News of the Northwest Country

General Improvement of the Inland Empire Recorded.

Monument for G. A. R.

MOSCOW, Ida.—A committee from the G. A. R. and the Daughters of Veterans has let a contract for the installation of a monument as a memorial to the soldiers of the Civil War. The monument is to be placed in the Moscow cemetery by next April, according to the contract. The funds were subscribed by local organizations and individuals.

The base and shaft will be of Vermont granite surmounted by a circular figure of a soldier in parade dress. The figure will be of Bedford stone. The shaft will be 24 inches square at the base and 12 inches at the cap and the entire monument will be 22 feet high.

Start Work on City Dock.

PRIEST RIVER, Ida.—Work on the 50-foot municipal dock at Priest lake started the first of the week. The lumber is to be furnished by A. J. Marshall and Mr. McKay has the contract for the dock.

Assessment Roll is $12,174,821.

GRANGEVILLE, Ida.—The property assessment roll for Idaho county for 1922 totals $12,174,821, including 171,971 acres of agricultural land assessed at $7,124,646; timber lands assessed at $120,402; cut-over and burned timber lands, $21,581; waste lands, $182,612; mineral lands, $96,520; business lots, $365,179. The remainder is in improvements and personal property.

Rains Stop Forest Fires.

GRANGEVILLE, Ida.—General rains over the Mt. Idaho national forest have relieved what promised to be a dangerous fire situation. Twenty lightning fires were started by electrical storms and one fire in Silver creek destroyed 80 acres before it was controlled. A fire on John Day creek burned five acres. Other fires were quenched by smoke chasers before they gained headway.

Women to Build Club House.

PRIEST RIVER, Ida.—Plans to raise money for the new club house were discussed by members of the Culture club at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Van Winkle. The first of a series of social events will be held September 16 at Wright's hall. A masquerade ball and a supper will be served by the club women at the Vandevert hotel.

Couple Wedded 62 Years.

PORTLAND, Ore.—On August 16, 1860, John Marshall and Sarah E. Darby, youthful immigrants to Oregon in 1853, were married in Portland. On August 16, 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, after a period of married felicity which establishes a record in Portland domestic annals.

Their present home is at 827 Marshall street, which was named after them as Oregon pioneer. Marshall, who is 85 years old, was born in London.

For years John Marshall was a leading figure in water transportation on the Willamette and Columbia rivers. He retired in 1905, after half a century as engineer and pilot of river boats.

Marshall got his first glimpse of steamboat possibilities on a boy of 12. With his family, he came down the Columbia river from The Dalles on a flat boat. Three years later he became a river boat engineer, and was afterward engine room master of the first river steamer on the Willamette, the Jenny Clark.

Six Cents is Minimum.

SALEM, Ore.—"Six cents or bust" is in effect the slogan of the Liberty logan-berry growers as expressed at a great mass meeting of the growers held in Liberty hall last week.

The berries last year sold down as low as 2½ cents a pound, and the pickers sometimes got as much as 2 cents out of that. This year most of the berries sold for 4 cents, with some of them a little under and the pickers got 3 cents for the picking.

At the following prices of six and a half cents, the berries sold for $170 a acre. Of this the pickers got $60, the cultivating of the vines, the pruning, the fertilizing, the hauling, the taxes, the interest on the money—most of the Liberty land is owned from $300 to $1000 an acre—the commission men, the canneries, the jam factories, the brokers, the jobbers, the retailers, the pickers, the packers, the boxers, the crates, the boxes, the labels, the sugar, the cans, the steam, the canning, the labor, the rent, the interest, the profit