

SIUSLAW AP-PROPRIATION IN SENATE

Thursday the Commerce Committee of the Senate began work upon the Rivers and Harbors bill preparing it to come before that body.

I. B. Cushman, president of the port commissioners received from Wednesday morning saying the appropriation for \$5,000 maintenance and \$112,500 continuing improvement of the Siuslaw harbor had passed the house late Tuesday evening.

A special to the Morning Register, dated at Washington, January 19, says: The detailed appropriation is as follows: \$8,000 for Coos Bay, \$76,000 for Coquille, \$116,175 for Nehalem, \$3,000 for Coos River, \$117,500 for the Siuslaw, \$3,000 for Yaquina, \$42,500 for the Willamette river above Portland, \$602,000 for the lower Willamette and Columbia rivers, \$1,250 for Columbia bay and \$1,000 for Clatskanie.

Surveys are provided for Umpqua, Coquille, Rogue and Clatskanie rivers and for Coos Bay and Yaquina rivers.

Railroad economies compel cutting out all advertising folders for western states.

Eugene cannery took 2,000,000 lbs. fruit from growers.

Ontario—D. M. Taggart has invented a single-tree of ten times ordinary strength and will manufacture same here.

HERE TO GET WHALE SKELETON

James Fullerton arrived from Eugene Thursday and will go up the north beach to secure the skeleton of a whale which washed ashore about a year ago near Sutton creek. A representative of the Pilot interview Mr. Fullerton in regard to the matter, as follows:

"Mr. Fullerton I understand you are going to remove a whale skeleton from the beach to the campus of the University at Eugene what is the object?"

"In the first place the University is spending thousands of dollars in advertising and it occurred to me that a whale skeleton would produce more advertising than \$20,000 spent on newspapers and magazines for this reason, every camera that can get near it will photograph it, every one that comes to town and hasn't seen a whale will go up to the University and look at it, and see our fine buildings and the intelligent student body and realize that Oregon is the home of culture. Further all the Post Card people will feature it and they will be sent all over the earth showing our University as the only one in the world with a whale on its campus."

"Is it true that you are giving your time for this work?" "It is. I offered to dissect the skeleton and articulate it on the campus if enough public spirited people could be found to pay expenses. The students and faculty showed

their interest by subscribing and many of the people of the city also donated and undoubtedly many more would have done so if they had been seen."

Do you intend to get any thing else?" "Yes I hope to get a sea lion and a seal for the Museum and also to interest the people of the entire state so that they will never lose an opportunity to help our state museum by collecting specimens and sending them to Eugene and do it without always asking "What is there in it?" "It shows such a contemptibly small nature not to be able to do anything for the public welfare without looking for personal gain."

TIMBER BIDS ARE ASKED

The United States Department of Agriculture has just advertised for bids on 382,000,000 feet of Oregon timber, in the Crater Lake and Paulina National forests on Four-Mile and Bear Creeks.

Four-Mile Creek unit embraces 7120 acres containing 85,000,000 feet, nearly all yellow pine. Bear Creek unit contains 17,560 acres having 297,050,000 feet, of which 290,000,000 feet is yellow pine. The cost of logging the Four-Mile forest is estimated at \$5.50 a thousand, and Bear Creek forest at \$3.50.

The Bear Creek property would cost about \$340,000 to develop, and the Four-Mile considerably less, according to a pamphlet issued by the Forestry Department yesterday. The pamphlet describes every detail of the time, with copies on the contracts

A contract with the Corvallis Lumber Company has just been executed by the Portland office of the Forest Service, selling 8,608,000 feet of timber as follows: 7,746,000 feet Douglas fir at \$1.35 a thousand feet; 460,000 hemlock at 50 cents a thousand; 389,000 red cedar at \$2.10 a thousand, and 13,000 white pine at \$1.35 a thousand. The timber is in the Santiam National forest.

The Portland office also has advertised 1,075,107 feet of yellow pine situated on the Okanogan National Reserve on Thompson Creek. The price is \$1.25 for yellow pine and \$1.00 for fir.—Oregonian.

And yet the present forest service officials would have us believe that the whole scheme is for the benefit of the settler, or small operator.

1915 JURY LIST CONTAINS 300 NAMES

Out of a jury list of 300 names selected as jurymen for Lane county, the following residents of the western part of the county have been selected:

Blachley—Ross Myers, Martin Johnson, C. C. Bowman, Elmer Lamb.

Deadwood—G. L. Prindle. Mapleton—Thomas J. Neeley, J. P. Ozment.

