TO WATER DESERT

Big Irrigation Project for Deschutes Valley.

JUDGE WAYMIRE AT THE HEAD

New Company Will Be Organized With Large Capital to Take Up Work of Oregon Irrigation Company.

Judge James A. Waymire, of San Francisco, and Benton Killin and C. C. Hutchinson, of this city, returned last evening from an inspection of the Deschutes Valley with reference to its irrigation possibilities. They spent 10 days driving over the country on the east side of the river from Agency Plains to the southern boundary of Crook County, and away out into the "desert" beyond Prineville. They examined sites for head works for irrigation ditches along the river, and made a reconnoissance of between 400,000 and 500,000 acres of land that would fall under the ditches to be constructed in pursuance of the project they have in mind.

Mr. Hutchinson is now president of the Oregon Irrigation Company, which has made a pretty thorough survey of the Deschutes country, and which applied last Fall for a contract with the state for the reclamation of about 160,000 acres. That application was found to be in conflict with one from the Pilot Butte Development Company, of which A. M. Drake is the head. That company applied for a contract to irrigate 85,000 acres in the vicinity of Bend. After a short delay the Oregon Irrigation Company withdrew its application and the other company got its contract. But there is yet a great deal of land in the Deschutes Valley susceptible of irrigation that nobody has applied for. This, it is understood, is what Messrs. Waymire, Killin and Hutchinson were examining. Judge Waymire last night said it was the intention to organize a new company with much larger capital than the Oregon Irrigation Company has, and to proceed with reclamation works in accordance with the Carey law. This new company will succeed to all the rights and property of the Oregon Irrigation Company, and will take up the work where the old corporation now rests. This will give it a great advantage in the matter of time over any other company that can enter the field.

"Still, a work of this magnitude cannot be put through in a day," said Judge Waymire, "and I think it will be two years before our main ditches will be completed and the land really opened to productive farming. But what a country that will be! It will support a denser population than Western Oregon will. The soil is strong and friable, and can be tilled at any season of the year. Absolutely the only thing lacking is water, and when we put water on the land there will be hardly a limit to its agricultural possibilities. It is a beautiful country, too, with an equable and invigorating climate and in full view of the snow-crested range to the westward. I regard it as offering the best opportunity today that can be found in the United States."

What the capitalization of the new company will be, or just the extent of land that will be reclaimed by it, are details that have not yet been settled. Judge Waymire will leave this morning for the south, stopping over between trains at Salem to ascertain precisely the condition of the record of the present company and application. Then he will go to California, and he expects to return in two or three weeks to perfect arrangements for putting the new enterprise in the field. He has been extensively engaged in irrigation projects in California, his latest work having been in the construction of a system of irrigation ditches in Stanislaus County, in the San Joaquin Valley. He has a complete construction plant ready to bring to Oregon and set to work in the Deschutes Valley.

Judge Waymire is an Oregon pioneer. He spent his early life here, and was admitted to the bar in Oregon. He removed to California in 1872, and has had an active career there. Of late years his activities have been chiefly in connection with irrigation matters, in their legal aspect and in practical construction and operation, and he is deemed well qualified for prosecuting that work in Oregon.

HOME FROM SANGERFEST

Portland Singers Royally Received in Seattle.

The members of the Arion Club, of Portland, who attended the Seattle Sangerfest, have all returned, and are jubilant over the treatment that they received and the success of the carnival. Singers from Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Whatcomb, Everett, Spokane and Walla Walla were in attendance, and over 250 singers were on the stage at one time.

Those who attended from Portland were: Leader, Louis Dammasch; first tenor, B. Breithaupt, J. Gill, D. W. Hoelbing, Thomas Jones, A. Reiplinger, J. Schwindt, W. Velten, E. H. Wander; second tenor, E. Eyssen, C. Gritzmacher, J. Heller, R. Lange; first bass, E. Froesner, A. W. Glutsch, F. W. Hanebut, L. King, F. Token, A. Wagner, P. Wessinger; second bass, H. Hefty, E. Hippley, R. Krumpf, J. A. Miller, J. Pilkington, O. Roenicke, H. Tuerk.

