

STATE GETS MORE FIRE COMPANIES

Five Concerns Admitted to Do Business in Oregon Since March 1.

NEW LAW IS MORE LIBERAL

While Offering Same Security to the Public, New Statute Is Less Severe as to Demands on the Insurance Companies.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Under the operation of the new insurance code, Commissioner S. A. Koger states that there have been admitted to do business in the state since March 1 than were admitted during the entire year of 1908.

On the theory that competition is a good thing for business, those interested in insurance matters are congratulating themselves on the manner in which the new law is working out.

In the past month five companies have been admitted, including three life companies, one surety company and one fire company. The recent additions to the list are the Western Union Life of Spokane, with a capital stock of \$500,000 and doing a life and accident business, and the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, capital stock \$2,000,000, doing a fidelity and surety business.

The new law, while it is said to offer fully as much security to the public, is much less severe on the insurance companies and under the operation of the new code it is expected that there will be a big increase in the number of concerns writing insurance in this state.

Section 274 of the code has been amended so as to require a license of \$100 from each fire insurance company doing business in the state, an increase from \$50, while the license for other accidents, casualty and surety companies remains the same, \$100.

Surety Bonds Cut Down. Under the old law surety companies were required to deposit with the state specified securities to the amount of \$50,000, but in the new law this provision has been omitted.

In case of companies foreign to the United States, having a certificate from the proper authorities of any other state having an insurance department showing authority to do business in said state and a certificate showing a deposit by said company of not less than \$500,000 in capital approved securities for the security of the policyholders of such company in the United States, a deposit of \$25,000 in securities or a surety bond for such amount.

Companies not supplied with a certificate of authority from the State of New York will be required to deposit \$50,000 cash or specified securities as under the old law. The New York department is singled out in the Oregon code for the reason that it has been established for some time and has set a high standard.

Fraternal Orders Not Included. Fraternal orders and co-operative societies, associated or incorporated for the sole purpose of mutual protection and relief of its members only and for the payment of stipendium or gratuity to the families of its deceased members, or for property of its members only destroyed by fire, and not for profit, are declared not to be insurance companies in the sense and meaning of the insurance laws of the state, and are exempt from the operation of such laws.

While surety bonds are not required to deposit a large sum as heretofore, the public is safeguarded by a number of regulations in the new law which require the company, in addition to a fee of \$5 to be paid with its application, to pay a 2 per cent tax upon its net premium to the business section, a verified statement to be filed with the insurance department.

The law provides a penalty for the failure of companies to comply with the provisions among insurance companies.

ACTIVITY AT GRANTS PASS Irrigation Project and New Building Make Progress Plentiful.

wages for cutting the wood. Many of the homesteaders hereabouts who have been meeting store bills every year by cutting a few cords of wood have been nicknamed "wood rats."

FIGHT SALARY INCREASE

BAKER COUNTY TO MAKE USE OF REFERENDUM. Increase in Pay of Circuit Judge May Be Referred to People. Petitions Well Signed.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge H. C. Smith has today for the purpose of invoking the referendum on Senate bill No. 23, passed by the recent Legislature, which raises the salary of the Circuit Judge of the Judicial District from \$3000 to \$4000 a year, the added amount to be paid by the taxpayers of Baker County.

When the bill was introduced by State Senator Hart during the session there was considerable clamor from this county, but it passed both houses with no opposition, either in the House or Senate.

Walter Smith is the present Judge of this district. He has four years more to serve.

SEEK OIL NEAR GRESHAM Portland Parties Will Form Company and Sink Wells, Is Report.

CLEONE, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Dr. A. Thompson, Gresham, has just made two sales of some moment. One was the sale of a tract of land in which there is supposed to be oil.

TO HOLD HEARING AT RUFUS Railroad Commission Will Consider Needs of Depot.

INDIAN FIGHTER AND PIONEER OF '49 DIES AT PENDLETON.

MAJOR N. A. CORVOYER, DECEASED. PENDLETON, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Major N. A. Corvoyer, famous Indian fighter and prominent pioneer of Oregon, who died at his home near here, March 31, was born in Pendleton in 1828.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The spring has been dug for the farmer, mechanic and common laborer. The opening and building of the irrigation ditches has furnished a great deal of work for men and teams.

