

Invents Improved Cattle Stanchion

The writer yesterday had the opportunity of inspecting the model of an invention completed by John B. Wimer of this city, who has lately filed application for patent through Washington attorneys. Mr. Wimer conceived a plan to eliminate the time and labor encountered by dairymen in closing and opening cattle stanchions by inventing a new stanchion and stall which, when placed on the market, bids fair to take the place of the ones now in use, which require an individual operation at each one to close and open them.

The invention is pronounced by those who have seen it to be the most modern, serviceable, sanitary cattle stanchion yet invented, inasmuch as it is adjustable to the size of the animal, will turn to accommodate the animal in a comfortable position while lying down, is made of steel tubing and can be set up for use in a few minutes and is simple in its working. Its greatest advantage is that any number of stanchions can be closed or opened at a moment's notice, or any one can be operated separately, any certain ones can be thrown out of gear and made non-operative at the option of the user, they can be added to or taken away from at any time, and the time and labor involved in closing or opening each one separately is eliminated, as with this new stanchion any number can be operated at once in less time than is required to operate one under the present stanchions in use.

Mr. Wimer is already receiving inquiries from some of the largest dairy barn equipment factories of the east regarding his invention, and he expects eventually to arrange with some factory to manufacture and place it on the market, and has stated that he expects to exhibit the model publicly soon to show the people, especially those interested in dairies or who use stanchions, what can be done in the line of a time and labor saving, as well as a sanitary, comfortable cattle stanchion.

Sugar Factory Near Grants Pass

Geo. E. Sanders, vice-president of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, who, with Alex Nibley, has been in Portland for several days, is quoted in the Oregonian of recent date as follows:

"Rates on sugar beets from the farms of the growers to the mill will determine the location of the beet sugar factory to be established near Grants Pass, declared George E. Sanders and Alex Nibley, officials of the company, who were in Portland yesterday. They left last night for Salt Lake City, where capital has been raised for the plant. It is expected to start operations next September.

"We are now trying to get the freight rates settled definitely," said Mr. Sanders. "We have the matter up with the Southern Pacific, and a conference on the subject will be held in San Francisco next week.

"We have in mind placing the factory on the new Twoby railroad outside of Grants Pass about three miles. But this is dependent upon the freight rates.

"The contract for the factory will be let next week in Salt Lake City. It will cost about \$625,000. Dyer & Company and Larue & Company, leading builders of sugar beet mills in the country, will bid on the construction, and the contract will call for everything ready for operation by next September.

"Bonds have been sold to finance the project. We expect to have 75,000 tons of sugar beets delivered to us this coming season."

First National Elects Officers

Stockholders of the First National Bank met on Tuesday and elected E. V. Carter, George W. Dunn, George Owens, C. H. Vaupel, W. H. McNair, O. Winter, T. H. Simpson, G. S. Butler and F. D. Wagner directors, who chose E. V. Carter president, C. H. Vaupel vice-president and J. W. McCoy cashier, who has Clark Bush and Hal Emery for assistants. Gerald Wenner and Harold Simpson are clerks.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Smith-Emery Are Finishing Up Job

Smith, Emery & Co. are closing up their work in Ashland and are straightening up accounts and disposing of tools and equipment. Beyond a few minor details the contract is fulfilled and everything is working in first-class shape. The waters are being delivered at the central station, which is the Mecca for hundreds despite the wet weather. Work on the fountains is going forward as fast as conditions permit.

Mr. Smith of the company is in Ashland attending to the finishing up of the company's business and expresses himself as highly pleased with the results obtained. He states that the lithia water flow is much larger than was expected and will be more than an abundance.

Circuit breakers which will prevent a recurrence of the burning out of the motors at the springs have been installed and all are working well. At the central station the apparatus for the carbonization of the Ashland creek water is being installed.

Basement Fire Does Small Damage

Fire starting from a stove in the basement of George Ganiere's house on Nob Hill street did a small amount of damage Wednesday morning but was subdued by quick action on the part of Mrs. Ganiere before it had assumed dangerous proportions. The loss was small and was covered by insurance with the Billings agency.

First Debate Next Friday Evening

The first debate of the 1916 series for the championship of southern Oregon takes place Friday evening at the high school between the Ashland and Talent high school teams. Ashland high is represented on the platform this year by Raymond Badger, Cleo Kirk and Earnest Abbott. The question for the evening, and which will be debated throughout the Oregon High School Debating league, is, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service."

Medford and Grants Pass high schools debate on the same night and the winners of the two debates meet. Then the team which wins that debate meets Klamath Falls for the championship of the district. Finals for the whole state will be held in May at the University of Oregon for the university cup and the state championship.

Medford City Election Returns

The city of Medford went through one of the closest elections of recent years Tuesday. F. F. Medynski, father of the famous rebonding plan which nearly caused a civil war in Medford civic circles and which started the pavement equalization agitation in Ashland, was voted out by Dr. J. J. Emmens in the first ward. The vote was 281-252. Dr. Keene won over T. G. Burrows in the second ward by a majority of 75. City Recorder Foss and City Treasurer Samuels were returned to office by a good majority. Bonds for remodeling the Medford city hall lost out and the new registration plan carried by a good majority.

