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METALS OF THE U. S.

Production of Past Year Wonderful Record, says Secretary Lane

The mines in Arizona paid \$35,000,000 in dividends during the past year. Adding Utah, Montana, Nevada and Idaho dividends to those of Arizona we have a total of over \$100,000,000 in dividends paid out of the mines of these five western states in a single year.

These are some of the impressive facts brought out by the report of the Geological survey just made to Secretary Lane just made. "Never before," said Mr. Lane, "has so large a draft been made on the natural resources of our country as during this year, and never before have the metals been extracted from these ores with less waste or utilized to better advantage in advantage in advancing the general prosperity of the country. Even as written in the figures of 1916 production the wonderful record of our mines sets forth a degree of national industrial independence only hoped for a few years ago.

"Again copper stands out as the best illustration of how American mines can meet a world demand. The output of nearly 2 billion pounds of the red metal is double that of ten years ago and its value is twice that of the copper produced in 1915. Add to this the facts that in value copper now contends with iron for first place among the metals and that together the amount of these two metals produced last year had a value of more than one billion dollars and we have a measure of what this country can contribute in useful metals.

Somme Drive Cost

British 520,017 Men

London, Jan. 1.—The total casualties reported in the published lists from December 1 to December 23 was: officers 815, men 36,350. No lists were published during the holidays.

The effect of cessation of the Somme offensive with the advent of unfavorable weather conditions is shown in these figures, which give a daily average of 1548 casualties for the 24 days covered by the report.

In November the daily average was 2188, and in October was 3452. The losses reported in December bring up the total British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 520,017.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Tuesday Night. Only Routine Business Transacted.

The regular session of the city council was held at the city hall, Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Britt; Councilmen Bagshaw, Florey and Hartman; Recorder Stansel; absent: Neil.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Bills for officers' salaries, labor, supplies, etc. were presented and ordered paid.

A proposed ordinance granting a new franchise to the Southern Oregon Traction Company was presented but no action taken at this time, pending further consideration. D. H. Cronmiller was present and asked for a contribution to a fund for purchasing instruments for the new band. On motion \$10 was appropriated for this purpose.

Lessening of Crime Is

Credited To Prohibition.

Tacoma, Jan. 5.—There is less crime business here in the courts than formerly and the court officers credit the prohibition law with the improvements in conditions.

In 1916 there were 210 criminal and 1450 civil cases started as against 222 criminal and 1800 civil cases during the previous year. The major share of the criminal prosecutions this year were for violations of the prohibition law, so the figures would indicate that other phases of the criminal business had decreased greatly since last January.

MOONSHINE PLANT

FOUND AT CANBY

Men Under Arrest for Burglary Thought To Be Its Owners

Oregon City, Jan. 1.—Searching for men who had been stealing from farmers in the neighborhood, officials last week located a whiskey distillery on the banks of the Willamette, four miles west of Canby. On Saturday Sheriff W. J. Wilson and Deputy District Attorney Thomas A. Burke visited the place and destroyed the still. They brought back with them 25 feet of lead pipe that had formed part of the apparatus.

CHIHUAHUA MAY BE

GIVEN UP TO VILLA

Report From Mexican City Is That Bandit May Force Troops To Evacuate

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 3.—Francisco Villa was reported to have been at Concho, 60 miles south of Chihuahua City, on Friday, and was moving north toward the state capital with a force of 5000 men, a Mexican mining man who arrived on the delayed Mexican Central train early Sunday morning reported upon his arrival on the American side of the river today.

The mining man said General Nurguia has fewer men in the Chihuahua garrison than had been reported, and said there was a strong feeling in the capital that the Carranza commander might be forced to evacuate the city and come north toward the border.

Forest Notes

The National Forests of Oregon and Washington are being protected, not only from fire but from the ravages of insects. Occasionally barkbeetles become so destructive on certain areas that the infected timber must be immediately cut and burned to prevent further damage to valuable timber.

The work of classifying and opening to homestead entry such lands in the National Forests as are chiefly valuable for agriculture are progressing rapidly. Already over seventy million acres have been covered by field examinations and the final reports acted upon.

Investigations by the Forest Products Laboratory, at Madison, Wis., have resulted in the use of spent tanbark in the manufacture of asphalt shingles to the extent of 160 tons per week. The value of the bark has therefore been increased from 60 cents to \$2.50 per ton.

There were cut from the National Forests in the fiscal year 1916, 604,910,000 board feet of timber. Of this amount, 119,483,000 board feet was cut under free use privilege by 42,055 individuals. In all, 10,840 sales of timber were made, of which amount 97 per cent were under \$100 in value, indicating the extent to which the homesteader, rancher, miner, small millman and others in need of a limited supply of timber draw upon the Forests.

