

There is still some vacant land in this country—about 900,000,000 acres.

JUDGE BOISE has just rendered a decision of some importance, since it affects the joint liability of husband and wife in the payment of bills for family supplies.

THE discussion of the situation in regard to the purchase of the rights of the French stockholders in the Panama Canal occupied the attention of a late Cabinet meeting.

SHORTLY after the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor some effervescent patriot proposed that the children of the country contribute dimes, nickels and pennies to build another Maine.

DICK DUPONT of Valley, Columbia county, made final proof on his homestead entry before the county clerk, August 2; but a contest had previously been filed by Louis Nicod, on the ground that the homesteader was not of age when he filed his claim.

THE U. S. Treasury officials regard the action of the German Reichstag, in adopting the so-called Reichstag paragraph in the new tariff bill, as peculiarly unfortunate.

THE Oregon Irrigation Congress, recently held in Portland, closed its labors with the election of officers and the appointment of executive, legislative and press and publicity committees.

THE principal trick of the census jugglers is in this way: Instead of dividing the total amount of wages paid by the total number of wage earners to whom wages are paid they divide by the "average" number employed for the year.

A Cold Wave. The forecast of sudden cold in the weather serves notice that a horse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home.

LOTS FOR SALE. The undersigned has two acre lots in Constant's addition to Central Point, slightly and of good quality, which he will sell at a reasonable figure.

OUR JUGGLED CENSUS.

Wage Statistics Doctored to Aid the Protectionists.

ALL DONE TO FOOL THE PEOPLE.

Wages Declined More From 1880 to 1900 Than Census Officials Admit.

"Our Juggled Census" is the title of a recent pamphlet by Mr. H. L. Bliss.

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"No computation of the average earnings is made in considering the total amount paid in wages in conjunction with the average number of employees, which average number cannot by any possibility include all persons to whom the total wages was paid, as any scientific value.

Both Mr. Bliss and the editor of the magazine, desiring to be entirely fair, accepted the suggestion of Mr. North and postponed publishing the criticism of the wage and other statistics of the final reports.

Not only this, but he published the final report of manufacturers without making any mention of Dewey's investigation and figures and, according to his letter, "washed his hands" of the "wretched statistics" which have been "washed clean."

Mr. Bliss shows in his article: "First.—That the rise of nearly 30 per cent in wages from 1880 to 1900 is accounted for by changes in census methods.

Second.—That Mr. North, before he became chief statistician for manufacturers, severely criticized the 1880 census on wages.

Third.—That the methods which fictitiously raised wages in the 1880 census were carried over into the 1900 census.

Fourth.—That even these methods did not prevent wages from showing a decline of 1 1/2 per cent from 1880 to 1900.

Fifth.—That if the same methods had been used in 1900 as were used in 1880 few, if any, states would show wage advances.

BRIEF MENTION.

Thos. H. Short has purchased A. Briner's blacksmith business at Talent, Ore. Jool Holman has returned from Sisson, Calif., and will spend the winter in his vicinity.

E. E. Phipps has succeeded to the business of the Ashland Mercantile Co., and is doing well.

Estabrook's drug store at Gold Hill recently had a narrow escape from destruction by fire.

The Southern Oregon Cider and Vinegar Co. will receive no fruit this week, having secured all it can use.

Ex-Senator Dufur of Footh Creek and A. P. Estabrook, the leading druggist of Gold Hill, were recent visitors in Ashland.

Supt. Berriam of the Elk Creek and Rogue river hatcheries has gone to San Francisco with a million and a half of salmon eggs.

The Southern Pacific has ordered one hundred vestibule chair cars. They are to be used on the regular passenger trains.

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John H. Shidder of Talent product has been appointed as administrator of the estate of Sarah Livingston Williams, and elsewhere gives notice to that effect.

Deeds, mortgages, leases, bonds, bills of sale and every imaginable kind of legal blanks—the latest and best—are constantly on hand at the Times office.

Grant's Pass branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters gave a ball Thursday night, which proved a grand success. Prof. Boffa's orchestra furnished the music.

A. E. Kellogg has disposed of his interest in the Gold Hill livery stable to Fred Peninger. The new firm is wide-awake and accommodating, and deserves patronage.

