PHASES OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FAIL TO KEEP LAW

Statute Requiring Killing of Weeds Disregarded.

THISTLES GROW IN SALEM

Marion County Road Supervisors Liable to Fines for Failure to Slaughter Pests in Their

Territory.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—There is evidence that there has been a pretty general disregard of the provisions of the Barrett law, passed by the last Legislature, providing for the attripation of Raissian, Canadian and Chinese thisties and other obnoxious weeds in this county, and if a strict enforcement of the act were to be insisted upon many of the Road Supervisors of the county, as well as the majority of municipalities, would be liable to the penalties imposed for notice; in observing its provisions. neglect in observing its provisi ranging from \$50 to \$500 fines for each

This law, which is the repetition of the old laws upon the subject, except that its provisions are made more stringen-and its scope enlarged to embrace white mustare, cockleber and silver salt bush, commonly called, requires the Road Supervisor of each district to make a tour of inspection of the proper within his territory and serve notice upon all property owners upon whose land any of the weeds mentioned in the list are of inspection of the properties found to destroy the same before they have bloomed and seeden, and a copy of the notice must be filed with the County Court. If the landowner neglects, falls or refuses to comply with the law in this respect the Road Supervisor has authority to employ men to destroy the pests and charge the cost to the property owner, which applies as a lien upon the

land.
Under the laws of the state municipalitles are removed from the jurisdiction of County Courts for road or street improve-ment purposes, but the Street Commis-sioner of each municipality is recognized as the ex-officio Road Supervisor of that district and the municipality is held re-sponsible for his neglect or infraction of the law. To date the county records show that thistie notices have been served in but eight cases in the county, and these are divided among five districts, the greatest number in any dis-trict being three. In the city of Salen Canadian and Russian thistles are per mitted to flourish unmolested along one of the principal thoroughfares of the pusiness quatrict of the city and, so far as is known, there has been no effort made to enforce the provisions of the law in any particular in any part of the Thisties are allowed to blossom and cast their seed upon the four winds right in the downtown district, and when in the downtown district, and when Master Rodgers' attention was called to the matter he took immediate steps to have the evil corrected so far as pos-sible, although it is now too late to prevent the spread of the weeds.
Road Supervisors on in the case of municipalities, Street Commissioners, are subject to a fine of not less than \$50

neglect of the duties imposed upon them by the act, and municipalities are sub-ject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor than \$500 for each separate of-

nor more than \$150 for careless or wilful

GOOD COAL IN LANE COUNTY

Mine Ten Miles From Eugene Will Soon Market Product.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 18.-There is no longer any doubt that coal exists in reasonably large quantities in Lane County and two months will see the comfrom the mine of the Spencer Coal & Petroleum Company on the market. This concern has been local market. This concern has been developing its properties for several months past, and now knows definitely

mine is ten miles west of Eugenand includes 301 acres of land. Considerable of the land consists of a hill about 400 feet high, and large croppings show near the base of this hill, a six and one-half-foot vein being an average of the croppings measured. At the very base of the hill croppings are again plain and here a drill has been sunk 233 feet, cutting five feet of coal. The miners are now at work sinking a shaft to reach this deposit of the coal,

Sitil deeper drillings indicate another layer of coal, but the engine used at the time was too light to go further and the matter of going deeper was temporarily given up. Work on the shaft to the known coal deposit will be pushed and the mine will pay the cost of development the work progresses from the sales in the local market The assay of the coal shows the fol-

lowing composition:

Men familiar with the coal fields of Scranton, Pa., say the formation of the coal here is very similar to the forma-tions in the Scranton fields. Immediately over the coal deposit is a five or six-foot layer of slate rock, very hard, and above this is sand rock, which lies perfectly in

RAINS SAVE MUCH TIMBER

Fewer Fires in Eastern Washington

Than in Many Years.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 18 .- (Special.) While the rains of this Summer have caused the farmers of the Inland Empire much alarm they have been of inestima-Eastern Washington and Northern Ida-ho," said William Deary, the manager of the Potlatch Lumber Company, a Weyer-haeuser corporation. The forests of this section have been freer from the section have been freer from fires this year than any season for a number of years and the rains are responsible for this. The wet season has saved the tim ber owners many thousands of dollars.

