



KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

Medford Man Killed While Fighting Fire Sunday Afternoon.

Charles A. Brown, manager of the Medford Ice Co. was electrocuted by coming in contact with a live wire while fighting a fire on South Front street, at Medford Sunday afternoon. Mr. Brown, it seems was using the Ice company's hose in attempting to put out the fire and was well saturated with water when he accidentally grabbed hold of a live wire which had been burned from its support on the pole, and before the current could be broken received the full current (said to have been 2300 volts) through his body causing almost instant death. His right hand was burned to the bone, and it is stated that his back was burned black.

An inquest was held Monday afternoon at which a verdict was rendered stating that the death was accidental and that neither the California-Oregon Power Co. nor the city of Medford are in any way responsible for the death.

KILLS DEER WITH CLUB

Buck Started by Hound Bery Pickers Trophy.

Clatskanie, Or., Aug. 25.—A few days ago a party of women on a black-berrying trip in the hills near this place secured a fine buck deer in a peculiar manner. A hound with the party started a deer out of a thicket, and as the animal was about to leap a fence he fell over backward. Mrs. Caroline Waisanen, aged 65, one of the party, with rare presence of mind, picked up a stick of wood and knocked the deer in the head. It proved to be a fine buck with ten prongs, and dressed about 150 pounds.

Commission Issues Booklet.

For the benefit of homeseekers and prospective settlers in Oregon, the Oregon State Immigration Commission and the Oregon Development League have issued a booklet of information describing the irrigated lands of the state open for settlement, including a list of privately-owned lands for sale on the Tumalo Irrigation Project and the Central Oregon Lands. The two projects are located in Crook County, in Central Oregon, near the towns of Terrebonne, Redmond, Deschutes Bend and Prineville.

The Central Oregon Irrigated Lands project was started under private supervision in 1902, but funds for carrying on the work gave out, and in 1913 the Oregon State Legislature voted \$450,000 toward the completion of the project. Early in 1914 the Desert Land Board opened part of the land under what is now called the Tumalo Project. The rest of the irrigation district was opened later, making a total of 2000 acres now open for entry.

The new lien on this land has been fixed at between \$33 and \$40 an acre, to be fixed permanently at some time during the fall. The settler may acquire the land by payment of 10 percent, the balance to be paid within ten years, with 6 per cent interest on unpaid installments. If the settler improves one third of the irrigable area each successive year for three years, no installment of principal will be required for these years, the deferred payments to be apportioned over the seven remaining years.

The lands are described as slightly rolling, for the most part covered with a natural growth of juniper and sage brush, 900 acres of the project bearing merchantable yellow pine timber. There is some settlement on the project at the present time, dairying and hog-raising being the principal industries followed.

The project engineer, O. Laugaard, has offices at Ladlow, in the district, and has been empowered to make contracts for the state. On the Tumalo project are 59 claims of 40 acres each, now open for entry. Non-irrigable land may be had for \$2.50 an acre. Settlers desiring information concerning private lands for sale will be placed in communication with the owner of the land.

On the Oregon State Irrigation Commission are—Oswald West, Governor of Oregon; Thomas C. Burke, F. W. Lonergan, W. E. Conan, John M. Scott, Marshall N. Dana, C. C. Chapman and J. W. Brewer.

Eugene Light Rates Lowered.

Eugene, Or., Aug. 25.—The Eugene Water Board yesterday announced that a further reduction in electric light and power rates would be made at once. The old rate was 9 cents a kilowatt for lights and 5 cents for power, but under the new schedule the rate will be 8 cents for lights and 4½ cents for power. When the municipal plant began to operate in December, 1911, the rate for lights was 15 cents a kilowatt, but the reduction was met by the opposition company. After all operating expenses, maintenance expense and interest are deducted, there is a balance on hand of over \$25,000, according to the semi-annual report of the board just filed.

MEDFORD MAN MURDERED.

Going to Dance With Girl Near Reno When Tragedy Occurs.

Word was received yesterday of the murder of John Krutzler, 22 years old the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krutzler of Medford by a highwayman in Reno, Nevada, Tuesday night. According to the message young Krutzler was going to a dance with a girl friend when stopped by a highwayman. Instead of complying with the request to hold up his hands Krutzler hesitated and the highwayman fired, the bullet striking Krutzler in the left eye killing him instantly. The robber then fled and the young lady drove back to Reno giving the alarm.

The dead man was well known in this city, having resided here the greater part of his life. He left the city three years ago for Portland where he worked as engineer for the Jacobsen-Bade ditch digging company for a year and then went to Reno. He visited his parents in Medford a month ago. The body will be shipped to Medford for burial.—Sun.

War Affects Copper Production

With the possible exception of the silver industry, the copper industry will probably feel the injurious effects of the European war more seriously than any other of the leading American metal industries. During the last five years approximately 50 per cent of the copper turned out by American refineries has been exported, in large part to the countries now involved in the European war, according to the United States Geological Survey. Some of this copper has been imported for metallurgical treatment, and the imports will probably be somewhat restricted on account of shipping conditions.

