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OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Prisoners Slip Out of Jail As Sheriff Enters It

Dalls, Or., Oct. 4.—L. W. Carson and Lee McGinnis, under indictment for larceny, slipped past Sheriff Orr last night when he went to lock the prisoners into their cells and escaped. Owing to the crowded condition of the jail necessitating the putting of two or three men in each cell, the escaped men were not missed until this morning. Seven other prisoners made no attempt to escape.

Urges Observance of Fire Prevention Day.

Salem, Or., Oct. 5.—Stating that property valued at over \$400 was lost hourly through fire during the year 1914, State Insurance Commissioner Wells today issued an appeal urging the observance of Fire Prevention day on October 9.

Lufstrom's Body Found in River

Astoria, Or., Oct. 4.—The body of Antone S. Lufstrom, third officer of the United States dredge Chinook, who disappeared on Saturday, Sept. 18, was found drowned in the Columbia river yesterday afternoon opposite the Port of Astoria docks.

On the evening of his disappearance, Lufstrom and Louis Vellenger, second officer of the Chinook, met at the foot of Fourteenth street to take a tender the dredge. Vellenger left Lufstrom at the landing to telephone for a lunchman and when he returned Lufstrom had disappeared.

Portland Teacher to Wed Aged Sawmill Man.

Marefield, Or., Oct. 5.—Miss Katherine Koch, teacher of French and German in the Franklin high school of Portland, and A. E. Gagnon, superintendent of the Eastside lumber mill of the C. A. Smith Lumber company here will be married in North Bend tomorrow. Miss Koch is 36 years of age and the prospective groom 73. Miss Koch first met Mr. Gagnon in August when she came here to visit the big mill. Mr. Gagnon explained the working of the mill to her, and their brief acquaintance continued through correspondence since then resulting in the match.

DECLARE HOLY WAR

Turks and Kurds Determine to Exterminate Armenians.

New York, Oct. 5.—The Turks and Kurds are waging a holy war of extermination on the Armenians, according to 16 members of the American Board of Foreign Missions, who arrived from Van, Turkey, on the Swedish steamer Hellig Olav today.

Ernest Yarrow, one of the missionaries, told how the Armenian population of Van, numbering 1500, held out against 5000 Kurds and a Turkish company commanded by a German officer, from April 20 to May 17, when the Russians arrived and relieved the town.

"We had six American and two Red Cross flags," said Mr. Yarrow, "and we flew these over the mission, but they were not respected by either of the combatants. The Turkish company arrived three or four days before the Russian relief came, and the shrapnel from the Turkish guns tore down all our flags.

"We sheltered large numbers of Armenian women and children, but as soon as the Turks and Kurds had been driven away from the town, all of the Armenians turned out to loot the Turkish houses and duplicate the atrocities that had been previously practiced upon the Armenians. It was with great difficulty that they were restrained.

"The Turks and Kurds have declared a holy war against the Armenians, and vowed to exterminate them."

Grand Jury at Salem Wants County Court Sued for Expenditures.

Salem, Or., Oct. 6.—Severely censuring the county court for having employed special counsel, the grand jury for this county yesterday afternoon recommended that District Attorney Ringo institute legal proceedings to recover all money expended for such purposes.

The jury declared that the employment of special counsel by the court had been unnecessary, and had been prompted largely by the court's antipathy to the district attorney. The present district attorney, Mr. Ringo, was appointed by Governor West and ever since his appointment there has been more or less of a feud between him and the court.

THIRTY MILLIONS LOSS

North Pacific Timber Industry Has Been Hard Hit by Drop in Price.

Reporting on business conditions on the Pacific Coast and the effect of the depression of the lumber industry in Oregon and Washington, the October issue of the federal reserve board's bulletin, published at Washington, D. C., says:

"In Washington and Oregon 60 per cent of the wage earners are employed in lumbering. Within two years lumber prices have declined from \$13.50 per 1000 feet to \$7.50; making a difference of \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in the market value of the normal output. Wages constitute 75 per cent of the lumber cost and 40 per cent of the railroad transportation cost. The wages in lumber far outweighs the timber value. An extreme illustration is a recent Puget Sound cargo, which sold at \$9 average. Transportation cost, including insurance, was \$4 net average. In Europe the cost will be \$51 per 1000 feet of lumber, of which approximately \$2.25 constitutes the timber value.

"The railroads, normally consumers of about 25 per cent are now taking only about 5 per cent of the lumber output. Lack of railroad buying obviously affects tremendously the commercial and industrial activity of such lumbering sections.

"In spite of the present low prices, perhaps partly because of them, the lumber cut has considerably increased of late, weak concerns being forced to operate in order to meet steadily increasing taxes and other obligations, and strong concerns not hesitating to accumulate stock against the emergency demand which is expected to follow the close of the war.

