

MONARCH LUMBER CO. MAY RESUME IN A FEW WEEKS

Possibility Arises Out of Recent Supreme Court Decision Vesting Title in Former Employee.

LITIGATION WAS TANGLED

Property Passes Under Sheriff's Deed, Which Was Held Valid Over Prior Sheriff's Deed.

Early resumption of operations by the Monarch Lumber company, whose electrically-equipped plant is said to be capable of cutting ship timbers 120 feet long, may result from the recent supreme court decision, which has apparently put an end to bitter and complicated litigation which has kept the big plant closed for a number of years.

Kavanaugh Is Affirmed

The supreme court decision affirms the judgment of Circuit Court J. F. Kavanaugh. The case is deemed to be the largest ever threshed out in Multnomah county and it required the supreme court 12 weeks to decide the case.

Company Borrowed Money

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WILL LEAVE TO JOIN REGIMENT IN HAWAII



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MINT INDUSTRY IN OREGON SHOWS BIG ACREAGE INCREASE

Willamette Valley Association Meets in Albany and Elects Officers.

Albany, Or., Dec. 29.—A substantial growth in the mint producing industry in Oregon during the past year was shown at the annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Mint Growers' association held here Saturday.

Increased acreage of 25 per cent over the 1917 crop has been planted. The crop mainly around Eugene and McMinnville where the production has not had such a hold in the past. The territory around Albany, which raises quantities of mint, shows an increase of at least 10 per cent.

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STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING COULDS NOT BE HELD

Resolutions Adopted Favor Furthering of Vocational Education, Advancing Rural Schools

WAR POLICY IS INDORSED

H. D. Sheldon Chosen as President; Selection of Vice President Comes as Surprise.

Adoption of Constructive Policies

The teachers' convention on record strongly in favor of thrift and economy and indorsed the good work of President Wilson in prosecuting the war for the preservation of democracy.

Officers Elected

President, H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education of the University of Oregon, Eugene; vice president, A. C. Hampton, county superintendent of schools of Union county; secretary-treasurer, E. D. Ressler, dean of the school of education of the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, and trustee, J. W. Todd, city school superintendent of Salem, and E. H. Whitney of Portland.

Choice Is Surprise

The election of Vice President Hampton came as a surprise, his opponent, F. A. Tiedgen of Marshfield, having previously been named by the nominating committee. Hampton was chosen in order that the geographical lines might be conserved.

Resolutions Adopted

Among the resolutions adopted were those favoring the aid of the teachers' association in the promotion of the policy of vocational education and urging the appointment of a committee of no less than five persons who shall advise with the state board for vocational education and make study of the industrial needs of the various parts of the state. It was recommended that \$25 be appropriated for the use of the committee on thrift in rural schools.

Better Rural Schools Favored

Urging the support of the association in carrying out all plans for the safeguarding and betterment of health of the boys and girls and to cooperate with the state health authorities; and recommending that proper legislation on the subject be had if necessary.

Indorsing the Plans for the Betterment

of the rural schools of the state and pledging the support of the association in enlisting the aid of the government in formulating a system which shall meet the demands of the present day.

The Association Found that the Physical

condition of the young men who passed through the rural schools is far below that of those who have attended the city schools. The dollar for dollar basis was urged as the proper system for the state and the nation in adopting a rural school program.

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MOTOR LICENSES GO LIKE YE PROVERBIAL "BUCKWHEAT CAKE"

Week Set New Record in Number of Cars, Chauffeur and Cycle Permits.

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—At no time since there has been a law in this state providing for the registration of motor vehicles has there been as great a number of cars licensed within a given period as during the week just ended, according to Secretary of State Ben W. Oloot.

Water Meters Ordered

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ACTION DELAYED IN THE PETITION OF IRRIGATIONISTS

State Desert Land Board Fails to Meet to Consider Request of Portland Company.

NEW CONTRACT IS READY

Concern Has Been Released From Obligation Because of Litigation Over Water of Chewaucan

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—The state desert land board is in receipt of another letter from E. S. Wood, attorney for the Portland Irrigation company, urging the board to take prompt action in executing a contract whereby the company will be permitted to substitute approximately \$1,000 of securities in place of a \$50,000 bond given at the time the company undertook the construction of the Paisley irrigation project.

Company Was Released

Because of litigation over the waters of the Chewaucan river, from which the company expected to obtain water for the project, the board early this year released the company from its obligation to complete the project, but on condition that it should make satisfactory settlement with the settlers who had acquired land in the project. The company is doing this, and Attorney Wood asked the board to substitute the securities for the bond, as he argued the securities were ample protection in the state in seeing that proper settlement is made with the settlers and the company should not be required to pay the \$100,000 premium when its venture was entirely a loss.

