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### WATER CONTEST SETTLED

#### Mrs. Bauten has Prior Right to Water for Irrigation.

The Bauten-Pearce contest regarding the use of waters of Poorman's Creek was settled by stipulation of the parties Thursday.

By the terms of the stipulation, Mrs. Bauten's right is conceded to be of prior date to Pearce's and that she is entitled to the use of 6 miner's inches of water during the irrigation season beginning April 1st each year. The surplus water over six inches is to be allowed to run in creek past her point of diversion and will be available to the Pearce's use as will also the water during the winter.

The settlement of the contest is satisfactory to both sides and when passed upon by the State Board will definitely determine a matter which has been in dispute for many years.

D. W. Bagshaw of this city represented the contestant, Mrs. Mary Bauten, and W. P. Mealey of Medford appeared for the contestees.

### Buncom Reports.

William Loudon was in town Tuesday night.

W. R. Garrett was in Medford Tuesday night.

Harley Hall made a business trip to Medford last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Bostwick of Ruch spent Monday night with her daughter Mrs. Wilbur Cameron.

Mrs. Dora Saltmarsh was visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Arthurs at Ruch last Sunday.

Mrs. J. Parks and family took dinner at the home of C. C. Buck last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Cameron spent several days in Jacksonville recently the guest of Mrs. S. E. Dunnington.

Irene Plotner spent Saturday and Sunday in Medford.

Dan Watters is working for Mr. Bulis at Sterling.

A. S. Klienhammer and family Ancel Gilson and wife were guests at R. G. Jennings Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Bostwick of Ruch is moving to Medford.

Miss Esther Pursell did shopping in town Tuesday.

Miles Cantrall was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Wilbur Cameron was visiting relatives down Applegate last week.

Joe Ginet made several trips to Med-

ford with prunes this week.

Mrs. Frank Crump was a caller at Mrs. Bob Crouders first of the week.

Ancel Gilson and wife were in town middle of the week.

Harley Hall was in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Walter Bostwick was on the streets this week.

Lesly Stansell was out on big Applegate during this week.

### Debenger Gap.

By Norman Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley of Sams valley are visiting their daughter and son-in-law Boyd Tucker and wife of Elk creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gordon of Beagle made a trip to Central Point the last of the week.

We were very much grieved to hear of the accident which resulted in the death of August Lawrentz of Medford a prominent landowner in the Debenger Gap vicinity.

Misses Mary and Martha Gage of Debenger Gap made a trip to Medford Thursday.

There will be a dance at Mr. E. E. Ash's place at Trail Thursday November 27th. There will be a roast pig supper, everybody cordially invited to attend the dance and feast on roast pig Yum Yum.

Mrs. George Howe of Trail creek is quite sick with the malaria.

Prof. L. M. Sweet of Beagle was in Medford last week.

Miss Rose Nealon teacher of the Reese creek school was in Central Point last Saturday.

### BROKEN RAIL CAUSE

#### 12 Killed, 100 Injured in Alabama R. R. Wreck.

Eufaula, Alabama, Nov. 13.—Twelve persons were killed, and over 100 injured, some fatally, early today when three coaches of a Central Georgia passenger train left the rails 17 miles south of here, plunging down a steep embankment.

The train containing five cars was crowded with excursionists, en route from Ozark, Ala., to Eufaula, where a fair is being held.

Among those who escaped with minor injuries, was Jefferson Clayton, a wealthy Alabamian and brother of Congressman Clayton. A broken rail caused the accident.

If you want to buy, or sell anything, advertise in the Post.

### COUNCIL MEETING

#### Adjourned Session Monday Evening. Tax Levy Made For Ensuing Year. Liquor License Granted. Bills Allowed.

The City Fathers held an adjourned meeting in the council chambers Monday evening. Present—Mayor Britt, Councilmen Barnum, Florey and McIntire. Absent—Councilman Flick and Recorder Stansell. D. W. Bagshaw acted as Recorder pro tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Communication from A. E. Reames, with bill for \$250.00 for attorney's fee in re J. J. Mears vs the City of Jacksonville, was read and on motion the bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Petition of E. H. Helms for liquor license, accompanied by receipt from city treasurer for \$200. license fee for six months, and bond in sum of \$500. was presented and on motion the petition was granted, bond approved and license ordered issued.

Reports of Water Superintendent and Recorder were read and ordered filed. Return of Marshal Jones covering sale of property sold for delinquent water assessments was read and ordered filed.

The question of taxes for next year was discussed at some length and a resolution was adopted fixing the levy for municipal taxes at 18 mills.

Mr. Langley, sexton at the cemetery presented the question of placing the sexton on a salary and on motion it was decided to put him on a flat salary of \$10. per month, the sexton to furnish the tools used in the cemetery.

