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GREEKS BRING GIFTS TO ASS'N

Herbert Hume, nephew of the late R. D. Hume, "lord of the Rogue," and manager of the Hume estate, and Ivan Humason of Portland, formerly of Medford, who has purchased the interests of some of the heirs are in Medford trying to make some kind of a compromise with the members of the Rogue River Fish Protection association, authors of the initiative bill closing the Rogue to commercial fishing. They are willing to make any kind of a compromise in order to keep their large salmon packing plant in operation at the mouth of the Rogue and seek legislative modification of the initiative bill agreeable to the local anglers.

"The initiative law," they state, "means virtual confiscation of a several hundred thousand dollar investment in the cannery plant and the abandonment of the hatchery work the Humes have long carried on. It means ruin for the two towns of Gold Beach and Wedderburn at the mouth of the river, whose sole source of livelihood is supplied by the fishing industry carried on for nearly forty years."

"We are willing," states Mr. Humason, "to stop fishing for steel head entirely and only fish for salmon, which are valueless to the sportsman. We are willing to shorten the season or live up to any requirements deemed necessary. We have been refrigerating the steelheads and shipping them east. We will agree to cease this branch of the industry, dismantle our cold storage plants and help protect the steelhead. We will turn our Elk creek hatchery over to the association to be used as a trout hatchery."

"The present owners cannot be blamed for the actions of the late R. D. Hume, and are acting in good faith. We do not think the people generally would have voted for the bill if they had understood that it meant confiscation and ruin to an established industry and two communities, and a large number of inhabitants."

Members of the Rogue River Fish Protection association state that when they sought compromise, they were laughed at; when they introduced needed legislation, it was killed; and while they have no particular desire to protect salmon, they do not see how salmon can be caught and steelheads escape. In general their attitude is to "beware of the Greeks bearing gifts." They also claim the matter has passed out of their control and rests with the people of Oregon. Nevertheless, they admit the Humes have cause for complaint, do not blame them for seeking redress, and are willing to hear their side of the controversy.

NORMAL SCHOOLS FOR EACH COUNTY

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—Small normal training schools in connection with high schools will be established in each county seat if the idea contained in a bill to be presented by Representative Roy Graves of Yamhill is carried out. His bill is modeled after the system now in vogue in Michigan.

It provides for the establishment of a board of control, composed of the state superintendent of instruction, the county superintendent and the chairman of the school board in the county where the teachers' training classes, as the bill designates them, are established. Counties where normal schools already exist are exempted.

Those eligible to admission to the classes must be bona fide residents of the county and have completed at least the second year in high school work.

JOHN EHWEGAN PASSES AWAY

John von Ehwegan, for the past 15 years a resident of Medford, passed away Sunday evening. Apoplexy was responsible for his death.

Mr. Ehwegan for many years has been the local manager for the Weinhardt Brewing company of Portland. He leaves two children, a son and a daughter.

He was born in Emden, Germany, and was 65 years of age.

EUGENE ELY IN AIRSHIP LANDS ON BATTLESHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Sweeping like a giant bird up from the south through San Francisco bay, Eugene Ely in a Curtiss bi-plane today made the first landing any airman has ever accomplished on the deck of a warship.

At a high rate of speed Ely swept over the water amid the cheers of thousands who lined the shores and swarmed on the masts of the ships in the harbor. Just as his machine neared the cruiser Pennsylvania Ely slowed down, hovered for a moment and then settled down on the deck of the vessel as easily as a bird. He stopped with 20 feet to spare from the edge of the platform built to receive his craft.

LABORING MEN MEET WITH WEST

SALEM, Jan. 18.—All precedents were broken when last evening Governor Oswald West invited the delegates to the convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor to his office and where a consultation was held of greater value perhaps to the labor interests than any one other feature of the present convention now in session at Salem. It is the governor's idea to bring the labor and capital interests together for the purpose of proposing an automatic compensation law for rates when injuries are received in employment.

The labor convention feels that the employers' liability measure, enacted by the people last November, is a splendid measure but it is still necessary to employ counsel to go into the courts in order to enjoy its advantages. Governor West is of the opinion that a law should be enacted, not at this session perhaps, providing that the injured man should be compensated without resort to the courts, always expensive and a burden upon the laboring man.

It is with that end in view that the conference in the chief executive's chamber was held and toward which the convention which is now in session is striving.

APOLOGIZE NOW AND NOT IN FALL

"Better apologize for the weather now than be forced to apologize for our apples later."

Such is Professor P. J. O'Gara's summary of present weather conditions in the Rogue river valley, which are to a great degree without precedent, as snow here is ordinarily of a day's duration only, and this storm has hung on for a week, with no end in sight today.

"The present storm is a splendid thing from the orchardist's standpoint," states the professor, "for it assures a high color for next year's apple crop. The buds are being held back, but they will develop rapidly when the warm spring sun brings them out. It is far better to apologize now for the weather than be forced to apologize in the fall for our fruit."

