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CHROMIC IRON ORE

Production of Pacific States Increased With Lower Transportation Rates

Chromic iron ore is extensively used in making colors and dyes and refractory materials as well as for alloys in making steel for armor plate, projectiles, and high speed tools, and the demand for it has greatly increased since the war in Europe began.

The chromic ore mines of the Pacific coast have been recently examined by J. S. Diller, of the United States Geological Survey, who reports a remarkable increase in production since the transcontinental railroads have so reduced freight rates as to enable the chrome ore produced on the Pacific coast to compete with the ore imported on the Atlantic border.

For many years California has been the only State producing chromite, and it is still the chief producer. Its production is far greater than ever before. Its output during the first six months of 1916 was more than three times the greatest annual yield of former years and is still increasing. The chief producing areas are the belts of serpentine in the Sierra Nevada and Coast ranges, which are distributed through a score of counties. Shasta County is still the greatest producer and contains the largest ore body yet discovered in the State.

Nearly all chrome ore is taken out of open quarries. Most of the ore bodies are small and are lenticular in shape, containing from 1 to 200 long tons of ore. Few contain as much as a thousand long tons of ore, and many are the source of blasted hopes in those who exploit them with great expectations.

Bodies of chrome ore have recently been discovered in different parts of Oregon, where production has already begun. The development of some promising bodies is awaited with much interest.

Millions In Mexican Money To Be Destroyed

Mexico City, July 24.—Fifty million dollars in Mexican paper money will be burned within the next few days in the courtyard of the national palace. This money is of the old Vera Cruz issue and has been supplanted by a new issue made in the United States. It is said that \$222,000,000 in paper money will be disposed of in this way during the next few weeks.

DEER FEED IN ASHLAND BACK YARDS

Three Does Photographed While On Premises of Resident In Railroad Town

Ashland, Or., July 24.—The sight of wild deer grazing in back yards, approaching within a few feet of residences and making runways out of the park paths and drives, is becoming common in Ashland. Three beautiful does seem to be making their headquarters within two blocks of the postoffice, in Lithia park, and occasionally bucks and fawns are seen. A resident finding three deer in his back yard, telephoned to a photographer and several good snapshots were secured. Automobileists making the trip over the high drive which circles above the Ashland acre park report approaching within a few feet of the animals.

Ashland's canyon park joins on the north with the Ashland creek watershed which is within the forest reserve and, as a watershed, is also a game preserve. The 50 or 60 square miles of watershed up to four years ago when it was closed to hunting, was a favorite place for hunting parties, and frequently the limit was secured, on the slopes of Mount Ashland and Wagner butte within 14 miles of the city. Since the area was made a reserve the deer are multiplying rapidly and are often seen by parties climbing Mount Ashland in groups up to 25 in number. The sight of the deer is becoming as much of an attraction as the view from the summit of the mountain, and it is thought that eventually the deer will become so tame that they will learn to come down into the park in large numbers to be fed.

Timber Worker Killed In Woods At Klamath

Klamath Falls, Or., July 24.—H. R. Henry, a timber faller for the Algema Lumber company at Algema lost his life Saturday when a big tree fell on him. He was alone at the time and just how he met his death is not known. He was about 35 years old and unmarried.

Culver People Work on Roads

Culver, Or., July 24.—Most of the men of this place were absent today doing donation work on the road west of town which is being graded. The women served a noonday luncheon and a good time was had in spite of sore muscles.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MEDFORD

Oxygen Tank Explodes; Killing Jay Davis

Medford, Or., July 24.—Jay Davis aged 31 years, a truck driver for the Eads Bros. Transfer company, of this city, is dead as a result of an explosion of an oxygen tank at the Pacific Highway garage in this city Saturday evening. J. L. Davies, proprietor of the garage, was welding a part of a motorcycle belonging to Davis, who was assisting him, and Davis had his arm on the tank while bending down near it when the tank exploded, driving a piece of the metal container into Davis' brain, while another piece of the metal nearly severed one arm. Davis was rushed to the hospital, but lived less than an hour. Davis leaves a mother, a wife and two children, aged 12 years and 4 months respectively.

Oregon Leads In Rural School Attendance

Salem, Or., July 24.—The percentage of daily attendance of pupils in the rural schools in Oregon is the highest in the United States, according to a letter from J. L. O'Brien, school extension agent of the United States bureau of education, to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill. Oregon's percentage is 90.6-10, and Connecticut is second with 88.4-10 and Massachusetts third with 86 percent.

One Victim Of Bomb Came From Marshfield

Marshfield, Or., July 25.—George Lawler, one of the victims of the San Francisco bomb outrage, formerly lived on Coos bay where his brother, William Lawler, was an insurance adjuster. He was known here as an all around athlete and was a member of the Olympic club of San Francisco.

