

POLK PRUNE TREES SHOWING INCREASE

More Farmers in County Go Into Industry and Others Add to Their Acreage.

RED SOIL OF HILLS USED

Efforts to Grow Grain and Other Crops on Steep Slopes Fall 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.

Prune Trees Solve Problem.

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

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 failed in their efforts to make other kinds of trees grow successfully on it.

CENTRALIA TO CLEAN UP

Plans Are Laid to Make City More Attractive to Tourists.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)

Plans were discussed at the luncheon 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 at San Francisco.

WASHINGTON OFFICIAL OUT

Cal W. Stewart Has Tacoma Post-mastership 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. Emlich, of Walla Walla, present accountant of the Board, was appointed secretary in his place.

NORMAL SCHOOL ASSAILED

Principals 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 R. 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.

future years or will lower the attendance. The statement says in part: "The standard normal course 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 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 inadequate, 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 conditions."

POLICE CHIEF AT BAKER IS POPULAR OFFICER.



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 approved generally in Baker.

LA GRANDE CITY COMMISSION REDUCES INDEBTEDNESS \$42,000.

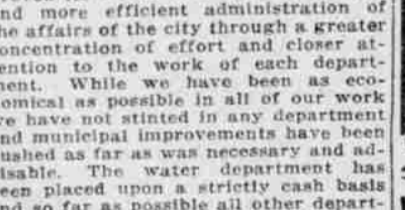
E. J. Lafky, Business Manager, Declares System has Proved Efficient and Economical. LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the city commission held tonight at which time Vincent Palmer succeeded MacWood as a member of the commission, marks the close of the first year of operations under the managerial form of government for this city, and according to the report of the auditor the year was one of the most prosperous in the history of the city.

WAR DANGER IS VOICED

COMMANDER OF OREGON VETERANS COMMENTS ON UNPREPAREDNESS.

Members of Organization Reminded That Their Duty Is to Keep Patriotism of Public Awake. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—That the people should be awakened to the military unpreparedness of this country and that the Spanish War veterans should assist in keeping the public spirit alive to this condition suggested by F. C. Stellmacher, of Albany, grand commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon, in an official circular issued today.

NEWSPAPER PLANT AT MARSHFIELD IS MODERN.



NEW HOME OF THE COOS BAY TIMES.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Coos Bay Times' new home occupied early in September is a model for convenience. It was designed particularly to admit the fullest amount of light. Large plate glass windows make certain there is no lack of natural light anywhere in the building. The Times building is of reinforced concrete and is one of the many new structures of that material erected in 1914. This home includes a basement and first story, the basement being several feet below the level of the street. The duplex newspaper press is set in the basement, but all the other machinery is on the second floor, where the editorial and business offices are located. The heating plant is in the basement and is of late improved pattern. M. J. Maloney has owned the Coos Bay Times since the winter of 1907, and has built it up from a four-page, six-column sheet to a seven-column, six-page daily. The Times circulates through all of Coos and Curry Counties and in the western portion of Douglas County.

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CENTRALIA CRISIS PAST

RECORD YEAR EXPECTED TO MAKE UP FOR ADVERSITIES OF 1914.

New \$100,000 Bank to Open Tomorrow. Buildings Erected Last Year Represent \$100,000. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—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 circulation.

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 Washington during the calendar year 1914, an increase of 6078 over last year. Secretary of State Howell announced the following statement of the number of licenses issued during the past five years: 1910, 6013; 1911, 10,216; 1912, 14,182; 1913, 24,178; 1914, 30,256.

STATE WORTH \$123,350,605

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

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The assets of the State of Washington total \$123,350,605, against which are listed liabilities totaling \$2,957,699, according to an announcement by State Auditor Clausen, the accounting being given as of date of September 30, 1914. Of the total assets, \$76,000,000 consists of the value of the holdings of the common schools of the state, including state school lands valued at more than \$60,000,000, bonds of municipalities, \$10,000,000 in the permanent school fund, and amounts due on contracts, etc. State institutions of higher education, including the University of Washington, Washington State College and three normal schools, are credited with total assets of \$2,500,000, the amount of their land grants and value of buildings and equipment.

TROOPS LEAVE COLORADO

Orders Are to Complete Evacuation of State by January 10.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Troop L, Twelfth United States Cavalry, passed through Denver today on its way to Fort Meade, S. D., its home post. The troopers left Oak Creek, Colo., last night on an special train consisting of two sleeping cars and six stock cars for the mountains. This is the first troop movement from Colorado following the military occupation of the coal strike districts last April. It is expected all the soldiers will be withdrawn in the next few days.

SHORT TEACHERS' COURSE PROPOSED

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)

A special short course for the teachers of Oregon whose terms of school end early has been announced by the Oregon Normal School to commence on April 5. Provisions have been made to meet the needs of the students coming for the course to carry any of the regular studies given by the school. Changes for the completion of courses taken at some previous time with a view toward graduation have been offered.

GRANGEVILLE ALUMNI ELECTS.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Jan. 2.—(Special.)

The first annual banquet of the Grangeville High School was held at 28 present. Don Fisher was toastmaster. Professor Rice pointed out the

TEN WEEKS IN BED—EMINENT PHYSICIANS FAILED—WONDERFUL RECOVERY

I wish to inform you of the great benefit I have derived from the use of Swamp-Root.

I have been a sufferer for more than twenty years from kidney and liver trouble and was almost constantly treated by the most eminent physicians, who could only give me temporary relief. I had been in bed ten weeks when I began the use of Swamp-Root. Inside of twenty-four hours I could see that I had been greatly benefited. I continued to use Swamp-Root until I had used several bottles, when I really felt that my old trouble was completely cured and I am positive that any person suffering with kidney or liver trouble can be cured by the use of this preparation.

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