This year is the first time that the Portland people have attended the Sangerfest, and every possible courtesy was shown them. Several excursions were given for their entertainment, among which was an enjoyable trip through the Bremerton ship yards. The Sangerfest will be held next year at Walla Walla and the following year at Tacoma. Portland will have it in 1905, during the fair here, and at that time an effort will be made to have California join in the meeting, and one of the greatest musical events ever given on the Coast will be given.

The reports of this year's meeting at Seattle show that it was one of the most successful musical festivities ever given by the organization. All speak very highly of the Portland singers that attended, and especially of the baritone solos of Paul Wessinger.

PROSPEROUS WASCO.

State Senator Johnston Predicts Record-Breaking Harvests.

State Senator T. H. Johnston, of Dufur, who is in the city for a short visit, says that the present year is one of the most prosperous in the history of Wasco County. "Crops of all kinds are larger than ever," said Mr. Johnston last evening, "and it can truthfully be said that Wasco County, in fact, all of Eastern Oregon, is prosperous to the highest degree. The wool clip of this year was a large one, and the prices high enough to bring handsome profits to the sheep-owners. The cattle business which is carried on extensively in and around Dufur, is another source of revenue, while the raising and fattening of hogs is also a profitable business. Wasco County is one of the banner counties of the state, as far as wheat is concerned, the output from the region about Fifteen-Mile Creek amounting to something like 500,000 bushels each year. Crop failures are unknown in our county, and those who think we live in a land of sand and sagebrush would be agreeably surprised if the should take a turn through Wasco County and look at our bountiful fields and fat cattle. When we get a railroad through the interior of Wasco County we will have a highway over which to transport our products to the markets. This will be a great blessing to the region that we think is second to none in Oregon."

Mr. Johnston is a hold-over Senator from Wasco County.

CHARLESTON EXHIBIT.

Owing to Misunderstanding, Is Still in Cars.

The remains of the Oregon exhibits at Buffalo and Charleston arrived at Portland some time ago, but delivery of them is delayed by a misunderstanding with the railroads. By arrangement with the transportation companies the exhibits were to be conveyed East and returned for the regular freight charge one way. Seven carloads went East and three have returned. But by some error or other the three cars got switched off from the Northwestern line, on which road they had gone East, and went to St. Paul. Thence they went to Spokane over the Great Northern. The freight charges assessed against the three cars at first amounted to $900, but this has narrowed down to about $250, the bill of the Great Northern. The O. R. & N. authorities have taken up the trouble, and will probably assimilate hte charges. Until settlement is reached the exhibits will lie in storage.

H. E. Dosch has arranged to put the exhibits on display at 246 Washington street as soon as they are obtained. This addition to the permanent exhibit at that place is needed very much. Mr. Dosch says the supply brought home is large enough to furnish not only this exhibit, but another equally large, if the city desires to establish one. It has been proposed to set up another exhibit at the depot and to raise by subscription $2500 for that purpose.

SHIELDS' AMATEURS.

Will Give Performance Tonight After the Regular Show.

The ice was thoroughly broken last "amateur night" at Shields' Park, when three acts appeared with marked success and now Mr. Shields has no difficulty in getting performers. Several acts will appear tonight immediately after the regular show, and there will be much amusement and probably several surprises. One of the acts did well enough last Friday night to obtain an engagement at another resort, and Manager Shields promises a week's work to any one who makes good tonight.

There is no sign of diminishing in the crowds that fill the place every night, and every one says this week's bill is the best of the season.

Next week's programme, however, promises to totally eclipse all its predecessors. Demontrello, the barrel-jumper, the Lamonts, acrobats, Dorothy Dene, "the pride of newspaper row," and the Lawrences are numbered among the topliners. Past shows generally counted eight acts, but next week's bill contains 10 acts, not including selections by the orchestra.

BIDS ON SCHOOLS OPENED

Board of Education Makes No Award, but Adjourns to Saturday.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday afternoon at the City Hall. The following bids for heating the Sunnyside and Woodburn School buildings were examined:

John S. Shea, heating Sunnyside School with hot water, $3782; heating same with steam, $3320; heating Woodlawn School with steam, $2520.

Gardner & Kendall, heating and ventilating Sunnyside School, $1980; heating and ventilating Woodlawn School, $2225.

