

WAGON ROADS LANDS TO BE COLONIZED

Every Acre in Vicinity of Prineville Now on Market, Is Announcement.

LEASER HAS PREFERENCE

Campaign of Publicity to Be Begun in Eastern States—Crooked River and Harney Valleys to Be Separate Units.

PRINEVILLE, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—Members of President Davidson's party, which has been inspecting the road grant lands recently transferred to the new Oregon & Western Colonization Company, have left for the final stage of their cross-state journey over the Cascades to Albany, convinced that the greater portion of the 800,000 acres involved in the purchase is agricultural land of the first class and adapted to intensive colonization.

After a week at Prineville, the greater part of which was spent in detailed inspection of the possibilities of the Crooked River valley and the tributary highlands, the party closed contracts with people here for shares ranging from \$5 to \$200 an acre. The buyers are chiefly holders of leases whom President Davidson believes are entitled to the first chance to become owners of the tracts they have been operating under lease, in some cases for many years.

Bar to Settlement Removed.

The official announcement of the representatives of the company that every acre in the vicinity of Prineville is now for sale removes the greatest bar to the settlement of this district and will result in an immediate influx of settlers. The road-land holdings in the valley proper are heavy, constituting in several districts each alternate section. On the plateau there have been few sales to break the continuity of the alternate road grant sections. In the Powell gulches upper bench section, where there are 100,000 acres adapted to cereal crops, the road holdings constitute each alternate section for many miles. President Davidson announces that this area of rich and fertile land will be subject at once to the campaign of advertising which he has already started by his corporation which will result in heavy settlement from the East.

Charles L. Mosher, who accompanies President Davidson, has made a careful inspection of the broad stretches of bench land to the south and west of Prineville, where the holdings of the new corporation are very heavy.

Big Grain Crops Grown.

There is no land in Oregon better adapted to grain farming than this 80,000 acres of which is of the highest quality, said Mr. Mosher. "An equal amount of land may be classed as exceptionally good but cannot quite so readily be brought under cultivation, because it must first be cleared. This land may in time prove to be equally as productive as the thousands of acres from which the sagebrush may be cleared readily and which can be brought under cultivation in a single season. Much of this land is good for 45 bushels of wheat to the acre, and for rye it is not surpassed. It is personally saw field of rye and wheat on a farm wheat of the finest quality, and rye so tall as to hide a man standing in it. What this land will do in the production of onions, cabbages, and similar crops it is impossible to imagine. It is an absolutely new and almost untried field, and the ample evidence that it has produced heavily of every crop which has so far been sown."

The party reached Prineville after making a month's automobile trip of more than 700 miles from Ontario. After leaving Ontario and Oile, the party proceeded to Barren Key and stopped three days at the Crowley ranch. Adjacent to the ranch is the new irrigation project of the Crowley and Anderson Company, and the big concrete dam which is to be raised an additional seven feet, storing water for the irrigation of a large tract where several days were spent in the inspection of Harney Valley and adjacent timber and agricultural lands.

Prices Not Yet Fixed.

President Davidson said that no attempt would be made at once to announce any specific plans for the colonization of the road grant lands. The party has viewed 800,000 acres en route to Prineville and will view 200,000 acres more before completing the trip. To announce classifications and prices of land will require a still more detailed inspection, and beyond the general announcement that colonization will be proceeded with at once it is impossible to say much further until completed what the details of the coming campaign to bring settlers to Oregon will be. The company has taken unusually large space in the big Chicago farm land exposition this Fall and is making careful preparations to gather together the most attractive Oregon exhibit possible for display.

It is considered probable that the Crooked River Valley holdings of the company, between 80,000 and 200,000 acres, will be handled as a unit, while the Harney Valley lands and the lands of the Malheur Valley adjacent to Ontario and Vale will be handled as separate units. Lack of railway transportation prevents a connected campaign for the simultaneous settlement of these divisions of the grant, and will practically force the company to operate from three different points, of which Prineville will, it is believed, be one. It is considered probable that the company will dispose of its timber, of which there is 5,000,000,000 feet in the Cascades, in one block and will not attempt to log the timber lands itself.

COUGARS TOO PLENTIFUL

Vancouver Island Becoming Overrun by Wild Animals.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 11.—(Special.)—"Cougars and wolves are so numerous on the northern end of Vancouver Island that deer have practically disappeared," declares Mr. Ward de Beck, who has just returned from a trip to that locality. "Cougars are so plentiful that people in that section are now shooting them from their doorsteps. One man, who has a small place about five miles from Albert Bay, shot a cougar the other day without going outside his house. It happened this way: The old man was standing in

NEWPORT MAN DESCENDS DANGEROUS CLIFF IN SEARCH OF BIRDS' EGGS.