UMATILLA WHEAT DAMAGED

Rain Causes Loss of Weight in Test-Yield Heavy, However.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 18 - (Special.) -That Umatilla County's immense wheat crop, which is less than half harvested, sustained more damage as a result of last week's rain than was at first suspounds less than before the rain. Wheat property comes up to their expectation from the same field that was testing 62 they will erect a smelter.

before the rain is now testing 60.

Fortunately for the growers of the county, the grain this year was exceptionally heavy, and it is not thought that the growers will receive any lower price because of the wetting which it received. Of 70 samples received by one buyer only two tested below 60, and as 58 is the standard for first grade it will be seen that practically the entire crop of seen that practically the entire crop of the county will stand the falling off of two pounds and still make the test. The samples received by this buyer corresponded with those received by every other buyer in this city.

It has also been found that the Athena

and Weston mountain sections are not the only ones who have suffered losses by reason of "falling straw." Throughut a large part of the reservation, and a fact every part of the county where the wheat was particularly tall, the heads have proved too heavy for the straw when softened by the rain and have started toward the ground. While the loss on this account will not be considerable, probably not more than five bushels an acre in any instance, yet a few bushels to the acre, with wheat the price it is now, will be grudged by the growers. Harvesting is now being car-ried on under some difficulties, as the grain is not thoroughly dried out yet and is very tough to thresh. The chaff clings to the berry and if enough wind is put on to blow it out the grain is carried

CLATSOP BUILDING NEW ROAD

Expects to Tap Rich Agricultural

District Back From Coast. ASTORIA, Aug. 18.-(Special.)-Clatsop building a public highway county is building a public inglaway along what is known as the coast route between this city and the Tillamook County line, the plan being to secure a good road as soon as possible to Tillamook City. Today County Judge Trenchard received a letter from Commissioner H. V. Alley, of Tillamook County, stating that he and his associates will have a survey made in the immediate future to as-certain what grades can be secured for a oad to connect with the Clatsop County highway at the county line. He also urges the building of a road by the two counties through a route further back from the coast, to tap the rich agricultural district that is now completely shut off from means of transportation to the markets. The members of the Clatsop County Court will leave in a few days on an inspection trip over the route of the proposed highway, and will also go to Tillamook to confer with the officials of

FAIR HAS MANY FEATURES

ANNUAL EVENT AT CORVALLIS HAS GOOD PROGRAMME.

School Children Will Hold Competitive Parade for Portrait of Hon. George H. Williams.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Aug. 18 .- (Special.)—Active preparations are on foot for the second annual County School Fair to be held in this city in connection with the Livestock Exhibit, Sep-tember 24 to 27, inclusive. The committee on programme has set apart the first day for a parade of the school children of the county, in honor of that worthy ploneer, Hon, George H. Williams, whose portrait is to be presented to the school having the largest percentage of its pupils in the parade. The second day will be devoted to the Patrons of Husbandry.

Ploneers of the county will be honored by having the third day for their own. A ploneer log cabin is to be erected in the park, in which the relics erected in this county. In this connection, a portion of Pioneer day will par-take of an educational exhibit. Miss Virginia Olds is now the oldest schoolteacher in the county. Members of her first classes are living in this and adjoining counties. It is proposed to get as many of them together as can be found, and to use the old-time textpooks for a public recitation, conducted by Miss Olds. Modern textbooks and present-day pupils will recite to represent the present, as the others have represented the past, and a class of little tots will portray the education

The fourth day of the fair will be G. A. R. and Patriotic day, with exhi pition drills by the militia and Spanish War Veterans. Free vaudeville and athletic entertainments will be provided, and a balloon ascension from the grounds will also be a feature. Scotch bagpipes played by professionals are to enliven the week, together with other musical numbers. A number of noted speakers are expected to be Invitations have been sent to the following: Senator C. W. Fulton, Governor Chamberlain, Congressman Hawley, ex-Senators Gearin and Mul-key, H. W. Scott, Mrs. Chara Waldo, President Kerr and Professor Withy-combe, of the Agricultural College; President Campbell, of the State University; State School Superintendent Ackerman, and George H. Williams, of Portland.

