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NORTH POWDER RIGHTS FIXED

RIPARIAN DISPUTES SETTLED BY WATER BOARD.
 Contestants Win in Principal Cases Filed Before Commission.

The state water commission at Salem has passed upon the water rights involved in adjudication of North Powder river in Baker county. The contest of William Anthony and others against S. L. Baer and others in which over 100 contestants were involved, was decided in favor of the contestants, and it was held that the claim of the contestants to right of priority by virtue of a purchase of the interest in an old mining ditch, and the subsequent use of water for irrigation purposes, would not be recognized, the priority of the contestants depending upon actual diversion and use for irrigation.

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BUILDING IN 1912 LIVELY

PORTLAND ARCHITECT IS OPTIMISTIC AT OUTLOOK.
 Remarkable Change in Conditions the Past Few Weeks Noted.

Building activities in Portland and over the state at large will be brisk throughout 1912, a healthy tone being noticeable at this early date, according to R. N. Hockenberry, the Portland architect who spent yesterday afternoon and this morning in La Grande on business matters. Mr. Hockenberry is the son of Prof. H. J. Hockenberry, for many years superintendent of school in La Grande and now in business in Portland.

"Just before Christmas there was a 'tight' period and only the larger building activities were kept going," said Mr. Hockenberry today, "but with the opening of a new year building took new life and there is no question in my mind but that 1912 will see unprecedented building throughout the state. Portland is rearing skyscrapers as rapidly as the constructing forces can be put to work and the same condition, more or less modified, exists everywhere that I have been this year. Money is free in Portland now, whereas a few weeks ago, building was seriously retarded because money lenders were hard pressed. The chance for the better has been remarkable in many respects."

In an official report the British seamen's union states that its income is now \$5,000 a week and that the seamen's wages have been increased by the last strike by some \$40 or \$50 per annum. A new program of demands is being drawn up which will be presented to the ship owners this year.

JAY STEVENS INVENTS ALARM

NEW ALARM SYSTEM ADOPTED BY PORTLAND.
 Relative of Local Baker Devises New Method of Fire Alarms.

In view of the fact that La Grande is right now looking about for an automatic fire alarm system, the following from a Portland paper will be of interest. Battalion Chief Stevens being well known here. He is the son-in-law of C. Lenhart of the Model bakery.

Battalion Chief Jay Stevens has invented a system of assignment for the apparatus of the fire department in responding to alarms which is superior to that of any assignment system in use in any fire department in this country, according to experts. It was adopted by the fire committee of the executive board yesterday afternoon and will be put into service immediately to take the place of the antiquated assignment book in use for many years.

The new system is quick, accurate, effective and automatic. There can be no combination of fire alarms which this system will not work out automatically. It is a card system and whenever an alarm is sounded the watchman in a fire company in an instant can readily see if his company is to respond on the first, second, third, or fourth alarm. It can also be readily ascertained just what is expected of each company.

At present when two or more alarms come in at the same time there is often a general mix-up, but under the new system there can be no such misunderstanding. The system also makes it easier for the operators in charge of the central fire alarm station. Instead of notifying each company by telephone when one or more companies are out of commission for any reason, which takes several minutes, the operator will tap out the message to the various companies over the telegraph wires, which will go to each company simultaneously and will take but a second.

The late Chief Campbell before his death in the fire of the Union Oil company last June instructed Battalion Chief Stevens to prepare the system after it had been explained to him and he has been working on it ever since.

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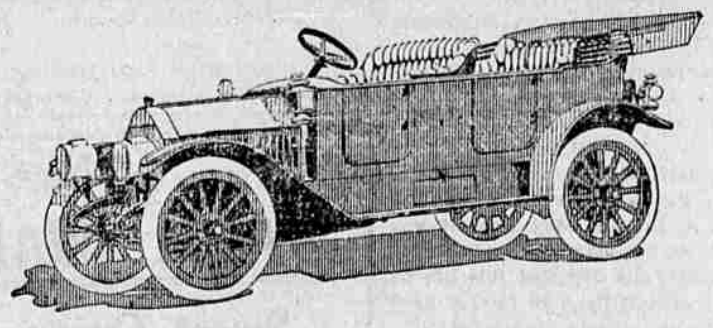
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