Woman Kills Bear in Berry Patch at Siletz

Falls City, Or., July 25.—While picking berries, Mrs. Emma Hinshaw, of this city, who is cook at a Siletz basin ranch, saw a large bear in the patch. Going to the house she returned with a gun and killed him.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Salem, Or., July 24.—Oregon Flax Fibre Co. making tests on cost of production. State prison force of 100 camped in fields pulling flax.

McMinnville has let contract for five miles of paving, concrete base with bitulithic top.

Oregon-Washington hops promise fair crop.

Mt. Hood loop highway promised \$200,000 from Forestry department this year.

S. P. Co. will spend \$300,000 rebuilding track between Sutherlin and Divide.

Klamath Falls gets additional passenger train service from Weed.

Baker and Grant unite to build inter-county highway over Dixie mountain.

Ontonio—State officials have inspected drainage plans to reclaim 50,000 acres of Malheur Lake.

Medford—State Press Association meets here Aug. 4-6.

Astoria—Council votes hard surface for several more streets, Pacific Power & Light Co. to be given new franchise.

Astoria—Iron Works to be re-established if people furnish two-thirds capital.

S. P. Co. advances 3000 common laborers on Pacific division from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per day.

Albany Herald—"After reflecting on the high price of gasoline, a good many people are wondering whether the spitting up of the old Standard Oil company was a necessity or a luxury."

Astoria reports record breaking salmon. May be heaviest in river's history.

Corvallis—Fischer Flour Mill sells 2,000 barrels flour over long distance phone to Milford, Tennessee.

Development work under way on nitrate properties in Lake & Harney Co.'s.

McMinnville—Company formed to prospect oilfield near here.

Grants Pass—Queen of Bronze mine increasing output.

North Bend—1,500,000 ft. of cedar ties shipped last 60 days.

Crane—At this terminus 1800 people celebrated coming of railroad.

Roseburg shipping carload of copper ore for test in Tacoma smelters.

Wasco, Grant and Wheeler counties plan new highway to Idaho line.

Coquille—Coquille Valley Creamery Co. rebuilding. Work under way on Court House annex.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. lets contract for 1100 box cars requiring 5,600 ft. of Douglas fir at a cost of over \$1,000,000.

Roseburg—Seven thousand yards of gravel will be placed on the notorious Pass Creek canyon road by Douglas county, covering nearly 7 miles.

Oregon City—Work started on new 5,000,000 gal. reservoir.

Eugene chamber of commerce is sending out samples of Lane county flax to linen users of Europe for the purposes of comparison with the European product.

Oregon City—Paving under way on Milwaukee Sellwood road.

Independence—Valey & Siletz R. R. being rushed and will tap rich timber belt by fall.

Willamina has loganberry juice plant.

Portland Chamber of Commerce endorses amendment whereby Eastern Oregon is to receive \$200,000 for experimental well drilling.

Salem—State engineer issues permits last quarter to irrigate 7,616 acres.

St. Johns—About 400 men put to work at the plants of the Peninsula Lumber company and the new shipyard connected therewith.

Bandon—The Bandon Beach creamery under new management and doing rushing business.

Union Pacific buying 2,500,000 feet fir lumber for car equipment.

New road proposed from Eugene to Klamath via Crater Lake.

Lumber packet "City of Portland" on her initial trip to Australia with 2,000,000 ft. lumber.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Sawmill Site Bought And Railway Rumors Heard

Klamath Falls, Or., July 24.—The platting of two new additions to Klamath Falls, the purchasing of a mill site on Lake Ewauna by an outside firm, a rumor that a railroad construction camp has been located 12 miles from town, have given local real estate men a feeling of optimism. The first transfer to be noted is that whereby Evans Bros. purchased 85 feet front near the business center. A building is to be erected this year on the property.

Death of Driving Mare

Hood River, Or., July 24.—Tom Ogawa, a Japanese rancher, is mourning the loss of his driving mare. On entering a local bakery, he tied the reins around a spoke of a front wheel of his vehicle, and an automobile rushed by, causing his horse to back with the rig. The revolving wheel wrapped the lines around the hub and the mare, the reins tightened, reared, falling backward on the hard surfaced street, and broke her neck.

Boys Are Charged With Theft Of Two Bicycles

Oregon City, July 24.—Judge H. S. Anderson of the county court, is today hearing the complaint against Robert McKinnis aged 10, and Arthur McKinnis, aged 14, who were found in possession Saturday of two bicycles, stolen from the yard of a Gladstone home a few days before. The boys claimed that the bicycles were given to them by another lad, named Ellsworth McKinnis.

