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ABOUT OUR STATE CAPITOL

It is indeed interesting to note the comment or in some instances the lack of it on Prineville's suggestion to move the State Capitol from Salem to Portland.

The Oregon Voter, which has the self assumed task of doing the political thinking for the State at large, and who seems to wish to atone in some degree for Prineville's latest sin, attempts to pour oil on the troubled waters before a real storm breaks, with a little "hush" editorial as follows:

"So far none of the state press seems to have taken seriously the Prineville suggestion to move the state capitol to Portland from Salem as punishment for Marion county's opposition to extending state funds outside of that county. Tillamook Headlight refers slightly to "the Salem hog being still on the job." The Oregonian reproaches Marion county for "To have and to hold" motto, but does not make any serious claim to have the Capitol moved. The "Salem hog" expression recurs in a number of other newspapers.

"In justice to Salem, it must be stated that the enterprising people of that city, especially through their Commercial Club, for many years have been attempting with sincerity to remove the stigma of selfishness which has been a tradition of the capitol city. The business men, especially, with the aid of the principal newspaper, the Statesman, have been pursuing an unselfish attitude. The main difficulty that has been encountered is with the farmer vote outside of Salem. An these farmers vote just as consistently against spending county money or state money in Salem as they do against spending public funds outside the county. The Marion county taxpayer resides so close to the capitol that he sees abundant evidence of what to him appears like gross waste of funds, and consequently is more bitter even than farmers of other counties so far removed that little state money is ever expended within their limits.

"It is not fair to blame Salem for this attitude of the farming population of Marion county as a whole. The Prineville move was conceived in a spirit of pique. It is vengeful and

will not get very far. The state capitol belongs at Salem, a city which has beautified itself in its broad streets and slightly parks more than has any other city in the state, thus providing an appropriate setting for the stately structure that houses the principal governmental activities of the commonwealth. It would be a misfortune for Oregon were a removal of the capitol contemplated. Nothing could divide the state more bitterly or make it more difficult to accomplish anything by popular votes towards its development."

What is perhaps the other extreme in sentiment is expressed in the Bend Press of recent issue, which also comments a little on Chapman's quiet brain storm. The Press says:

"Why Move the Capitol? The Oregon Voter is agitated because the Prineville Commercial Club as a punishment to Marion county for voting down the entire reconstruction measures of the State, suggests the capital be moved to Portland. Editor Chapman sees in it a calamity which would divide the state even more than it is today. Eastern Oregon does not much care where the capital of the state is located for there is some talk of just forgetting the entire kit and kaboodle on the west side of the mountains and forming a new state east of the Cascades. Then what?"

The facts are that Prineville's action is not a sudden fit of rage at our mossback county where the capital is at present located.

The trouble is one of long standing, dating back to the time when 150 votes more or less were polled in all of what is today four or five counties. Then we were ignored and our suggestions were not considered in the press of the State.

By reaching the point of development already attained, we have done so largely without assistance from our older settled counties, in some instances in spite of them, and in so doing have developed a square shouldered, clear minded way of doing things that is not going to tolerate the old "Salem hog" spirit without resentment.

We are not exactly committed to a policy of moving the state institutions from Salem to Portland or any other point. We believe Salem is a beautiful little city, grown so largely by state money, a goodly portion of "our" money being expended there, and that the most beautiful and well apportioned places there are the state institutions of course.

We of the stock country are accustomed to forging onward in development, however, and while we have carried our own burdens lightly and well, when it becomes necessary to carry those of the older, wealthier and less progressive counties we will not do it without resentment, and hence the state capitol move was mentioned. Whether we will follow up the move depends upon future developments.

ACQUIRED THE HABIT

Crook county with Prineville as its center, has maintained the leadership in many things at least in the country called Ochoco by the Indians when the first white man crossed the cascades more than fifty years ago.

When the war came Prineville was preparing to build a railroad. During those difficult times, work steadily progressed and was practically the only construction of this nature during 1917 and 1918.

The Ochoco Project, which provides for the irrigation of some of the best land in the State, went steadily forward throughout all those trying financial times, and is today receiving the finishing touches, which makes it a valuable reality and an asset to the county and state.

It is but fitting that one of the largest highway programs the State has on for this year centers in Prineville. We have just acquired the habit of keeping things moving, that's all.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

An automobile show will be held in Marshfield on July 5.

Lakeview is to have a new hospital to cost \$15,000.

R. E. Phelps has been appointed by the county court as the Umatilla county roadmaster.

More than 400,000 pounds of wool was sold at Bend at prices ranging from 42 1/2 to 54 1/2.

More than 100 pioneers of Lane county gathered at Hendricks park in Eugene for their annual picnic.

Plans are being prepared for the erection of a four-story brick building for the Elks' lodge of Pendleton.

By a vote of 3 to 2 the street-car men of Portland decided not to join the Thomas Mooney sympathetic strike on July 4.

No less than 50 out-of-town members visited Pendleton for the two-day district convention of the Women of Woodcraft.