"The Bird of Paradise" Not a Motion Picture

That interesting drama of Americans and modern Hawaii will be seen at the Page Wednesday, January 19. Miss Carlotta Monterey, a young native Californian, will be the new Luana, and hearsay has it that she is as clever, if not cleverer, than those who have played the part before. Among others in the cast are Hooper L. Atchley, Richard Gordon, Jane Haven, Robert Morris, John W. Burton and a score of others, including five native Hawaiian singers and players, whose quaint music lends a charm to the play. The scenic effects are wonderful, showing as they do a tropical electrical rain storm and the eruption of Mount Kilauea, Hawaii's most terrible volcano.

Proclamation designating Letter Writing Week

Whereas, it appears that much beneficial publicity will result for Oregon and all its communities by the writing of letters descriptive of our state to our acquaintances, friends and relatives who have not the good fortune to dwell in Oregon; and

Whereas, it is pointed out that the best results in such letter-writing campaign can best be obtained by organizing and setting aside for it a definite period; and

Whereas, many organizations have already interested themselves in individual efforts along this line;

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim the week of January 17 to 22, 1916, as

OREGON LETTER WRITING WEEK,

and during that week it is desired that the people and the organizations and communities of our state bend their energies to dispatching as many messages as possible to people in other states and countries descriptive of the opportunities, resources and attractions of Oregon; and I further suggest that our newspapers, officials, school teachers and community organizations will do well to give the purposes and plans of Oregon Letter Writing Week recognition and their hearty co-operation, so that organized effort for intelligent and far-reaching publicity for Oregon may be achieved.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 8th day of January, 1916.

JAMES WITHTYCOMBE, Governor.
BEN W. OLCOTT, Secretary of State.

By proclamation of the governor, the week of January 17-22 is to be all Oregon Letter Writing Week. During this week from every city in the state thousands of letters will go back to friends, relatives and business acquaintances in the east telling them of the wonders which Oregon holds forth for the tourist and inviting them to visit Oregon this summer.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is asking every business man of Portland to write fifty letters this week and every citizen of Portland to write ten letters. The letters sent out from Portland will tell not alone of Portland and the wonders near it, but of the entire state.

Every woman and child in Ashland should write not less than seven letters, one each day, to friends in the east, inviting them to make their trip this summer to Oregon. It will take out a few minutes of time and the results of Oregon Letter Writing Week will be farspread.

It is hoped that while all of Europe is enshrouded in war and the tourist must turn to his own country for new playgrounds, Oregon by united effort can draw thousands next summer.

Movies May Be Made By California Company in Ashland

Ashland and the Rogue River valley may become the home of one or more of the big moving picture production companies now located in California, but which for various reasons are now casting about for new locations. The Rogue River valley offers wonderful and ideal conditions for motion picture production. During the past year, according to figures, there were 203 clear days in Ashland and many others upon which photographic work could be carried on outdoors. Then from Ashland there is available the most varied types of scenery, all within a couple of hours by auto at most and to a great extent within a few minutes' walk. The foothills of Grizzly offer one type, the heavily timbered mountains back of Ashland another. Ashland canyon, the Siskiyou grade, Rogue river and its wonderful scenery afford thousands of setting of every variety which could be desired.

Beyond the thousands of dollars which a single company would spend annually, the greatest consideration which should be incentive to leave no stone unturned in making efforts to bring motion picture companies to Ashland is the advertising which the section would receive. The motion picture is the biggest recreation of the American people today. The establishment of a company here would mean that every person in the United States who goes to movies would know of Ashland and know that Ashland must indeed have wonderful attractions.

The making of films brings millions of dollars each year to Los Angeles. For several reasons some of the largest producers in the world are now planning to leave that territory if a suitable location can be found elsewhere. Other California cities are offering inducements of every kind. The Californians realize

the dual advantage of commercial film-making in their district, for not only is a large amount of money spent directly in the industry, but the scenery and natural advantages are given publicity which could not be bought with any amount of money. The \$1,000,000 or more the companies themselves spend directly in Los Angeles is but a small part of the total amount of business the industry creates in that city.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is now making every effort to induce California companies to come to Oregon. Publicity Manager M. J. Duryea, who is in Portland on business for the Ashland Commercial Club, is making a strong pull for Ashland in the matter.

Local Dealers Clip Liquor Ads

Local newsdealers and magazine agencies are resorting to the use of the scissors to keep out of the clutches of the law. If you are reading an interesting continued story, "continued on page 22" and then find page 22 mutilated by scissors, don't blame the man who sold you the magazine. Blame yourself, you voted for it.

Business Men Enjoy Luncheon

The Business Men's Association members to the number of about thirty gathered around a bounteous spread at the Hotel Ashland cafe last Monday evening, and after enjoying the many good things prepared by Mrs. Updegraff launched into discussion of several matters which are before the club at present. The dinner was complimentary to its members from the association and proved to be a most popular innovation.