WAGES HIGH FOR THRESHERS

Expenses of Running a Threshing Outfit \$100 a Day.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 18 - (Special.)warm wind is rapidly drying the wheat blast today after three days of rain and cool weather. Farmers claim no damage has been done, but say they are anxious to ge their grain threshed and under to ge their gram threshed and under cover. Dooks Frye started a thresher near Colfax today, his running expense being about \$100 a day. Sack sewers re-ceive \$4.50 a day, also sack giggers, who load the sacks. Wagon drivers get \$2.50, and their teams bring them \$1.50 a day.

Men who pitch to the machine and all other help are paid good wages, and board is given all help. A cook wagon follows the machine and two cooks are kept busy each day. Sixteen hours' run is called a day's work during the threships season. Each machine has what is the consignee and as a result the fruit was partially spoiled on Monday. The price was threatened only once, and that was on last Monday, when the dealers became combative and forced the price down to 40 cents per box. The reduction lasted only for that day, however. ing season. Each machine has what is called a "roustabout"—a man or boy with a team, who hauls provisions and water. Should a man quit he is taken to town

and another hired by the roustabout.

Mines Busy in Jackson. JACKSONVILLE, Or., Aug. 18.-(Special.)—Reports are coming in to the effect that the Scattle Mining Company, which is virtually the Blue Ledge crowd, is preparing to creet a large smelter at Joe Bar. five miles below the Blue Ledge mine. Besides doing their own work, it is said, they will treat the ores for the smaller companies. This week a syndicate of capitalists from Saginaw, Mich., pur-chased a half interest in the Copper City group of claims on Siad Creek, south of the Blue Ledge. They have already put a large force of men to work and will run of the Silue Ledge. They have already put a large force of men to work and will run the work of harvesting was resumed. It was found that the berry had been bleached and that it is testing about two pounds less than before the rain. Wheat property comes up to their expectations,

Ashland District Reports a Bumper Crop.

HIGH PRICES BEING PAID

All Varieties Are Doing Well and Are Contributing Largely to General Prosperity of the Southern Oregon Country.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 18 .- (Special.)-The fruit season of 1907 in Ashland and vicinity is now well advanced and shows that, all varieties of fruit considered, it pendent upon any one crop of fruit for its prosperity. While the peach crop is not as large this year as it has been in some other years, we have had bumper cherry, strawberry, Loganberry and blackberry crops, while apples promise to yield more abundantly than ever before. Pears will also be a big factor in the situation. The quality of all the varieties are borne each year. The specimens brought to Dallas by Mrs. Cosper included brought to Dallas by Mrs. Cosper included brought to Dallas by Mrs. Cosper included brought to Dallas by Mrs. is not as large this year as it has been in some other years, we have had bumper Pears will also be a big factor in the situation. The quality of all the varieties named is not excelled by any section of

the Coast.

Inquiries at both the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association and Wells, Fargo Express office show that the volume of business in the shipments of green fruits has been immense. Manager D. A. Applegate, of the latter company, says that the records of that office were broken early in the season. The month of June went far in excess of any previous June since he has had charge of the office. Cherries rained in on him for weeks, and herries came just as pientiweeks, and herries came just as plenti-fully. Manager S. F. Johnson, of the Fruit Association, tells the same story. The Willamette Valley has heretofore claimed to be the banner cherry section of Oregon, but with this year's Ashland cherry crop in view, she had best look to her laurels. The averages of settlement have not yet been made up at the As-sociation warehouse, but Manager John-son says the price will run about 7½

cents per pound Just now the Early Crawford peaches are beginning to come in, and the pros-pects are good for a fair comp. although shorter than most years. The going price is \$1 to \$1.55 per box. The quality is good. The Bartlett pear harvest is now on in earnest, and the price runs about \$1.50 per box. Nearly a carload of the Fall Butter, or early pear, has been shipped by the Association to points east of Portland. Gravenstein apples are also coming in freely and are bringing

\$1.25 to \$1.50 a box.