Negro Soldier Has Exciting Ride on Stolen Engine

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 5.—A soldier, believed to have been a member of the tenth (negro) cavalry, stole a switch engine from the Bisbee, El Paso & Southwestern railroad today and started toward Douglas.

Seven miles south of Bisbee the soldier deserted the engine, after exchanging shots with a posse, and escaped in the mountains. The engine was in bad condition, due to inept handling. Officers are still on his trail.

JACKSON COUNTY WINS

Fifteen 1st and Four 2nd Prizes at State Fair.

Jackson County won 15 firsts and 4 seconds for exhibits at the state fair at Salem. The farm display honors were won by D. M. Lowe of Ashland. Awards for the best five box lot of pears were won by Judge Tou Velle and R. H. Boyd. The single box award was won by W. V. Barnum of Phoenix. D. M. Lowe won in the five box lot for Boses.

H. Casebeer of Ashland carried off the honors for the five box lot of D'Anjou, C. W. Stump of Ashland won with Newtowns, and Willis Bailey of Ashland was given the award for the peach display. For five crates of Italian prunes and Hungarian prunes W. Herzell and R. H. Boyd were the winners. All plate display of pears were won by Jackson county and peaches by A. Johnson.

William Steven of Tolo won on Newtowns and C. W. Stump on Winter Bananas and Newtowns.

Lee Dale is Declared Guilty in Twenty Minutes by Pendleton Jury.

Pendleton, Or., Oct. 6.—Lee Dale, the young homesteader of California Gulch, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon of the double murder of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogilvy, at their ranch home southeast of Pilot Rock, on the night of June 3.

The case went to the grand jury at 4 o'clock, and 20 minutes later the verdict of guilty was returned to the court. Neither Dale nor his young wife, who sat near him in court when the jury filed in, betrayed any emotion.

Judge G. W. Phelps announced that Dale would be sentenced in the circuit court Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Forest Notes

During the decade ending with the last fiscal year, the Forest Service has classified and opened to entry over 15,500 individual scattered tracts in the forests, covering over 1,700,000 acres. This classification has also resulted in eliminations, to date, of approximately 15,000,000 acres additional.

There are approximately 1,200 towns and cities in the United States dependent upon the national forests, for the source of their water supply.

From 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 little pines, firs and spruces are planted every year on the national forests, and also several tons of tree seed are sown.

Of the 1913 lumber cut, over thirty billion feet of the total were from coniferous woods, 20% of which was supplied by the states of Oregon and Washington.

Enough paving blocks were treated by the wood preserving plants in the United States during 1913 and 1914 to surface a street 36 feet wide and 211 miles long.

In Oregon, there are approximately 739,000 head of sheep grazing upon the National Forests. This represents 43% of the number grazed in the State.

In its improvement work, the Forest Service has constructed to date in Washington and Oregon over 4000 miles of trail and the same length of telephone line.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, there were opened to entry on the National Forests of Oregon, upon individual applications, 315 forest homesteads, covering an area of about 29,000 acres; and in Washington, there were 812 forest homesteads opened to entry, covering an area of 3,800 acres.

Results obtained from land classification work on the National Forests demonstrates the fact that practically all farm land has been excluded from the Forests.

According to figures compiled by the Government, water powers in the State of Oregon are capable of developing 3,500,000 H. P. and in the State of Washington 5,000,000 H. P. In Oregon there are already developed 146,186 H. P. and in Washington 403,900 H. P.

Dice Boxes are Ordered Out

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 5.—District Attorney Neuner has given orders of every nature until Oct. 15 to do away with such so-called gambling devices as dice boxes, punch boards and similar money makers used in candy shops and cigar stores.

GREECE TO ENTER WAR

French Troops Are Landed at Saloniki to Aid Ally. Bulgaria Ready.

Athen, Oct. 3, 7:15 p. m., via Paris, Oct. 4, 11:15 a. m.—All doubt as to the entrance of Greece into the war on the side of the entente allies has now been disposed of.

The official organ of the government says that the landing of French troops at Saloniki is for the purpose of assisting Greece.

Paris, Oct. 4, 4:10 a. m.—Concentration of the Bulgarian army has begun, according to a dispatch from Athens under yesterday's date to the Havas News agency. The correspondent asserts he has authoritative information to this effect.

The total strength of the Bulgarian army engaged in this movement is estimated at 350,000 men.

London, Oct. 4, 2:52 p. m.—Two powerful Russian squadrons are reported to have appeared off the Bulgarian coast near Varna, on the Black sea.

This announcement is made by the Tribuna of Rome, according to the correspondent there of the Exchange Telegraph company.

MUST DISCHARGE CHINESE

Port of Portland Cooks to Go, Says Commissioner Hoff.

Salem, Or., Oct. 6.—Discovering that the Port of Portland was employing Chinese labor on its dredgers, Labor Commissioner Hoff today notified the officials of the port that they must cease this, under penalty of prosecution. He directed attention to the law making it unlawful for Chinese to be employed on any public works.