Ex-Sheriff Patterson has sold 50 acres of his farm, located not far from Talent, to F. M. Lytle, for \$50 per acre. The latter contemplates planting the land largely to apples.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thos. Grigsby has become a resident of this district. Judge Neil was in the Butte creek section recently.

C. C. Wood, the Ashland attorney, attended the N. D.'s ball. John S. Lacy was in Medford lately, accompanied by his grandson.

J. J. Brophy of Big Butte product was a recent visitor in Medford. Thos. McAndrew of Roxy, the farmer-capitalist, was among our recent visitors.

Frank Nell and Gus Newbury tarried a short time in Medford a few days ago. J. C. Whip of Ashland and his daughter spent Wednesday night in Jacksonville.

E. J. Farlow of Ashland and his family have gone to San Jose, Calif., to spend the winter. J. N. Williams of the Iowa Lumber Co. was in Medford several times during the past week.

I. W. Gardner of Medford was among those who were in Jacksonville during the past week. H. L. White was a northbound passenger Thursday, en route from Ashland to Rock Point.

As J. Stevens, who has been in the Idaho placer mines for sometime past, returned a few days ago. Judge Wilshire of Lakewood and his family have gone to Los Angeles, Calif., for the health of the latter.

J. A. Bischoberger, the Gospel worker, has removed to Eugene, to engage in the service of God. J. C. Hannah, F. M. Hodges and Alex. Raimey of Trail creek precinct were in Medford Thursday.

Rev. E. B. Lockhart went to Central Point Thursday. He preached an excellent sermon in the evening. Robt. A. Cook, former county commissioner, visited his many friends living in Jacksonville last week.

Al. Elmer, who is employed in Haskins' pharmacy at Medford, spent Thanksgiving day in Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Klamath county have been visiting relatives living in Rogue river valley.

Chas. Gerow has purchased property located in Ashland, and with his family removed thither one day last week. Joan F. Kalls, Geo. T. Hershberger and Jas. Fitzgibbon, registering from Glendale, were in our city last week.

M. G. Maul of Medford, the expert machinist, was in Jacksonville Friday, attending to J. Nunn's gasoline engine.

A NEW ROAD TO CRATER LAKE.

Report of the Superintendent on a New Thoroughfare. W. F. Arant, superintendent of the Crater Lake Park, writes as follows to W. G. Steel:

"I have today completed the survey for a new road leading from the Jacksonville-Ft. Klamath wagon road to the lake, and instead of going over the high summit on the old road we leave the old wagon road at this point, bringing the creek about 10 rods from its head and running first in an easterly direction, thence northerly and northeasterly to the lake. I had previously viewed out the route and was surprised to find that the lake could be reached so easily. But since it has been surveyed and the levels run on the more mountainous parts I find that the route is still more practicable than I had before anticipated."

"For the first mile and a half the road will be practically straight and level. Then for about one-fourth of a mile there is a grade of about 5 per cent. Then for the next two and a quarter miles we have probably 3 per cent grade. The last mile only has a heavy grade, there being probably one-half of that distance that we found it necessary to run a level on but only in one place did we find it necessary to make the grade more than 10 per cent."

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SETTLE UP. All persons knowing themselves indebted to Savage Bros. will please call and settle at once, by cash or note. The books have been placed in my hands, and after Jan. 1, 1903, the books will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

CONVENTION POSTPONED.

Being unable to secure assistance from state or national workers at the usual time for holding the county convention, it was decided by the Jacksonville executive committee of the Sunday School Association to postpone the regular fall convention till early spring.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Immediately relieves hoarse, cough, croup, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Siskars, druggist, Small-burg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c. 50c. and \$1.00 at City Drug Store."

Doing a Big Business. M. L. Pellett of Talent, the enterprising grower of and dealer in fruit, tarried in Medford a few hours Monday. He had just returned from Northern California, where he packed a large quantity of apples he had prepared for shipment. Mr. P. has already sold the product of his orchards, aggregating about 10,000 boxes to a San Francisco firm. They are of fine quality and averaged him over \$1 a box. Mart. merits the success he is achieving.

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