The promise for average large crops of Muir. Salway and Late Crawford peaches is excellent, and prices will be remuner-Manager Johnson says there is more fruit here this year than there was last, but one of the things that has militated against a satisfactory market has been the irregular train service. The lateness of the trains has frequently occasioned the delay of a day in the placing of fruit on the Portland market. Figures

as to the exact number of boxes sent out from this station will not be available of the orchards he saw, he sald, were a revelation to him, as heretofore he had not known that apples were grown in commercial quantities in the southern part of this county. He was very quantities in the southern the machine, but it does the work of 10 or a dozen scrapers.

Steel ralls for several miles of road are saying it was the finest he had ever seen.

Mr. White says he is the first man who Mr. White says he is the first man who ever exported apples from Southern Oregon to Europe, having bought the first carload out of the old Stewart orchard, blds to growers on the output of several

Douglas County Markets Success-

fully 20,000 Boxes.

Roseburg Review. Shipments of early Crawford peaches from Roseburg this year will aggregate a total of nearly 20,000 boxes. This is the estimate given by E. P. Drew, who is handling the shipments of the local fruitgrowers' association, whose membership embraces nearly all of the peach-growers of this vicinity. Shipments have been made regularly since July 2 up to now. and will continue for the early Crawford variety for about one week longer. At the end of that time the late Crawford. and cling varieties will commence to go to the markets. Ten days will suffice, however, for shipping all of the late peaches, the crop of which will not exceed a total of 500 boxes. This is the first time in three years there has been an appreci-able crop of early Crawfords.

Growers have realized good prices for their product. Peaches of average size and quality brought from 65 to 85 cents per box, while those of higher grade brought as high as \$1.25 per box. After deducting transportation charges, these deducting transportation charges, these prices left the growers a neat margin of Most of the fruit was marketed in Portland.

In quality the fruit was unsurpassable. Only one complaint has so far been registered, and that was an injustice. A shipment of peaches that arrived in Portland one Sunday morning was not deliverd to

Willamette Valley Company Has

Designs Upon Salem. SALEM, Or., Aug. 18 .- (Special.)-Vague rumors are again in circulation to the effect that the Willamette Valley Company, which owns the electric light and power and waterworks plants in many points in the Willamette Valley besides and is backed by the Rhodes, Sinkler & Butcher syndicate, of Philadelphia, has designs upon Salem and has under con-sideration the scheme of entering the Salem field with a gravity waterworks sys-tem in competition with the Salem Water Company. It is understood negotiations are on at present for a deal, upon the outcome of which depends the promotion of the waterworks system. If established, it is proposed to pipe water into the city from the headwaters of the Santiam, an abundant supply of water holds. abundant supply of pure cold water be- years.

ing available from a distance of between 25 and 30 miles.

President James S. Stephens, Vice-president I. W. Anderson, Manager A. Welch and Director Howard Butcher, Jr., of the Willamette Valley Company, passed through Salem last week on a tour of inspection of the several valley plants and Mr. Welch dropped off for a hurried conference with F. W. Waters, the local representative, regarding the status of his application for a franchise through the

application for a franchise through the city for a new electric railway project which is now before the City Council, but beyond saying that the company had some important deals under consideration, he declined to discuss the subject. He was also slient upon the ultimate pur-pose and backing of the proposed new electric rallway enterprise being pronoted by him between this city and Albany, except as is shown upon the fac-

FIGS THRIVE IN POLK COUNTY

Seven-Year-Old Tree in Monmouth Is Heavily Laden With Fruit.