E. Young at Cape Foulweather.

NEWPORT, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—The accompanying picture shows Ellowyn Young, of Newport, making his way down the precipitous face of Cape Foulweather, in order to reach a crevice supposed to contain birds' eggs. At the place where the photograph was made, Mr. Young was only a few feet above a dangerous, boiling surf. He hopes some day to scale Mount McKinley.

his kitchen, the rear window of which looks over a small bit of bench land at the back of the house, when his attention was attracted by a sound of scratching on the window pane. Looking up he was surprised to see a full-grown cougar standing on the other side of the window admiring his reflection in the glass. Getting his rifle, the old man dropped the cougar, shooting through the window glass. In the old days the northern end of Vancouver Island was gridironed with deer runways, but the wolves and cougars are now so numerous there that the deer have either left the locality or have been killed. Black bear are also very numerous this year.

SUIT IS THIEF CATCHER

Clothes of Klamath Man Stolen Twice—Both Culprits Taken.

KLAMATH FALLS, June 11.—(Special.)—Sheriff W. B. Barnes has in his possession a \$28 suit of clothes that twice has been stolen. The city has paid between \$200 and \$300 in maintaining one thief in jail, and will apparently be out several hundred dollars more in punishing the second. Six months ago, Todd Fitzgerald was arrested for the theft of clothing from a lodging-house and was found to be wearing a suit identified as the property of Harold Dunlap, a well-known cattle man and hotel proprietor. Fitzgerald pleaded guilty and served a sentence of six months in jail. Today, Mr. Dunlap, when on a casual visit to a second-hand store, discovered the same suit among others offered for sale. He had not previously missed it. J. Kenney, a roomer at Dunlap's hotel, was identified as the man who sold the clothes to the dealer and is now under arrest.

Charles F. Gee Is Drowned.

SEATTLE, June 11.—Charles F. Gee, a clerk, aged 23, was drowned from a canoe in Lake Washington during the gale that swept Seattle late last night. So far as known this was the only loss of life.

WOMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT DUNDEE TELEPHONE COMPANY.



Mrs. Dorothea V. Ransau.

DUNDEE, Or., June 11.—(Special.)—The merchants and business men of Dundee organized a new Telephone company Tuesday night, for the purpose of constructing an independent line specifically for commercial purposes. This line will connect at Newberg with Home Telephone and all mutual lines, and will be constructed under the supervision of C. H. Coe, division manager of Newberg Telephone Company. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Dorothea V. Ransau; vice-president, Bernard Groh; secretary and treasurer, J. N. Crosby; directors, A. A. Parrett, J. W. Gordon and H. P. Prince. Mrs. Ransau is well known in Portland and prominent among the hop-growers of the Coast.

POLICIES GET OUT

J. M. Ashton, Senate Aspirant, Announces Platform.

MANY QUESTIONS COVERED

Tariff, Trusts, Labor Unions, Conservation and Many Other Subjects Dealt With in Statement of Washington Politician.

TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—James M. Ashton today issued an address in support of his candidacy for United States Senator and setting forth his platform. In part, it says:

When recently announcing my candidacy for the United States Senate, I stated that I would request the press to publish the policies I stand for and desire to advance. These I now submit so far as practicable without unduly trespassing upon newspaper space. First—Tariff. The tariff should be so adjusted that it will be impossible for any special interest to thwart the good of the people. Time and again in our National history business has been paralyzed by pending tariff legislation, and the time is now ripe for a change in our present method. I believe all tariff problems should be solved by learned and unbiased men who have the welfare of the whole people at heart. In order that Congress may be enabled to act speedily and justly, and so that the enormous expense of lengthy and special sessions of Congress may be eliminated.

Federal Expenses Heavy.

The expenses of the Government are too heavy. There is too much red tape, particularly in the courts and departments, and the Government is too quasi-judicial bodies. This all means heavy import duties and excessive taxation within the states, which have now become so burdensome that they are discouraging to individual effort and energy.

I am in favor of laws which will cut down, simplify and expedite procedure and permit of the people transacting their business with the Government, and enforcing their rights and redressing their wrongs in the courts with the greatest economy and dispatch.

President Taft will not only make good, but he is doing so. Rome was not built in a day. Second—The Trusts. A trust, in the common acceptance of the term, is a trust to control a certain product. Any such combination which increases the cost of the product to the consumer is an evil. It increases the cost and also degrades the quality of the product. It is an enormous and vicious evil, and should receive the fearless condemnation of all men.

Third—Labor Unions. Labor unions are combinations between performers of labor. Any union which stands for a fair wage and fair hours of labor is a benefit, but when union men enter into violence or lawlessness, and that which is unreasonable under existing conditions, they injure the welfare of the people.

Unionism Is Favored.

I believe in unionism and am in favor of laws which will aid and encourage it to organize to protect itself and the welfare of its members. Fourth—The Public Service Corporations. Railroads and kindred corporations are semi-public, and owe their existence to the people in a special sense. Their life depends upon franchises granted by the people, and accepting these privileges the public service corporations at the same time assume certain special duties and responsibilities toward the people.

