

GOOD HOMESTEADERS MANY, FARMS SCARCE, SAYS RAILWAY AGENT

C. C. Gignoux, U. P. Colonization Agent, Says There Is Dearth of Good Properties.

There are numbers of people in the east who seek settlement on western lands, but that there is seemingly a dearth of attractive acreage in the form of homesteads. Such is the opinion expressed by C. C. Gignoux, assistant colonization agent for the Union Pacific system, with headquarters at Omaha.

Mr. Gignoux reached Portland yesterday for the purpose of going over the Oregon land situation and to obtain first-hand information as to just what can be offered to the prospective eastern homesteader.

While here, Mr. Gignoux will also visit the Dalles territory, with the object of bringing several Italian and Hungarian colonies to that section to engage in truck gardening.

"We are informed that there is demand by packing plants at The Dalles for increased production of vegetables and fruits. We can obtain for this territory colonies of Italian vegetable gardeners, hardworking, but of comparatively small means, from New York City and St. Louis. A colony of Hungarians can also be brought west from the vicinity of Rochester, N. Y. I will look over the conditions at The Dalles, and if they are favorable, these colonies would materially increase the productive area in that section. They are a hardworking class of people and adjusted to the burdensome toil of the truck garden.

"We have many inquiries for western homesteads, but have not been able to meet all of them. I will go over that situation while I am here. There are many people in the east who would gladly come west to settle if homesteads can be obtained for them."

Mr. Gignoux will go to The Dalles today.

Women Told to Pay Taxi or Go to Jail

Ruby Calvert and Dolly Thompson Had Machine Six Hours and Then Tried to Stall Off Driver.

"The use of a taxicab for over six hours, during which the machine ran over 100 miles and consumed 10 gallons of gasoline, cost two young women just \$10 this morning, but the money was paid to the taxi driver on a threat from Municipal Judge Langguth that non-payment would mean five days in jail for each defendant.

Ruby Calvert and Dolly Thompson, with three men, according to the testimony, hired the machine Saturday night to go to a dance at Burlington, below Linton. Reaching Linton, they found the dance had been called off, so they ordered the driver to return and go to a resort in Clackamas county. Later, a roadhouse near Milwaukie was visited, and the party then returned to a Portland restaurant. There the driver, Albert Garrison, was slaved off with a promise of payment later. The money was not forthcoming and Garrison caused the arrest of the pair. The \$10 was paid before they left the courtroom.

TAPS SOUND FOR G. A. R. VETERAN



Major Nathan S. Wood.

Major Nathan S. Wood, who died in this city on Monday, following a long illness from paralysis, was one of the fast disappearing Grand Army of the Republic veterans who answered the call of President Lincoln to defend the Union.

Major Wood was born on a farm in 1840 in New York state, and was a student in Genesee college (now Syracuse university) when the war broke out. He entered as a private in the Army of the Potomac, and was promoted for distinguished services rendered in successive positions of danger and responsibility.

In 1866 he settled in Saginaw, Mich., establishing a practice at law. In 1876 he was married to Miss Kitty Paine. In 1910 he came to Oregon.

Major Wood was a member of the Loyal Legion, Oregon commandery. He was a member of the Baptist church from early youth, and in Portland joined the Third Baptist church. Surviving members of the family are his widow, a daughter, Miss Harriet A. Wood of the Portland Public Library, and a son, S. P. Wood, of Seattle.

Puneral services were held at the family residence, 497 East Fifteenth street north, on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 21, and interment was at Riverview. J. P. Finley & Son had charge of the arrangements.

50 More Submarines Provided by Senate

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Fifty additional submarines were added to the naval appropriation bill yesterday by the senate naval affairs committee, making the total provision for undersea craft in the big naval budget 68. The new proposal would appropriate for 40 coast defense submarines and 10 fleet submarines. Twenty of the former and five of the latter would be built on the Pacific coast.

COQUILLE VALLEY IN 1916, SHIPPED VAST TONNAGE OF PRODUCE

Million and Half Tons of Cheese; Fifty Million Feet Lumber Included.

Bandon, Or., Feb. 21.—The fertile, productive Coquille valley has no controversy with the Coos bay country, but local residents have taken to heart an inadvertent headline statement in The Journal of February 13, which credited the "Coos country" with shipments for the year 1916, which should have been credited to the Coquille valley.

For a fact, practically all products of northern Curry county and this valley, except the milling materials of the Smith-Powers company, go out over the bar at Bandon.

According to the annual report of Secretary C. M. Spencer of the Port of Bandon, more than 1,500,000 pounds of cheese were shipped over local bar last year.

The shipments also included over 50,000,000 feet of lumber products, \$2,000,000 worth of cascares bark, 786 tons of coal, 6277 cases of salmon, 78,058 pounds of butter and 16,461 pounds of other products were also shipped in smaller amounts, and, in addition, much went out of this community via the Coquille River to the coast and then via Southern Pacific railroad to Portland and San Francisco.