#### Josephine to Give Trees.

The columns at the entrance to the building that will be erected by the state of Oregon at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 will consist of great pines from the Josephine forests. One is to be a sugar pine and the other of the yellow variety, each forty feet long and five feet through at the small end. While in the city last week Commissioner R. A. Booth said these logs could be Josephine's contribution to the state structure, and at the meeting of the Commercial club Monday night County Commissioner Barlow said that the county had agreed to bear the expense up to \$100. of getting the logs to the shipping place.—Grants Pass Courier

Fresh bread all the time, pies and cakes to order at Chapmans Chocolate Corner.

### INJURIES PROVE FATAL

#### August Lawrentz Dead From Auto Smash. "Blondy" Sayles Injured in Another Collision.

Automobile accidents of the last week hereabouts netted one death and serious injury, both caused by faulty or careless light precautions.

August Lawrentz 53, who was struck by an auto driven by W. H. Gore on the Jacksonville road Thursday night, died Monday morning at 5 o'clock. The dead man absolved all others of blame. He running without any lights. The funeral services will be held Wednesday. Lawrentz was a juror at the present term of court.

Sunday night about 6 o'clock "Blondy" Sayles and Dan Jordan, employed at the electric power house at Ashland were riding their motorcycles toward this city on the Ashland road with no lights.

Near Frederick station they attempted to pass the auto driven by a Mr. Allison of Ashland. Sayles in making the turn swerved in as Allison swerved out, and a collision followed.

Sayles landed against the radiator and wind shield with great force and was rendered unconscious. His left knee was injured so seriously it is feared a permanent injury will result. His face is a mass of cuts.

After the accident Charles Young who was returning from Ashland with his wife and sister-in-law picked up the injured man and rushed him to the hospital, also towing in the Allison machine, which was put out of commission. Tribune

### ENLARGED-HOMESTEAD LAW

#### Secretary Kane Outlines Methods of Procedure for Homestead Entrymen.

The 320-acre homestead law, or, as it is often called, the enlarged-homestead law, has made possible the entry of many million acres of dry land in the Western States in tracts double the size allowed under the original homestead law. Only land which has been "designated" by the Secretary of the Interior as "nonirrigable" can be entered under this act. More than 200,000,000 acres have been thus designated, but petitions and sworn statements requesting further designations are constantly being received.

In an interview just given out, Secretary Lane calls attention to the fact that there appears to be considerable misunderstanding among western homesteaders as to the procedure necessary in order that enlarged-homestead designations may be made. The Secretary states that only the simplest and most direct action by the settler is required and that it is wholly unnecessary for him to incur the charges now made by attorneys who draw up formal petitions that are in fact no more effective than the homesteader's own letter would be. On this account a brief statement of the essential facts relative to the enlarged-homestead law is timely.

The first enlarged-homestead act was approved February 19, 1909, and as later amended provides that in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming any person who is qualified to make entry under the homestead laws may enter as much 320 acres of public land which is in a reasonable compact body and is non-mineral, nonirrigable, unreserved, and unappropriated and does not contain merchantable timber. Before such entry can be made, however, the land must be designated by the Secretary of the Interior as not being, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

#### P. & E. Will be Extended

According to Alfred D. Cridge of Portland, secretary of the home Tax Exemption league, who has recently been investigating railroad conditions in Central Oregon for the Portland Journal, the Hill lines are unquestionably determined to connect the P. & E. with Bend, Oregon, and extend the line through Medford to the coast, probably at Eureka, Cal.

"Among railroad men" he declared "this is a well-accepted fact. The only question is how soon the Great Northern and Northern Pacific can dispose of their securities and secure the money necessary for such a project. Jim Hill is now in Oregon, no doubt to aid in educating the people to see that un-

til the road can secure public support and necessary credit railroad construction in this state must stop."

"But there is no doubt that the road will be built eventually and through Medford and the Rogue River valley. In my opinion, the Hill lines are going to Eureka and to San Francisco. They will not come down the coast from Astoria."

Mr. Crude, who is a well-known single-tax advocate, is in Medford in the interest of two constitutional amendments and an initiative law, taxing all land that is not public property.

One amendment would look toward a \$1500 tax exemption on personal property and improvements, with a view to lessening the tax burden upon the individual settler and bread-earner, and incidentally make Oregon a more attractive state for the newcomer. The plan has been tried in parts of Canada, and according to Mr. Crude is largely responsible for the increased emigration to that country from the United States. Sun

### PORTLAND LETTER

#### Oregon to Install Splendid Exhibit at Chicago

Portland, Ore. Nov. 11, 1913 (Special)—C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League, who is to head the Oregon delegation at the United States Land Show in Chicago, November 20 to December 8, has gone east to install the exhibit. Oregon will occupy two booths in the Land Show and will also have lecture room privileges. From five to eight Oregon representatives will be in attendance at all times.