BOARD REJECTS ASYLUM SITE

SALEM, Jan. 16.—The state board consisting of Governor West and Treasurer Kay today decided to reject the lands purchased at Pendleton for a site for the Eastern Oregon asylum for the insane. They have asked a committee of five prominent citizens, including State Engineer Lewis, to act in conjunction with a joint committee of the legislature to examine the site and report to the legislature, either condemning it or asking authority to purchase additional lands, as none of the 32 acres purchased for about \$40,000 by the outgoing governor and state treasurer affords a suitable building place for the \$1,000,000 structure to be erected.

Governor West this afternoon sent a special message to the legislature on the subject, making the above recommendations.

Farmers Save Millions.

La Grande.—More than \$600,000 with unknown profits probably bringing the figure to an even million dollars, have been saved by farmers of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties in two years, through co-operation and organization under the Farmers' Co-operative Union. This was asserted at a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon State Farmers' Union.

Wouldn't It Make You Cackle if YOU Had a Hen Worth \$12,000?



Speaking of chickens, which are from Missouri and other places on the map, here you are shown one that is worth as much as half a dozen touring cars or three ordinary houses and lots or a hundred acre farm in Iowa or 12,000 Angora goats. In some places Angoras are so unpopular that you can buy them for a dollar apiece. This hen, Lady Washington by title and family name, is said to be valued at just \$12,000. Wouldn't that make you cackle? Well, we should scratch! Lady Washington belongs to a firm of poultrymen at Scranton, Pa., who recently received by wire an offer of \$6,000 for her from a Philadelphia millionaire chicken fancier, who coveted her so that he could show her off at the Philadelphia poultry show. The firm wired back: "Your offer of \$6,000 not accepted. Our Black Orpington hen Lady Washington cannot be bought until after the Scranton show. We will then consider an offer of \$12,000." When Lady Washington drinks she can use the prize cup she won as the best bird at the recent poultry show in New York. If any reckless millionaire fancies killing her for his table he will set before his guests the costliest meat ever cooked, for Lady Washington weighs just ten pounds, and even little Willie can figure out that that is \$1,200 a pound. The eggs from this phenomenal chicken sell for \$25 apiece, so that if one should call for ham and Lady Washington eggs—say three fried—his breakfast would cost him \$75.15, the 15 cents being for the ham. It is a real pity that that western prospector who suddenly struck a gold mine and went to New York to get a square meal at Delmonico's could not have had "ham and" with Lady Washington's eggs as the "and" part. He couldn't read the French menu, so finally he said to the waiter, "Oh, dad blame it, just fetch me a hundred dollars' worth o' ham an' eggs."

News from Other Cities in Oregon

Wallowa County tax levy is the lowest in the history of the county. The levy is only 6 1/2 mills.

The Oregon Retail Merchants' Association will hold its fifth annual convention at Salem, January 25, 26 and 27.

President Taft has sent to the senate the renomination of Philip S. Malcolm as collector of customs at Portland.

The grand jury will call J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, to answer charges of graft and incompetency, made against him by three deputies who have resigned.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, introduced a bill granting a pension of \$16 a month to all veterans who served 30 days or longer in any Indian war in the United States prior to 1880.

Diamonds and other jewels valued at \$500 were stolen in broad daylight from the Fred J. Holmes residence, one of the most fashionable homes of La Grande.

Under direction of the Newberg Commercial Club a determined effort is being made to secure an appropriation from Yamhill and Marion counties to bridge the Willamette River at this point.

The annual Farmers' Week at the Oregon Agricultural College will be held this year from February 13 to 17 inclusive, and the college authorities are planning for the largest gathering of agriculturists in the history of the state.

The Oregon tax commission goes on record as being heartily in favor of the proposed income tax amendment to the federation constitution to be considered by the legislature next week and its adoption is strongly urged.

Governor West sent a special message to the legislature Monday asking that Oregon go on record favoring San Francisco as the place for holding the world's fair commemorating the opening of the Panama canal.

In his message to the legislature, Acting Governor Bowerman recommended that the Oregon Conservation Commission be abolished and that the money appropriated for the commission be devoted to "some useful purpose."

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a lightship near Orford Reef, off Cape Blanco, Oregon, to cost not more than \$150,000. Bourne delivered an address Sunday at Jersey City on the Oregon system of laws reestablishing rule of the people.

Two convicts, Albert Ferris and Albert Murray, who were among the five that escaped from the guards while employed at the state institute for the feeble-minded a year ago last October were tried in the circuit court for Marion County before Judge Kelly and found guilty.

Because of the recent cold snap and the consequent covering up of their food supply, it is feared that all the Hungarian and China pheasants with which the Rogue River valley was recently stocked by the state will perish.

The first annual Pacific Northwest Live Stock Show will be held in Portland on March 20, 21 and 22 in the Union Stockyards. The show is to be in a class with those held in Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago, Fort Worth and Denver, and with the aid of both the Hill and Harriman systems of railroads will bring to Oregon some of the finest stock raised in the Northwest.

