

WILL BE IDENTICAL IN THE BAKED COUNTRY

In Many Places Snow Is From 7 to 12 Feet Deep on Level Ground.

(Special to The Journal) Baker, Or., Feb. 1.—There is more snow in the mountains of eastern Oregon at the present time than for several years past, and indications are that the coming spring and summer will see more water available for irrigation and placer mining than there has been for several years.

The deepest snow on the level reported from any of the nearby territory is twelve feet at Cable Cove in the Sumpter district, about 7000 feet above sea level. At Sumpter there is five feet on the level, at Greenhorn and Bourne nine feet, and about the same depth at Corvallis, in the northeast end of the county.

The steady fall, which continued almost incessantly for ten days, up to two or three days ago, has made logging very difficult and some of the local lumber companies have been obliged to temporarily suspend some of their camps.

Five to six feet is the rule around Astoria and Whitney, where the greater part of the present logging operations are under way, and it is extremely difficult to handle teams and timber under the conditions. A thaw at present would probably mean serious trouble from floods and freshets.

To Vote on Water Bonds. (Special to The Journal) Baker, Or., Feb. 1.—The taxpayers of this city on February 21 will vote on the separate question of issuing city bonds in the sum of \$24,700 to repair the present city water works system by constructing a new line from the settling tank to the distribution reservoirs, and the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$150,000 to complete the work noted above and extend the line to impound the waters of several other streams to which the city has title.

The Socialists are circulating a petition to have submitted at the same time amendments to the city charter giving candidates for city office the right to run as candidates of a political party, trial by jury in municipal court and the right of every qualified voter to vote at all bond and other elections.

Baker Y. M. C. A. to Open March 1. (Special to The Journal) Baker, Or., Jan. 29.—Baker's new Y. M. C. A. building will be ready for occupancy March 1. The Elks and other lodges have appropriated funds to furnish various rooms and departments, making it possible to fit up the interior in much better condition than anticipated.

North Bend, Or., Man Beaten Near to Death. (Special to The Journal) Marshfield, Or., Feb. 1.—Charles Foster of this city is in the hospital in North Bend in an unconscious condition as the result of a terrible beating at the hands of several men, whose identity has not yet been positively established. Foster was found at the old stove mill in the north part of the city. He has been kicked and beaten so badly that he will likely die. The police are working on the case and arrests will probably be made.

Woman Witness Steps From Stand and Hits Defendant With Fists. (United Press Leased Wire) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 1.—When Kate Anderson testified in the trial of Frank J. Lewis, in Judge Mitchell Gilliam's department of the superior court today, she stepped from the witness stand and struck the witness with her fists several times on the head with her fists. The woman asserts that, with her earnings Lewis bought a five year lease on the Portland hotel and after getting it all in his name deserted her.

FARMERS FEEL SURE GRAN BAG MONOPOLY HAS THRUST UP PRICE

Sacks Quoted Last Year at 6 3-4 Now Call for 11 Cts.; Appeal to Legislature.

(Special to The Journal) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 1.—Warmly resenting the apparent operations of a grain bag monopoly, which seems to be planning a double priced holdup of the grain growers of the northwest for the coming summer, local farmers through the county union of the Farmers' Cooperative and Educational Union are planning to ask aid from the legislature and from the national congress if necessary.

At this time the grain bag brokers are asking 11 cents for bags for the coming harvest. This price is regarded as outrageous by the farmers since the Indian jute crop this year is reported as remarkably heavy. It is pointed out that the 11 cents per bag quotation now given is prima facie evidence that the supply of bags is monopolized. At this time last year grain bags were quoted at 6 3/4 cents.

In order to make their feelings known in the most forcible manner possible, members of the Farmers' union, through County President Manual Friendly and other officers, asking that body to memorialize congress requesting an investigation be made at once as to the operations of the "grain bag trust."

Body of Suicide Lies 17 Months in Morgue. Paul Niepel's Burial Provided for When It Is Found He Is S.-A. Veteran.

(Special to The Journal) Dallas, Or., Feb. 1.—At 10 o'clock Thursday morning, the last rites were performed over Paul Niepel of Dolgoyville, N. Y., who killed himself about September 5, 1911, near Eola, Or. Coroner Chapman has been in charge of the body 17 months, awaiting information as to identity.

On September 8, 1911, parties discovered the body of a stranger. The body was nearly covered with brush. The coroner's jury came to a verdict of premeditated suicide.

A minute description was sent to the chief of police of Portland, who printed the story in a Portland paper, and H. K. Trickey of Portland was able to identify the man by the tattooed marks and letters D. T. V. upon the body.

