

Notice Special Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Grande Ronde Reservoir Co. that there is a special stockholders' meeting called for Saturday, September 20, 1913, at 2:30 p. m. at the Commercial club rooms, for the purpose of asking the stockholders to

instruct the directors to sell or dispose of the company's property and also for a dissolution of the corporation. By order of the board of directors. GEO. STODDARD, Vice President. FRED J. HOLMES, Secretary Pro Tem. Aug 19 1mo. Adv.

State News Brevities

Name Change Ordered.

Salem, Ore., Sept. 10.—The Southern Pacific company today notified the state railroad commission that it had changed the name of Lakeview Park station, near Oswego, to Lake Grove station, the railroad having been notified that the name conflicted with Lakeview the county seat of Lake county, and a station of the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad company. "Lakeview" is evidently a favorite name of railroads for stations, for only recently the state railway commission compelled the United Railways, which had a station by that name near Portland, to change it because of the Lakeview in Lake county.

Merchants Are Warned

Salem, Or., Sept. 10.—Having been informed that Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures in Washington state have been impersonated by persons asking exorbitant prices for testing scales and measures, F. G. Buchtel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, today issued a warning to merchants to allow no one to do the work unless he can prove that he is authorized to do so by the department.

It is believed that a band of men, thought to be operating in Washington, will come to Oregon, and the deputy sealer of weights and measures wants all dealers using weights and measures to be on their guard. Under the Oregon law only a state deputy can test a weight or measure, and he cannot charge fees.

Talks on Salem Streets.

Salem, Ore., Sept. 10.—Miss Alice Carpenter, national organizer for the progressive party, delivered an address on the corner of Commercial and State streets in this city last night. During the afternoon she spoke before the Woman's club at the public library. In her address last night she explained the principles and platform of the progressive party, predicting that it would be the successful party at the next presidential election. While in the city she is the guest of Mrs. Paul Wallace.

Astoria Ready to Give Cash.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 10.—That there should be no cessation of work in the construction of the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river or in the operation of dredges on the bar, was the sentiment expressed by the members of the Port of Astoria commission at the regular weekly meeting held yesterday.

While no formal appropriation of money was made, the commissioners stated they were ready and willing at any time to advance their portion of the cash needed to keep these projects under way, should the federal appropriation be unavailable for a few months.

The commission today elected Frank J. Carney as its secretary and accepted the resignation of A. W. Norblad as attorney to take effect next month.

LONDON BOOTBLACKS.

Street Corners Knew Them Early in the Eighteenth Century.

Liquid blacking, such as is now used, was invented early in the nineteenth century. Previously various mixtures were used.

There are many allusions in eighteenth century literature to shoeblacks and blacking. In the London World of Jan. 31, 1754, Edward Moore, describing the miseries of an author, says that he would rather have started in life as a shoeblack had he but had the money to buy or credit to procure "a stool, brush and blackball."

An old kind of blacking consisted of ivory black, very coarse moist sugar and water, with a little vinegar. A mixture of whale oil and soot was used in Gray's time. The author of "Trivial" has several allusions to the "black youth" who stood at street corners then as now:

Hark! The boy calls thee to his destin'd stand.

And the shoe shines beneath his oily hand.

Defoe makes his Colonel Jack describe himself when a boy as a dirty vagabond, "like a 'Black your shoes, your honor? a beggar boy, a black-guard boy or what you please, despicable and miserable to the last degree.'" Here is another quotation from "Trivial" (1715):

His treble voice resounds along the mews, And Whitehall echoes, "Clean your honor's shoes!"

—London Notes and Queries.

FIRST SLOT MACHINE.

It Was Invented by Hero of Alexandria About 125 B. C.

Hero of Alexandria (about 125 B. C.) was an ingenious inventor of mechanical toys. In his works, "Pneumatics" and "Automata," he describes some hundred small machines that he probably never carried beyond the "model" stage.

These included a steam engine and a double forcing pump to be used as a fire engine.

Hero was also the inventor of the automatic delivery, or penny in the slot machine. He describes "a sacrificial vessel which flows only when money is introduced."

When the coin is dropped through the slit it falls on one end of a balanced horizontal lever, which being depressed opens a valve suspended from a chain at the other end, and the water begins to flow.

When the lever has been depressed to a certain angle the coin falls off and the valve, being weighted, returns to its seat and cuts off the supply. The mechanism is practically identical with the present system. — Baltimore Sun.

A Peer and His Patent.

After it is once issued the patent for the creation of a new peerage cannot be altered. Otherwise Lord Glerawly would be written Lord Glenawley, as Gerawly was written by a clerk in mistake for this word. Another interesting case of a similar nature is that of Charles Pawlet, afterward Earl Duke of Bolton, who died in 1754. In 1711, while his father, the second duke, was still alive, Pawlet was made a peer as Lord Pawlet of Basing, although the intention of the king and his advisers was to summon him to the house of lords under one of his father's junior titles—that of Baron St. John of Basing. However, the writ of summons had been made out to Lord Pawlet of Basing, and Pawlet bore this title until he became Duke of Bolton in 1722. — Westminster Gazette.

