

CONFIDENCE IN CROOK

WASCO BANKER PURCHASES A LARGE TRACT

He Believes That With Irrigation It Will Be Made Valuable—Others Buying State Lands.

SALEM, Oct. 13.—W. M. Barnett, the Wasco banker and stock raiser, was in Salem yesterday to purchase for himself and members of his family 800 acres of school land in Crook County.

Mr. Barnett has great confidence in the future of the Crook County country, and thinks the land lying in such a position that it can be irrigated in a few years furnish homes for a large number of people.

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Many Buyers of State Land. Mr. Barnett is only one of many who are turning to cheap land in the outlying sections as a good investment.

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started last Monday to drive 250 feet of tunnel on the Comstock group of claims, one mile from Lawton.

Arrangements have been perfected for a local teacher to teach in the school on October 15 and 16. There is to be an evening and a day session.

Through the kindness of Charles Martin, the citizens of Hubbard have access to over 600 bushels of high quality potatoes in the room over the postoffice.

William Allen had the largest potatoes of the season on exhibition last week, says the Lostine Leader. Among them were the large three pounds and six ounces each.

A Doolittle brought to the Cottage Grove Nugget office last week some corn on the stalk that stands over 10 feet, sent to him by a farmer from his Coast Fork home, on the Oakland road.

The tax company at Selo has nearly all its fiber tax retted and stored. It is now putting in a steam drier, and as soon as the new machinery is in place the East will commence work with full force.

Whenever a dance is held at Aurora, a gang of smarties from outside—sometimes from Hubbard and its vicinity—come to take advantage of the party.

The oil fields above Vale are creating an excitement next to the famous Big Bend and gold fever a few weeks ago.

W. W. Austen, of Hamilton; Frank P. Weisman, of Cottonwood; and W. O. Harriman, of Monument, have arranged to hold a series of educational meetings in each of their respective districts.

Michael Primeau, a miner employed at the Red Boy mine, was injured last week by the explosion of a cap that was placed on the wrong end of the fuse.

Lawrence, of the Oregonian, has been taken to the hospital at Baker City.

W. H. Butler brought in a sample of crooked timber from the canyon near the mouth of the Deschutes.

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EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION TO TAKE UP THE LABOR QUESTION.

Pulpits of San Francisco and Oakland Were Yesterday Filled by Prominent Delegates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—An important resolution to be presented to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be one drawn up by the committee on the state of the church relative to the agreements between employers and employees.

Resolved, the house of bishops concurring, That a joint commission of both houses, to consist of three bishops, three presbyters and three laymen be appointed to investigate the labor question.

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SUPPORT OF HIGHSCHOOLS

CANNOT DRAW UPON COMMON SCHOOL FUNDS.

Opinion of the Attorney-General of Washington That May Have a Far-Reaching Effect.

OLYMPIA, Oct. 13.—Some days ago a girl attending the Tenino school in this county was refused by the directors of that district instruction in 10th grade work, and her parents appealed to the County Superintendent for redress.

The matter was brought to the attention of State Superintendent Bryan, and he turned it over to the Attorney-General for his opinion as to the law in the premises.

Yesterday Attorney-General Stratton gave his opinion, and its effect is far-reaching. He holds that the directors of the Tenino school are right and that the district cannot, under the statutes, be compelled to maintain a high school.

Carried to a conclusion, this opinion will work a hardship all over the state and will likely revive the question of the right of high schools generally to draw any common school funds from the treasury under the constitution and the statutes of the state.

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PROMINENT GOLF PLAYERS

ZEBA SNOW, P. F. DU FLON, F. B. GIFFORD.

The wood resembles California redwood, and many of the trees are exceedingly large. In the buried forest were found elephant tusks, deer and elk horns and mammoth tusks of considerable size, which strengthens the belief that the country now covered with ice and snow was once a tropical or semitropical region and was covered with a luxuriant forest of vegetation.

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TRAPPING OF THE UPPER YUKON.

One Thousand White Men Are Engaged in the Business.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—A thousand men, exclusive of Indians, are engaged in trapping and hunting in the vast extent of fur-bearing country on the Upper Yukon and its tributaries.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Pacific Economy Is Not So Bright as