During these five years however, domestic consumers have taken only about 63 to 67 per cent of the copper produced from mines within the United States, so it is evident that there must be a material curtailment of production while present conditions prevail. Considerable copper is of course consumed in munitions of war and for other military purposes, but the constructive arts of peace are far more favorable for the copper industry than the destructive art of war.

American producers have already greatly curtailed their production, and it seems almost certain that the output must be materially restricted for an indefinite period, dependent largely on the European conditions.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufacturing Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Eugene gets a big box factory. Warrenton gets a clam cannery.

Parma gets Dairy Products factory. Springfield sawmill starts Aug. 29.

Salem, Ore. Aug. 24.—The European war is boosting prices of Oregon products and will stimulate many industries. One new industry, manufacture of peppermint oil, will be established on a large scale.

Portland has awarded ten paving contracts aggregating a quarter of a million. Warren Bros. and Oregon Independent Paving Co. getting the jobs.

Columbia county reduces valuations one million.

The new Booth-Kelly sawmill at Springfield, operated entirely by electric power, will be started from Portland by President Griffith of the Portland Commercial club touching an electric button, Aug. 29.

Ashland capitalists will build a fifty room apartment at Marshfield.

Riverside Drive, Portland, will be paved with Warrenite. Cost \$19,342.

Bids were opened Aug. 26 for the construction of the Hood River highway.

Roseburg commercial club has endorsed the bill to pension and retire civil service employees.

The state highway campaign through central Oregon will turn travel through the great interior to the loss of the Willamette valley countries.

Astoria municipal docks will take two and a half million feet of lumber from the local mills—giving them preference.

A large summer hotel is to be built at South Coos river.

Salem is sued \$41,000 building permits last week.

S. A. Buck starts work on a large box factory at Eugene this week.

\$15,000 is to be expended on the Clatskanie hatchery.

The constitutional amendment to take over by the state submerged lands or navigable waters would unsettle the title to a great deal of sawmill property and prevent investments on such lands. \$2100 bridge going across Carras swale, Lane county.

Linton gets a \$3500 bungalow.

Portland First National bank building is to cost \$90,000.

Astoria has opened bids on \$35,000 sewer contract.

One paper calls the proposed universal eight-hour bill a law to stop the clock, destroy employment and ruin the employer.

A finished deed to transfer the locks and canal to the United States has now been sent to the law department and it is believed the property at Oregon City may finally be turned over to Uncle Sam.

A force of men have resumed construction work on the Western Union telegraph line between Eugene and Mapleton on the Siuslaw.

\$25,000 is to be expended sinking oil and gas wells at Astoria.

A force of twenty men are at work on a new highway from Alsea bay east.

Cottage Grove Electric Co. secured the municipal contract.

Rebuilding of Bandon will be financed with Willamette Valley money.

The Star Packing Co. of Chicago is putting a large clam cannery at Warrenton.

The boycott for the destruction of the Salem public market is being established on a large scale.

Portland firm got the 2,500,000 gal. reservoir contract at Eugene.

One vessel took 22,000 cedar ties and poles to San Diego.

Parma, in the Snake river country, gets a dairy products factory.

Newport is installing a pumping plant to increase water supply.

Bids for the new \$100,000 University building will be opened Sept. 10. Portland Labor Council has made a fight to employ only union labor and many contractors refused to bid on that basis, not knowing what labor would cost.

Establishment of independent meat packing plants in various parts of the state are being encouraged by the farmers as the only solution of the growing abuse of the meat and food products trusts.

The Pacific Power & Light Co. is preparing to extend service to War-

renton.

The Hoke cannery at Medford is putting up a large pack of tomatoes.

The Eugene high school will be built of the local brick finished with the Willamette product.

An injunction was granted by Judge Eakin to restrain the collection of the 10% penalty under the new tax law due after Sept. 1st.

Linn county citizens want to do away with the eight-hour day on public work and establish county rock crushing plants.

The Eugene Guard argues that the \$15.00 tax exemption will shift the burden of taxation from the cities and towns to the farms.

HEAT WITHERS FRUIT

Douglas County Suffers from Heat, Smoke and Dust.

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 26.—With nearly 70 days without rain, a part of the fruit crop has been damaged in this county. Apples on some trees are shriveling and withering. Some trees on the low land are affected as well as those on the benches. Pears seem to be surviving the drought in splendid shape. Melons are said to be affected on the bench lands.

Streams are very low, and wells throughout the county that have never been dry before are without water. The country is full of smoke and the roads are dusty. In some spots the Pacific Highway is so dusty that the running boards of automobiles scrape heretofore. Many tourists are traveling at night to avoid the benefit of the dew.

W. J. Lander, chief of the state fire-fighting forces in Douglas County, says that all fires in the district have been reduced to smudges. The last fires started on the Calapooya Creek above Oakland, but did not prove serious. The state force is also patrolling the railroad and of the county.