Ashland Stamp Mill Burns

Ashland, Or., July 24.—Fire, thought to have been of incendiary origin, burned the ten-stamp mill at the Ashland mine, west of here, early yesterday morning. The loss is \$25,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire throws 20 men out of work. Manager Bartlett states that the company will probably rebuild the plant. The mine was paying well, having been opened for only a month after several years of inactivity.

Old Landmark Burns

Independence, Or., July 24.—Fire completely destroyed a residence belonging to Walter Wilson in North Independence last night. The house was unoccupied and was a landmark of the old town. The fire department was called out at 12 o'clock, but the fire was under such headway it was impossible to save the building. There was no insurance.

Youth Loses His Life In Willamette Near Salem

Salem, Or., July 24.—Raymond Bivens, aged 18 years, was drowned while swimming in the Willamette river near Spong's landing yesterday. He was presumably seized with cramps. His relatives reside near Kaiser station.

Insane Woman Escapes

Salem, Or., July 24.—Mrs. A. Larkin, 45 years old, a patient, escaped from the asylum for the insane on Saturday night, picking a lock of her window with a hairpin. She left a note stating that she had gone for a walk. No trace of her has been found.

Monmouth Girl Goes to Japan

Monmouth, Or., July 24.—Miss Beulah Baldersee, a resident of this county, who was a primary teacher in the Salem schools last year, will leave for Japan this fall, where she will spend a year with her sister Mrs. Harvey A. Wheeler.

Aged Indian Dies at Cayuse

Pendleton, Or., July 25.—Ayoushaksagom, a Cayuse Indian living in a tepee two miles from Cayuse, on the Umatilla reservation, 12 miles east of this city is dead at the age of 120 years. He claimed to remember events as far back as 1812. His wife, aged about 85 years, survives.

Nearly 40,000 lbs. of wool have been pooled by the Lane county farmers.

FOREST NOTES

National Forest Maps For Campers

Recreation maps of the Deschutes, Oehoco, Oregon, Siskiyou, Siuslaw and Umatilla National Forests of Oregon and the Chelan, Olympic and Washington National Forests of Washington have been completed by the Department of Agriculture, and are now being distributed to those who desire them. These maps show the available roads and trails, the location of ranger stations, lookout stations, and other points of interest on the Forests. A special map of the Columbia Gorge Park in Oregon is also being distributed.

On the back of these maps are printed a description of the Forest and other information of value to campers and tourists, together with rules regarding forest fires and the sanitation of camps.

It is planned to prepare and print similar maps of the remaining National Forests until all are covered. The maps are especially useful to hunters, fishermen, campers and tourists on the National Forests. Copies may be obtained from the District Forester, Portland, Oregon, or from the Supervisor of any Forest for which the map has been published.

Yaquina Pioneer Dies After Lingering Illness

Newport, Or., July 25.—George King, aged about 72 years, one of the few remaining pioneers of Yaquina bay, died at his home at Oysterville last evening, after a lingering illness. He was a native of England, born in Yorkshire, and was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity for many years. He was the leaving oysterman of this bay, where he has resided for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, a son, and three daughters.

Held In Jail On Charge Of Robbing Hen Roost's

Centralia, Wash., July 24.—George Ingraham, a resident of Gate City, is lodged in the Thurston county jail on a charge of stealing chickens. The warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace W. L. Keen in May, 1915 but Ingraham eluded arrest at that time and did not return to Gate until this week.

Washington Pardon Board Recommends 38 Paroles

Walla Walla, Wash., July 24.—Results of the meeting of the state board of pardons, which adjourned at the penitentiary Saturday evening, included granting paroles to 38 prisoners; recommendation for conditional pardons, 11; final discharges, 8; ordered deported, 13. Nineteen men were selected for rock quarry work, 15 of them assigned to the Dixie quarry, which has been operated of late by free labor, at greater expense.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH GERMANY SUSPENDED

New York, July 25.—The Western Union Telegraph company announces that wireless communication with Germany by way of Sayville, N. Y., and Tuckerton, N. J., had been suspended until further notice. The order, it is said, is due to the large number of commercial messages which have overtaxed the wireless stations.

Deaths and New Cases Increase in Epidemic

New York, July 25.—Both deaths and new cases increased today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the 14-hour period ending at 10 a. m. 38 children were killed by the disease and 150 stricken.

No fiction magazine ever ran a prettier yarn than that of the United States soldier in Mexico who bade a touching farewell to the horse that had carried him alive from the conflict at the cost of its own life.

Inquirer asks a medical columnist how to cure "bat ears" and altho 'tis little we know of such things we would suggest quit going on bats.

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