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PROMPT WORK

House of Ralph Jennings Burned Wednesday, Insurance Paid Saturday.

The farm house of Ralph Jennings, near Buncom, was destroyed by fire Wednesday of last week, together with a large part of the contents, aggregating a loss of about \$3000. The house and contents were insured in the Equitable Fire & Marine Insurance Co. through its agents, the Bank of Jacksonville, and on Saturday last, three days after the fire, the adjuster for that company paid Mr. Jennings \$2000, that being the full amount of the policy carried.

This is about the quickest settlement of insurance ever made in this region and speaks well for the company carrying the risk and its local agency in this city.

Electric Sparks

(From off our Wireless)

Well it was some satisfaction to know that Congress really could adjourn. We feared it was a lost art.

Mr. Taft advises us all to stand by the President and the Flag. Right! This is no time to show partisanship.

Book Beer signs are out and they ought to be as convincing in their prophecies of Spring as are the other regulation harbingers.

At last accounts Carranza was weeping for capitalists to conquer.

The difference between the Dardanelles and the price of wheat is daily becoming more strained.

In passing up the hall of fame, German Reservist Stegler has apparently figured out the advantages a live quitter has over a dead hero.

Europe's cops are best, says the Rockefeller report. How they must deteriorate after coming over.

All that Villa needs is enough currency papers and a hand press, and he will conquer the world.

With a Union Station Chicagoans will no longer be constrained to meet so many visitors with an apology and a closed conveyance.

If one cared for scrambled metaphors one might say that some theater managers are scalping the goose that lays the golden eggs.

America is continually discovering additional countries that it is glad not to be.

Italy is so extremely secretive that

possibly it has concealed its real war intentions from itself.

Would the contending countries be very angry if the rest of the world pulled them apart and told them to behave themselves for the sake of civilization?

That officer who says the United States will have to fight the winner of the European war may overlook the fact that the winner will be a bit winded and bruised up.

According to Walpole, "All men have their price," but probably it would have troubled even that gifted cynic to know how to buy the woman vote.

In view of the increased importance of bread now might be revived after many years in the authorship of "The Breadwinners."

In European affairs an expanded war zone necessarily means a contracted food zone.

The income tax should have the effect of enabling mathematical genius to keep pace with American art and literature.

Agitation in Italy is developing to a degree that may make riots almost as much to be dreaded as military operations.

Conservation in Germany is now addressed even more carefully to the potato patch than to the forest.

Neutrality may require moral courage to as great an extent as war may require physical courage.

An effective embargo on iron crosses would be an awful blow to Gen. Von Hindenburg.

Now is the Time to Swat Flies

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly housefly and in late bulletin prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."

MAY SUCCEED BOWLBY

Portland Engineer is The Choice, But Appointment Is Deferred

Salem, March 22—Unless something unforeseen should change present plans, the state highway commission will next week appoint Herbert Nunn of Portland, as successor to State Highway Engineer Bowlby. The commissioners had intended to meet today and make the appointment, but Secretary of State Olcott had to leave for San Francisco on the early morning train, and at his request action was deferred until he returns.

Assigning as a reason that his administration had not been satisfactory and that it was preventing the legislature from passing road legislation, the commission during the legislative session asked for the resignation of Bowlby. Afterwards he was indefinitely continued in office to complete road work under construction. Since then the commissioners have been searching for an engineer to succeed him, and though there were many applicants for the position, the contest a few days ago narrowed down to H. Nunn and E. I. Cantine also of Portland, and today Nunn seems to lead and his appointment seems to be assured.

To Keep Sheep off Land

Salem, Or., March 22—Declaring they have been advised that preparations are being made by large sheep-owners to graze their herds on unsold segregated Carey act lands and that this would work a serious injury to settlers, the members of the state desert land board have transmitted a letter to Louis Sharp, chief of the field division of the United States land office in Portland, urging him to take action to prevent it. They declare that if sheep are allowed to graze on these lands the settlers, who depend on the raising of cattle for a livelihood, will suffer greatly as they will have no range for their stock.

Raymond Biege and Mabel Pullen who had been reported missing at Medford a week ago have been located at the home of the girl's grandmother near Central Point, by the police and it is reported have been turned over to the Juvenile court.

GOVERNMENT LANDS

Some Vacant Lands in Jackson County, but Mostly in Forest Reserves.