It developed that the dead man had been a member of the Dolgoyville Turn Verein, a German society. After Mr. Chapman had made photographs of the body, which he sent east, he was able, after much inquiry, to locate a brother of the deceased, Max Niepel. The brother was without money to give proper burial, so Mr. Chapman held the body 20 years.

He was a German about 30 years old. He also proved that the deceased was a Spanish-American war veteran, and the state of New York has a law providing for the burial of ex-soldiers. A check was received covering the cost of funeral and burial and for a tombstone, and more than a year from the time of the death of the unfortunate man the body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

FORCED BLOOMS SHOW BIG APPLE PROSPECT IN HOOD RIVER VALE

Old Spitzenberg Trees Heavily Laden; Other Limbs Blossom Like Mad Under Heat.

(Special to The Journal) Hood River, Or., Feb. 1.—That Hood River valley will have a very large crop of apples next year seems evident from the results secured in the blooming of the standard varieties. The Davidson Fruit company has for many years followed the plan of forced blooming of the several varieties, which has given it a concrete basis upon which to base estimates of the annual yields of apples in the valley.

The indoor orchard, composed of a large number of limbs taken from fruit trees and bloomed by steam incubation, is now prophetic of what the orchards will be later. The old Spitzenberg trees show an extraordinarily heavy crop. Jonathans are also very heavy with bloom. Newtowns, Winter Barnans, Oregon Red, Black Twig, Red Cheeks and Orties are also showing a full crop for next season.

The estimate for next season's crop is about 1,250,000 boxes.

Guilford Skinner, Who Came in 1847, is Dead. (Special to The Journal) Ritter, Or., Feb. 1.—Guilford L. Skinner died at his home at Ritter, Grant county, January 27, age 79 years. He was born in Green county, Indiana, in 1842 and came to Oregon when five years old with his mother and stepfather, Samuel Cooper, who crossed the plains with an ox team.

Mr. Skinner leaves one brother, William A. Skinner of Lone Rock, Or., three half brothers, George, Post and Samuel Cooper; two half sisters, Mrs. Martha Prum of Arlington, Or., Mrs. Livonia Purdon of Albina, Or., a widow and seven children, whose names are William L., Frank, George F., Charles G. and Roy G. Skinner, Mrs. Margaret M. Andrus and Mrs. Mildred M. Goff.

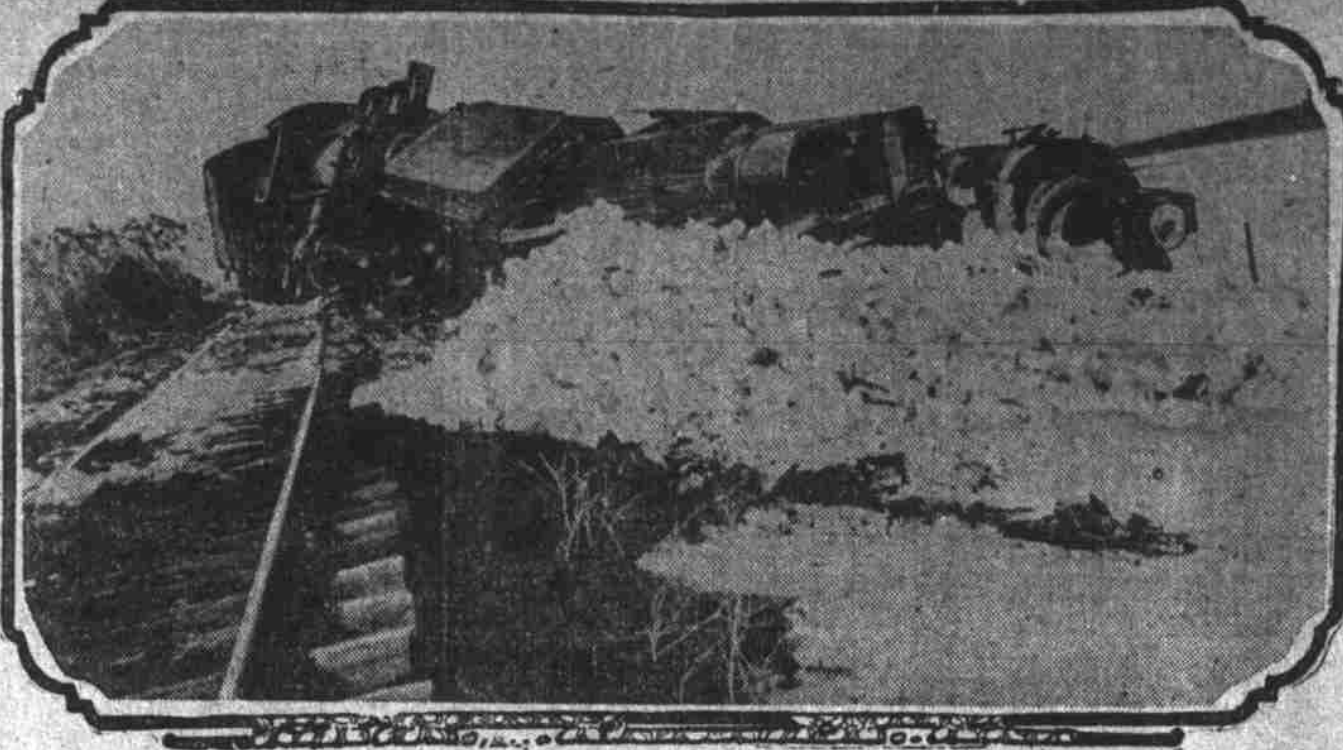
Spring Begins to Show in Hood River Orchards. (Special to The Journal) Hood River, Or., Feb. 1.—Evidences of spring are manifesting themselves in the Hood River valley. The pussy willows are beginning to throw out their buds. Fruit growers are anxious for the weather to remain colder so the sap in the trees may not be started too soon and permit late frosts to injure the trees.

