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ANIMALS NEARLY EXTINCT

Biological Survey of Oregon is Intended to Stock Museum With State's Fauna.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Mar. 23—A biological survey of Oregon that will result in a wellstocked museum at the State University of animals, birds and fishes, has been begun by the University, in conjunction with the State Fish and Game Commission and the Federal Biological Survey. The undertaking will extend over years.

Certain animals are nearing extinction in this state. The otter is one species. One or two kinds of deer are now few in number, notably the desert antelope. Timber wolves will soon be extinct. There are few specimens of mountain sheep or mountain goats, those that exist being in Stein's range, Harney county, and in the Wal-lawa. Some varieties of game birds are getting scarce.

Animals and birds, great and small, common and rare, will find a place in the museum that is proposed. The specimens will be used constantly in educational work; they will, in addition, constitute a biological record for the state, and will be a source of diversion for visitors to the State University.

Votes \$18,000 for Bonds

Milton, Or., March 26—At yesterday's special election here, a bond issue for \$18,000 was authorized the proceeds to be used in the extension of the intake of the water system so as to provide a supply of pure water for the people of Milton, and for the development of an electric system for supplying power for irrigation of orchard tracts outside the city limits. The bonds carried by a large majority, the total vote being 120 for the bonds and 56 against.

Forest Notes

The Canadian forestry association, which recently met in Ottawa, has selected Halifax, Nova Scotia, for its next annual meeting place.

The stringent requirement of the forest service that all sheep be dipped before entering the national forests practically eradicated scabies on those areas.

The lumbermen of Maine in 1900 originated in this country the use of mountain lookout towers with telephone

connection for the prompt location and suppression of forest fires.

A California firm is selling eucalyptus charcoal at \$24 a ton, as against \$20 a ton for oak charcoal. Since most of the California-grown eucalyptus do not make good lumber, uses for other products of the tree are being sought.

Fifteen small sawmills are cutting timber from the Powell national forest in southern Utah, more than 100 miles from the nearest railroad. They are run by settlers during time that can be spared from the crops, and supply local needs since there is no opportunity to ship timber in or out.

Makes Offer for Jville Road

Medford, Or., March 25—Judge Thomas Burke, of Seattle, counsel for the Hill lines in Washington, spent the first of the week in Medford and, according to reports, took the initial step for the purchase of the Rogue River Valley Railroad, owned by the Barnums, of Jacksonville. Judge Burke left Monday night for the north. While here he made a tour of inspection of the Barnum line and, according to J. W. Canton and William Barnum, has offered \$125,000 for the right-of-way, track, equipment and title, to a second party who holds an option on the line. This offer will be formally made to the option holders for their acceptance or rejection. The purchase of the Barnum road would give the Hill interests practically an unbroken track from Butte Falls to Jacksonville, with a line through Medford and mean the tapping of the Applegate and Blue Ledge country, and a line on to Crescent City.—Telegram.

Woman Runs for Judge

Boseburg, Or., March 26—Mrs. Agnes F. Scurr, of Riddle, filed yesterday with the County Clerk her petition as candidate for Justice of the Peace of Riddle precinct on the Republican ticket. She opposes W. Langlois for the place.

Colonel J. G. Day of Olalla, constructor of the Cascade Locks, has filed his petition for the Legislature on the Republican ticket. He says: "I favor development without extravagance or burdensome taxation."

Some Tax if True

The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company will pay taxes to the amount of \$4,500,000 in Douglas county this year according to figures compiled by the treasurer.—Sutherland Sun.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED

All but \$15 of Loss is in Stamps—Handcar is Used.

Corvallis, Or., March 25—The Corvallis post office was robbed last night, with a loss to the Government of about \$3000. The only money taken was \$15 from a till, the loot consisting almost entirely of stamps. Several registered letters within reach of the thieves were untouched.

The work was evidently that of a novice. The door of the safe was pried open with tools stolen from a blacksmith shop, and no explosives were used. It is believed the robbers left town on a handcar that was found this morning on the Corvallis & Eastern track near Albany.

TWO IN FAMILY

Will File for Treasurer While Her Father Stands for Senator.

Astoria, Or., March 26—Though two women have thus far declared their intention to run for county offices, only one has filed. Miss Kate Kelly, scarcely out of her teens, daughter of William Kelly, who is expected to file for the nomination of State Senator on the Democratic ticket, filed her petition with the County Clerk yesterday announcing her candidacy for County Treasurer.

