

Classified Advertisements

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

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January Weather.

Co-operative Observers' meteorological record for the month of January, 1913, at Ashland, Ore.:

Date.	Temperature, Max.	Temperature, Min.
1.	39	20
2.	45	37
3.	36	29
4.	32	24
5.	25	14
6.	28	12
7.	40	23
8.	39	23
9.	38	25
10.	39	22
11.	37	20
12.	43	31
13.	42	32
14.	42	30
15.	41	32
16.	37	28
17.	45	26
18.	45	28
19.	48	24
20.	34	22
21.	38	26
22.	37	26
23.	37	19
24.	41	31
25.	41	31
26.	36	28
27.	35	25
28.	37	22
29.	38	22
30.	40	23
31.	39	23

Mean maximum temperature, 38.5; mean minimum temperature, 25.4.

Mean temperature, 31.3. Maximum temperature, 48, on 19th; minimum temperature, 12, on 6th.

Total precipitation, 3.48; total snowfall, 2 1/4 inches.

Number of clear days, 11; partly cloudy, 11; cloudy, 9.

1913 was the coldest January since 1890. G. G. EUBANKS, Co-operative Observer.

There are 180,000 dry goods stores in the United States, and of these 27,000 are department stores.

In 16 years conflagrations in Russia have destroyed 3,000,000 buildings worth more than \$800,000,000.

Philadelphia reports its mortality rate reduced seven per cent this year. The health board claims credit.

India passed laws governing airships in 1911, before any airships had entered the country.

Boiling water poured over apples will loosen their skins and make peeling an easy matter.

A Pittsburg woman asserts that her husband has not given her a cent in 38 years.

Sweden has ordered 1,000 tons of American armor plate for new battleships.

The mean annual temperature of the world is 59 degrees above Fahrenheit.

Denver is planning to hold a world's fair six or eight years hence.

The United States annually produces lime valued at \$14,000,000.

New York has six blind operators at telephone switchboards.

The English language is spoken by 150,000,000 people.

The mail time from New York to Bangkok is 41 days.

The average man has 20 pounds of blood.

BELONG TO COUNTY.

Recorder Must Account for All Fees for Copies.

Medford, Feb. 1.—Regarding the question of the county recorder being entitled to the proceeds from furnishing copies of records and files, the county court investigated the matter yesterday and obtained the following opinion from prosecuting Attorney Kelly:

"To the Honorable County Court of Jackson County.

"Gentlemen: Referring to the matter of private services now being rendered by the county recorder of this county to private parties in the furnishing such parties copies of records and files of the county recorder's office at a compensation of \$10 per month for each party so furnished, I respectfully call attention to Section 3123 of Vol. II of Lord's Oregon Laws, and to Section 3124 of the same volume, wherein it specifically states that all copies of records and files so furnished by any of the recorders or clerks in counties of less than 50,000 inhabitants there shall be exacted and collected by such official a charge of 10 cents for each folio, and for each official certificate thereto a charge of 25 cents, and that Section 3124 specifically charges that such fees shall be paid in advance and that such officer shall enter an account of the fees provided for by this act in books kept in his office and pay all such fees to the treasurer of the proper county each day, for the use and benefit of such county. This law was passed in 1905 and is the last enactment on the subject. It admits of no question and is aimed directly and specifically at the rendering of services by the county recorder to private persons and appropriating the charge for same to his own use. Any charge under 10 cents a folio is unlawful and the parties who have procured these services from the county recorder are liable to the county treasurer for the difference between the sum so paid the county recorder and the rate at 10 cents per folio if the same can be ascertained.

"Doubtless the county recorder and his predecessor in office have been following the act of 1911, which permitted the rendition of such services to private persons and the appropriation of compensation for the same to his own use.

"If the county recorder will refer to Sections 3123 and 3124 he will readily understand his duties in this respect, as they admit of no other interpretation.

"Respectfully submitted,
"E. E. KELLY."