A heavy snow and late spring weather are usually conducive to good fruit crops as the ground is kept cold and the sap in the trees is materially retarded. Hood River has never used smudge pots during the early spring to combat frosts.

Oil Well Operations Temporarily Stopped. (Special to The Journal) Dallas, Or., Feb. 1.—For the past few weeks the engine at the Whitaker oil well, near this city, has been silent on account of inability to secure fuel, due to the recent heavy snow, which has made the roads leading to the well impassable. However, the promoters expect to be able soon to put in a supply of wood when drilling will begin again.

The drillers recently found traces of crude oil and it is expected that the vein encountered a few weeks ago will give further evidence of a strike.

Two Engines Derailed on Snowbound Athena, Or., Branch



The line from Athena to connect with the Pendleton-Pasco Northern Pacific feeder has had unusual difficulty this month.

(Special to The Journal) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 1.—The little branch line connecting Athena with the Pendleton-Pasco branch has caused the Northern Pacific company its share of trouble and expense this winter. For three weeks the three cuts along its course have been blocked so high with snow that there has been absolutely no traffic over it. Two engines have topped over in a vain effort to plow through the big masses of packed snow and the damage done to these engines will amount to \$2000.

Several crews have been at work night and day in an effort to open the line and the present good weather continuing, they will be successful within the next few days. The blockade began with the fierce wind and snowstorm of January 7.

Different Sites Are Offered. Mr. Poling is chairman of the commission which was selected by the associated churches to find a suitable location for the new college, and with two other members of the commission visited Castlerock Tuesday in response to an invitation of the Castlerock Boosters' club, and were shown different sites which the citizens were willing to give to the institution should it be located here.

Mr. Poling in his address partially outlined what would be required from Castlerock people in order to secure the college, but expressed no partiality for this city, beyond the fact that he thought it was located geographically, owing to the fact that it was nearly half way between Portland and Tacoma, the nearest points at which there are institutions where the higher education can be obtained.

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Legislators Put in Day at New Asylum and See it in Order. (Special to The Journal) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 1.—In a party 20 strong, members of the legislature and state officials were here today for the purpose of inspecting the Eastern Oregon State hospital.

They spent the day visiting the institution, observing its needs and in enjoying social courtesies extended by local business men through the Commercial club and the Wenaha club. With the legislative committee are State Treasurer T. B. Kay, Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital at Salem and State Architect W. G. Knighton, who built the hospital. G. B. Kerth, traveling representative for the O.-W. R. & N., is in personal charge of the party for the railroad company.

SETTLERS IN FOREST APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Call Siuslaw National Reserve a Hindrance to Settler, Run by Theorists.

(Special to The Journal) Eugene, Or., Feb. 1.—A petition containing the names of 220 residents of the Siuslaw forest reserve and vicinity, asking senators and members of congress from Oregon to take steps to have the Siuslaw reserve returned to settlement and make it subject to homesteaded entry, was forwarded from Eugene today. The reasons set forth in their petition are in substance:

"The national forest is a detriment to people who live in its vicinity; all kinds of natural resources within the national forest are withheld from use; the forest is operated so as to favor the big man and to help the homebuilder; the homesteaded land is taken away from settlement for ranger stations; the forestry officers are opposed to settlers and are anxious to keep the country a wilderness by reporting against all claims, whether good or bad; the forestry officials are all eastern theorists, who know nothing about the west; timber sales are handled in the interest of a monopoly for the lumber trust; the forest reserve stops settlement and improvement, thereby reducing the amount of taxes for schools and roads, which are greatly needed in the Siuslaw national forest."

