investigate the matter, sent in a report today. It recommended that the 69 acre tract above the Oliver ranch also be purchased as it could be used to good advantage at a price of \$1,600. The report shows that the Bowerman choice is upheld in all respects and the report probably will be accepted by the legislature and the Oliver tract be chosen for a site.

This report refutes the attempt by Oswald West, the governor, to show that the site was unsuited for the purpose.

Telephone Bill Passed. Salem, Feb. 9.—The Amme bill, fixing the responsibility of telegraph and telephone companies and making void printed contracts on the back of all messages, and compelling the companies to repeat messages without extra charge, passed by a narrow margin today. The entire morning session of the senate was taken up with the public utility bill.

LECTURES WELL ATTENDED.

Father Fleming Gives Able Lectures to Catholics and Non Catholics

The lectures being delivered this week at the Catholic church by the

Rev. Father Fleming, who is in charge of the much talked of Chapel car, are not only being well attended but are attracting no small degree of interest and enthusiasm both from Catholic and non-Catholic—a circumstance which is quite natural in consideration of the stirring eloquence of the speaker and the clear, concise and fair manner in which he deals with his subjects. The novel feature of the services is, however, the question box situated in the front of the church and in which any question bearing on the practices and teaching of the church may be placed, which questions the Father answers just previous to his lecture.

That he appears to take especial delight and concern in doing so, and that he acquires himself in an able manner is not surprising when considering the fact that he has been selected by the Catholic Church Extension Society for his high qualifications for carrying on the particular branch of work for that Society.

Protection of Fish and Game.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 9.—With Sir Lomer Gouin, presiding and delegates in attendance from many parts of Canada and the United States, the North America Fish and Game Protective Association began its annual convention in this city today. As its name applies, the association has for its object the passage of legislation and the adoption of other measures for the better protection of fish and game in America. The meeting will continue two days and will be addressed by Cy Warman, Dr. Hornaday of the New York Zoo, President Dutcher of the Associated Audubon Societies of America and other men of prominence.

DUAL MURDER

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the infant and parentless child. Relatives will care for it.

Rinehart Not at Home.

Mr. Rinehart had started to Joseph in the morning with a load of wood and while he was on the way, the crime was enacted. Soon after he had reached town, the family having the custody of the child, Richards, telephoned to the sheriff and on investigation by a party from Joseph, the bodies were found on the Rinehart place. All were in the prime of life. The Rineharts are well known in Eastern Oregon but the man, Winder, has not been in the country very long. The only child in the two families was the one spared by the murderer.

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