W. G. McPherson, heating Sunnyside School, $2450; heating Woodlawn School, $2250.

A. R. Church, heating Woodlawn School, $1600; heating Sunnyside School, $1391.

William Stevenson, heating Sunnyside School, $3735; heating Woodlawn School, $2850.

The board made no decision on the bids, but took an adjournment until Saturday, when final action will be taken.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CONVENTION, SAN FRANCISCO.

For the steamship Geo. W. Elder, sailing July 31, and the Columbia, sailing August 5, the O. R. & N. Co. will sell round-trip tickets, Portland to San Francisco, both ways via steamer, for $20; going by steamer, returning rail, $25. Limit for return, September 30. Ticket office Third and Washington.

Olds, Wortman & King

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ALSO NEW GOODS RECEIVED

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

EXCEPTIONAL REDUCTIONS IN SEASONABLE GOODS

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Meier & Frank Company

Trunks and Traveling Bags—every size and style—3d Floor.

Meier & Frank Company

New Felt and Mohair Walking Hats just received.

Silk Gloves Have been remarkably popular this Summer—been difficult to get them fast enough. Today finds us with new white and gray Silk Gloves in all sizes and very reasonably priced.

Cloak Dept. Cleaning up all Summer Waists, Skirts, Wrappers, Suits, Costumes, etc., at ridiculously low prices. If it's Summer clothes you want, come direct to our 2d Floor Cloak Store.

2d August Linen Sale

The Second Annual Sale of Housekeeping Linens opens this morning at 8. Three years ago when this business was considerably more curtailed than it is now and the Linen Store was even smaller in proportion, we conceived the idea of holding an annual sale of this character. We went to the manufacturers and told them our plans; asked their assistance. The first sale was held the following year. It was a success from your standpoint and ours—you learned right at the very beginning that there was money to be saved. This year we expect a great attendance, with every housekeeper buying liberally. The "August Linen Sale" has become a store feature and the Linen Store has spread out far beyond usual limits. With bigger preparations than ever before made and values which can't help but appeal more forcibly to every housewife, the Second Annual August Sale of housekeeping linens presents its bargain roster for perusal. Get here as soon as possible. Supplies are big, but the old maxim about the bird that gets up before sunrise is remarkably apt. Extra salespeople—extra bargains—we can take care of everybody.

John Brown & Sons' Fine Linens

Included in the August Sale—Damasks, Napkins and Table Sets—John Brown's Linens, known the world over as the very best in quality and style—for over 100 years they have maintained a reputation in the best homes as unequaled in finish, patterns or wearing qualities. The August prices are very tempting.

Entire stock of John S. Brown & Sons' Table Sets greatly reduced during this sale

Tray Cloths

Exceptional bargain in Tray and Tea Cloths and Doilies.

50 dozen Fringed Doilies, size 16x16 inches—a stirring bargain at

9 Cents Each

50 dozen Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 17x23 inches, fine quality—big bargain,

19 Cents Each

50 dozen Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 18x27 inches—a rattling good bargain at

27 Cents Each

Hemstitched Tea Cloths, 36x36 inches—best tea cloth bargain we have ever offered,

62 Cents Each

Toweling

18-inch heavy Barnsley Linen Toweling—very special, yard, 11c

18-inch bleached cotton Huck Toweling—yard 6c

18-inch unbleached Linen Crash at, yd, 10c

16-inch bleached Twilled Crash, yard, 8c

Damasks--Napkins

John Brown's Table Damasks and Napkins at prices that will interest every woman who takes pride in having beautiful table linens.

John Brown's 64-inch Satin Damask, in beautiful designs, August price, yard 78c

John Brown 70-inch Satin Damasks in fifty patterns—August price, yard 86c

John Brown's 72-inch Satin Damask in handsome patterns—August price, yard $1.04

John Brown's 72-inch Satin Damask in beautiful patterns—August price, yard $1.18

22x22 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz $1.92

22x22 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz $2.42

24x24 inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz $3.58

25½x25½ inch Satin Damask Napkins, doz $4.20

20,000 Towels

At Bargain Prices for the Great August Linen Sale. Hotelkeepers should take advantage of the big saving offered.