Charges Are Made

The board expressed a willingness to do this, and Attorney General Brown prepared a form of contract, which was submitted to the company and returned to the board this week with certain changes in it. It is to consider these changes that a meeting of the desert land board is desired, with the governor and attorney general present.

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DEFENSE GETS BACK I. W. W. LITERATURE

Federal Commissioner Orders Return of Pamphlets That Will Be Circulated to Raise Funds for Accused Men.

MARION COURT DROPS COUNTY AGENT FUND FROM BUDGET OF 1919

Farmers in Petitions Oppose, 1265 to 518, Food Administration's Request.

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—In adopting a county budget today, the Marion county court refused to make provision for employment of a county agricultural agent, as requested by the government food administrator. The sum of \$1700 was asked as the county's share for this purpose.

A large number of farmers and other taxpayers at the budget meeting asked the county agent question was argued pro and con. Petitions signed by 1265 farmers opposed to the appointment of a county agent and others signed by 518 farmers favoring a county agent, were presented.

Road Work Reorganized

Salem, Or., Dec. 29.—Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, returned today from Clatsop county, where he supervised the taking over of the Warren Construction company contracts between Svenson and Clatskanie. He said he had completed taking over the work and making a reorganization of the forces on the job. Most of the men who had been employed by the Warren Construction company were retained on the job, which is grading and macadamizing a section of the Columbia river highway.

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Silverton Does Well in Red Cross Drive

Silverton, Or., Dec. 29.—The Red Cross Christmas drive resulted in securing over 800 members. Silverton led all the cities in the county except Salem. The business has been set at 1000 and efforts for new members are to be continued in this city. High school students and Honor Guard girls contributed much to the success of the campaign. The two prizes offered by Columbia & McClaine, bankers, for the two largest number of names turned in were won by Arden Webb, who secured 42, and Ada Belsky, who secured 41. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morley, who turned in over 100 names.

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War Has Revealed Values

"The war," said Frank M. Leavitt, in his address to the general assembly of teachers, Friday, "has been a great revelation of values. It has shown the difference between the essential and non-essential subjects in quite a new light. In a summer campaign for food conservation it transformed Domestic Science, so-called, from a school fact to fundamental American education. It did for household education overnight, what domestic science teachers and educational lectures have been unable to do in a quarter of a century of patient demonstration and modest propaganda."

"The war has shown, the speaker said, 'the necessity of the department of teaching of the social science in an elementary form, especially economics and civics, is of first importance.'"

Successful Year Ahead

"There is a growing interest in the subject," Mr. Leavitt said, "and each year adds to the definiteness of the movement. In many instances industrial education surveys have been made in order to determine the kind and amount of industrial education needed in a certain locality.

"A country needs men successful in the industrial fields, and the behavior of American school teacher to reflect on these things and to order his life and his thoughts, his prejudices and his predilections accordingly."

More Than Saving Necessary

"My conception of the function of the vocational department of the Oregon State Teachers' association," said J. A. Belsky, head of the department of commerce at Oregon Agricultural college, in speaking before the vocational department Friday, "is to furnish a forum for discussion of questions which are common to the four great divisions of industry."

"Too long has it been assumed that these great divisions have but little in common. Let us hope that this condition will soon be a thing of the past and that a spirit of cooperation, good will and friendship may characterize our relations in the future."

"Saving will not win the war alone. We must produce more. We need food, clothing, munitions, ships, airplanes. Only efficient organization and determination on the part of all our industrial and commercial agencies will maintain our military and naval forces and at the same time lay a foundation for our economic well being in the future. This can be accomplished by the education of the masses. Produce more and consume less."

Newberg Over the Top

Newberg, Or., Dec. 29.—Newberg has subscribed the full quota in the Red Cross drive. One patriotic Newberg citizen, having no children to enroll for members subscribed one dollar for his set dog. Following is the result in this district: Newberg, 1000; Dundee, 275; West Chehalam, 94; Mountain Top, 15; Chehalam, 94; Fernwood, 100; Rex, 63; Springbrook, 25. The list will be open until Monday night, December 31.

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 Best standard quality Velour Flannels—many pretty designs and colorings to select from. Brand new goods at a bargain price.

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About Half Price for Women's Black Sateen Petticoats—65c
 Well made garments in good styles, in 40, 42 and 44-inch lengths. Broken lines from regular stock to close at a bargain price.

Clean-Up Sale of Broken Lines of Women's Shoes at \$3.37
 This season's styles in button and lace models. English and regulation lasts with medium or high heels. All sizes. Good durable, fashionable footwear considerably underpriced.

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