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FREE TRADE ZONE

Warehouses to Facilitate Exchange of Goods Constitute New Project.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A project for making part of the Panama Canal zone a free trade territory with a view to establishing there a sort of clearing house of North, Central and South American commerce, is being worked out by Representative Copley, of Illinois, who will present it to Congress in the form of a bill. The plan is along the general lines of a free zone arrangement tried out in Hamburg, Hongkong and Singapore.

"For a few months manufacturers," Copley said, "could get together and send down a full cargo of goods, put it into a warehouse, and from there ship to all parts of the world."

Copley said that at Hamburg the plan was working well, 2400 acres having been set aside there by the German government for the upbuilding of its trade. At Singapore there is another free zone where the trade amounts to more than one-seventh of all the combined imports and exports of America.

POULTRY

Poultry Keepers' Don'ts as Seen at O. A. C. Show.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 22.—"Don't use mongrel stock," is one of the first signs encountered on entering the Utility Poultry Show held by the Poultry Department of the Oregon Agricultural College last week. Prof. James Dryden thus expressed his estimate of the value of mongrel fowls. He has resorted to a limited and scientific use of cross-breeding in his work of developing a new variety, but only mongrels are different considerations.

"Don't use immature stock," is the next sign displayed at the show. Both size and vitality are affected unfavorably by mating over young chickens. Vitality is an important factor in heavy egg-laying.

"Don't start too big," comes next. No amount of knowledge and enthusiasm can make up for lack of experience, and mistakes are sure to be made in the beginning. If the beginning is on a large scale, some of these mistakes will prove very serious. Therefore, they should be made with only a few fowls. When the business has grown the mistakes can be avoided.

"Don'ts will not conduct a profitable poultry business but the intelligent observation of these three will steer the beginner clear of some of the most disastrous, though alluring mistakes.

A Correction.

The reports of the Masterson-Norling tragedy published in various papers last week convey the impression that the shooting occurred in a drunken row; the evidence at the inquest does not show that there was any row or quarrel at all.

The men were returning from Holland on foot and being tired and wet from the long tramp through the snow, stopped at the Osborne cabin to spend the night. Norling had gone to bed after hanging his wet clothes near the stove that they might be dry in the morning. His body when found was in the bed with the hands clasped together, the face burned with powder indicating that the gun had been held almost against the head and everything indicating that he was asleep when shot and that he never awakened.

The face of Masterson was also powder burned and the position of his body when found indicates that he had been outside the house and just as he entered the gun was thrust in his face and fired. The story about the giving up of Alexander to the officers is only partly true. That he attempted to get away is proven by his tracks which lead up in the mountains to the deep snow where finding escape impossible he returned and surrendered.

The only reasonable theory of the killing is that the slayer was insane and possessed of a homicidal mania.

Largest Electric Hoist in America

One of the largest electric hoists in the world, and exceeded only by a few in South Africa, will be established in the Granite Mountain shaft of the North Butte Mining Company. The hoist will have a capacity of 300 tons per hour hoisted from a 2,650-foot level, or 200 tons per hour from a 4,000-foot level. The shaft is now approaching the 2,900-foot level. The hoisting drum, 12 feet in diameter, will be driven by a direct-connected electric motor supplied with power from a motor-generator set provided with a 60-ton flywheel. The flywheel will give up some of its stored energy to supply the peak load drawn by the hoisting motor. The induction motor of the generator set will have a continuous rating of 1,400 horsepower and the hoisting motor will have a maximum intermittent rating of 4,500 horse-power.—Scientific American.

HIGHWAY BONDS

Certified Check From Bidders Cashed on Presentation—Entire Amount is Available on Delivery of Bonds.

County Treasurer Cronmiller has received \$4500 cash, the proceeds of the certified check put up by Wells & Dickey company when they made the bid for the county highway bonds last October. The check was ordered cashed by the county court when word was received that the attorneys of the bond syndicate had approved the issue. This is the first money received on the bonds but the entire \$500,000 will be available as soon as the bonds are delivered, probably in Feb. They are now being printed in New York.

Attorney A. E. Reames is in New York for the county court and held a conference with the bond buyers' attorneys Tuesday, at which all questions regarding the validity of the outstanding warrants were satisfactorily disposed of.

"I have asked and expect the co-operation of Jackson county banks in putting all county warrants at par," stated Judge TouVelle. "The money received from the sale of the bonds will be deposited in county banks at 2 per cent interest until needed for road construction, but the banks must first agree to co-operate in keeping county warrants at par, and those banks who refuse will receive no bond money."

"There is no reason why Jackson county warrants are not worth par. The acceptance of the bond issue validates all outstanding road indebtedness about \$230,000. If a 5 per cent security is worth a premium, certainly a 6 per cent one, like the warrants, are. The county reduced the warrant indebtedness a large amount last year, and a special levy this year will cut it down at least \$150,000. I hope before my term is up to see the outstanding warrants reduced to a nominal amount."

