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THE TOGGERY

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

USE OF NATIONAL FORESTS FOR POWER DEVELOPMENT

In the fiscal year 1916, says Henry S. Graves, chief of the forest service, in his annual report, 20 new water power projects which utilize national forest land began operation. This was an increase of 183 per cent in the total number. In the fiscal year 1915 the number of new projects which began operation was 12. Forty-two per cent of the total developed water power of the United States utilize National Forest land, the Forest Service figures show.

Development of relatively small projects is particularly in evidence, according to Mr. Graves, in the Rocky Mountain states. California leads in the amount of power under permit and in operation. The number of transmission line permits in effect was increased by 13 during the year. The 40 applications for power-project permits received in 1916 included 8 from Alaska—a notable evidence, according to the report, of increased local interest in power development on National Forest lands there.

Concerning the report prepared by the forest service in response to a resolution of the senate calling upon the secretary of agriculture for information regarding the ownership and control of water power sites and any facts bearing on the question as to the existence of a monopoly in the ownership and control of hydro-electric power in the United States, Mr. Graves says: "This report presented in far greater detail than has ever been attempted before an exhaustive analysis of the general power situation. It showed a marked concentration of definite and complete control of a large percentage of developed water power by a very few compa-

nies. Data presented regarding inter-relationships through common directors and principal officers indicated a marked tendency toward association or community of interests, particularly between the principal holding companies. The movement toward concentration in commercial central stations of all the primary power employed in the electrical industries and in manufactures was found in all sections of the United States, the rate of concentration during the period 1902-1912 being highest in the South Atlantic States and the extent of concentration greatest in the western states.

"The rate of increase in water-bridge expenditures in the United States amounted to about \$282,000,000 of which probably not over \$15,000,000 represented the value of the statute and convict labor.

While corn culture under droughty conditions is largely a matter of taking chances with seasonal conditions, certain controllable conditions of soil and seed often determine the success or failure of the crop.

power development for public service use from 1902-1912 was approximately three times as great as in steam power. Primary power installation from all sources and for all uses increased from 1902 to 1912 more than 2½ times as rapidly in the eleven western states as in the remainder of the United States, while the increase for primary electric power for the same period was 440 per cent for the western states, as against 226 per cent in the other states. The development per capita of the western states in 1912 was 2½ times as great as in other parts of the country.

"The report showed a considerable over-development in nearly all the

power centers of the western states—California, Oregon and Washington in particular showing installations far in excess of maximum demands."

Want Ads.

WHEN IT COMES TO untiring sellers, finders and traders, an Observer Want Ad can't be beat. It works overtime on straight-time pay. Rates, one cent per word per issue—no ad less than 25 cents.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—2 large front rooms, modern and steam heated, 1511 Adams. 12-18-16

FOR RENT—3-room furnished apartment, first floor; close in. Call 904 Penn. Phone Main 715. G. H. Rush. 12-16-3t

FOR RENT OR SALE—Six-room house, barn, large chicken park, 1 acre of land. North Greenwood St. below Z Ave. Phone Black 2171.

FOR RENT—Two front rooms with or without board. Mrs. C. Wilson, 1434 Adams. 12-12-1f

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms, \$8 per month. Phone Black 1642. 12-15-5t

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room cottage. Call Red 921. 12-11-1f

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FOR RENT—A front bed sitting room; moderate charges; 2 blocks from center of town, 1512 Adams. Phone Black 3901.—Adv. 12-5-1f

FOR RENT—Modern cottage for rent, 1310 Pennsylvania avenue. Inquire of Dr. Richardson.

FOR RENT—Six room house, bath, toilet, barn, chicken house, four lots. Three blocks from high school. Inquire W. A. Worstell. 12-2-1f

FOR SALE—Real Estate

FOR SALE—New 6 room bungalow, M Street near high school. Phone Main 716. 9-23-1mo

FOR SALE—Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE—\$350 piano for \$195; very little used and good as new; will give terms to responsible party. Phone Red 3901. 12-16-22

FOR SALE—SEWING MACHINES Singer Sewing Machines Agency now in Foley Hotel Bldg. Sewing machines sold, rented and repaired. Phone Red 451. 12-15-1-15-pd

FOR SALE—Chain wood. Phone Black 1642.—Adv. 11-28-1f

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OLD PAPERS—For sale at The Observer office, 25 cents a bundle.

FOR SALE—Printing.

FOR RENT SIGNS—For sale at The Observer office.

FARM SALE BILLS—Get prices on farm sale bills at The Observer office.

WANTED—RAGS

WANTED—Clean cotton rags. Call Observer.

STRAYED.

LOST—A Heifer Calf, one and one-half years old, light Jersey, branded Lazy S on left shoulder. Phone Farmers 20X. 12-5-1f

STRAYED—One black mare, 7 years old, branded quarter-circle 7 on left

stiffle, white stripe in face, four white feet. Reward. Phone Red 3901. 12-11-1f

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. Phone Black 3472. 12-12-1f

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position as housekeeper, experienced. Phone Red 631. 12-18-11t

WANTED—Position as housekeeper for bachelor or widower. N. E. Whittemore, Victoria Hotel, Lincoln, Nebr. 12-15-7t-pd

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house, in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year and such other business will be considered as may properly offer.

F. L. MEYERS,
Cashier.

—Adv. 12-8 to Jan. 8.

Notice to Stockholders.
Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the said bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 5th day of December, 1916.

T. J. SCROGGIN,
Cashier.

—Adv. 12-6 to 1-8.