Wharfage Doubled

Bandon, Or., March 26—J. L. Kronenburg and Chris Rasmussen are erecting a new wharf at Bandon, 100x250 feet. The Estabrook Company built a large wharf here last year and additions were made to existing wharves, until now Bandon has double the wharfage space of 1912. The growth of the tie and cedar pole business has been the principal factor in causing this extension. The Kronenburg and Rasmussen wharf will have 27 feet of water at low tide.

Extra Star A Star shingles at Fick's paint store.

Don't post unsightly, scrawled notices when you can have them neatly printed at this office for a small charge.

TO MAKE TRIP TO ALASKA

Will Seek First Hand Information for President on Railway Route.

Washington, March 25—To get first-hand information in connection with the construction of the Government's railroad in Alaska, recently authorized by Congress, at a cost of \$35,000,000, Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, as the personal representative of President Wilson, will make an extended trip to Alaska during the coming Summer. It became known today. Arrangements for the trip are already under way and it is expected that the Secretary will be accompanied by the commission of engineers to select the route for the proposed railroad, the members of which have not yet been announced by the President. It is probable that Secretary Lane will decide upon the route of the line while in Alaska. It is also expected that most of his time while there will be taken up with organization work, negotiations with existing railroads and the study of problems relating to the development of Alaska's resources. In the meantime, Secretary Lane is devoting considerable time to the preliminary work of building the proposed railroad.

23-Story Hotel

San Francisco, March 26—Construction is to be begun immediately on a 23-story hotel in this city. The height of the skyscraper, which will be the tallest building in San Francisco, will be 345 feet from the street level and the basement and sub-basement will extend 70 feet below the earth's surface. Frederick C. Finkle, a Los Angeles capitalist, is financing the project.

PORTLAND LETTER

Waterways Convention April 13.

More Prune Trees Planted.

Rose Festival to Have Balloon Exhibits.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 24, (Special)—The fifth annual convention of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways Association, which will be held in Portland April 13-14, will be replete with features of interest to waterways enthusiasts. One of the most striking of these will be the series of moving picture scenes on the Columbia, Willamette and Snake rivers to be shown by Mr. J. G. Sill in connection with Major J. J. Morrow's paper on "The Completed Gellilo Canal. These films will many of the activities of the engineers in the construction of the canal, making improvements in the channels of the Columbia and Willamette rivers, steamer traffic on the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, etc. A complete program of the convention will be distributed throughout the Pacific Northwest within a few days.

Assurance has been given to the Portland Rose Festival management that at least eight of the most noted professional air navigators in the United States will take part in the national balloon meet which will be held during festival week in June. The balloon exhibit will be in the form of an endurance contest, the air craft remaining longest in the air winning a cash prize of \$3,000. The date for the start of the meet will probably be June 11.

Within less than a month after the Portland Commercial Club and allied organizations throughout the Northwest started a campaign for an extension of parcel post provisions, the Postmaster General has issued an order that in future seeds, bulbs, cuttings, roots and plants, in packages exceeding four ounces in weight will be subject to parcel post zonal rates. In packages weighing four ounces or less, a flat rate of one cent per ounce will apply.

J. W. Brewer, in charge of the farm lands department of the Oregon Immigration Commission, is traveling through the eastern and central parts of the state gathering data for the next issue of the Oregon Almanac, the official publication of the commission. This data, when completed will give full information as to location of lands, size of tracts, crops best adapted to certain sections, prices at which they can be purchased and terms. It is

expected this will be of great help to the homeseeker in finding just the location he wants and save the expense of traveling from one part of the state to another in search of suitable land.

Reports from Douglas County indicate that approximately 1,500 acres of new orchards will be planted in that section this year. A large percentage of this acreage will be planted to prunes. It is stated that in many instances the annual prune crop on farms has brought in cash in excess of the assessed value of the land. Present indications point to a record crop this year.

Electric Sparks

In this tense international crisis perhaps it would help some if Gen. Rosy Jones were to march somewhere with her suffragettes.

More trouble among the great powers! Germany is preparing to go to war with the Standard Oil Co.

Billy Sunday, the baseball Evangelist has gotten half of Pittsburgh so it afraid of going to hell and the other half are ashamed to look Heaven in the face.

Now the town of Bryan, Tex. is wondering why in thunder it can't get a public building from this administration.

We are expecting to hear almost any day now that the Colonel has sent his old friend Bill Taft a flock of husky jaguars and pumas and so on from South America.

Has Pancho Villa ever heard of the recall?

A great many men who did not approve of a second term for William H. Taft are beginning to regard him as one of the blessings that brighten as they take their flight.

Also, Col. Goethals seems to have placed a highly effective lock and dam on his speech.

Still it is not proper to take advantage of a moral technicality and swear off one's taxes in Lent.