ACKERMAN HEAD OF MONMOUTH

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—J. H. Ackerman, who has just completed a service of 12 years as state superintendent of public instruction in this state, was yesterday elected president of the State Normal school, which is to be established at Monmouth as the result of the adoption of an initiative measure with that end in view November 8. The salary of the president is fixed by the board at \$3600 a year.

The friends of the State Normal School are today congratulating themselves upon the election of Mr. Ackerman as president. Though not a candidate for the position, he had been frequently mentioned in connection with it and his election is quite generally approved. As the institution is likely to be the only one in Oregon for several years it is expected that within a year or two it will be one of the largest of its kind in the northwest. Mr. Ackerman will assume active charge at Monmouth February 1.

Yesterday's meeting of the state board of normal school regents was the first since the abolition of the normal schools by the legislature of 1909.

The members of the board are Miss Cornelia Marvin of Salem, J. G. Meier of The Dalles, W. C. Bryant of Moro, Stephen Jewell of Grants Pass, W. E. Spence of Oregon City, E. Hofer of Salem, Governor West Secretary of State Benson and Superintendent of Schools Alderson.

DOUGLAS AND LANE WILL NOT MERGE

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 11.—The county court of Douglas county has summarily rejected a proposition from Cottage Grove citizens looking toward an amicable agreement on the creation of Nesmith county out of Douglas and Lane, which project was turned down by the voters of the state at the last general election. Cottage Grove asked the court to appoint a general next Friday and assist in pre-committee of five citizens from the county to attend a conference at Eugene a division plan for submission to the legislature. The court not only answered "no," but protested against the scheme in a formal resolution, basing its objection on the voters' decision.

SPOOK SAYS IT HELPED DOCTOR COOK TO POLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—If testimony from the world of shades is to be taken at its face value, neither Cook or Peary reached the north pole, though + the Brooklyn doctor got nearer + than Peary did. + William T. Stead made the + declaration in a letter to Arthur Rolinson Colburn, a Washington lawyer, who turned the + document over to Congressman + Roberts of Massachusetts. Stead + writes: + "With regard to the pole controversy, the only message we + have received on the subject + one from Sir John Franklin. He + did not say anything about + Peary, but he said he had personally conducted Cook nearly + to the pole and then left him to + continue the journey himself." +

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 82c; bluestem, 85c; red Russian, 80c. Barley—Feed, \$24; brewing, \$27. Oats—No. 1 White, \$29 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$14. Butter—Creamery, 35c; ranch, 24c. Eggs—Ranch, candled, 36c. Hops—1910 crop, 18c; 1909, 14c. Wool—Eastern Oregon 13@17c lb.; Valley, 17@19c lb. Mohair—Choice, 30@31c.

Seattle.

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MINERS MEET AT ASHLAND

The mining congress held at Ashland Tuesday was a complete success, and a surprise to those in attendance, and even to the producers themselves, in the unexpected number of people in attendance and the variety of display of marvellously rich mineral samples from southern Oregon and northern California.

The real miners, the doers and not the sayers, the men who sink the shafts and drive the tunnels, were there from Yreka and the south and as far as Kirby and the Galice district on the north. Grizzled veterans of the mining world who had not seen each other for years and strangers who had never seen each other's faces, all meeting on the common ground of equality, touched hands in sympathetic understanding and kindly good fellowship.

The forenoon was passed in converse, general discussion and the plying of mineral samples on display. Chairman Gillette, of Ashland, whose gracious yet business-like manner won the appreciation of all, was kept continually busy welcoming and introducing the stranger and making everybody feel glad and at home in his beautiful little city.

Long before the hour for opening the afternoon session a busy throng was engaged in examining the samples of rich mineral ores, fine building rock and polished monumental stone that have no superiors in any mining district on the globe.

The congress was called to order at two p. m. by Mr. Gillette. An address of welcome delivered by Mayor Neil was replied to by Attorney Newman, of Medford, who acted as a substitute for Mayor Canon, who was to have made the reply but was unable to be present.

L. D. Mahone, publisher of a mining journal at Portland, spoke on mining legislation. His defense of the present law requiring corporations organized under the laws of other states to pay an annual fee to carry on mining operations in this state precipitated a discussion. He claimed the law kept out wildcat miners. California delegates inquired as to what benefit it would be to them, under such a law, to affiliate with an Oregon mining association. The discussion was ended by the reply that southern Oregon's and northern California interests are identical; and that such a law in either or both states would not prevent development in either state.

Prof. C. B. Watson, a geologist who has studied mining conditions in both states for many years, gave an exceedingly interesting talk on the geologic formation of the Siskiyou and Cascade mountains.

R. L. Ray dwelt upon the necessity of advertising the mining resources as well as the other resources of this section. He told how the Goldfield boom was incubated and hatched out, and while his remarks brought forth applause there were many of the delegates who did not approve of some of the methods employed at Goldfield.

Messrs. Newman and Watson spoke briefly on how to secure better freight rates for miner's shipments, but the discussion brought forth the fact that as yet no plan exists that is definite enough on which to base action for the relief desired.

Prof. Bacon, of Galice, and others gave short talks, and one given by Mr. Anderson, of Kirby, who said that he was a mighty poor

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