On account of the large number of unemployed in the county, plans to establish a convict camp, either on the Siskiyou grade or at Gold Ray quarry have been abandoned, states Resident Engineer F. A. Kirtledge, in charge of the Pacific highway work. The quarry is being overhauled and put in shape for operation and probably a large force of men will be set at work there next month.—Mail Tribune

FOR SALE at a Bargain—House and lot on Oregon street, near City Hall. Must be sold soon. Call on Rogue Realty River Co. Adv.

INDUSTRIAL CLUBS

To be Organized in Every School District Says Superintendent Churchill

January 20, 1914.

To the Editor,
Dear Sir: This department with the aid of the Oregon Agricultural College has planned to organize in every school district a boys' and girls' industrial club. We are now publishing a bulletin giving full details of the plan, and shall take pleasure in sending you a copy as soon as it is off the press.

Each club is expected to take up one or more of the projects named below, the choice of the project depending upon the work which is of greatest interest to the community in which the club is organized. The following are the Industrial Club projects suggested by this department for this year:

1. Boys' corn growing contest.
2. Boys' potato growing contest.
3. Girls' canning contest.
4. Girls' cooking and baking contest.
5. Boys' and girls' poultry contest.
6. Girls' sewing contest.
7. Boys' pig feeding contest.
8. Boys' and girls' gardening contest.
9. Dairy herd and management.
10. Manual arts contest.

The Agricultural College has promised to assist as further in preparing bulletins giving expert advice to the children as to how best to produce the different things named in these projects such as bulletins on potato growing, etc. These will be distributed through the clubs, and will be of value to parents as well as to the children. The work of organizing the clubs will fall largely upon the county school superintendents working through the teachers. The University of Oregon, the Oregon Agricultural College, and the Oregon Normal School have promised to send out men in addition to the field workers from this office to help the superintendents in this work.

The State Fair Board has appropriated to this department \$1000 to be distributed among the boys and girls as prizes at the State Fair. The Board has also promised \$500 to be used to entertain two boys from each county for the whole week of the Fair. The boys will be under the most careful supervision and will make a study of every department of the Fair including especially the poultry and stock judging. In addition to this we expect to send the ten children who stand highest in the state contest to the Panama exposition at San Francisco.

Personally I feel that the great success which the children's industrial work has had in this state is due to a great extent to the encouragement which has been given to the movement by the press of Oregon. All of us will appreciate most sincerely your continued support in helping to organize this work, and thus make the work of our public schools more practical and efficient. I shall send you from time to time copies of all bulletins as they are published. For an editorial support you may see fit to give this movement, the state and county superintendents will be truly thankful.

Yours very truly,
J. A. Churchill,
Supt. of Public Instruction

PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Makes Livestock Record During 1913. Seed Corn Furnished Free to Oregon Farmers

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20 1914 (Special)—According to the annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards Co. Oregon marketed more livestock during the past twelve months than during any other similar period in the state's history. Not only was 1913 a record-breaking year in the production and marketing of livestock, but Oregon farmers received the best prices ever paid in the West for all classes of meat animals, the prices for hogs, especially, being higher than in any other market in the United States. From shipments originating wholly in Oregon, the company received 40,323 cattle, 3,069 calves, 217,434 sheep, and 91,319 hogs, the latter of an average weight of 218 pounds.

The present year is also starting out with a most encouraging movement of stock, the local yards having received in one day, January 12, a total of 99 carloads of meat animals of all kinds of which 53 carloads originated in this

state. With Oregon farmers increasing their holdings of stock while paying careful attention to the production of animals of better quality, there is every reason to believe that 1914 will equal or surpass the record of last year.

Farmers of Oregon who determine to make corn one of their crops next year will be furnished free seed by the O. W. R. & N. Co. on condition that they plant, cultivate and harvest the corn in the manner prescribed by the company's crop experts. Since the corn shows of last Fall many inquiries regarding seed have been received, and as far as it will reach, the corn exhibited will be distributed among interested farmers. The company is also planning to organize boys' corn clubs throughout its territory and will offer prizes to the lads raising the best field corn in the largest quantities per acre. The company will require each farmer receiving free seed to agree to dispose of none of his crop except for seed and if he has more than enough for his own and his neighbors' use, the company will buy it from him at 10 percent above current market prices.

Under the co-operation of the Agricultural College and the So. Pac. Ry., it is planned to run a dairy and hog special train through the Willamette Valley, probably starting about February 1. The plan contemplates making a special campaign on dairying, silo and hog raising. The train will not only carry the most modern dairy equipment, but it will also carry a number of cows of the different breeds, also 15 or 20 hogs representing both desirable and undesirable specimens, treated from the standpoint of the marketable animal. Short stops will be made at important points and lectures given by expert from the college.

