

CRUISE REPORT IN

Washington School Land Exchange Work Is Begun.

233,914 ACRES COVERED

Operations Take in About Half of State Property in Deal—Hope of Completion by June, 1916, Is Entertained.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Three hundred and seventy-five sections, including a few fractional sections, comprising in all 233,914 acres of Washington state school sections included within National forests, have been cruised during a working season of two months in connection with the Federal land exchange, Commissioner of Public Lands Clark V. Savidge announced today.

The state claims a total of 488,822 acres subject to the Federal exchange. The Federal authorities admit that only 44,000 acres subject to the exchange conditions, somewhere between the two figures agreement probably will be reached.

Neither the state nor Federal authorities have made more than a rough beginning of tabulating the timber stumpage or values shown by this year's cruise. It is estimated roughly, however, that the land and timber in the state school sections will average in the neighborhood of \$25 an acre. As the school sections in the forests now are locked up securely, the result of the exchange will be that the state will be a net gainer to the value of whatever lands it receives, which would mean, on the basis of \$25 an acre, approximately \$11,900,000.

The \$10,000,000 appropriation available for the exchange allows only 10 cents an acre for the cruise, first of the state sections, and then of 400,000 or more acres of forest to be taken in exchange. Although accurate cost data is not yet available the authorities are coming to the view that the average cost of the cruise will more nearly approach 12 cents.

It is altogether likely, therefore, that the present session of Congress will be asked to add somewhat to the original Federal appropriation of \$10,000, and the next Washington Legislature to augment the state's original contribution. It does not appear probable now that the cruise can be completed within the original estimate of two years, though if there is an "open" Spring, it is Commissioner Savidge's hope that the cruising of the remaining 230,000 acres of state land can be completed by June 1, 1916, or shortly thereafter.

MRS. E. M. SEAMANN DEAD

Mother of Dr. Clayton Seaman Succumbs at His Home.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Seamann, mother of Dr. Clayton Seaman and a resident of Oregon for 23 years, died at her son's home, 444 Elliott avenue, following an illness of 10 weeks' duration. She was 79 years old.

Since the death of her husband, Amos Seamann, five years ago, Mrs. Seamann made her home with her two sons, Fred L. Seamann, of Pasadena, Cal., and Dr. Seaman, of Portland. They are all who survive of her family. Mrs. Seamann was born in Bridgeport, Vt., in 1845, but came to Oregon in 1870.

UNION OF AGENCIES IS AIM

White Salmon and Underwood Growers Amalgamating Organizations.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Because of its possible bearing on the relationship that will exist next year between the Hood River district and the fruit-growing communities of White Salmon and Underwood, Wash., officials of the Applegrowers' Association are watching with interest the proposed amalgamation of the selling agencies that have been maintained during the past years at the neighboring centers.

CENSUS CUT; SCHOOLS GAIN

Hood River Attendance Increases Despite Drop in Figures.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Although the number of students in the city schools shows an increase of about 20 over the number of last year, according to Professor J. O. McLaughlin, City School Superintendent, the school census of the year, including minors of from four to 20 years of age, shows a decrease of 22 over last year.

MRS. M. J. HOBERG IS DEAD

Wife of Pioneer Minister Passes Away at McMinnville.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Jane Hoberg, wife of Rev. Father Hoberg, pioneer minister of the Methodist Church, died here this morning after an illness of eight weeks, at the age of 87. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist Church here Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

VENUE CHANGES HALTED

Washington Supreme Court Takes Action in Night-Rider Cases.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—In the last case involving the North River night-rider trouble, the Supreme Court today issued a writ

restraining Judge Wright of Pacific County, from transferring the case against George Wheaton, Forrest Martin and George Martin to Lewis County for trial.

PRISONER BLAMES WIFE

EXTRAVAGANCE CAUSED DOWNFALL, SAYS, CAIRO MAN.

Roseburg Sheriff Holds G. E. Bangs, Charged With Using Employers' Money in Illinois City.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—That his wife's extravagant notions far exceeded his income and were responsible for the financial difficulties which resulted in his arrest, was the statement made here tonight by Glen E. Bangs, former deputy Sheriff at Cairo, Ill., and for many years a trusted employe of the McClure Manufacturing Company, of that city.

When it became apparent that his shortage would be discovered, Bangs said, he left Cairo and came to Oregon. He passed part of August in Roseburg and while here attempted to form a partnership with W. M. Moore, formerly a liverman. Mr. Moore's daughter wrote a letter to Cairo residents in hope of ascertaining Bangs' reputation in that city.

GOVERNOR BIG SANTA

ALL MANNER OF REQUESTS POUR IN ON EXECUTIVE.

Plans Range From Those for Pardons and Pardon to Desires of Pardon and Wish of Man for Wife.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—With the approach of Christmas, numerous requests for favors and presents of all sorts are being received by Governor Withycombe. From relatives and friends of men confined in the Oregon penitentiary, and from the convicts themselves, the executive has had letters asking that he grant pardons or paroles for Christmas presents.

HEALTH DISTRICTS FIXED

Facilities Provided for Registration Under New Vital Statistics Law.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Beginning the division of the county into registration districts to keep more accurate vital statistics as required by the new state law, City Health Officer Dr. J. W. Huff and County Health Officer Dr. Carl G. Patterson, to whom the work has been delegated by State Health Officer Dr. David M. Hoberg, announced today that Laines, Richmond, Halfway, Sumpter and Huntington would each be the headquarters for a registrar of births and deaths, with possibly another in the Burnt River section.

LOGLESS BAKER MILL SHUT

Shortage of Material Because of Snows Halts Operations.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Shortage of logs has caused the Standard lumber mill in Baker to close down temporarily, although it is expected that operations may be resumed next week. Seventy men are out of work because of the shutdown. Snow in the timber belt, heavier than at any time last winter, is making logging extremely difficult, and is given as the reason for the shortage. The expense

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of cutting and hauling out timber has been materially increased. Other mills are continuing to run, but the saws are keeping the logging crews on the run.

WOOL GROWERS DISPERSE

Grant County Session at Baker Voices Thanks to O. A. C. Experts.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Voicing their appreciation of the educational work done here in the sheepmen's meetings, Baker and Grant county growers tendered a vote of thanks at the final meeting this morning to W. T. Ritch, sheep expert and lecturer, and to Gran M. Nelson and W. E. Reynolds, representing Oregon Agricultural College, under the auspices of which institution the meetings have been held.

WILSON'S FRIEND STRICKEN

Former Princeton Professor Dies Suddenly on Auto Trip.

GROVE CITY, Pa., Dec. 18.—Dr. Alexander T. Ormond, aged 44, president of Grove City College, died suddenly late today in a farmhouse near here, where he was taken after being stricken while riding in an automobile. Dr. Ormond was a graduate of Princeton, and for 30 years had held the chair of philosophy and logic in that institution. He was a personal friend of President Wilson.

Girl Kicked in Face by Horse.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—With a badly lacerated face, sustained by being kicked by a horse, the 15-year-old daughter of G. A. Erickson, of Tenino, is confined in a Centralia hospital. The girl was leading the horse to water when the animal reared up.

Centralla Road Supervisor Named.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. C. Van Tyne, of this city, has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Whistler, a former resident of Winlock, in Lampas, Ariz., on December 17. Whistler was born in 1855 at Willington, O.

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