Into Industry and Others Add to Their Acreage.

RED SOIL OF HILLS USED

Efforts to Grow Grain and Other Crops on Steep Slopes Fail and Experiments Disclose That Fruit Solves Problem.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 2 .- (Special.) -The prune acreage in Polk County has been increased greatly this Fall by the planting of many young trees in each of the prune districts, according to a recent survey of the various sections of the county. In the Summer, when the decrease in the 1914 mer, when the decrease in the 1913 errop was apparent, growers ordered young trees were ordered for the Spring of 1915. A remarkable confidence in the crop by the old growers, the starting of more farmers into prune growing and an awakened interest among county residents toward the industry county residents toward the industry are noted preliminary features of the coming season.

The increase in acreage is shown not to have decreased to any great extent the acreage previously in use for farming purposes. Several years of toil in resulted. the acreage previously in mas for tasting purposes. Several years of toil in the hills have in many cases resulted in the clearing of tracts of land large enough to accommodate prune orchards. Since numerous tests were made on the hill land to find what grain crops would thrive well, it has been found that the soil is not adapted to the successful growing of any grain grow.

Prune Trees Solve Problem

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the hills has been solved by the experiment which a few farmers conducted several years ago by setting out prune trees. The first erchards showed the real function of toe hilly soil in crop production, and adjacent land-ewners have followed with new orchards.

The first place for the prune industry to start in Polk County was on the western slope of the hills between Dallas and Monmouth and Falls City and Dallas. From there the crop spread to the open sections of the county, where it was adopted by farmers who had become accustomed to raising grain year after year. The orchards on hilly ground are producing the largest amount of prunes annually now, but the drying houses expect the orchards in the more level districts to swell the general county yield to a large extent within a few years. Already some of the new orchards have come into bearing, and the yield is expected to increase each year.

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Land-clearing in the hills has
brought the crop back to its original
ground. Some hills, too barren to raise
garden truck or grain crops and too
steep to insure proper cultivation for
such crops, have been converted to
young prune orchards which have made
a steady, uniform growth for a period
of years.

Red Soil Best for Prunes.

The red soil of the hills has proved to be the best for prune trees, even though the farmers have falled in their efforts to make other kinds of trees grow successfully on it. A prominent grower declares Polk County hills have much red soil equal to the widely known prune-growing districts near Newberg in Yamhill County. The Falls Chy district, in the western section of Pelk County, is cultivating the prune crop wholly on the red soil of the hills, An example of the uniform growth which the erchards make in this soil is the orchard on Mount Plegah, a high hill midway between Dallas and Monmouth. The trees, though etill young, soon will enter the bearing period.

The prune survey shows that inhabitants of the county, engaged in various lines of business, all have a part in the industry. Physicians, undertakers, bankers, dentists, lumbermen, merchants, dairymen and farmers are among those owning and managing prune orchards. Many in late years have come to make prune-growing their major occupation, but a large number still conduct their business in two and hire men to oversee the work in the orchards during the businest part.

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CENTRALIA TO CLEAN UP

Plans Are Laid to Make City More Attractive to Tourists.

CENTRALIA, Wash, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Plans were discussed at the Juncheon of the Commercial Club Monday for cleaning up Centralia for the scores of tourists who will pass through here in 1915 on their way to the fair Miss Edna Neil and G. A. Torrence were were were supported by the control of the control o San Francisco.

The annual election will be held next The annual election will be held next month, and at this time it is prpoosed to elect seven members to the civic committee, instead of three as heretofore. The city will be divided into 24 districts, each six members of the committee being given four districts and the seventh the territory, adjoining the city. First, second and third prizes will be given for the best results obtained. Dr. F. G. Titus, who acted as toastmaster at the luncheon, said that there is every reason to believe that 1915 will be a record year in the city's business blastory. ness blatery.

WASHINGTON OFFICIAL OUT

Cal W. Stewart Has Tacoma Postmastership in View.

OLYMPIA, Wash. Jan. 2.—(Special.)
—cal W. Stewart, of Tacoma, resigned today, effective at once, as secretary of the Washington Board of Control, and Edward S. Emigh, of Walla Walla, present accountant of the Board, was appointed secretary in his place.

Stewart's resignation at this time is interpreted generally as meaning that interpreted generally as meaning that he considers his own prospects good for he considers his own prospects good for getting the Tacoma postmastership, for which he is a candidate. The term of the present incumbent expires within a few weeks. Stewart for many years has been a leader in the Democratic ranks of Pierce County.

NORMAL SCHOOL ASSAILED

Principal of Training Department Says Facilities Are Inadequate.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)

- Declaring that the present standards of the Oregon State Normal School are threatened, Thomas H. Gentle, principal of the Monmouth Training School. has issued a statement in which he points out the inadequate places in the present system of practice teaching in vogue. The statement says the large graduating class of 1915 either will lower the efficiency of the school in MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 2 .- (Special.)