Marketing farm crops by parcel post is to be given a rather severe trial in Willamette County where two carloads of timothy seed is ready for delivery. It is said the seed can be moved by mail at a considerable saving in transportation expense.

The Oregon Agricultural College has enrolled 1646 students for this year's work, an increase of 20 percent over the number entered a year ago. The students represent not only Oregon, but 30 other states of the Union and 8 foreign countries. Many of the students come from states which maintain agricultural colleges of their own.

Forest Notes

The American forestry association has members in every state in the union, in every province in Canada, and in every civilized and semi-civilized country in the world.

Makers of phonographs are aiming to use wood instead of metal in all parts of the instrument where this is possible, in order to increase the mellowness of the tone.

On the Pocatello forest, Idaho, 230,000 trees were planted during the past year, an almost half a million in the past three years, fully three-fourths of which are alive and doing well.

Experiments in the use of aspen for shingles show that the shingles do not check in seasoning, and that they turn water satisfactorily, but that they are too easily broken in handling.

There are somewhat more than 500 recognized tree species in the United States, of which about 100 are commercially important for timber. Of the 500 recognized species, 300 are represented in the government's newly acquired Appalachian forests. All American species, except a very few subtropical ones on the Florida keys and in extreme southern Texas, are to be found in one or another of the national forests.

Forms New Mining Company.

Mike Womack has completed the organization of the "Mutual Mining company of Jackson and Josephine counties," founded for the purpose of developing the Elizabeth quartz claim. Womack will leave this week for the claim to secure data and specimens for a report and assay. He has been named general manager of the proposition.

The by-laws of the company provide that anyone contributing cash, labor or supplies is a stockholder. Subscription to the amount of \$800, principally in labor, have been secured. Thirty-one Medford citizens are members of the company.—Tribune

Quite proper, no doubt, for Messrs McAdoo and Houston to be doing business in a private car, but it does look as if such luxuries might get them in the "public be damned" line.

THE INCOME TAX

On Growing Timber Not Due Until Timber is Cut and Sold.

Washington, Jan. 21—Foresters and lumbermen see in a decision of the Treasury Department in regard to the administration of the income tax a strong argument for forestry. As they interpret the opinion of the Treasury officials they understand that no timberlands shall be subject to the tax until the timber is cut and marketed and that then the profit only will be subject to an income tax assessment. In other words, all costs will be deducted before the tax is levied, and these will cover the cost of growing timber, including the cost of planting where necessary and of protecting the growing crop from fire and other depredation.

This decision was based upon a request for information made by P. S. Ridsdale, secretary of the American forestry association. He asked if there would be a tax on the value of the yearly growth of timber whether it was cut or not, and also whether an income tax would be assessed on the value of the timberland. In reply, the Treasury Department said that "the gain from cutting and disposal of stumpage is realized in the year during which the timber is cut and disposed of, and that the amount received in excess of the cost of such timber is profit, and should be so accounted for as income for that year."

WATER PLANT PAYING

Centralia's Net Receipts for Six Months Above Maintenance Are \$5355.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 21—The net receipts of the Centralia water plant for the first six months after it was purchased by the city from the Washington-Oregon Corporation were \$5355, which amount is in excess of the interest on the bonds voted for the purchase of the plant and the cost of maintenance and operation. As the City Commission only figured on a profit of \$5,000 a year at the time the plant was bought, the system is proving a far bigger paying proposition than was expected.

Quantity of Lumber to be used

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 20—Inquirers for lumber said to total in the neighborhood of 100,000,000 feet, to be used for car siding and general car material purposes, have been received by local mills and lumber agencies from eastern car companies, and lumbermen today predicted the speedy letting of car-building contracts by some of the big railroad systems. The inquiries thus far seem to concern the Harriman lines and Union Pacific in particular.

26 Land Entries to be Canceled

In an opinion handed down this morning by Federal Judge Robert S. Benn, the Government is entitled to a decree in the two suits brought against the Hewitt Land Company to secure the cancellation of 26 patents issued to many entrymen under the timber and stone act, on the ground that such entries were made pursuant to a previous understanding between the entrymen and the defendants Stoddard and Bell that the lands to be entered should be taken for use of the defendants.

Police to be at Dances

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 21—A policeman in uniform and a matron "of good moral character" will be present at every dance, whether private or public, that is held in Tacoma hereafter, in the measure filed with the city clerk today by Commissioner Mills is passed by the council. The two censors will have to be paid for their services by the dance managers.

Another provision of the bill does away with free admissions for women. They must pay half as much as the men.

A Good Investment

A well known merchant of Tacoma and Wia, bought a stock of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

LAWN SEED

AT ULRICH'S

The Pioneer Store Jacksonville, Ore.