Snow Blockade on Oregon Short Line

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—One hundred and sixty men were at work yesterday clearing a four mile barrier to traffic on the Oregon Short Line railway in Bear River canyon near Wheelon, as a result of a snowslide early today, following a blizzard which swept the northern part of Utah yesterday. In the meantime trains are being held at Cache Junction. It is expected that railroad traffic in this vicinity will not become normal for several days.

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Head of The Dalles Schools in Question

S. W. Moore of Gooding, Idaho, Lays Claim to Election — State Superintendent Churchill Questions Credentials.

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 21.—Although S. W. Moore of Gooding, Idaho, considers himself officially elected to the superintendency of The Dalles public schools, basing his assertion on a formal notification of the recent school board election, which he declares were sent to him by the clerk of the board, John Gavin, chairman of the board, says Moore has no more right to consider himself elected to the position than have others whose names were mentioned at the recent meeting, because the election was illegal.

Mr. Moore, in a letter received by Chairman Gavin, stated he considers himself formally elected to the position, and that he expects to "make immediate preparations" to accept the place.

The first trouble over the election of Mr. Moore came a few days ago, when the superintendent of public instruction, Churchill, who Moore's credentials would not be accepted for a certificate.

"I am very sorry we cannot certify to Mr. Moore's election," said Churchill to the board. "He does not, however, hold such credentials as will permit us to grant him a certificate, and I know you do not want me to do something that the law does not authorize me to do."

Chairman Gavin says the fact that Moore's credentials were turned down by the office of the state superintendent is enough to prevent him, from becoming the local superintendent, "unless there was some mistake on the part of Mr. Moore in not sending me proper credentials to the state office." However, Chairman Gavin claims the election was illegal, anyway, as only four members of the board of five were present. The election, according to Chairman Gavin, began as a "straw ballot" to give the board members a chance to show their preference before meeting formally and voting on the candidates. The election, however, that an immediate vote be taken. Moore received three votes.

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dispatches, formerly lived in Portland. According to Victor Chapman, secretary of the Portland branch of the Order of Eagles at 348 1/2 Madison street, Miller had presented credentials to his membership in the Spokane branch of the order, and had made the

club rooms his headquarters. That was over a period of perhaps several months as near as Chapman can remember, terminating two years ago when Miller left for California. Miller did not have a steady position while in Portland, Chapman said

that he gave Miller a couple of Sunday shifts tending bar in the Eagles' lodge rooms. "Miller was fond of games and would sit in for hours at our tables," Chapman asserted, "but he was 'neat' as a pin with liquor, limiting himself

to an occasional glass of beer. I received a letter from him from San Pedro after he left but from what he ever told me or from his manner of living I had not the slightest intimation of the fortune that lay in store for him."

(Clipping From Monday Oregon Journal, Feb. 19.)

Motor Thieves Got Away With 5 Sunday

Only Two of Them Had Been Recovered by the Police up to 10 o'Clock This Forenoon.

Five automobiles were stolen in Portland Sunday, according to reports made at police headquarters, and at 10 o'clock this morning only two of the machines had been recovered.

The machines taken and places from which they were stolen were as follows: O. W. Radke, 539 East Stark street, license 5233, taken from West Park and Alder streets; August Peterson, 169 Morris street, license 2646, taken from fourteenth and Couch streets; R. T. Smith, 751 Kerbs street, taken from Falling street and Mississippi avenue; L. E. Crawwell, Oresham, license 18100, stolen from Fifth street, near Taylor and Washington licenses; 4258, Studebaker touring car, taken from Fifth and Stark streets.

Of these machines Peterson's and Smith's have been found, the former at Tenth and Alder streets, the other at Williams avenue and Fremont street. Both machines were in fairly good condition, and apparently nothing had been stolen from them, although both had been run a considerable distance. Evidently, they were taken by "joy riders." The other cars are still out, and probably will be located on some country road out at the edge of the city, with the chances more than even that they will have been stripped.

The auto thievery since the first of the year has become so persistent that the police now fully realize the seriousness of the situation, and are really working hard to curb it in some way. Detectives Caddock and Smith are working on auto theft cases exclusively, and other detectives are put to work on individual cases every day.

An intensive system of stamping up stolen machines has been instituted, and a huge blackboard was placed in the assembly room at headquarters today. On this blackboard the descriptions of stolen machines will be prominently displayed, and the minute a theft is reported it will be at once marked up. Captain C. A. Truesdell announced this morning that the police would be held responsible for the stealing of machines on their beats, and that they will be expected to report at once every machine left standing on the streets in their districts.

Furnish Materials For the Auditorium

Advertisement for Ballou & Wright featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit and the text: "---he's a bold, bad thief, indeed" and "The 'BACKUS' UTILITY AUTO LOCK".

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Large advertisement for Columbia Records featuring a woman playing a gramophone and the text: "Pay Only \$5 Now", "Everybody Can Now Own One!", "The Entire Cost, Records and All Only \$82.15".