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Local Notes

Violets are in bloom.

A. N. Hulbert was at Medford on business Monday.

Mrs. Delilah Hammersley, of Eureka, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Pierce.

James Fredenburg, of Sams Valley, was in Medford on business Monday.

Frank Avery leaves Sunday evening for Silverton, where he has accepted a position in a furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammersley left Tuesday evening for Portland, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter and other friends.

W. W. Truxax attended the mining congress at Ashland Tuesday. It is his report of the affair which appears in this issue of The News.

O. U. Newell returned yesterday from Foots creek, where he has been doing assessment work on his "Mountain View" group of quartz claims.

Dr. R. T. Burnett, retiring county recorder, may locate at Eugene or Dallas for the practice of dentistry. He is looking over the field.

Rex H. Lampman attended the annual meeting of the Jackson County Franklin Association—primers' organization—at Medford last evening.

Miss Icie Bailey, who is living with the Walker family, has been seriously ill for several weeks with an attack of bronchitis. She is reported as being somewhat better today.

Gov. Oswald West has appointed T. A. Rineheart, of Union county, state land agent to succeed Peter Applegate, of Jacksonville, who held the position for over a year by appointment from acting Governor Benson.

Frank Zana was in from his ranch in upper Sams Valley Monday. Mr. Zana is one of those who have subscribed for the building of the new road from Sams Valley to the Meadows. The road will go directly past his place, and will give him a better route to Gold Hill.

A petition is being circulated among the residents of the proposed Sanders addition to Gold Hill, for the purpose of ascertaining their attitude on being taken into the incorporation. At present these residents are deprived of lighting and water privileges by not being in the townsite. If it is found that they wish their section to become part of Gold Hill the matter will be brought before the city council in proper form.

The Progress Club at its meeting Wednesday elected the following officers. President, Mrs. B. H. Harris; vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Kelsey; secretary, Mrs. J. Q. Jarvis; treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Hodges. The club meets again next Wednesday, at which a full attendance of members is desired. The club has decided to serve refreshments at the opening of the new high school building, which will occur some time in the near future.

Mrs. Nina Smith and son, Dr. C. H. Smith, entertained Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Jarvis, it being the tenth anniversary of their marriage, otherwise known as the "tin wedding." A program of eleven games was carried out. Just before the refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, were

Rogue River Fish Law

D. H. Miller, of Gold Hill, has addressed the following letter to George Putnam, editor of the Medford Mail Tribune. Mr. Putnam, through his paper, was one of the strongest factors in the agitation which resulted in the passing of a law at the last election by the people of Oregon which closed Rogue river to all fishing save that with hook and line. Mr. Miller, as a member of the last legislature, and an old time resident of the Rogue river valley, is peculiarly qualified to know whereof he speaks when discussing the Rogue river fish question and the relation of the Hume interests thereto:

"I notice your write-up in regard to Herbert Hume and Ivan Humason being in Medford interviewing the members of the Fish association in regard to the Hume-Humason fish bill now before the senate, which if enacted will give them the privilege to fish for salmon only in Rogue river, from tide water to the mouth of the Illinois river.

"Now, friend Putnam, for the sake of the good people of Oregon, who expressed their opinion regarding Rogue river fishing at the polls in no uncertain manner at the last election, let us not yield one single point to these people. You know as well as I what we had to contend with at the last session of the legislature. You know that we asked them in our bill to segregate the salmon from the steelheads, and that they would not agree to do it, and therefore defeated our bill. They have always maintained that a steelhead should be classed as a salmon, and it is so classed in the last session laws as a result. You know that R. D. Hume always stood firm for that proposition for the last four sessions of the legislature while he was living, and it has been so enacted into the session laws for the last five sessions, and is now the law.

"I served, Dr. Smith in a neat little speech informed Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis of the object of the gathering. He wished them on behalf of the company many happy returns, and presented them with a number of pieces of tinware, the gifts of those present, who were Messrs. and Mesdames W. R. Oxley, Harry Barber and Rex H. Lampman.

A representative of C. F. Green, of Spokane, conferred with the citizens' league at its Tuesday meeting and agreed to make preliminary investigation toward submitting plans and estimates for the improvement of Gold Hill's water system. His work will include an estimate of a cost of a second reservoir, to be located below the present reservoir, with a filtering plant between; an investigation of the present distributing system, with suggestions of needed changes, if any; and an estimate of the feasibility of acquiring the Oregon Water & Power company's plant, what should be paid therefor and what improvements are necessary and the costs thereof.

J. H. Beeman, who was one of the committee appointed to wait on the county court in the matter of forming a new road district with Gold Hill as the center, reported the best of success. As petitioned, J. W. Hayes was appointed supervisor of the new district, which will be known as No. 11, and which runs from Gold Hill to the county line on the west, to the north line of township 35, 3-4 west, and on the east on the Sams Valley road to George Lyman's place, and on the Blackwell road to the Foley-Householder land, and on the south to township 37, 3-4 west. This district includes all territory embraced in the sections known as Foots creek, Galls creek, Kane's creek, Sardine, Ward, Pleasant and Evans creeks. With Mr. Hays as supervisor it is expected that the roads of this district will be greatly benefited, as Mr. Hays intends to devote his entire time to the work of making good roads.