IMBLER POOL HALL IS SOLD

Former Milton Man Locates—Considerable sickness follows Warmth and Rain—Other Interesting News.

Imbler, Ore., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Lewis Dunlap, who recently came to Imbler from near Milton, to work in the packing plant, has purchased the confectionery and pool hall from Elmer Reuter, and has possession of the establishment.

Two children in the Blackinton home north of town, have diphtheria, the cases having developed Friday. The family is under quarantine and the directors are fumigating the Imbler school building for the second time since the beginning of the school term, and it is hoped that no other cases will develop. School will not be closed unless other cases are reported.

The recent warm rains caused an epidemic of colds and grippe, according to report.

The co-operative stock of goods has been sold, Clyde Kiddle, the Island City merchant, becoming the new proprietor. He has also rented the building and will continue the business. Mr. Westfall will probably remain in charge until the end of the month.

Coyotes are venturing farther down the mountainsides and into the valley since the snow fell.

Clarence Westfall is "enjoying" a visit from Mr. Grippe, which is keeping him out of school for a few days.

Clyde Masters, who has been ill for several days, is yet very weak, but it is believed he will recover. Some difficulty is being experienced in securing men to remain with him

Good Things to Eat for Your Christmas Dinner.

-At-

PATTISON BROTHERS GROCERY

Franco-American Soups—all kinds.
Crab Meat for your Cocktails.
New York Cheese—1914 product.
Sweet Potatoes—the best quality.
Arabian and Sumatra Coffee.
Catsups and Salad Dressings.
Budded Walnuts—the best on the market.
Cluster Raisins—one pound boxes.
Dates from the Garden of Eden.
Extra Fancy Line of Candies.
Chestnuts by Express yesterday.
Cranberries—Ripe and Red—easy Jelled.
Plum Puddings—already made.
No better Mince Meat than Heinz bulk.
Green, Ripe, and Stuffed Olives.
Shelled Pinenuts, Pecans, Walnuts.
Salted Peanuts, Pinenuts, Pecans and Almonds.
Empsons Peas—Asparagus Tips.
Tuna Fish—for Salads.
Barrington Hall Coffee—Baker-ized.
All kinds of Nuts in Shell.

Your early order will be appreciated as there is always a big rush at the last moment.

PHONE MAIN 80

A NEW IDEA!

A DAINTY CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FOR LOVERS OF TEA



We will have everything the market affords for your Christmas Dinner, and if you give Us Your Order we will see that it is well taken care of.

On account of the stores being closed two days there will be a big rush on the last day and we advise our customers to buy early.

J. G. Snodgrass Grocer

PHONE MAIN 43

Quality Service Honest Prices

MOTHER THROWS BABE INTO STOVE FIRE

West Union Iowa, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Mrs. Hugh Conner murdered her three-month-old baby by crushing the skull, using a poker. She then at-

tempted to kill its twin and threw the child into a stove. Afterwards she seriously gashed her own throat. Neighbors saved the baby from the fire.

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each night.

Reuben McBride, our lumber dealer, was obliged to tear down one corner of the old planer building, as it was too near the railroad siding.

Frank Martin is building a barn over a stack of hay, doubtless acting on the supposition that that is easier than moving the hay.

Work has been so plentiful this fall for both men and teams that less than the usual supply of wood has been brought in from the hills. This fact, together with difficulty in regard to cars for coal, has caused a shortage of fuel.

The National Stock company were with us again Friday evening.

Information comes from Misses Ella Childers and Stella Newbill, who are spending the winter in the Middle West, have taken up basketball to cultivate better health and also acquaintances.

Apple packing did not run as long as was at first thought, this week just about ending the work.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins were visited Thursday by Dr. Stork and made the proud recipients of a son. Both parents and babe are gladly adjusting themselves to the new relationship.

Engagement Rings.

The custom of giving engagement rings ranks back to long before the Christian era. With the ancient Egyptians engagement rings were always of iron, to indicate the mutual sacrifice of liberty of the contracting parties. One of the very earliest adornments of betrothal rings was a loadstone, which symbolized the attractive force which drew a maiden from her own family circle into that of her husband. It is believed that the fourth finger has always been the bride's ring finger.

Oregon City Man a Suicide.

Oregon City, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—J. V. Strack, aged 28, was found dead living in a shack between Sandy and Bull Run with a bullet hole in his heart and a rifle lying across his

head. It is believed he was a suicide.

Eastern Star at Cove Elects.

Cove, Ore., Dec. 19.—(Special)—At the first annual election of officers of Cherry Chapter No. 123, Order Eastern Star, December 13, the following were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ella M. Anderson, worthy matron; John Dean, worthy matron; Mrs. Stella Dean, associate matron; Mrs. Mildred McCall, secretary; Mrs. Alice Duffey, treasurer; Mrs. Bessie C. Lay, conductress; Mrs. Lela E. Powell, associate conductress.

RANCH IS SOLD FOR \$16,800

Property of Late Alonzo Long Purchased by Frank Leanning.

Baker, Ore., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Attorney Frank B. Mitchell, attorney for Charles D. Long, administrator of the estate of the late Alonzo Long, yesterday concluded negotiations for the sale of the ranch of the Long estate seven miles northwest of Haines, to Frank Leanning, a prominent resident and land owner of that section. The property figuring in the transaction embraces 120 acres of the finest kind of diversified ranch-land and the consideration was \$16,800, or \$140 per acre.

The land is highly improved and has fine buildings and equipment, being one of the best ranch properties in the Haines section, noted as one of the best farming sections of Eastern Oregon.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and this tube is restored to its normal condition by the use of the Catarrh Cure, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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