

BREAKING GROUND FOR FAIR BUILDING

Oregon Structure at Seattle Begun This Week—Another Packing Plant—Central Point Stationary Publicity for Poultry—League Meetings.

(PORTLAND) March 16.—Ground will be broken for the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle on Wednesday, the 18th instant, with appropriate ceremonies.

The Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing company is asking permission of the city of Portland to cover 14 acres in the suburbs with a plant which will represent an outlay of \$1,500,000. Coming immediately after the definite announcement of the \$4,000,000 establishment which Swift & Co. are to build during 1908, Oregon stockmen are jubilant over the recognition accorded this section of the United States as a packing center.

Central Point Stationary.
Secretary F. A. Welch of the Oregon state board of agriculture is asking the co-operation of the various county courts of the state in arranging for exhibits at the state fair held annually at Salem. It requires forethought at the beginning of the planting season to secure attractive displays, which become of more vital importance each year in view of the immense number of newcomers seeking locations in Oregon.

Every one of the merchants in Central Point, Oregon, is using special stationery designed in such a way that the low colonist rates are forced upon the attention of the recipient. Railroad officials on various roads have reported travel which indicates thirty trainloads of homeseekers now en route to the Pacific coast.

Publicity for Poultry.
Fruit, dairying and other industries of Oregon have all been given their share of publicity, but poultry raising is rarely mentioned outside of the publications which are either devoted to poultry or have a special department for it. \$5,000,000 annually is a very conservative estimate of the returns from this industry to Oregon farmers, and it is a pity that so many of the eggs are shipped every year from the middle west to the demand here. The export of poultry raisers say that the climate of Western Oregon in particular is conducive to very rapid and healthful growth—there is one community alone in Southern Oregon that annually markets between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of turkeys.

Development League Meets.
The series of meetings being held by Secretary Tom Richardson of the Oregon Development league is focusing the attention of the whole state. At Ashland there were three enthusiastic gatherings—one at the Normal school, a second at the Commercial College and the last in the evening attended by the citizens generally. For Medford's meeting a special train from Jacksonville brought 150 people who came down to participate. Grants Pass was next, then Roseburg, where the substantial interest promised was best evidenced by the raising of \$8500 for an immediate campaign. Albany and Stayton had meetings on Friday and Saturday. A Commercial Club has just been organized at Bend.

Miss Clark Wood, who spent several weeks visiting at Vallejo, Cal., with relatives and friends, returned to Medford Saturday.

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QUANTITIES OF COAL EXIST IN OREGON

Conditions Here Similar to Those in Pennsylvania a Century Ago—Big Profit in Mining—Advice to Farmers With Coal Veins Upon Their Lands.

There is a lot of coal in Oregon. Conditions that exist in this state today are similar to those that obtained in Pennsylvania a hundred years ago. The land is covered by a dense growth of timber and between the giant firs there is a luxuriant undergrowth that makes it almost impossible to study the character of the country.

But one thing we do know—there is coal in Oregon. How much it is not possible to estimate, because no one knows. But where it has been opened it is of commercial grade and it is making money for the operators.

Profit in Coal.
Back in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, farmers within the last year have sold the coal beneath the surface, in one vein (there are three) for as high as \$3000 an acre, and still retain the right to the other two veins and the farm, on the surface of which they till the soil the same as ever. Have you a crop that will bring you money faster than that?

Perhaps you have a few lumps of coal on the ground, or the thin edge of a reef or seam of it sticks out through the rock at some point where the formation is upturned. If so, dig into it. Get a pickax and get busy. Now, its easy to tell what kind of coal you have, and if you will just keep on reading you will know a great deal more about it, for I intend to tell you how you may know one coal from another and ascertain something about its value without any expense whatever.

Simple Test for Coal.
I will give you all the simple tests for coal, and anybody who knows enough to eat when he is hungry can make them while she is cooking dinner some day, so you see one does not even have to create a special occasion to make the tests, and if you are lazy the scheme will fit right in with your disposition.

Here are the tests:
Anthracite is the finest coal known. It contains as high as 94 per cent carbon, and has great heating power. It burns with a smokeless flame, which appears feeble and weakly blue. It looks almost as though you might blow it out, but you cannot. It is very dense, has a shining surface and breaks with a conchoidal or hollow like fracture.

Bituminous Coal.
(a) Bituminous coal contains about 50 to 60 per cent of carbon and a vast amount of volatile gas. It burns with a long, yellow, smoky flame, that smolders and makes a great deal of soot in a pipe or chimney. It makes a fine quality of coke, and is considered the best money-maker in the market.
(b) Semi-bituminous coal is an intermediate between anthracite and bituminous, and contains from 70 to 85 per cent of carbon. It is an ideal steaming coal.

What Cooking Coal Is.
(c) Coking Coal is a semi-bituminous fuel which becomes soft and pasty when heated. Little bubbles appear in the center, in which blowholes appear and out of which gas blows, frequently with a slight hissing sound, as it burns. Bituminous coal when brought to a red heat is converted into coke because the volatile gases are released and escape, leaving the fixed carbon in the coke which is a valuable and high-priced fuel. It is worth more than the original coal, gives better heat, is easier to regulate, keeps longer, causes less trouble, leaves practically no clinker, is clean and is handled to advantage for heating, particularly in furnaces for domestic purposes, for the coke will last all night and furnish plenty of heat to a house in the coldest kind of weather that Oregon will ever experience.

Lignite Partly Formed Coal.
Lignite is partially formed coal, which contains considerable moisture. It burns easily, but under ordinary circumstances gives off little heat. After exposure it cracks and breaks, and in burning it splits along parallel planes. Ordinarily it does not give off a great amount of heat. If broken to sizes ranging from that of a hickory nut to that of an orange, good results may be obtained, for it burns well, gives off considerable heat and leaves a white ash, in which, as in the original coal, the woody structure of the peat from which it is derived, may be observed. In burning there is a slight odor of an organic character, but not unpleasant.

The coals so far found in Oregon are lignite. Formerly, it was not used to any great extent, but as it is better understood, it is coming into more general use, because of its cheapness as compared with other grades, though in the very nature of things, more of it must be burned to obtain the same amount of heat as may be developed with either anthracite, bituminous, coked coal or coke. But if broken as mentioned above, given good draft, with the ash kept well cleared from beneath the grate, it will burn well and afford excellent results.

Coal in Oregon.
Coal is found in this state, mostly in the coast range, and close to water, that

of Coos county being the most extensive bed known. The deposits there have a length of 30 and a width of 11 miles. These figures are from a report by the United States geological survey. Other fields are the Upper Nehalem, in Columbia county; the Lower Nehalem, in Clatsop and Tillamook counties; the Yaquina field in Lincoln and the Eckley and Shasta-Costa fields in Curry county. Veins exist also in Southeastern Morrow and in the John Day valley.—F. J. Arkins in the Telegram.

New Bank for Astoria.
ASTORIA, Or., March 14.—Articles of incorporation of the Banking, Savings & Loan association have been filed in the county clerk's office. The in-

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- 69—43 acres near Ashland, half set to fruit, some buildings; if sold soon will take \$3000.
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