Dallas Observer Figs as large and perfectly developed as those raised in the most favored por-tions of California are grown at the town ome of Mrs. E. F. Lucas, in Monmouth Specimens of the fruit were brought to will prove fully as profitable as any that have gone before. For this section of Southern Oregon has come to that stage in its development where it is not dependent upon any one crop of fruit for sendent upon any one crop of sendent upo markets.

Mrs. Lucas' tree is seven years old, the

ripe and green fruit of the second crop and half-grown fruit of the third crop. The tree has been in bearing four years. It has long been known that certain varieties of figs will thrive and bear abundantly in the Willamette Valley, but no effort has yet been made to raise this fruit as a commercial crop. A tree on the farm of Dr. Victor Fink, on Salt Creek, bears abundantly each year, and a num-ber of fine, healthy trees are to be found in James Elliott's orchard south of Dallas, The successful experiments in producing this semi-tropical fruit in the Williammette Valley are only another evidence of he wonderful soil and climate of Western Oregon.

ONE PROJECT NOT UNDER CON-TROL OF HARRIMAN.

Corvallis & Alsea River Railroad Is Being Graded Into Rich Timber District.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 18 -- (Special.)-The grading gang of the Corvallis & Alsea River Railroad is making good progress in spite of the scarcity of men and teams. With harvesting operations in progress and a general scarcity of horses and men the construction work has been much handicapped. General Superinten-dent Carver is, however, anxious to get the first 25 miles of the grade completed before the heavy rains of Winter set in. nd is doing everything possible to push the work.

About half a mile of grade is now prac tically completed, and an additional secout from this station will not be available until later in the season.

William N. White, of the firm of W. N. White & Co., apple buyers of Park Place, New York, was in Ashland Tuesday, and in company with E. V. Carter visited a number of the apple orchards

let for large quantities of piling, bridge timbers and ties. The first 20 miles of the road will be through a country in which construction cost will be ex-traordinarily low. Three billion feet of merchantable timber will be brought into market by the construction of this road, and throughout its entire length it will tap a region of vast agricultural and GOOD MONEY IN PEACH CROP dairying resources. The fact that it connects at Corvallis with steamboat navigation on the Willamette and has the C. & E and Southern Pacific for connections is accounted a very favorable incl dent in the project, which its promoters laim will make it a paying property from the day it is completed

Sportsmen Haunt the McKenzle.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)— Each year the number of people who take their outling on the famous McKenzle River and in the nearby mountains, increases. The resorts all along the valley and into the mountains, including Bel-knap and Foley Springs, are already well patronized though there has yet been no hot weather. While many people from this county and other parts of the state go yearly into the McKenzle country, a good per cent of the sojourners are from California and the Eastern states. Every year hunters and fishermen from the East, who hear of the splendid hunting and fine trout streams of this country spend their vacation season there, returning again with others to whom they have given their experiences. And it, is the same with the Californians. Jeffries. the champion heavyweight puglist, took last year. He is coming again with a party next month. At the close of his trip last year it was the opinion of Jefflast year. ries, and his party agreed, that the Mo-Kenzie country was the best place on earth for the sportsman.

Ashland Is Forging Ahead.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 18 .- (Special.)-Ashland has not been saying much about a building boom lately, but an observer calls attention to the fact that there are now & dwelling houses building in Ashland, besides four large brick blocks in ourse of actual construction at the pres MAY BUILD WATER SYSTEM ent time and two more to be started within a few months, as soon as arrangements can be perfected for caring for tenants now occupying wooden buildings to be replaced. Ashland has spent over \$36,-000 in extending her sewer system during the past year and now has over eight miles of sewer mains, which, with an ad-dition to the system now being surveyed. will give this city the best system of sewers of any city in Oregon, unless it be Portland. Bids are now being asked for a mile of paved streets.

Better Prices for Fruit.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 18.-(Special.)—Deputy Horticultural Inspector Brown prophesies that prices for fruit will be from 20 to 30 per cent, higher this year than last. He estimates that the

Sidelights on Beaver State by Cornell Professor.