In their plea for the cooperation of the people of the state with representatives in congress to accomplish this end the petitioners say:

"We, the signers of this petition, do ask the citizens of the state of Oregon to lend us a helping hand to relieve us from this imprisonment, as we are shut in without proper roads and schools and hundreds of good homes that could be taken if the reserve were abolished."

State Orchardists Will Meet in Eugene. (Special to The Journal) Eugene, Or., Feb. 1.—At a meeting of the Lane County Horticultural society in Eugene this afternoon the invitation of the Oregon State Horticultural society to hold its annual meeting in Eugene this summer was accepted by the society. The invitation was delivered in behalf of the state society by H. M. Miller of Portland, representative of the state organization, of which he was at one time president.

The principal speaker of the meeting this afternoon was Charles A. Park, member of the state board of agriculture, who spoke of the future of the fruit industry in western Oregon, predicting it will flourish more than ever after the Panama canal is in operation.

Tacoma Heiress Jailed Over Inheritance Tax. (United Press Leased Wire) Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 1.—While visiting her aged and wealthy aunt in Germany, the aged woman told her niece that she had decided to make her sole heir to the Tunn estate. To avoid the inheritance tax, a deed was made out to Mrs. Oesterreich, a lawyer being engaged to make the transaction. There was a dispute over his fees and he filed charges against the women.

Anniversary of Seattle Storm. (United Press Leased Wire) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 1.—Twenty years ago today, Seattle saw the start of the heaviest snowstorm in the last quarter century of her history. Beginning with March 25, 1882, there was a cold snap during which the thermometer touched zero twice, and on the morning of February 1, a snow storm commenced which kept up until the white stuff was 44 inches deep on the level.

CASLEROCK DESIRES UNITED COLLEGES OF DALLAS--PHILOMATH

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(Special to The Journal) Castlerock, Wash., Feb. 1.—Rev. C. C. Poling of Portland, addressed a large audience here last evening, on the subject of the proposed college to be founded in or near this city. He stated that Philomath college at Philomath, Oregon, which has heretofore been under the control of the United Brethren church, and the college at Dallas, Oregon, which has been conducted by the United Evangelical church, had decided to federate for the purpose of conducting one college instead of two, because there are now such a large number of colleges and academies in the Willamette Valley. He stated that the Evangelical association was also a member of the federation, that the school, while it would be conducted to some extent on religious lines, would be absolutely non-sectarian, and that students of all shades of religious belief would be required to attend the churches which they were in the habit of attending at home, sectarian teaching being absolutely eschewed.

Wenaha Club Gives Them an Evening Spread and Fast Mail Brings Them to City.

Appoplex Kills Dalles Resident. The Dalles, Or., Feb. 1.—Thomas Collins died of apoplexy at his home, 709 East Second street, Thursday night. Mr. Collins was 73 years of age and was a blacksmith by trade.

Two Billion Herring Enter Klawack Bay and, Caught in Sudden Freezeup, Perish. (United Press Leased Wire) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 1.—What is declared by Captain Simon Brunn and officers of the steamship Northland to be one of the greatest fish tragedies ever enacted took place at Klawack bay, Prince of Wales island, January 25, when at one stroke more than 2,000,000,000 herring lost their lives.

According to Captain Brunn, Klawack bay was full of herring three days before the Northland arrived, when a sudden "freeze" caught them in the narrow necked harbor before they could escape to sea. They were first noticed by an employe of a cannery January 19, when they swarmed into the harbor in such numbers that those on top were being forced out of the water. The freeze came with great suddenness January 22, when about six inches of ice formed on the harbor. Millions of the herring at the entrance could be seen dumbly fighting to get out of the cold waters.

When Captain Brunn arrived January 23, the tide had receded and for 20 to 50 feet on the beach and several hundred feet out in the water for a distance of three and one-half miles around the harbor lay the frozen fish. Careful measurements showed the fish tightly packed for an average depth of three feet.

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ONLY COUNTRY EDITOR ON BOARD OF VISITORS. Albert Bede of the Cottage Grove, Or., Sentinel. (Special to The Journal) Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 1.—Albert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, heading the list of Oregon editors appointed as a board of visitors for the Journalism department of the University of Oregon, has the honor of being the only editor of a country weekly appointed on the board. He came to Oregon from Minnesota 15 months ago and has taken a deep interest in the Journalism department of the university.

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