

WANT HOMES IN OREGON

NEBRASKA COLONY WISHES TO BUY 50,000 ACRES.

Homemakers' Corporation Will Soon Send a Representative to View Farm Lands.

SALEM, April 22.—The Independent Homemakers' Corporation, a corporation formed by residents of Northern Nebraska for the purpose of securing a tract of land in Oregon upon which to found a colony, has written to County Clerk Hall for information as to desirable localities. The letter also requests that any persons having suitable land for sale send information regarding it to the company at Lincoln, Neb. The colony will send one of their number to Oregon in a few weeks to select a place where they will locate. What the expectations of these immigrants can be gleaned from the following letter:

"Our company desires to purchase 50,000 acres good farming land in good sections of Oregon for the purpose of locating thereon our colony which is now in process of formation, and which will be composed of a most desirable class of people gathered from all parts of the North-western sections of the United States under the auspices of the Nebraska Independent. It is desired that the lands be unimproved and distant from a railroad will not be considered desirable. The soil, climate and rainfall make it adapted to diversified farming, small stock raising and fruit growing, and where these vocations will be reasonably profitable and no question exists that thrift and enterprise will be rewarded.

"We would prefer, if we could, to purchase some of our individual or company owning such a tract and who is able to give clear title to the same."

F. L. Mary, of Lincoln, Neb., is president of the company. There are no large tracts in Marion County owned by one man, but the company can probably be provided with what they want in small tracts. County Clerk Hall will be pleased to have any one forward direct to the company information as to where the land can be obtained.

NEVER SO MANY NEWCOMERS.

Klamath County Enjoying Unprecedented Growth and Improvement.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 22.—Klamath County is enjoying growth and improvement unprecedented in its history. The influx of new settlers was never so great. Of late, all stages coming here, besides many private conveyances, have been loaded with homesteaders, timber men and others in quest of different investments. The promise of a railroad is behind this unusual activity. According to reports, there is every indication that the project of timber owners, in conjunction with the Southern Pacific Company, to build a road from Klamath Falls up the Klamath River to Klamath Falls, will materialize before long.

The rush for timber has begun. Dozens are already in the woods, some to locate new claims and others to improve large tracts owned by individuals for Eastern buyers. Reliable information states that hundreds of people, hitherto quietly waiting on the outside for the snows to disappear from the mountains, will soon augment the scramble for Klamath County pine. The growing demand has advanced the price somewhat.

The spirit of improvement is rife everywhere in the county. The most important is that of enlarging irrigating canals and building new ones. The pay roll of the Klamath Falls Irrigation Company, whose canal is being widened, is \$200 a week. Work is progressing on two ditches near Bly, and there is assurance of two more in the vicinity of Bonanza this season. Surveys are in progress for proposed irrigating ditches for Klamath reservation. Preparations are being made for the building of electric light, water works and sewerage system. The local agency, appropriations for which were made at the late session of Congress. Work of construction will begin soon and be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Salem Gets Its Share of Immigrants.

SALEM, April 22.—Salem is getting its share of the immigration now turning toward the Coast. Sales of farm and town property have been comparatively numerous in the last few months. While prices of real property have not advanced, there has been a more active demand, which has taken property at old prices. Nearly all the desirable residences are occupied, and there is an unusual tendency in the scale of rents. A number of new residences have been erected in Salem in the last 12 months, and others are in course of construction. Most of the people who come here from the Oregon States, however, are going to the country, and farms are gradually being cut up to make homes for the increasing population.

VISITED OREGON INSTITUTIONS.

Governor Rogers and Board of Control—Conditions Compared.

SALEM, April 22.—Governor Rogers and the members of the State Board of Control of Washington today completed a tour of the Oregon institutions located at Salem. They express themselves as well pleased with what they have seen and with the courtesies extended them by the Oregon Board of Control, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Oregon Normal Schools, Agricultural College and University are governed by boards of regents. The advantage of the Oregon institutions is the greater unity of purpose is secured, there is less local prejudice, and little inclination to use the state institutions as a basis for trading in the Legislature.

Commenting upon the conditions prevailing in Oregon as compared with Washington, members of the visiting party said today that Oregon with 100,000 less population has 80 more inmates of her Asylum. The per capita expense of maintenance in Washington is about 37 cents per day, while in Oregon it is 33 cents. A portion of this difference is probably due to the fact that Washington supports two asylums for a lesser number of patients than Oregon supports one. The buildings and system of management are about the same in the considerably better asylum farm. Salaries paid to employees are a little higher in Washington than in Oregon.

The criminal records of the Washington Penitentiary show unfavorably for the northern state, as compared with Oregon, that state having 79 per cent more convicts than has Oregon. This difference probably is due to the fact that many returning Alaska miners and adventurers land in Sound cities and the criminal classes soon find their way to prison.

Washington recently adopted the system of feeding prisoners in a community dining-room, instead of in their cells, and this change is very satisfactory. It is found to be a little cheaper to feed the convicts at a community table, so far as the amount of food consumed is concerned. Oregon has just completed the erection of a dining-room, and it will soon be in use. When a convict is released from the state prison in Washington he is given a new suit of clothes, a ticket to the place from which he came, or to a place equally distant, and \$5 in money.

Washington does not have as expensive

a building for its Reform School as has Oregon. The building in Washington is built on the cottage style, while the Oregon school is of brick. Oregon has an enrollment of 140 boys in its Reform School, and has no facilities for the care of girls. The Washington school has an enrollment of 140 boys and 30 girls.

The Washington officials are particularly impressed with the great advantage Oregon has in having plenty of good farming land near its institutions, affording means for keeping public charges employed. At the Asylum farm particularly it was remarked that patients who are given outdoor work are healthier than in Washington, where no such employment is practicable.

Governor Rogers and party had not intended visiting Salem until they reached Portland, so did not notify Governor Geer of their coming. Governor Geer went to Roseburg yesterday on the train which brought the Washington party here. Secretary of State Dunbar, State Treasurer Moore and Superintendent Calbreath accompanied the visitors and gave them full information regarding the management of the Oregon institutions.

BAKER COUNTY GOES INTO COURT.

Asks That Union Clerk Comply With Act Giving It "Panhandle."

BAKER CITY, April 22.—The long-expected legal combat between Baker and Union Counties was commenced today by District Attorney Sam White, who filed a petition in the Eighth District Court for a writ of mandamus to compel County Clerk George W. Baker of Union County, to make a transcript of the county records of Union County, recently an-

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THE CAPITAL INCREASED

MISSOURI PACIFIC DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE \$30,000,000 ADDITION.

Union Pacific Is Also to Increase Its Capital—War on Ticket Scalpers.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The directors of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at a meeting today authorized an increase of \$30,000,000 in the capital stock, making the total authorized capital \$100,000,000. A stockholders' meeting will be held shortly to ratify this action. It was reported that a large part of the new stock would be available for taking up Denver & Rio Grande preferred and common shares. Information as to the price of issue or other details could not be obtained from the company's offices.

The Missouri Pacific's present outstanding capital is \$50,422,000. The authorized amount was increased to \$70,000,000 about a year ago, but it was then stated that the increase was made because Missouri laws required a certain ratio between the bonds and stocks of corporations to be maintained. The new stock then authorized has not been issued up to the present time. The Denver & Rio Grande stock outstanding is \$30,000,000 common and \$2,500,000 preferred. The latter issue, however, will be increased to \$4,000,000 at the special shareholders' meeting called for

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