The should be required to protect the life, health and comfort of their employees and patrons. They should be required to give reasonable service at reasonable rates, and their rates should yield a fair return on legitimate capitalization. Their rates should not be based on watered stock. Furthermore, I believe they should bear their share of the cost of maintaining and improving the public highways, and should be required to contribute toward the development of our arid lands; the application of Nature's forces and the conservation of our natural resources should bend our best talents and efforts.

East Cannot Dictate.

The Eastern theorist who contributes comparatively nothing to the West, neither more honest nor more able than the West, has no right to dictate to us our revenues, particularly when it does not and cannot return anything in kind. Like the prodigal son, having squandered their substance in riotous living, they now want to partake of our fattened calf. I am heartily in favor of the irrigation of arid lands. Several desert portions of our state and Nation have already been turned into fertile areas, and numberless happy homes have sprung up where heretofore there had been nothing but sagebrush.

Generally, the emancipation and elevation of mankind in our island possessions; the construction of the Panama Canal; the maintenance of our foreign markets; the stability of our currency; the re-establishment of our merchant marine; the prohibition of child labor; governmental protection of the people's savings; proper administration of affairs in Alaska; the maintenance of other important policies, form the task of the present administration. The work must not be delayed.

MURDERER ADMITS GUILT

Evidence of Man Who Lent Weapon Brings Confession.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 11.—Confessed by the evidence of the man from whom he borrowed the weapon with which he did the deed, Archie S. Ash, living in the southwestern part of this county, this morning confessed to the murder of James Boone, a wealthy neighbor, on the night of April 23. The killing was done from ambush, as Boone was going from his barn to his house.

RANCHER'S 2 SONS DROWN

Washington River Makes Victims of Brothers, When Bathing.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., June 11.—Fred and Meyer Knutsen, aged 15 and 13 years, sons of a rancher living near Nooksack, 15 miles northeast of this city, were drowned in the Nooksack River while bathing yesterday. The bodies have been recovered.

Suit Against Railway Falls.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 11.—A jury which heard the evidence in the case of Standley against the O. R. & N. Co. returned a verdict late last night in favor of the defendant. Standley fell from a tumble pit some time ago, and is suing for \$10,000 damages. The jury did not give him anything.

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CASE IS REVIVED

Rumor Implicates Woman Now Dead, in Murder.

INNOCENT MAN CONVICTED?

Agnes Bush, Boise White Slaver, Reported to Have Confessed, on Deathbed, Killing of David Levi, Pioneer of Idaho.

RICHES WON IN 12 YEARS

Yakima Chicken Breeder and Orchardist Earns Automobile Tour.

HUSBAND TRUST TO BE PLATED.

HUSBAND, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—H. N. Lawrie, of Portland, has bought

tion followed. At this stage Clarence Price came to Boise and, claiming old friendship, arranged for her to go to Portland. Attorney Kingsley declared that she was kidnapped.

Fearing that Price would influence Agnes Bush to make a will leaving him her real estate and personal property, Attorney Kingsley followed and arrived in Portland just before death visited the woman. She had with her \$2500 worth of diamonds, and these were attached by an order of the court, with which Attorney Kingsley was armed. Frank Weiss, with whom the only son of Mrs. Bush was living, was appointed guardian for the boy, as well as administrator of the estate, and Price was blocked in his attempt to secure the property.

The Levi murder was committed in 1902 in one of the houses on Levi alley, named after the pioneer, George Levy, a young man of the same name, but no relation, was arrested and convicted of murder in the first degree. He maintained his innocence today. The name of Agnes Bush was drawn into the case owing to the fact she was a car he had here rather than ship it, preferring to buy a new one in Michigan.

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After having come here 12 years ago without a cent, Aaron F. Linse and his wife have left for their old home in Lansing, Mich., where, after a visit, they will begin their return home by automobile. Mr. Linse decided to sell a car he had here rather than ship it, preferring to buy a new one in Michigan.

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DAYTON, Wash., June 11.—(Special.)—Levi W. Watrous, who settled here in 1872 and who was the oldest Civil War veteran here, died today, aged 85, following a four years' illness of indigestion. Born in Eastern Canada, Mr. Watrous moved to Ohio, where he married Miss Almira Fish, who died 17 years ago. He served in the Ninth Iowa Infantry and received a wound

Hillman Is Now Postoffice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 11.—A postoffice has been established at Hillman, Crook County, to be supplied by special service from Redmond. Kevin A. Cieland has been appointed postmaster.

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Willard, a fine upright piano in walnut case	350	148	Chicago Organ, nearly new, taken in exchange for new piano
Haze, a large piano, oak case	300	148	Kimball Organ, large size, parlor style, oak case, like new
Emerson, a fine little upright piano, rosewood case	350	175	Chicago Cottage Organ, walnut case, parlor style, like new
Smith & Barnes, a fine piano, oak case, little used	350	185	Bradford Organ, walnut case, parlor style, good condition
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