Many buyers were present at the wool sale in Condon. A total of 300,000 pounds was sold at prices ranging from 50 to 55 1/2 cents.

Governor Olcott wrote Mayor Baker of Portland, advising him that he has no authority or warrant of law to call for the organization of a committee to investigate the Portland Waverley Baby Home.

Approaching examinations for presidential postoffices in Oregon announced by the postoffice department are for Harrisburg, a \$1400 office, and Ione, \$1100, both to be held on September 24, at Albany and The Dalles, respectively.

The Astoria city board of school directors has decided to install oil burning heating plants in the central and high schools to supplant the wood and coal plants, which are proving too expensive as a result of the high prices of fuel.

A new apple concern, which will pay cash to growers at harvest time, will figure in the Hood River purchases this fall. The new company, known as the National Fruit company, was organized by Barney Sugrue and Kenneth McKay.

M. C. Wilson of the United States department of agriculture, in charge of county agent work, has arrived at the Oregon Agricultural college to make a study of the methods of keeping records developed in this state in county agent service.

Need of a live commercial organization in Klamath Falls is being urged through the press and many business men. The Klamath Commercial club suspended operations during the war on account of the large number of patriotic calls for money.

E. C. Bushnell of Salem, who has the contract for construction of a new bridge, to be known as the Wallace bridge, across the Yamhill river, near Willaruna, has begun work on the structure and expects to have it completed within two months.

That Charles Conley, the young man arrested in Los Angeles last week on a charge of robbing the Beaverton bank, is a former inmate of the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem, was announced by J. M. Riley, of the Pinkerton detective agency in Portland.

That the Reddish farm, north of Eugene, would undoubtedly be selected by the state fish and game commission for the pheasant farm, location of which has been under discussion for several weeks, was the statement made by State Game Warden Carl Shoemaker.

The work of cruising and classifying the Coos Bay wagon road grant lands will be completed within a few days. The survey is preliminary to the turning over to the government and the subsequent sale to the public of the lands forfeited by the Southern Oregon company.

The temporary injunction asked for by the Phez company, enjoining the Salem Fruit union from the sale of 1200 tons of loganberries, for which the Phez people claim to have a contract, was allowed in an order handed down by Judge Bingham and Kelly of the Marion county circuit court.

No captured German cannon will be available for Oregon's state capitol grounds until after congress has taken action looking to the distribution of the material now on hand, according to a letter just received by Governor Olcott from Major General Henry Hervey, assistant chief of staff of the army.

Commercial clubs and chambers of commerce throughout eastern Oregon are being urged by Public Service Commissioner Corey to lend every possible influence to procure passage of the long-and-short-haul bill now before congress, which, if passed, will mean much to the financial and industrial growth of this state.

O. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, received a salary rise of \$2400 to \$3000

at a meeting of the livestock sanitary board held in Salem. His two deputies were each increased from \$1600 to \$1800. The present officers of the board were re-elected. They are Walter K. Taylor, Corvallis, president; W. B. Barrett, Heppner, vice-president; W. H. Lytle, secretary.

A record price was paid at the Union stockyards in Portland last week for nine Lane county hogs. The animals belonged to Walter Platt of Thurston, and were included in a shipment of two carloads taken to Portland by W. A. Ayres, in charge of the co-operative shipping of livestock by the Lane county Pomona Grange. They were sold at \$20.75 a hundred pounds.

Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, who was in Eugene with a party of other state game and fish officials, on the way from the upper Willamette to Portland, announced that they selected a site for a state trout hatchery to be built this year. The site chosen is on the flat a short distance above Oak Ridge, on the banks of Salmon creek, one of the large tributaries of the Willamette.

Four of the large fruit and vegetable canning plants of Oregon will be consolidated, as the result of action taken by the directors of A. Rupert & Co., Inc., of Portland. The four companies figuring in the consolidation are the Valley Canning company of Newberg, the Lebanon Canning company of Lebanon, the Falls City Canning company of Falls City, and the Rupert plant at Gresham. The Rupert properties in Portland will also figure in the merger.

Three Killed When Train Hits Auto. Portland, Or.—Three persons were killed and two injured, one probably fatally, in a collision between an automobile driven by Mrs. Pearl Gillette, 1683 Brandon street, and a Spokane, Portland & Seattle passenger train on a railroad crossing two miles north of Scappoose at noon Sunday. The dead are: Mrs. Pearl Gillette, 28; Lucille De Margo, 10, and Henry A. Mayer, 55. The injured are: Miss Helen Altgibbers, 16, and Michael Gillette, widower of Mrs. Pearl Gillette.

Allies Tell Turks to Go Home. Paris.—A note was sent the Turkish delegation by the council of four, advising the members to return to Constantinople as there is no reason to believe any agreement can be reached in the near future because of the great difference between the demands of the Turks and the concessions the allies are willing to grant.

Northwest Phone Strike Called. San Francisco.—Telephone workers in Oregon, Washington and Western Idaho were called upon to join in the California-Nevada telephone strike. The order was sent out by international officials, following a deadlock with the management of the telephone company.

REWARD

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