A circular issued by the U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, gives the following as the number of acres of government lands in Jackson county:

Unsurveyed (open to entry) 56,346
Unsurveyed (open to settlement) 2,240
—total unsurveyed lands 58,586 acres.
Reserved land, surveyed 239,340 acres.
Reserved land, unsurveyed, 166,240 acres. Total reserved lands in county 405,580 acres. Total government land in Jackson county 464,166 acres.

For the information of intending settlers we volunteer the information that of the government land open to entry very little if any is suitable for cultivation. The reserved lands are in timber and can be homesteaded only upon satisfactory evidence that is suitable for farming purposes. The Land Office will furnish copies of the laws and regulations governing the entry of lands within the Forest Reserves upon request.

Good Roads Notes

No other citizen realizes the value of good roads as does the farmer.

A community can safely be judged by the kind of highways it maintains.

The greatest chasm between the producer and the consumer is the mud hole.

Production must cease when the transportation costs eat up the profits.

There is something radically wrong with the farmer who is opposed to good roads.

Without good roads, there can be no development that will be permanent and enduring.

Bad roads keep children away from school and impair the efficiency of church work in a community.

The elementary principles involved highways are social and domestic happiness and business economics.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Industrial Accident Commission inaugurates economy. Finds Commissioner Marshall can do work of a Secretary and save \$2700 a year.

Newburg—D. J. Matthews has been re-employed to run the cannery.

Silverton—contract let for new United Lutheran Church.

Many counties protesting against extravagance of State Highway Engineer. Some counties charge work cost thirty per cent more than necessary.

Hood River—A. W. Peters will build 60-ton silo.

Eugene council buys garbage cans made in that city.

S. P. Co. will erect new depots in Oregon—one at Cottage Grove.

Lumbering on in Eastern Oregon and shearing begins April 5.

Government dredge Mitsche undergoing \$25,000 repairs at Portland.

Last two weeks of February cost mills exported 30,655,000 feet of lumber.

Bandon is to get harbor improvements in spite of bill failing in Congress.

O. W. R. & N. Co. to be extended from Juntura into the Harney Valley.

Conner Creek mine Baker County, leased and will be operated.

Siuslaw will get \$112,600 from Congress for harbor work.

Three new buildings are planned at state university by board of regents.

McCoy—Frank Linn will build a round \$5000 barn.

Vein of good-burning coal found three miles from Klamath Falls.

Oregon City—after long struggle, Main street to be paved with bitulithic two-inch wearing surface on a concrete base.

A county that lets a cannery die creates the office of fruit inspector.

Portland proposes bond issue to hard surface 70 miles of highway.

A. L. Foxley will establish brick industry on Coos Bay.

Portland votes April 14 on \$1,250,000 road bond issue.

Changes in election laws expected to save taxpayers \$100,000 a year.

City of Portland will manufacture concrete lamp-posts to cost \$16.

State Fair Board will erect a rest cottage at Salem fair grounds.

South Portland gets a 3-story brick building.

Corbett—W. Knight to erect a \$4000 store building.

L. M. La Rue of Salem will move step-ladder factory to Eugene.

Portland—West Park and Tenth Streets to get a \$40,000 bachelor apartment.

Construction of Hermiston-Umatilla highway partly hard surface, begun.

St. Helens considers paving main streets.

New laws require publication of budget by all tax-levying bodies.

Warrenton—bids opened Saturday for \$25,000 schoolhouse.

Roseburg merchants encouraging Kendall Bros. to erect sawmill at that place, with logging road into timber.

Coos County buying steam shovel for road work.

State Highway board received bids to authorize construction of one mile of Columbia highway in Hood River county to cost \$50,000.

Combining city and state laboratories will save Portland \$1000 a year and the state \$2700 a year.

F. F. Patterson of Roseburg has formed a company to build a commercial fruit drier at that city.

Springfield hopes to get Eccles sugar factory.

Salem City Council accepts reduction in water rates for private users but rejects raise on hydrants by State Utility Commission.

Glendale to have United Evangelical Church.