Portland—Oregon hotel to be raised to 15 stories—cost \$50,000.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Higher Auto Tax Opposed

Roseburg, Jan. 1.—Douglas County Grange has passed a resolution against the proposed measure to tax automobiles \$1 per horse power.

50 Bend Elks Will

Petition For Charter

Bend, Jan. 3.—Before the end of the week, Bend Elks who have been backing a campaign to secure a charter for the members of the antlered herd in this city, will forward their petition to national lodge headquarters. More than 50 names of active members of the order, residing here, will be appended, although only 25 is required.

A minimum city population of 5000 is one of the most rigid requirements and, based on the recent school census, when nearly 1300 children of school age were enumerated, the Elks feel safe in making their request at this time.

KLAMATH FALLS FARMER

VICTIM OF HEART TROUBLE

Klamath Falls, Jan. 3.—E. R. Williams, for over 30 years a resident of Klamath county, died Saturday from heart trouble. Mr. Williams was first stricken last March and has been unable to leave his bed since. A change to a lower altitude was advised but his weakened condition made the change impossible. He was 54 years old, and had made his home in Klamath basin for many years, being engaged in dairying and farming. He is survived by the widow and seven children.

ASHLAND IS ORGANIZED

TO CLOSE ROGUE RIVER

Ashland, Jan. 2.—With the primary aim of securing the closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing which is now conducted at the mouth of the river, the Ashland Fish & Game Protective association has been formed with 100 members in this city. The local organization will affiliate with other like organizations in the valley.

LIVES 58 YEARS AFTER

HIS BACK IS BROKEN

Eugene, Jan. 2.—As the result of trusting numerous customers in his little store on the McKenzie river 25 years ago, Jackson Brown, an inmate of the Lane county poor farm, who had lived 58 years with a broken back, failed and went to the poor farm where he died Saturday night at the age of 79 years. Brown came to the Coast nearly forty years ago. Having broken his back in a rock quarry at the age of 21, he lived in a wheel chair.

CARL SHOEMAKER SELLS

HIS ROSEBURG PAPER

Roseburg, Jan. 3.—B. W. Bates and son, Bertram Bates, of this city, have bought the Evening News, the paper of which Carl D. Shoemaker, game warden of the state, was the principal owner, and will continue the publication as an evening daily and as a semi-weekly. Mr. Bates founded the paper several years ago.

VETERAN IS BURIED

Roseburg, Jan. 3.—A. H. Lozier, a Civil war veteran, was buried this afternoon at the Oregon Soldiers Home, where he had lived for many years. He was 75 years old, and entered the institution from Grants Pass. He is survived by a widow.

Plan To Consolidate

State and City Election.

Salem, Jan. 1.—Estimating that city elections are costing the people approximately \$50,000 annually, Secretary of State Olcott, in his biennial report, recommends that the constitution be so amended that they can be held in conjunction with the regular state primary and general elections. Such an amendment would necessitate the lengthening of the terms of a number of municipal officers, he declares.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS GROW

Monmouth, Jan. 2.—The receipts of the Monmouth postoffice during the Christmas holidays show an increase of 60 per cent over the same time last year.

BURNS TO BE ON

BRANCH RAILROAD

Strahorn Announces Plans With Regard To Harney Valley System.

Announcement has been made by R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway company that Burns will not be located on the through east and west line from Crane Bend, but will be served by a branch line. Insurmountable grade difficulties influenced the decision. Harney valley will be served by a north and south line.

"The project is being systematically organized and worked out as a whole," says Mr. Strahorn, "rather than in a local way, as I have always desired, for I contend that the benefits to be derived by each community from the completion of the entire system will be vastly greater than they can be by giving it only some desired local relief."

Washington Woman

Wields Horsewhip.

Walla Walla, Jan. 2.—Armed with a horsewhip, Mrs. C. E. Montgomery, wife of the city physician, went to the court house this morning and administered a severe beating to Guy Allen Turner, county treasurer, prominent in musical circles here. Turner made no resistance and Dr. Montgomery was a witness of the affair.

The horsewhipping was the culmination of rumors that have coupled the names of Turner and the woman, the latter alleging that she had been slandered by the county treasurer.

Power Behind Throne of

Russia Reported Killed.

London, Jan. 2.—Dispatches from the Reuter and other Petrograd correspondents say that Gregory Rasputin, who is reputed to have exercised great influence over Emperor Nicholas, is dead. Correspondents say that Rasputin was assassinated under peculiar circumstances. Twice before Rasputin has been reported to have been murdered.