POLK PRUNE TREES

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future years or will lower the average of this country requires 100 hours of practice teaching before graduation. The Oregon Normal is a standard normal school, and the Board of Regents requires this amount of practice. There are over 100 students in the Normal School who are entitled to the 100 hours, and who will graduate this year, provided they can get the training. The school advertises that it can furnish standard training, and the student had a right to expect it when he came here. The students are not wealthy. If they were they it when he came here. The students are not wealthy. If they were they would not prepare to teach school, and they cannot afford to wait beyond a reasonable time to complete their course. Under the present conditions, where facilities have become inade-

POLICE CHIEF AT BAKER IS POPULAR OFFICER.



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BAKER, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—
Edward Jackson, Baker's new chief of police, has an enviable record as an officer in Baker.

He served for almost five years as chief until six years ago, when he was let out by a change of administration. He is a popular officer and for the last eight months has been a deputy under Sheriff Rand. Mr. Jackson's appointment has been a pproved generally in Baker. generally in Baker.

quate, the school must choose between lowering the standard of efficiency by putting the students on half time and cutting the attendance to a figure within the possibilities of the condi-

LA GRANDE CITY COMMISSION RE-DUCES INDEBTEDNESS \$42,000.

E. J. Lafky, Business Manager, Declares System has Proved Efficient And Economical.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 2,-(Special.) The annual meeting of the city commission held tonight at which time Vincent Palmer succeeded MacWood as a member of the commission, marks the close of the first year of operations under the managerial form of govern-

pushed as far as was necessary and ad-visable. The water department has been placed upon a strictly cash basis and so far as possible all other depart-ments have been placed upon the same

"The past year has been devoted in The past year has been devoted in great measure to rounding up the scattered ends of the city's business and reducing the indebtedness as much as possible and we hope to continue this policy until we can free the city of all indebtedness and do business strictly upon a cash and businesslike basis."

ASHLAND. Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—
Miss Edna Neil and G. A. Torrence were married in San Francisco today. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Neil, of this city, and for some time past has been an assistant in the secondary and that the Spanish War Recorder's office. Mr. Torrence is from Hilt. Cal., and is an accountant in a lumbering establishment.

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ALBANY. Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—
That the people should be awakened to the military unpreparedness of this country and that the Spanish War country and that the Spanish War veterans should assist in keeping the veterans should assist in keeping the veterans should assist in keeping the public spirit alive to this condition is public spirit alive to this condition is state of instant readiness for the work of protecting our far outlying posses-

on Furniture, etc., of similar quality. The following are a few of hundreds of instances: \$22 Piano Bench of Solid Mahogany, at \$12.50.



\$34 Mahogany

Electric Candela-

\$40 Solid Oak Dining Table, quar-

ter-sawed, 48-in. top, 6-ft. exten

sion, now\$23.50

Other Dining Tables of solid oak.

fumed or golden finish, as low

\$2.50 Solid Oak

Stool, with Leath-

er top, now 90¢

\$24 Reed

Fireside

now for

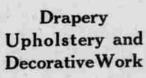
\$12.50.

All Body Brussels Rugs of the 9x12-foot size now marked to close \$25.85 out at, special,

All High - Grade Axminster Rugs, size 9x12 feet, clos-ing out at very special price of \$23.75 The \$1.80 square-yard grade American-made In-laid Linoleum, \$1.35 All of our A Grade Imported German and English In-laid Liroleum, inlaid floor and tile effects, \$1.45

The \$1.80 square yard grade Battleship Linoleum, closing out for, \$1.35

All Carpets by the Yard Show Decisive



Our workshops will con-

You Who Have Floors to Cover Take Note of These Prices on

A Thirty-Days' Extension of Time in Our Present Location

The new lessees permit us to occupy this building another month, thereby enabling and encouraging us to make the final effort in

Closing Out

our stock. Although our displays show a remarkable thinning out, there still remains assortment sufficient to interest those who anticipate buying Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, and Drapery, Upholstery and Decorative Materials of the dependable grade.

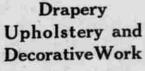
Our closing-out prices have never before been duplicated or are likely to be duplicated

Rugsand Linoleum

\$43.50 Medium-Grade Wilton Rugs, size \$x12 feet, 15 patterns, \$34.75

The \$1.65 sq. yd. Medium-Grade Inlaid Lin-\$1.10 oleum, sq. yd...