"You know that if we would now yield, and allow a law to be passed allowing them to fish with seines and gill nets for salmon only, that they could not catch the salmon without catching the steelheads with them, for the steelheads are in the water with the salmon.

"I know that R. D. Hume, some fifteen or twenty years ago, caught the steelheads with the salmon while fishing and gill-netting them" and segregated the steelheads from the salmon on the sandbars of his seining and gill-netting grounds, and left the steelheads lying on the sandbars for the buzzards to fill up on, and that you could smell the stench for a half mile. Mr. Hume was not canning the steelheads then, but several years before he died he began canning them and found that they would sell as readily as the salmon. Then he was doubly anxious to have the steelheads classed as salmon. You know as well as I that R. D. Hume always talked legislation for fish in his own special interests, and cared nothing for the people at large.

"The people of the state of Oregon said by their votes last November that they had had enough of the Hume fish business, and they closed Rogue river from its mouth to its source for commercial fishing. Now, the people will have it their way. Let us stand by their decision. We have gained our point. Let us keep it, and ask our representatives in the house and senate to stand firm for what the people decided by an overwhelming majority at the polls.

"Keep Rogue river closed to commercial fishing, restore it to its former reputation of being the finest fly stream in America and yield not a single point to these greedy, self-seeking special interest people."

WAR ON COYOTES

New Cases of Hydrophobia in Wallowa County.

Wallowa.—New cases of hydrophobia are being reported almost daily and citizens of this county are awakening to the necessity of prompt action.

State Veterinarian L. He will take personal charge of the 12 hunters who are in the employ of the forest service and also of a number of volunteer hunters.

Approved methods of hunting, trapping and poisoning will be used to exterminate the coyotes and the surplus of worthless dogs and cats. After a conference with the county commissioners, it was decided to police the entire county and enforce the quarantine rigidly.

It is probable that an increased bounty will be placed on coyotes. The bounty is now \$3 and the pelts are worth an average of \$2.50 for they are in prime condition. With the added bounty it is proposed to give, the value of a coyote to the hunter will be approximately \$7.50.

THE BIG RAIN

seems to be over, but it will rain again sometime, and you should be prepared for it. See our mackintoshes and rubber coats, squams, rubber boots, rubbers, and our water-proof miners' boots

Merritt & Company

Fraudulent Homesteads

The government by the law of February 19th, 1909, has taken a step which will tend to greatly reduce the number of fraudulent homestead entries where the entry-man, under the guise of homesteading lands, is in reality seeking to acquire title to mineral lands and mining claims. The form of application approved by the secretary of the interior March 25th, 1909, requires the applicant who desires to enter lands under the homestead acts to make a positive statement under oath (not merely on information and belief) as follows:

"I am well acquainted with the character of the land herein applied for and with each and every legal subdivision thereof, having personally examined the same; that there is not to my knowledge within the limits thereof any veins or lode of quartz or other rock in place bearing gold, cinnabar, lead, tin, or copper, nor any deposit of coal, placer, cement, gravel, salt spring or deposit of salt, nor other valuable mineral deposit; that no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local customs or rules of miners, or otherwise; that no portion of said land is worked for mineral during any part of the year by any person or persons; that said land is essentially non-mineral land and that my application therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to mineral land."

The above provisions catch the fraudulent entry-man.

The penalty for making a false oath in an application by the entry-man under the Homestead Act is a fine of not more than two thousand dollars and imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years. (see revised statutes of the United States Title L X X Crimes—Chap. 4 sec. 5392).

Any person who knowingly or wilfully in anywise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit pertaining to any matter pertaining to the Homestead Entry is also liable to fine and imprisonment. The men who make a business of locating people under the Homestead Acts and who locate their victims on mining claims, and who induce their victims to make an application which contains a statement that no part of the land is claimed for mining purposes are liable to prosecution as accessories to a felony.

The application requires that there be two witnesses thereto who are required to answer that they personally know that the statements made by him relative to the character of the said lands are true.

Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Co.
Traffic Department

ANNOUNCEMENT

The above-named Company was incorporated December 23, 1910, for the purpose of taking over the following lines:

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company
Oregon & Washington Railroad Company
The North Coast Railroad Company
Idaho Northern Railroad Company
Ilwaco Railroad Company

In future these lines will be operated by and in the name of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company.

F. W. Robinson,
General Freight Agent,
Portland, Oregon.

Wm. McMurray,
General Passenger Agent,
Portland, Oregon.

W. D. Skinner
General Freight and Passenger Agent,
Seattle, Washington.

R. B. Miller, Traffic Manager.

White Pine and Tar

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Coughs and Colds

Jarvis the Druggist

If the witnesses swear falsely they are liable to a fine of not to exceed two thousand dollars and to imprisonment at hard labor not more than five years.

When the law relating to the location of homesteads becomes generally known it is safe to say that prospectors and miners will not be subject to annoyance by having their mining claims covered by homestead locations.

No tedious, long drawn out litigation is necessary to protect the mining claim of the miner and prospector. All that is necessary is for the prospector who is being annoyed by having his claim cover-

ed by a homestead location is that he have a certified copy of the record of his mining location made and send the same to the land office with a statement of the facts in the form of a letter and request that a government inspector be sent to examine the land. If it is found that a fraudulent homestead entry has been made Uncle Samuel attends to the rest.

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still has a great many big bargains left on their shelves.