The exhibit will consist of agricultural products of every sort, contributed by commercial clubs in all parts of the state and is one of the most complete ever assembled in Oregon. All of the exhibits were shipped from Portland last Saturday in a special baggage car via North Bank, Great Northern and Burlington roads.

On December 13 the Pacific International Livestock Exposition will be held at the Portland Union Stockyards and, although the opening date is still distant more than a full month, breeders from all parts of the United States and Canada are already sending in their fancy stock. Fifteen thousand dollars in cash premiums will be paid out at the close of the show, the largest sum ever offered at an exclusively livestock show on the Pacific Coast. Recent winnings of Pacific Coast cattle at the National Dairy Show at Chicago have induced breeders of the Middle West to make important entries in competition with Oregon breeders. James J. Hill, who was sponsor for the original show, has been invited to be a guest of the exposition for at least one day.

In connection with the Livestock Exposition, William Tellman, of Baker, Oregon, president of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Breeders Association, announces a meeting of that organization in the assembly room of the Portland Public Library on Thursday evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock.

After long, weary months of uncertainty and delay, Secretary of the Interior Lane has finally and formally approved the first unit of the Umatilla Irrigation Project, set aside \$800,000 from the reclamation fund to defray the cost and directed the Reclamation Service to begin construction work as soon as possible. It is expected that work will be commenced not later than December 20 and that the first unit will be completed and 10,000 acres brought under irrigation within a year from that time. After a personal investigation last summer, Secretary Lane is confident that the entire project will be a success, but thinks it good business policy to complete the first unit before undertaking further work.

An effort is being put forth by the Oregon Agricultural College to assist a number of Oregon counties to qualify under the measure passed by the last Legislature providing that every dollar appropriated by any county, within a certain maximum limit, the state will provide a like sum to carry forward experiment station and demonstration farm work. J. L. Smith, a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural College and who has had several years' experience in dairy farming, has been selected to head this class of work in Coos County and he will take up his duties there about November 15. Marion and Wallowa counties have employed men in agricultural education work the past year, supported by local funds.

The American Bonding Co. of Baltimore will go on your bond and write burglary insurance. D. W. BAGSHAW Agent.

### POWERS BOYCOTT HUERTA

#### Denied Money and Moral Support Dictator Hides.

Washington, Nov. 13.—United support from the great powers abroad for the American policy toward Mexico was shown in a variety of quiet diplomatic activities, and give President Wilson and Secretary Bryan confidence today that Huerta's elimination as the Mexican provisional president would soon be accomplished and that a financial blockade instituted by the United States has effectively tied the European purse strings.

Also that diplomatic pressure was being exerted in Mexico and that Huerta's friends were applying influence and persistent reports that Huerta had gone into mysterious seclusion combined to raise the administration hopes that definite progress was being made.

Another influence expected to contribute to Huerta's overthrow is the extension of the moral support to the constitutionalists, and if pressed to extremity, the American government will lift the embargo on arms to aid the constitutionalists, but the officials hope such a step unnecessary.

An exchange of cablegrams with Ambassador Page, and an agreement by England to leave the Mexican problem in American hands and the announcement that no moral or financial help would be granted created a favorable impression. It was felt England, France, Germany and other nations stood together in acquiescence to the American plan.

### TWO FREIGHTERS LOST.

#### Death Toll 150. Great Lakes Cast up Bodies.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—News was received today of the continued adding to the disaster total on Lake Huron in Sunday's storm. The full toll taken by the storm is not known. Bodies from five or six vessels were found on the shore. Wreckage from two other boats still missing, was cast up by the waves and no trace of two other vessels and crews which number over forty men.

Conservative estimates fix the total dead at 150. Damage to vessels and cargoes will be several million dollars.

Greatest among today's tragedies was the confirmation of the loss of the steamer, John A. McGean, a 437-foot freighter. Twenty-eight bodies of her crew were washed ashore.

### New Coal Field Investigated

Among the many areas of coal land examined recently by the United States Geological Survey, in connection with its land-classification work, is the Little Sheep Mountain field, Montana, described by G. S. Rogers in Bulletin 531 F, just published by the Survey. The area is about 60 miles from Terry and contains about 1,440 square miles. The Little Sheep Mountain field, in common with all the others in this vicinity, was examined with a view to the classification of the land and the valuation of that part underlain by coal or lignite. The coals of this area seem to be on the boundary line between lignite and subbituminous coal.

Under present economic conditions it is held that no bed of this grade of coal thinner than 30 inches is workable, although in the examination of this field all beds down to 24 inches were mapped and many thinner ones were examined. From the data thus gathered, only beds 30 inches or more in thickness being taken into account, the total quantity of coal in the Fort Union coals of the Little Sheep Mountain field is estimated to be 2,218,349,080 tons; if all beds of a thickness greater than 14 inches are counted the total is 2,560,700,000 tons.

A copy of the bulletin may be obtained free on application to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

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