Closing-Out Prices



tinue to operate as long as we are in business. Remember, we guarantee our work and are quoting very low prices during this sale.



any, now \$16.50 \$17.50 High-Back Arm Rocker, in fumed oak, with leather - covered auto-cushion seat, now \$10.75



Other full-size and three-quarter size Brass Beds, low as \$9.25



\$225

Cowan

Library

of Solid Cuban Mahogany, Colonial

Spinet Design, 66 inches long, now

This \$18.00 French Willow Arm Rocker now for \$9.50.

\$125 Solid Mahogany Top, 60inch Dining Table, Massive Co-

\$35 Dresser of solid

Quarter-Sawed Oak, or

of Birdseye Maple, now \$19.75

\$95 Table of Similar Design in Quarter-Sawed Oak, same size,



The "Royal"—the simple and certain cleaner for homes and apartments.

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\$69 Large Mahogany Desk

Colonial, now \$46

\$33 Solid Mahogany Library Table, 26x44-inch top, now for \$24.75

\$72.50 Cowan Made, Solid Cuban Mahogany Poster Bed.

full or twin size, now \$47

\$9 Sanitary Cotton-Filled Mat-

tresses, any size, covered in art

ticking\$5.50

\$5.50 All-Steel Bedspring, any

size, now\$3.75

suggested by F. C. Stellmacher, of Albany, grand commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon, in an official circular issued today.

"As a patriotic order and one on whom a portion of the great work of keeping the public spirit alive to a realization of possible dangers rests, this time to indulge in a few words regarding military preparedness in times of peace as well as in war," reads the Bulldings Erected Last Year

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state of instant readiness for the work of protecting our far outlying possessions. In addition, over and above the militia as a reserve, steps should be taken to improve the efficiency of the state troops and also provide other reserves that could be recruited from the ranks of the Spanish War Veterans and those who have had actual training in the service of the state as National Guardsmen. In fact, your commander feels that this need is imminent and one that should have the commander feels that this need is im-minent and one that should have the earnest support of every patriotic American."

30,256 MOTORS LICENSED

Washington Proposes Graduated Tax Based on Horsepower and Tonnage.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2 .- (Special. -There were 30,256 motor vehicle licenses issued by the State of Washingon during the calendar year 1914, an pleted. increase of \$078 over last year. Secretary of State Howell announces. The following statement of the number of STATE WORTH \$123,350,605

Bulldings Erected Last Year Represent \$100,000.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 2-(Spe ial.)-In spite of the adversities of 1914, Centralia started a new year that promises to break all records. A typhoid epidemic among more than 300 residents started the year, Two bank failures took \$1,250,000 out of circula-

following statement of the number of licenses issued by years shows the increase in numbers during the past five years: 1916, 6013; 1911, 10,316; 1912, 14,-182; 1913, 24,178; 1914, 30,356.

The increase shown for 1914 would have been greater by several thousand, it is believed, but for the fact that the Secretary of State was compelled to give up the practice of sending a bill to each license holder announcing the expiration of his license, as a result several thousand automobiles and motorcycles are using old numbers without licenses.

Washington's Liabilities Are Reported as \$2,957,699.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)

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The value of the 13 penal and charitable state institutions' holdings given as \$5,450,000.

TROOPS LEAVE COLORADO

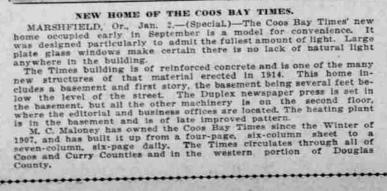
Short Teachers' Course Proposed.

PHYSICIANS FAILED --- WON DERFUL RECOVERY

I wish to inform you of the great benefit I have derived from the use of Swamp-Root. I had been a sufferer for more than twenty years from kidney and liver trouble and was almost con-stantly treated by the most eminent physicians, who could only give me tem-porary relief. I had been in bed tou weeks when I began the use of 8 wamp-Root. Inside of twenty-four hours I could see that I had been greatly bene-fited. I continued to use Swamp-Root of State by datasets of the state of the years. The state of the state of the strongest financiers in the Northwest, will open its doors for business to morrow. Not one natural resource has been lost. These resources have braved a great crisis for the oldy and its train consisting of two sleeping sit is believed firmly that in 1915 they will more than regain the ground lost in 1914.

The past year has been one of the greatest for building. The Central building. The Central building. The Central stream of the greatest for building. The Central stream of the state and the three-story Robinson structure, housing the new Wilson Hotel, were all started and completed in 1914. They all the state and completed in 1914 the state authorities, who are to support and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which pleased the free conference with the state authorities, who are to support the conference with military occupance of the freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which are service over its new Wilson branch to Doty, which and the freight service over its new Wilson branch to Doty,

Personally appeared before me this
13th of September, 1309, Mrs. H. J.
Price, who subscribed the above statement and made eath that the same is
true in substance and in fact.
R. A. CALVERT,
Notary Public.



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