After considerable discussion it was decided to finally decide at the regular adjourned meeting of the association next Monday evening whether or not the association should become a part of the Commercial Club and merge into it.

Following lengthy discussion it was decided to give the high school students \$100 for the annual this year instead of advertising as in previous years. This will be welcomed by the students as this amount together with income from other sources will enable them to put out a most creditable annual.

Stevenson Gets Good Park Views

Chester Stevenson is taking a number of views of the new Lilia park and is securing some exceptionally good pictures. A flashlight of E. N. Butler and wife and Harvey Ling taken at the sulphur spring in the cave in the park is among the best. Postcards of the new views will be out before long.

O. A. C. Coach Goes To Nebraska U.

Dr. E. J. Stewart, athletic coach at Oregon Agricultural college, has accepted a \$4000 a year coaching position with Nebraska university, and will go to that institution next fall.

Dr. Stewart has made a wonderful reputation as a football, basketball and track coach at O. A. C., and has turned out several championship teams. His most notable success and the one which was probably the most instrumental in his securing the new position, was the defeat of the Michigan Aggie football team by his O. A. C. team this fall.

The "cover-up" basketball system which is used by the local high school team is a Stewart product, which was introduced to Southern Oregon by Otto Klum, who spent a year under Stewart at O. A. C.

W. O. W. Holding County Bonds

The financial interests of the Woodmen of the World in this city and county are sufficient to surprise many who heard the statement of District Manager D. J. Beaky in a speech last Friday at the big session of that organization's local camp. The Woodmen have \$103,000 invested in Ashland bonds, and \$256,000 invested in bonds in the county altogether.

The order has a membership of 450 in this county. The sum invested here, therefore, represents about \$567.77 per member. The W. O. W. has \$1,530,000 invested in the state of Oregon.

District Manager Beaky, who is making a tour of the camps of this district, which extends from Red Bluff, California, to Eugene, this state, attended the Ashland camp's regular session last night and installed the local camp officers.

Congressman Hawley, by the way, represents Oregon on the board of head managers of the W. O. W., and Attorney B. F. Mulkey, recently of Medford, is a member of the head camp's law committee.

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and then see what happens. Several of the clauses of the laws are unexpectedly hard to diagnose by the average person.

Ashland Lads Need Gymnasium

The problem of taking care of the boys of Ashland during the winter months should be met by the parents and townspeople. At present the boys are thrown totally upon their own resources with the usual amount of needless mischievousness occurring as a result. Two or three boys' organizations, namely the boy scout patrols of the Christian and Baptist churches and the patrol under the directorship of George Holly, have enrolled numbers of the youngsters, but are handicapped in that no suitable quarters for gymnasium or even meeting places are available.

It would be the most public-spirited act which could be accomplished should a suitable place be provided for the youngsters to engage in basketball and other indoor sports during winter months.

There are several men in Ashland who would be willing to donate part of their time to supervision of the lads and equipment costs but little and would doubtless be donated by the parents.

There are but few cities in the country the size of Ashland which have no Y. M. C. A. or boys' club of any kind to interest the boys and develop them mentally and physically in the winter months.

During the summer the great outdoors will care for the boys, but can we not find some place for organized winter sports for the lads up to 16 years of age?

It is barely possible that the armory might be secured during the afternoons and several other buildings with sufficient floor space to allow of games are unoccupied. The old skating rink in one of the natatorium's unused tanks would be good and the old armory in the McCarthy building or the store room downstairs could be used if nothing better offered.

That the boys of the city would meet the idea with ready response is shown by the number who join the Chautauque boys' club in the summer and who are anxious for admission to the boy scout organizations.

It has been suggested that the Ministerial association or the Commercial clubs investigate the matter. It is a worthy cause.

Poultry Raisers Plan Annual Show

There has been talk of the organization of a poultry association for some time and as a result of the first call poultry enthusiasts from all parts of the valley met at the public market at Medford Saturday afternoon and effected a permanent organization, with E. W. Hunter, Medford, as president and Roy B. Pebbles of Medford as secretary.

A poultry show was discussed and a committee was appointed to determine whether or not it is feasible to hold a valley poultry show this year, at a date to be fixed later, preferably for the month of February. That committee consists of E. T. Gardner, W. W. Watson, J. A. Bickerdike, Geo. Alford and E. J. Runyard. This committee was given power to appoint assistant members in various communities throughout the county.

It will report next Saturday at the first regular meeting of the organization, which will be held at the Medford public market at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone in the valley should be present and if you can't come write a word of encouragement to the secretary.

A poultry organization and especially an annual show means better poultry, more of it, better prices, and more money for not only the poultryman, but for the merchant and the people in general.

Quinlan Grants Pass Postmaster

W. P. Quinlan, secretary of the Grants Pass Commercial Club, has been nominated for postmaster at Grants Pass by President Wilson, and his appointment by the senate is thought assured, since both senators from Oregon are understood to be agreed upon his appointment. Geo. W. Donnell, the retiring postmaster, has held the position for eight years.

Every sawmill in Linn county expects to be running by spring.