17x32 Hemmed Huck Towels a great bargain at, ea 8c

19x36 Hemmed Huck Towels—remarkably low priced, each 12c

20x38 Hemmed Huck Towels—great values for this sale, each 16c

Hemstitched Huck Towels, 18x34,—best values ever offered at, each 14c

20x42 Hemstitched Huck Towels, about 40 dozen only, so buy early—a big bargain, each 19c

Webb's Grass Bleached Irish Linen Hemstitched Huck Towels, 20x40 inches, the best towel in the world—spec'l price for this sale only, each 29c

Bedspreads

Sheets and Pillow Cases

Housekeeping Linens at special August prices. This is the time for replenishing the linen closet.

50 dozen large size white hemmed Bedspreads in splendid patterns 74c

White hemmed Bedspreads in Marseilles patterns, big value $1.18

White hemmed, satin finish Bedspreads, best patterns $1.58

White fringed Marseilles patterns Bedspreads, great variety of patterns, each $1.58

Fringed Bedspreads in pink and blue, each $1.42

Hemmed Bedspreads in pink and blue, splendid designs, big value $1.52

Sheets, Pillow Cases

At reduced prices at a time when cottons are soaring sky high. We can do this because we purchased for this sale many months ago, giving you the benefit of our purchasing power.

45x36 in. hemmed Pillow Cases, big bargain, each 9c

45x38½ in. hemmed Pillow Cases of good muslin—bargain, each 11c

50 dozen hemstitched Pillow Cases, 50x36 in. at the low price of, each 15c

81x90 hemmed Sheets of splendid quality muslin, exceptional value, each 50c

72x90 Sheets of heavy muslin, bargain 45c

63x90 Sheets, for this sale only, each 40c

Ribbon Sale

35c and 40c values, 25c yd

For today and tomorrow, one of the best ribbon bargains you ever bought. The ribbon buyer now in New York picked up 2500 yds. of 4-in. Liberty Satin in white, cream, black, maize, red, lavender and turquoise, in the very best 35c and 40c quality, at such a low price we are enabled to offer this lot while it lasts at

25c yard

New green Veilings for hat drapes, dotted and figured—reasonably priced.

Friday Surprise Sale

Today the 675th Friday Surprise Sale. 10,000 yards of high-class Wash Fabrics at less than half the regular selling price—a great purchase made by our representative now in the Eastern markets. He went right to the mill 'way up in Old New England—that's how he secured this "snap," without doubt the best Wash Goods bargain Portland has seen in many a day—10,000 yds. of 27-in. Dimities in figures, dots and stripes, all the leading shades, wonderful variety to choose from—not a yd. in lot worth less than 15c yard; your choice today only at, yard 7c

Extraordinary Bargains in Men's Clothing, Men's Shoes and Men's Furnishings

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY || MEIER & FRANK COMPANY || MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

A Strange Theft.

London Academy.

From time to time we hear of some melancholy connection between great literature and petty larceny. Such a case is brought to the public notice by Mrs. Lewis in the Expository Times. Leaf 101 of the Lewis Syriac palimpsest has disappeared from the library of the monastery on Mount Sinai. Mrs. Lewis gives a fac simile of it and says that she missed it at Mount Sinai last February, but the monks had already discovered their loss. "I was informed that a party of several scholars had worked for some time at that MS. during the course of last summer, and it is safe to suppose that a fair number of passing travelers had been permitted not only to look at it, but also to handle it. My surmise is that one of these latter, wishing to make an addition to his own collection of curios, had slipped the leaf between the pages of a book in the fond belief that it would never be missed. * * * The man who knowingly injures a fourteenth century codex of the Gospels commits an act of sacrilege." Mrs. Lewis wishes the purloiner to return the lost leaf to her, in which case it will be replaced in the codex and no questions will be asked.

Tallyho Struck by Trolly Car.

DENVER, July 31.—Fifteen persons were injured in a tallyho coach which was struck by a trolley car and overturned. The accident occurred at the corner of Alameda and Pearl streets. Mrs. L. A. Horton, of 1839 Grant avenue, received internal injuries which may prove fatal. C. J. McMillan, the bugler, received injuries to his spine which are serious and may result in death. The others, who were mostly tourists, were not seriously injured, although seven of them were painfully bruised and all were badly shaken up.

The first stamped envelopes were issued in 1853, of the two denominations of 3 and 6 cents, and it was not until two years later that the 10-cent envelope was added.