About 70 per cent of the women are as mysterious in their voting as they are in their other decisions.

Eventually people may cross the ocean in a day or two, but it will be a poor way to take the rest cure.

From the east comes a new dance called the "ush wiggle," which suggests that now is the time to get the hook.

Admiral Dewey remains silent as John Lind, but the latter has added advantage in that he has not yet written a book.

Plan that resemble the cabbage are threatening the Panama Canal. Convert them into Panama cigars.

Mexico is said to be borrowing money from Japan, but where is Japan borrowing it from?

In some parts of the globe a man of diplomatic responsibilities is expected to know how to smile and shoot almost simultaneously.

Mexican politics are distinguished by too much hand of iron and not enough glove of velvet.

Every time a well dressed crook is discovered the writers of popular fiction dealing with crime are forced to assume implied responsibilities.

New York's action in punishing poultry dealers affords a glimmer of hope that means will be found to prevent our dove of peace from being kicked around.

What so rare as the man who boasts of his love of country without asking the country to love him some in return.

Killed by Au'o

Tacoma, March 25—Stepping in front of an automobile at the crossing of D street and St. Helens avenue at 8:30 last night, while on her way to an entertainment of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple, Miss Edith C. Magoun was knocked to the pavement and died in an hour at a hospital. She was the daughter of Richard Magoun, of Standish, Mass.

Sawmill Starts up

Hillsboro, Or., March 26—The Hillsboro Lumber Company has just started its mill, after an idleness of several months. Logging operations commenced some days ago, and logs are being delivered over the P. R. & N. Railway from the vicinity of Timber and Buxton.

Ma says Figsen is the stuff for me. an' she ought to know. —E. W. Wise

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

What Factories and Improvement Works are Doing to Give Employment to Labor and Record of Development.

(Prepared by the State Bureau of Industries and Statistics.)

Tillamook county cheese factories produced 4,101,962 lbs. in 1913, as against 3,996,250 lbs. in 1912.

Cars on the first interurban street-car line at Medford began to operate March 22.

Hillsboro commercial club is backing the Boecker wickerwork factory, and a project for a new sawmill.

A meat packing plant with cold storage facilities on a large scale are assured at Redmond.

H. J. Firchan of the Albany bakery has the backing of Montana capitalists for establishing a cracker factory.

The Oregon Welfare Commission is considering raising the apprenticeship period for women learners to eighteen months.

Contracts have been let for the construction of eight concrete bridges on the Columbia river highway.

The state peddler law, held to be in restraint of trade, is being attacked in the federal courts at Portland by a tea company.

West Linn citizens have decided to support the erection of two school buildings to cost \$12,000 each.

Astoria Masonic lodge will erect a fireproof office building and lodge hall.

The shipbuilding industry at St. Helens increases in activity.

The Oregon Supreme court sustains the minimum wage and eight hour laws enacted by the last legislature for women.

A favorable sign all over Oregon is the establishment and extension of local packing plants with cold storage facilities.

Roseburg and Eugene report prospect for a very favorable building season.

Development organizations are campaigning against the Blue Sky Law.

Calipatria grange has adopted resolutions strongly opposing the eight hour laws.

Engineer Fontaine of the Willamette Pacific says 2000 men will rush the railroad between Eugene and Marshfield to completion by fall.

A steel and wood truss bridge will be built across Chetco river in Curry county.

A ten hour law for men is sustained by the recent decision of the Oregon Supreme court.

A Salem bank capitalized at \$100,000 pays \$6000 taxes six percent on its capital stock.

The Eugene Eugene Commercial club will make securing factories and payrolls of first importance in its publicity work for the coming year.

Cottage Grove business men have a committee raising ten thousand dollars stock subscription for a cannery.

The shipping that went over the Coos Bay bar in 1913 aggregated 465,000 tons.

Clatsamas county is to have a new jail.

The historical court house of Marion county is being remodelled for about the fifteenth time.

The case of Frank C. Stettler vs the Oregon Welfare Commission will be appealed to the Supreme court of the Supreme court of the United States.

A new armory is to be built at Portland on the East side, to cost \$50,000.

The Knights of Pythias will erect a two-story lodge building at North Plains.

Pendleton will vote on \$50,000 water bonds to complete its gravity system.

It is generally considered that the \$1500 tax exemption proposed would cause the great burden of taxation to fall on employing industries.

The Phoenix stone quarry of Douglas county claims to have moved the biggest block of stone on record 14 by 14 by 135 feet unbroken.

In the Paulina and DesChutes reserves, 400,000 acres of public lands are to be thrown open to bonafide settlers.

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