FOURTH MOST IMPORTANT

Finds 30,000,000 Acres Unappropriated Lands in Northwestern State, Largest Body Public Area Open to Settlement.

American Lands," Professor Thomas F. Hunt, of Cornell University, devotes several complimentary paragraphs to farming conditions of the Pacific Northwest and to the resources of Oregon in particular. Professor Hunt occompanies his descriptions with tables of statistics which throw several interesting sidelights.

companies his descriptions with tables of statistics which throw several interesting sidelights on the conditions existing in the Beaver State.

"This region is characterized by its immense forest resources, its fishing industries, and the high production of wheat by dry farming in the eastern part of Washington and along the Columbia River in Oregon," writes Professor Hunt of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. "One-third of the area is covered by forests of immense commercial importance, while at least onecovered by forests of immense com-mercial importance, while at least one-fifth more is covered by trees of less importance. In Western Oregon and Washington are to be found millions of acres of the densest forests, with coniferous trees of great height and large diameters, of which the Douglas fir and the red cedar are perhaps the mast important. It is not uncommon for five acres of land to cut a million feet of lumber. feet of lumber.

"Wheat and hay constitute abou one-third the value of all crops. While general farming is somewhat more developed than in the Rocky Mountain states, the grazing of livestock is state one of the principal industries, Cerman of the principal industries, Cerman of the principal industries, Cerman of the principal industries, and tain areas in Oregon, Washington and California furnish ideal conditions of soil and climate for the production of hops. These three states produce two-thirds of the product of the United States.

The Cascade Mountains divide this region, climatically and agriculturally, into two parts. Between the Cascade into two parts. Between the Cascaue Mountains and the Coast Range are fertile, well-watered valleys, already thickly populated. Upon the western coast, owing to the Japan current, the temperature is the most equable in North America. The climate is more like England than that of any other part of the United States.

"The soils are mostly of a volcanic origin and are unusually fertile and enduring. The prairies consist of an expanse of rolling hills. The layout of the farms and general aspect of the improvements are similar to those in the newer portions of the North Cen-tral states. The people are mostly native-born Americans from the older settled states. There is a general air of hopefulness and prosperity among

"There are still 20,000,000 acres of unappropriated and unreserved public lands ready for entry in this region.

area in farms is about 25,000,000 acres, the improved area being about 9,000,-000 acres for the three states. The average size of the farms is a trifle over 250 acres, and the average size of improved farms is nearly 100 acres. The State of Oregon alone has about 11,000,000 acres of land in farms and ranches, which is estimated to be worth about \$13 per acre.

RAILS COME, WORK RESUMES

Pilot Rock Branch of the O. R. & N. Nearing Completion.

PENDLETON Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)— Steel rails for which those in charge of the work on the Pilot Rock branch of the Oregon Rallway & Navigation Com-pany have been waiting for a few days, arrived yesterday, and the work of tracklaying has been resumed. The rails were sent here from the Washington division of the O. R. & N., having been replaced there by heavier ones. They were taken to the Birch Creek spur at once and the crew of 4 men, which has been compelled to do other work during the past few days, at once took up the work where it was left off. The big steel bridge across the Umatilla at the mouth Birch Creek has been completed and about a mile and a half of the track has

been laid. The new steel bridge across the Uma-tilla, on the O. R. & N. cut-off, just west of this city, is also completed, with the exception of the tightening up of the bolts, which is now in progress. The long fills have been made and the mile and a quarter of track is nearly ready for trains. This cut-off not only shortens the distance, but eliminates three bad curves and greatly lessens a

BEST PAYING PIECE OF ROAD

Electric Line Between Aberdeen and Hoquiam Holds Record.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 18.-(Special.) -The Gray's Harbor Electric Light & Power Company has a big crew at work on their power buildings being erected between here and Hoquiam Between \$200,000 and \$250,000 is to be invested in the new plant. The company has added several cars to its roking stock

the past few weeks showing that the business of the line between here and Hoquiam is growing fast. It is stated that the four or five miles of track which the company operates be-tween here and Hoquiam and Cosmopolis at a 10 and 15-cent rate for passengers makes it by far the best paying piece of property for the length of line anywhere in the United States.