Calif. Geographic Diversity

California, with an area of 158,000 square miles, is the second largest State in the Union. It exhibits wide geographic diversity, for it includes the lowest area in the United States—Death Valley, 276 feet below sea level—and the highest—Mount Whitney, 14,501 feet above the sea. Similarly there is a great diversity in scenic effects, climate, and vegetation. Records obtained at meteorologic stations in the Salton Sink indicate a maximum temperature of 130 degrees in the shade, the highest recorded within the continental United States, while it is probable that minimum temperatures on the higher peaks, like Mt. Whitney and Mt. Shasta, approach the minimum within our boundaries, a total difference of nearly 200 degrees. Records of rainfall in the most arid sections of the southern deserts of the State represent the extreme of aridity in the United States, showing an annual average less than 3 inches and periods of 12 months or more with only traces of rain, whereas the precipitation in northwestern California is very heavy, an annual average of close to 100 inches being recorded at a few stations in Mendocino and Del Norte counties. U. S. Geological Survey

Land is Opened

Vale, Or., March 22—After making an investigation of the Warm Springs reservoir site and irrigation project the government has released the land withdrawn from entry under the project and this will be open for settlement from and after April 26, according to the report of the United States land office at Vale. The investigation showed that the project, with the high-line ditch, which would have to be cemented for about twenty miles, would cost approximately \$105 an acre and this was considered too high.

You're Sentenced

San Francisco, Mar. 22—Burnham L. Coe, a 17-year-old boy who pleaded guilty to a charge of using the mails to defraud and admitted responsibility for the Weed Lumber company fire at Weed, Cal., March 4, which caused a loss estimated at \$100,000, was sentenced today to four years in the Idaho industrial training school at St. Anthony, Idaho, in the United States district court.

Coe was charged with a demand for \$2500 from C. E. Evans, at Weed, under threat of starting more fires there.

PORTLAND LETTER

Celilo Canal To Be Tested in April. Live Stock Shows This Fall. New Tourist Book.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 23. (Special)—Unless there is a rearrangement of present plans, the Celilo Canal will be opened for the passage of boats for five days in April, probably between the 10th and 15th, and it is expected that a number of steamers now on the upper river will be brought to Portland for overhauling and two or more boats will carry freight from Portland to Pasco, Kennewick and other points. Construction work on the canal is practically finished, but little remaining to be done except to clean out an accumulation of refuse and to build a few bridges for the accommodation of owners of fish wheels and two for the passage of teams. The canal is being finished several weeks earlier than expected, and it will probably be opened permanently for navigation on May 1.

Owners of high grade livestock in this state will have a number of opportunities next Fall to show their prize animals, four very important events being already on the list. Early in November will be held the Western National Dairy Show at Seattle, to be closely followed by the Cascade International Stock Show at North Yakima. The first week in December the Northwest Livestock Show will be held at Lewiston, Idaho, while the Fifth Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition will be held at Portland, December 6-11. Breeders' associations in the East and Middle West are taking great interest in these events and are making unusually liberal appropriations to help out on the premium list.

In order to induce a great number of tourists to visit Oregon this year, automobile clubs and the various business organizations throughout the Northwest are planning to send invitations to similar associations throughout the East and Middle West to include Portland, the Columbia Highway and the Pacific Highway territory in their itineraries. The Portland Automobile Club is preparing a new tourist book for general distribution, which will contain a vast amount of descriptive matter and will be illustrated with cuts of some of the most attractive scenery within reach of the motorist.

The Portland Commercial Club has just received from the press advance copies of the new Oregon Almanac, a volume of statistics and information regarding every community in this state. These advance copies are being sent out as rapidly as possible to all papers and periodicals in the state, also to commercial clubs and similar organizations. In about two weeks the main issue of about 300,000 copies will be off the press, and will be sent out in response to written requests from individuals anxious to secure reliable data on Oregon.

"Farm Lands in Oregon," is the title of a booklet just issued by the Farm Land Bureau of the Oregon Development League. It contains a list of several hundred farms and small pieces of land for sale, with prices and terms. It is designed to bring together owners of land and prospective buyers without the intervention of middlemen or agents. Copies will be mailed to those interested.

How U. S. Rose From Ocean

An interesting exhibit which will be shown by the United States Geological Survey at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, in San Francisco, will be the illustration of the development of the surface features of the U. S. and adjoining lands the gradual rise of the continent from the primal ocean and the accompanying development of life a pictorial story of progress from the early fish and huge half-reptile creatures known as saurians to the higher mammals such as the great saber-tooth tiger and the giant hyena.

Killed on Road

Lebanon, Or., Mar. 25—As the result of a team becoming frightened at a motorcycle between Foster and Sweet Home a few days ago, the wagon in which Ralph Gedney and family were driving was upset, and Mr. Gedney's little girl, aged 5 years so badly injured that she died the next day. All other members of the family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Gedney, Mr. Gedney's mother and son were injured.

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