Minerva—Hans M. Petersen. Noti—C. C. Fisk, D. C. Evans, Jesse A. Fountain.

Point Terrace—Rufus W. Johnson.

Walton—Bert Kirk, Charles W. Lyons and A. M. Richardson.

Tillamook—\$20,000 contract for dyking let at mouth of Wilson river.

BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH THE SLAIN

Before Soissons, Jan. 18, by Courier to Berlin Jan. 20, via London, Jan. 21.—At the headquarters of a certain German army last night General von Kluck and his staff celebrated the battle and their success at Soissons in typical German military fashion, with a simple soldiers meal, a bowl of punch brewed by the expert hands of Von Kluck himself, a graceful little speech by the General and a silent toast to the dead—both French and German.

The earth was still dropping on the graves of the fallen. So many men perished during the eight days of the bitter struggle for the heights across the river from Soissons that today, the fourth after the close of the battle, the plateau and gorges are still strewn thickly with dead, although 4000 members of the landsturm have been engaged without a pause in clearing up the battlefield.

No newspaper description of the battle has been written from the German side. The Associated Press representative was the first, and, up to the present, the only news man to inspect the battlefield and have opportunity to supplement the official reports with details gathered on spot.

The results of the German success are regarded here as highly important. The French were expelled from the heights north of the Aisne—vantage hoped to launch a successful attack along the big elbow in the German line—and driven across the river, which now runs brimful and at many places is overflowing its banks between the two armies.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS WORTH REMEMBERING

It is coming time of the year when we should prepare for our health. As spring approaches our grandmothers will be getting out the sassafras bark, some one thing and some another in order to ward off some dreaded disease. This treatment is good as far as it goes and no doubt prevents our children from having many diseases they might have, had they not taken the herb.

There is one thing that we should bear in mind and ponder it well, and that is our water supply; look to it that there is no cess-pool near your well; no open toilets or piles of refuse that will filter into the well. All open toilets that have been in use for any length of time should be closed after placing therein a good supply of lye and a covering of soil. By doing this the danger from contaminating the drinking water will be greatly lessened. In building new toilets, and in caring for the old ones, extra care should be taken to see that it is impossible for flies and impure water are two of the principal elements that enter into the spreading of disease.

The opening week of the legislature was spent talking economy at an expense of \$3000 per day in lieu of practicing any.

Jacksonville—A placer mine a quarter of a mile east, at a depth of 43 feet is panning great quantities of gold.

LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY IS DEVELOPING

Portland, Ore. Jan. 19, 1915—That the livestock industry in Oregon has been developed to a point which makes the state independent of outside sources is indicated by the annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards for 1914. This report shows that 597,180 head of livestock of all classes was received during the past year, divided up as follows: 281,300 sheep; 237,725 hogs; 74,360 cattle; 2,506 calves and 1,239 horses and mules. Oregon's contribution to this impressive total was 48,789 cattle; 2,149 calves; 144,901 hogs and 196,425 sheep, leaving only an unimportant balance to be credited to surrounding states.

One notable feature of this report is the remarkable falling off in the number of calves received, only 2,506 having been received in 1914 as compared with 4,666 in 1913; 2,798 in 1912; 6,818 in 1911 and 8,297 in 1910. This falling off in the shipment of calves seems to indicate that farmers are generally recognizing the importance of retaining all young meat animals either as future breeders or to be shipped as adult animals, a movement which can only result in increased financial returns to the farmers and a more rapid increase in the meat supply of the state.

After being closed down for two months, the three shingle mills operated by the L. B. Macdonald Lumber Co. will be up January 18.

HOUSE PASSES BOUNTY BILL UPON SEALS

State Capitol, Salem, Or., January 21.—The House this morning passed the bill introduced by the Clatsop County delegation providing a bounty of \$1 on seals and on seal cubs. Clatsop Representatives declared that seals now destroy one-fourth the salmon in the Columbia River.

Representative Lewis opposed the measure on the ground that it is paternalistic and urged that the fishermen themselves should provide the bounty. Upon roll-call Lewis voted "aye," making the vote unanimous. Under provisions of the bill the state is to pay one-half the bounty and the respective counties one-half, the money coming out of the regular county funds. The measure also increases the bounty on coyotes.

FOUR HEIRS TO SIMPSON ESTATE

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 21.—Although the dispatches from San Francisco state that A. M. Simpson's property is divided equally between four heirs, L. J., Edgar M., H. M. Simpson and Mrs. Edith Pike, it is believed the business here will be continued without dissolution, under the management of Edgar Simpson, for the present at least.

The property has been listed and offered to an English syndicate and it will not be closed.

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