When interviewed regarding the matter, County Recorder Colvig said that he had been simply acting upon an old law which had been repealed and admitted his mistake. In the future, he added, he would most assuredly turn over all fees for certified copies to the county treasurer.

Judge Tou Velle and Commissioners Smith and Leever all stated that they did not enter the controversy in any spirit of enmity to Recorder Colvig or any other official in the county service.

"All we are trying to do," said Commissioner Leever, "is to secure justice. All we ask is that the officials in the court house obey the law. We wish to be on the friendliest terms with all of them, but we will insist upon regulations being strictly observed."

Regarding the protection of the county records, the members of the court said that a special levy of one-half mill had been made for this

VALLEY LAND IS BEST

Rogue River Valley Lands Not Easily Worn Out, Says Professor O'Gara.

(By Prof. P. J. O'Gara.)

Press reports regarding the danger which confronts farming on arid lands have caused people to wonder if the statements that have been made have any bearing on the Rogue river valley. It may be stated emphatically that the reports sent out by the Department of Agriculture have no reference to this district, but rather to the arid intermountain and other districts, principally where large reclamation projects have been under way for some time. In these districts the difficulty all lies in the fact that alkali is the real menace. Besides "wearing out" of the soils by "saturation" is due to the character of the soils and subsoils.

The soils in question are what is usually called "volcanic ash," containing practically no humus and only a small quantity of nitrogen. The mineral salts, though sufficient for the needs of agriculture for a number of years, are largely in the available form and are easily carried away by the use of too much water. In many cases the subsoils are sandy or are underlain with coarse gravel, hence percolation of the water from the soil carries away plant food. Once the water from the surface soil reaches the gravel it cannot be brought back by capillarity, hence the plant food carried in it is lost.

Of course, alkali is, after all, the great "soil poison." Wherever it is present, sooner or later, all lands lying at lower levels are ruined by it, due to the seepage and washing which takes place, unless sufficient drainage is secured. In the earlier days of reclamation only the lower levels were irrigated; now the higher benches are being covered with water, with the result that all lands lying below are being more or less injured. The more alkali in a region the more the ultimate damage.

The people of the Rogue river valley little realize the heritage they have. Here we have a district of more than a quarter of a million acres of available agricultural lands, and when these acres have been settled upon there will be fully another quarter of a million acres which may be opened up.

But the most wonderful and interesting thing is that in the entire valley there is no alkali. The country does not belong to the "arid class" or even the semi-arid class, so far as its soils are concerned. The soils are varied, there being about eight general types, and about 54 varieties, all of which are arable.

The soils are not of the type which will readily wear out. The structure of the soils and subsoils is such that "wearing out" by saturation will not be so likely. The irrigation of the higher levels cannot affect the lower levels by adding or bringing down deleterious salts, because alkali is unknown in Rogue river valley. The rational use of water could therefore only produce good.

There is an old adage which says "a lime country is a rich country." If this is true, the Rogue river valley has wealth beyond the dreams of a Croesus. A rational system of agriculture would make this country richer and more productive 25 years from now than it is today. In the orchards the growing of cover crops, which may be so easily accomplished, will provide for humus and nitrogen; the addition of mineral fertilizer, such as phosphates and potash, may be accomplished without difficulty and large expenditure of capital.

When many of the arid and semi-arid districts have ceased to support civilization, this country will be in its prime. It will feed a large part of the world which now seems to be getting along without our help, but which, in time, must come to us for aid. The resident of the Rogue river valley need only go away from home to realize that after all there is no country like this.

Wages in Japan have risen 50 per cent in 10 years and the cost of living has jumped 33 per cent.

A motor-driven dredge is reclaiming two miles of new shore line for East St. Louis, Ill.

New York schools are warning children against the practice of roller skating in the streets.

Of the meat that is consumed in London, nearly 80 per cent is chilled or frozen.

purpose and that as soon as the funds were available work would be started at once to put official records where they would be safe from fire or loss, and ample room would be provided for storage.

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