MAY DECIDE CONTEST.

Thrown Out in One Curry County Precinct Because of Error

Salem, Or., Aug. 26.—According to an announcement made by Governor West, 15 ballots in Sixes Precinct, Curry County, were not counted at the recent primary election because those casting them had voted for more than one candidate for Governor, and it is barely possible that this error will finally settle the contest now pending between Justice Charles L. McNary and Judge Henry L. Benson for the Republican nomination for the Supreme Court.

The Executive was advised yesterday afternoon of the error, through a telegram from W. H. Meredith, District Attorney for Curry County. The message reads:

"The messenger who brought the pollbooks from Sixes Precinct informed Clerk Stannard that 15 votes in that precinct had been placed among the spoiled ballots, because voters voted for more than one candidate for Governor."

No 10-Hour Law for Laundries.

Salem, Or., Aug. 26.—Attorney-General Crawford has informed Labor Commissioner Hoff that laundries do not come within the purview of the 10-hour law. This law, says the Attorney-General in his opinion to the Commissioner, covers only factories, mills and manufacturing institutions, and a laundry cannot be held to belong to either class.

In an opinion rendered at the request of State Superintendent of public instruction Churchill the Attorney-General holds that a temporary permit does not allow a teacher to teach in a high school of the state.

3 Times Divorced, Tries Again.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 25.—Not yet 30 years of age, Mrs. Ruby Augusta Freeze has already taken unto herself her fourth husband. The venture onto the matrimonial sea is made with Bascom Doan, a local youth, who gives his age at 21 years. The bride stated that her age was 29 years. She separated from her three former husbands by way of the divorce court.

Dysentery is always serious and often dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has cured it even when malignant. For sale by all druggists.

PUGET SOUND WRECK

Passenger Steamer Sunk Near Seattle. Ten Lives Lost

Seattle, Wash. Aug. 26.—Eleven lives were lost when the steel passenger ship Admiral Sampson of the Pacific Alaska Navigation company was rammed and sunk by the Canadian Pacific passenger steamship Princess Victoria off point No. Point, twenty miles north of Seattle, at 6:30 o'clock this morning during a fog and thick smoke from forest fires. The Princess Victoria brought the survivors to Seattle. Eight of the lost were members of the crew and two passengers.

The Princess Victoria, reporting the accident, said she was proceeding to Seattle with most of the passengers and crew of the Admiral Sampson. The Admiral Sampson was bound from Seattle to Alaska. She had fifty-six passengers and a crew of sixty-five.

PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon's Mineral Output Increasing

Portland, Ore. Aug. 25 (Special)—The United States Geological Survey, at Washington, D. C., has recently finished compiling the figures regarding Oregon's yield of gold, silver, copper and lead during 1913, and the statement shows an increase of more than 100 per cent over the product of the previous year. The total yield was valued at \$1,745,492, in 1913, as compared with \$349,385 in 1912. Gold, silver and lead showed a marked increase, and copper an extraordinary falling-off, the 1913, production of the latter metal being only 43,319 pounds as compared with 263,429 pounds the previous year.

In the production of gold Baker County led the procession with \$1,374,480; Malheur County was second with \$82,041 and Grant County third with \$63,652. The gold output in these three counties in 1913 showed an increase of \$972,703. Josephine County led the state in the production of copper with 32,558, about 80 percent of the total yield. Lane County produced them all lead, 59,204 pounds. There were fewer mines in operation in Oregon in 1913 than in the previous year, but the tonnage from the deep mines was materially enlarged while the placer mines, including one new dredge property, made a record year.

A recent report from San Francisco states that the last giant log in the colossus surrounding the Oregon building for the Panama-Pacific Exposition has been put in place. The Oregon building is a reproduction of the Parthenon, with great logs replacing the marble columns of the original. Fifty logs surround the building, representing the different kinds of trees found in the forests of this state. The last log put in place was a section of fir weighing 23 tons. Motion pictures of this event will be shown throughout Oregon by the Exposition commissioners for the state.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. has issued the premium list for the Corn Show to be held at Walla Walla, Washington, November 25-28. At that show competition will be open to everyone in the territory tributary to the company's lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. One person may compete for two or more prizes, but separate exhibits must be made for each entry, and all prize-winning exhibits are to become the property of the company and will be used for exhibition and seed purposes. Prize lists and entry blanks may be had by addressing: O. W. R. & N. Corn Show, 701 Wells-Fargo Building, Portland, Oregon.

In addition to the list of state and privately owned lands now open for settlement on and near Tumalo Project, the Oregon State Immigration Commission is now collecting data from all parts of the state and in a short time will issue a similar list covering available lands in practically every county in Oregon.

An International Congress is to be held in Calgary Canada, October 5 to 9. It is a subject of national-wide importance and Oregon should be, and probably will be, well represented.

Schools Open Sept. 7.

At a meeting of the School Board held Monday Aug. 24, it was decided to open the Jacksonville School, Monday September 7, 1914.

C. Florey, Clerk.

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