FARMERS SEEK WOOD LOTS Land Buyers in Kiletkat Start Old Settlers to Conserving Supply.

LYLE, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Many of the wheat-raisers residing on the prairie near Lyle are not supplied with wood lots. They have hitherto given the matter no thought, and when they wanted a winter's supply of fuel they called on the nearest land or wood plenty of standing timber and who would make no more charge than

CONTEST IS READY

Eugene Will Hold City Election Next Monday.

1800 VOTERS REGISTERED

Question of Completing or Abandoning \$130,000 Power Plant Chief Issue—Matlock and Bingham Are Mayoralty Candidates.

EUGENE, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The city election, which will be held here on Monday, April 5, will be one of the hardest-fought city battles in years.

Matlock pledges the people that he will complete the plant if elected. Bingham says that he is in favor of the city owning its own plant, but he does not come out for any particular plant, and says that he will not decide until the injunction suit is settled.

Big Vote Will Be Polled. Both tickets have held a special meeting with the voters in East Eugene.

Higher Grades Added. LINN TAKING ADVANCED STEPS IN SCHOOL WORK. Ten School Buildings to Be Erected This Year—County High Schools Are Popular.

ALBANY, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—More high schools will be established in Linn County this year than in any ten years of the county's history.

NEW COUNTY UP TO VOTERS Cottage Grove People Will Make Use of Initiative Petitions.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Advocates of the creation of a County of Nesmith have not given up the fight, but will initiate the measure which

LOADS MUST BE HEAVY ABSURD BLUNDERS IN NEW OREGON ROAD LAW. Hill Reads That Maximum Weight Carried Shall Not Be Less Than 2500 Pounds.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Among the quaint and curious blunders of the recent regular session of the Oregon Legislature was the passage of a bill making it unlawful to buy Stovemen's on any improved road west of the Cascade range, weighing with its burden more than 2500 pounds.

ENTRIES NOW NUMBER 190 Salem Expects Large Crowds at Horse Show Today.

STATE GETS SHIP'S GUNS Two 6-Inch Rifles From Battleship Oregon for Capitol Lawn.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Governor Benson has received a letter from the Secretary of the Navy George L. von Meyer, stating that the 13-inch guns of the Oregon have not yet been condemned and that the guns are to be given to the state or to other applicants.

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS TULL & GIBBS INCORPORATED WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEARING APPAREL



Saturday Special Sale of Lace Curtains-Sixth Floor For today's special selling the Drapery department offers 150 pairs of Lace Curtains in the white, ivory and ecru—in 2 1/2 and 3-yard lengths—suitable window hangings for the sleeping-room, living-room and library.

Wilton Hassocks Sp'l \$1.15 Offered today in the Carpet department, sixth floor, Wilton carpet Hassocks or Footrests in an assortment of shapes and colors; these little aids to comfort are well made and will last for years; the \$1.50 and \$1.75 grades at the above special.

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FIGHTS FRUIT INSPECTION Hubbard Farmer Insists His Trees Shall Not Be Sprayed.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong is meeting with some resistance in carrying out the provisions of the law governing the care and inspection of orchards.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS H. E. Doherty and wife to J. P. Swaney, part of lots 3, 4, block 5, Lewisville, \$1,050.

REMEDIES ARE NEEDED Were we perfect, which we are not, medicines would not often be needed.

Columbia U.S. Gov. Inspected Est-138 HAMS and Bacon The pick of Oregon livestock—The Packing House was clean. "And Uncle Sam inspected the best that he had seen."

TOMORROW WE OFFER IN A SPECIAL SALE A SAMPLE LINE OF CHILDREN'S TUB SUITS 190 suits in the line—no two alike and all the very newest and smartest styles.

BASEMENT SPECIALS IN GARDEN and LAWN TOOLS Steel Trowels, special... 5c Heavy Steel Trowels, special... 10c Hand Claw Raker, special... 10c

Medicine Cabinets Sp'l 95c These convenient wall pieces are made of hardwood and finished in the golden yellow.

Table of real estate transfers with columns for names, amounts, and locations.

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