Oldest Bridegroom On

New Years is Aged 91

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—Charles R. Post, 91 years of age, father of C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., was the oldest bridegroom recorded in the county today, following the marriage yesterday of himself and Mrs. Nellie J. Moore, 55 years old.

No Discharge From

Army For Student's

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Chamberlain is advised by the war department that no applications for discharge from the national guard will be favorably considered in cases where applicants desire to return home to resume their studies.

Punch Boards Are In Bad

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 2.—On orders from Judge R. H. Back and Prosecuting Attorney J. O. Blair, all punch boards and other games of chance in Vancouver have been put on the taboo list and Sheriff Biesecker threatens a cleanup of any stores found using them. The order was issued last week. No longer will the youth of the city be allowed to play the board of chance for boxes of candy and other articles of merchandise.

Japan to Put Guns

On Merchant Ships

Washington, Jan. 3.—Japan through the embassy here, has notified the state department of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively and requesting information as to whether any special rules had been made by this government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama canal.

There are no canal regulations imposing special restrictions upon vessels armed purely for defensive purposes, as the United States holds such armament does not deprive a ship of her character as a peaceful merchantman.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Buhl—Alfalfa seed industry reaches 121,000 bushels for 1916 here.

Salem to get \$60,000 increase to federal building.

Vale—Western Pacific Co. will sink a well here for oil and gas.

Oregon legislators plan \$13,000 bond issue for rural loans.

Portland—\$1,750,000 Portland-Vancouver bridge over Columbia river complete.

Pendleton—\$30,000 road show theatre planned here.

Marshfield—Smith-Powers Co. ask franchise for railroad from Bunker Hill to Summit.

Salem—Attorney General demands \$38,320 to conduct his department.

Flouring mill at John Day to operate after Feb. 1.

Oregon City—Woolen mills here to share profits with 430 employees.

Portland—Albina Engine and Machine Works has contracts for two 3300 ton and four 3300 ton steel steamships.

North Bend—Large dredging improvement to be undertaken on Pony Slough.

North Bend—225 foot lumber carrier Florence Polson launched here.

Oregon valuations as equalized \$51,481,512 below 1915.

Cushman—Logging railroad to be built up Bernhardt creek.

Salem—Spaulding Logging Co. purchases South Mill water power and site for manufacturing plant.

Lane county budget cut \$31,000 below estimates.

Prarie City—Flour mill here to be operated next year.

Coos Bay coal mines being developed as S. P. Co.'s new line has opened new markets.

Reedsport—S. P. Co. making extensive improvements here.

La Grande has largest packing plant in eastern Oregon.

Haines—Work on chloride mine on Rich Creek to be resumed.

Bend, the boom town of eastern Oregon, has two daily papers.

First railroad, the Grants factory, now smelter, and the Grants Pass snow ball of progress rolls on.

Salem erecting two brick stores.

Albany—Furniture factory is in market for 80 carloads of Coast alder, ash and maple.

Proposed Oregon freak law, bill to make lazy husbands work.

Ontario—\$14,000 street lighting system to be installed here by Idaho Power Co., which is also given 10 year lighting contract.

Eugene Woman Found

Dead in Bath Room

Eugene, Jan. 1.—Mrs. A. W. Lilly, wife of County Supervisor H. W. Libby, was found dead in the bathtub of the family home here yesterday morning, and the attending physician pronounced it a possible case of drowning after a stroke. She had apparently been stricken and had fallen over in an attempt to pull the stopper and was found face downward. Her husband is seriously ill in the hospital and she had attended him the evening before.

Sugar Goes Down 10

Cents More And Is Not Yet At Bottom

Portland, Jan. 3.—Effective this morning sugar prices came down another dime. The result is cane sugar now wholesales at \$7.30 a hundred pounds, and beet sugar at \$7.10. These are the lowest prices to prevail here in several months and bid fair to go lower still. It would not be surprising if they continued to drop until they had reached a point at least \$1 under their present level. At such a figure the market would be considered normal. There is no excuse for high prices in the sugar market now.

All Newfoundland Is Dry

St. Johns, N. F., Jan 1.—At midnight last night the whole island of Newfoundland became "dry," a prohibition act becoming effective.

A long list of proprietary medicines has been placed under the ban.

Sloppy Weather!

Let us fix you up to keep your feet dry?

Shoes, Boots, Rubbers, Rubber Boots, etc. for the entire family at lowest prices.

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.