The Port of Portland has eight Chinese cooks on the pay roll, six of whom are on the dredgers Portland, Willamette and Columbia and two on the tenders Pronto and John McCracken. F. W. Wright, general manager of the Port of Portland, said this morning that the commissioners' order to discharge them was in the hands of the port's attorney for an opinion.

20 Miles of New Alaska R. R. Open.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Twenty miles of the new Alaskan railroad being built by the government have been completed, Secretary Lane reported today, and satisfactory progress toward the remaining 450 miles is being made.

Secretary Lane announced that the government had decided to build a schoolhouse at Anchorage, the new town in Alaska created by the government and the present terminus of the railroad.

Anchorage will be connected with Seward by telephone. The government has already opened a moving picture show at Anchorage for the workmen.

SHERIFF ASKS FOR MILITIA

Situation in Arizona Copper Strike Zone is Unsettled.

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 6.—Adjutant General C. W. Harris, Major Donkersley and Sheriff Cash arrived here today from Clifton to confer with Governor Hunt on the strike situation. J. W. Bennie, manager of the Shannon Copper company, will arrive tomorrow. Sheriff Cash has asked Governor Hunt for 600 more militia.

Clifton, Ariz., Oct. 6.—J. W. Bennie, manager of the Shannon company, one of the three mining men who escaped from here a few days ago when a demonstration was started by 8000 miners on strike here, is still in El Paso and will not go to Phoenix under a guard to confer with Governor George W. P. Hunt, according to a message received here today.

The contents of Governor Hunt's message was communicated to Charles B. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and Guy Miller, local organizer. They were not impressed with the prospects of peace and the news that Bennie had not left El Paso dampened any rising hopes they might have entertained for an early settlement.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Campaign is being made for wagon road from Eugene to coast and half mill tax asked.

The Veal Chvir Factory at Albany has changed from an eight to a ten hour day.

J. A. Seavey will erect \$20,000 theatre in Springfield.

J. C. Butcher will establish large spray factory at Hood River and manufacture arsenate of lead.

The Creswell Cannery will manufacture spray in that city.

Creswell—Reports are that apple market is looking better owing to short crop.

Hillsboro—Committee of Growers Association asks equalization board to make reductions of one-third in valuation of farm lands in that vicinity.

Marefield—School board fighting on reducing school tax 2 mills, \$11,000.

Bandon—New cheese factory to be built at Four Mile.

Bend—Frank Pival expects to erect 20 houses here work to begin at once.

Roseburg citizens will donate site for the big new mill of Kendall Bros. A town which has shown the enterprise of Roseburg in going after this big industry is deserving of a bright future.

Portland taxes for 1916 estimated at \$33,000 more than for 1915, an effort will be made to cut this amount, however.

Eugene will soon have Coos Bay coal.

Value of Oregon hop crop this year about \$2,000,000, at 10 cents.

Coos County has been experimenting with roads planked lengthwise and results are highly successful.

Hood River gets a \$7500 concrete movie theatre 50 by 100 feet.

S. P. payroll at Eugene for past month was \$11,304.

Woodburn wants merger of all the telephone lines.

O. W. R. & N. Co. payroll at La Grande takes 545 checks.

Construction is being rushed on the new line of the O. W. R. & N. into Harney Valley.

Hood River apple and Vinegar Co. receives gold medal at Panama Fair.

Indications are that Hubbard shoe factory will soon begin operations again.

Sutherland—Leona mills operate after 8 months idleness.

Lebanon Lumber Co. burned with loss of \$100,000.

Right of way deeds are all secured for Sutherland railroad and it is announced work will start at once on the grade for the Sutherland, Coos Bay & Eastern.

Pendleton—Cornerstone for new post office has been laid.

Silverton—New drain and tile factory has started.

It is announced that Redmond will have a new fireproof warehouse for handling farm products, size 60 by 150.

J. J. Ellinger has cut the fourth crop of alfalfa this season from his farm near Redmond.

The big Rainier mill has been completely destroyed by fire, loss \$150,000.

It is estimated that the clover seed crop of Linn county will total \$20,000 this year.

The Nashville and Toledo creameries have distributed over \$10,000 each to the farmers of that section the past year.

A franchise is being asked for in Albany to establish another light plant.

Ralph McKechnie has six acres of corn near Albany averaging 14 feet in height.

Four Oil Wells Are Ignited by Forest Fires.

Saugus, Cal., Oct. 6.—Four oil wells are ablaze, a power plant, one house and a barn destroyed and the lives of five families imperiled in their homes by flames in a brush fire which is sweeping today north and south of the ridge between Santa Clara and Simi, 20 miles from here. Residents of Piru, Fillmore and adjoining towns assisted by scores of ranchers are making a desperate fight to check the spread of the fire.

For Pickling:-
Stone Jars from 1 gal. up
Barrels from 5 to 15 gals.
Good Home Made Cider
Vinegar.

SHOP AT HOME

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.