New Bridge Is Finished.

HARRISBURG, Or., Aug. 18.-(Special.) -The steel bridge spanning the Willamette River three-fourths of a mile south of this city speaks well for the enterprise of the Southern Pacific Company. It is an up-to-date structure in ticular. It is equipped with a through which steamboats may pass. draw is operated by machinery that does the work automatically and one man can handle it.

The company maintained a draw in the old wooden bridge which this new structure will replace. But the absence of steamboats on the Upper Willamette

less condition of producers in this portion of the Valley. The steamer Eugene passed through the draw in 1899 and 1904. The Gray Eagle a supply boat for the Spaulding logging company, is now the sum total of navigation through this draw bridge. This traffic could be restored and made profitable to the owners of a line of suitable boats and at the same time relieve the paralyzing effect of presenfreight rates. The river from Eugene to Corvallis is in better condition for navigation than for many years which is shown by the progress being made by the big log drive of the Spaulding Company which report a gain of ten days time in the run to Corvallis as com-pared with the running time of much smaller drives last year and the year be fore as well.

FIR BLOCKS ARE THE BEST

Oregon Product Excels Other Woods for Switch-Blocks.

"SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Another instance of the superiority of fir wood over the harder varieties of forestry products for commercial and industrial purposes is illustrated in a communica-

from the Commission calling attention to the dereliction of the company in permitting switch and frog blocks to remain out of place in the terminal yards, and Mr.

Lyons assures the Commission that this
matter, the blame for which he attaches
to the neglect of the track department,
will be attended to more carefully in future. He says that the hard wood blocks work out of place on the light track and under heavy traffic, while fir blocks remain securely wedged where driven.

OBTAIN MORE DOCK FRONTAGE

Newport Adds 250 Feet by Sluicing Down Hill.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)— Newport is gaining a dock frontage of 250 feet by slutcing down hills for a fill at the north end of Front street, the only business thoroughfare of the town. The fill is 250 feet long and 80 feet wilds and will contain 5500 cubic feet wide and will contain 6500 cubic vards of earth. It is being made by the city for the purpose of extending Front street, and the city thus acquires the water-front adjoining, which will be valuable for leasing purposes.

The work has been in progress two weeks and from 200 to 400 cubic yards

of earth are being conveyed daily from the big hills to the fill on the mud-flat. The earth is being dislodged by hydraulic force. The work is being fone under contract to Charles Loomis, a local merchant, who owns the hills which are being sluiced down into the fill. A part of the bulkhead which separates Yaquina Bay from the fill washed out last week and this has delayed the work,

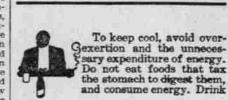
New Home for Prison Warden.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18 .- (Special.)-The new Warden's cottage, provided for by the last Legislature, has been finished and Warden Curtis, of the Penitentiary, is taking possession with his family to-day. This cottage was constructed en-tirely with convict labor, under the supervision of Engineer George Labree, who also prepared the plans, and the only cost to the state will be that of the material used and the salary of Engineer Labree, which has not been figured up as yet. It was understood that Engineer Labree lands ready for entry in the land and some is arid, this region probably contains the best large body of public land yet open for settlement in the United States."

Oregon, Washington and Idaho are Oregon, Washington and Idaho are shout 90,000 farms. The land yet open for settlement in the land yet open for settlemen

Three Opals in Chicken's Craw.

Wallowa Sun. One day last Winter, Mrs. C. E. Hood found three peculiar-looking stones in the craw of a young chicken she was dress-ing for dinner. They looked like opals, so she sent the smaller of them through the jeweler, L. J. Coverstone, to Chi-cage, where it was cut and polished and proved to be a fine quality of opal. Last week Mrs. Hood received the opal back and will have it set in a ring. The young chickens were raised on Mr. Hood's lot in town and had ranged nowhere else. is another proof of the rich natural sur-roundings of our little city.



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