CURIOUS ALASKAN BIRDS.

Male Ptarmigans Woo in Two Tongues and Bully Their Mates.

The ptarmigan, an Alaskan bird, is a wonderful imitator of man. If Belmore Browne, who contributes an article on Alaskan game to Outing, is to be believed, to begin with, the author finds that the ptarmigan is a linguist of no mean ability. The male does his wooing in mixed French and English:

"A pleasing side of their mating is the habit of the males of uttering their call while on the wing. They commence with a guttural cackle, which they utter faster and faster until they alight, when they end their song by repeating slowly a call that sounds like ged-up, ged-up, ged-up, ged-up or parlez vous? parlez vous? parlez vous? as they strut proudly about."

In addition to singing in two languages, the ptarmigan conducts his personal and domestic affairs in approved fashion. Could not the following observation apply to human beings as well as to this remarkable bird:

"The males fight constantly, and the hens seem to enjoy these battles and sit about clucking among themselves."

"But once a hen has decided on a mate she comes into her own share of troubles and is bidden and bullied by the mate she has promised to love and obey."

Bargains in Real Estate

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FOR SALE: 5 roomed, strictly modern house opposite the court house. Price \$2000.00, \$800.00 cash, balance \$25.00 per month. Sewer and street improvements all paid. On market only till September 16.

FOR TRADE: An eight roomed house, and 50x110 lot, full basement and furnace heated. Toilet up and down stairs. Large pantry and a built-in refrigerator. Situated in Irvington, one of the best residence districts in Portland, Oregon. Price \$3000.00, must assume \$3,500.00. Will trade for La Grande property.

FOR SALE: New two-room house, chicken house and wood shed. City water and electric lights. Four lots 60x140 feet. All for \$1200.00, \$200.00 down, \$15.00 per month, same as rent. Walk in and paid for.

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FOR SALE—New 4-room modern cottage, 4 blocks from business center, small lot, a good bargain, some terms. Edw. W. Kammerer, 2004 Adams ave. 6-20 tf.

FOR RENT—Rooms for lighthouse-keeping; also a large bed, sitting room and other bed rooms, with bath, 1512 Adams ave. Phone Black 1731. Adv. 6-25 tf.

BOARDERS AND ROOMERS Wanted, 905 Spring ave. Phone Black 3881 Adv. 7-17 tf.

FOR RENT—Three office rooms over Young's Confectionery. Adv. 7-29 tf.

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WANTED—To rent a small dairy ranch; must have good buildings and close in. Phone Black 3402. 9-6 6t p.

WANTED—Three rooms or small house furnished, close to Palmer mill. Phone Red 3492. 2003 N. Fir. Adv. 8-22 tf.

FOR SALE—Four room house, good condition, two beautiful lots, 1401, cor. Y and N. Fir. \$300.00 cash. No trades. Until Sept. 15, address R. L. Bills, 1143 1/2 E. 30th N. Portland, Ore. Adv. 8-25 9-15 p.

WANTED—Experienced woman for general housework. Call B. 352. 9-4 tf.

WANTED—Lady attendant for wheel chair patient. Hot Lake Springs Co. Adv. 9-3 tf.

WANTED—Horses and cattle to pasture. Call Farmers 158. 9-10 tf.

FOR RENT—Large, furnished front room. Call Dr. Darland. 9-6 tf.

WANTED—Girl for cook and general housework. Phone Main 71 or call 1808 4th st., Mrs. August Stang. 9-9 tf.

FOR SALE—Genuine leather couch, quarter sawed oak book case, 1309 N ave., Phone Red 331. 9-10 3t.

FARMER, aged 36, seeks position as foreman or manager on ranch. Thoroughly competent in all details. Can repair machinery; am conversant with gas engines. W. Rowles, La Grande, Genl. Delivery. 9-10 2t.

WANTED—Pole wood. Call Red 482. 9-10 4t.

WANTED—At once, a good live man to take care of the Grand Union Tea Company business at La Grande. A good thing for the right party. Write Grand Union Tea Company, Walla Walla, Wash. 9-8 tf.

FOR RENT—9 room house, large grounds, barn and garage, lease for winter to right party at reasonable terms. Call Black 471. After 5:30 p. m. Black 501. 9-9 tf.

FOR RENT—3 rooms for light house-keeping; modern. 1104 M ave. Phone Black, 3512, or Black 832. 9-10 4t.

WANTED—Man and wife to work on ranch. Call or address Hector McDonald, Wallowa, Oregon. 9-10 3t.

FOR RENT—Furnished room across from high school. Phone Main 705. 9-10 10t.

FOR RENT—Suit of housekeeping rooms. Phone Red 1721, 905 Spring st. 9-11 tf.

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