East Oregonian

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1903.

GENERAL NEWS.

Scotland shipped 11,279,422 tons of coal last year, constituting a record.

Edward Halley introduced mercury as the liquid for use in thermometers in 1680.

Fifteen large vessels and about 400 boats are now icebound in the lower Danube.

Within 20 years the South has increased its railway mileage 162 per cent and its exports 95 per cent.

A cablegram from General Davis, at Manila, reports the death Sunday of First Lieutenant William K. Armstrong, 28th infantry, from Alabama, of smallpox.

Of the land in Russia, as shown by the government report, the nobility own 181,000,000 acres and the merchants 36,000,000, while the peasants own but 35,000,000.

A curious characteristic peculiar to the California redwood tree is that if the head is cut off by lightning a new one will gradually grow out in its place as shapely as the first.

Governor Hunt, acting independently of judicial proceedings, Monday suspended Manuel Egoszcue, mayor of San Juan, from office and ordered independent investigation into the city's affairs.

There has been a steady decrease of the rural population of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska and each of the North Atlantic states, except Rhode Island, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

The trouble which has existed between the independent photo-engravers and the branch remaining with the Typographical Union, have been adjusted. Under the agreement, all photo-engravers will come under one organization, which will be permitted to use the label and will have representation in the central body.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Hood River has secured rural free delivery route No. 2, through the efforts of Congressman Moody.

The demand for alfalfa seed in Eastern Oregon and Washington is stronger this spring than ever known before.

"Red" Morris, a noted Portland crook, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for burglary, at Roseburg, Tuesday.

Portland and the Sound are in a transient flurry over the report that Admiral Schley will visit the Northwest during the spring.

Oregon club women will spend Thursday and Friday in Salem, studying the manner in which state institutions are conducted.

The harness store of George Aumiller, of North Yakima, was broken into Tuesday night and several pairs of valuable harness stolen.

The Portland, Vancouver & Yakima railroad will receive new rolling stock this week, consisting of two new engines and 100 flat cars.

Sixteen inmates and attendants of the Portland tenderloin districts were arrested Tuesday, as a result of Mayor Williams' determination to close the joints and dens.

William Merriman, agent of the Southern Pacific at Salem, succeeds T. A. Bancroft as freight agent at Portland. Mr. Bancroft has been appointed postmaster at Portland.

The Columbia Southern is preparing to extend its line from Shaniko to Bend, near the southern boundary of Crook county. During 1902 this little road carried 100,000 tons of freight and 40,000 passengers.

The supreme court has refused to grant murderer Belding a new hearing. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree in Multnomah county, for the killing of Deborah A. McCroskey, in Portland, on July 11, 1902.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel Pendleton.

C. K. Geary, Seattle.
T. R. Yerker, Seattle.
E. C. Wignoire, Monith.
J. D. Chase, Portland.
C. Osterhagen, Portland.
F. S. McMahon and wife, Portland.
W. R. Glendening, Portland.
F. Natter, Heppner.
J. H. Blake, Heppner.
Mrs. C. Miller, Heppner.
H. Grabb and wife, Omaha.
J. D. McLain, Joseph.
Don Davenport, Helena.
T. N. Hughes, St. Joseph.
L. L. Cohn, Minneapolis.
C. L. Fee, Echo.
W. H. Booth, Arlington.
W. P. Smith, San Francisco.
M. H. Patton, Spokane.
R. H. Carton, Spokane.

Golden Rule.

Mrs. E. M. Smith, Portland.
L. C. Smith, Portland.
J. C. Smith, Portland.
J. Clem, Freewater.
G. Beck, Busk, Iowa.
R. M. Akers, Milton.
Mrs. J. Lawson, Milton.
Nellie Dienn, Milton.
G. D. Galley, Portland.
A. E. McBreen, Portland.
G. W. Williams, Portland.
A. J. Hall, Spokane.
Sam Lee, Spokane.
H. H. Horton, city.
E. F. Fairchild, San Francisco.
Norman Reeves, Portland.
Lee Cunningham, Portland.
Mr. Linder, Yakima.

REVIVAL MEETINGS END.

New Church Organized at Plainview School With 46 Members.

The protracted meeting at Plainview school house, Birch Creek, came to a close last Sunday evening with a crowded house. The meeting had been in progress three weeks with unabated interest, in fact the interest was greater at the close than at any time and it was the opinion of many that the services should continue at least another week. The result of the protracted effort was the establishment of a Church of Christ with 46 members, the outlook for the new organization being very bright.

Fine Draft Horses.

M. C. Gray, of Beatrice, Neb., will be in Pendleton about February 6, with a carload of Percheron, Clyde and Shire stallions. His headquarters will be at the Froome barn, on Main street.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

From McKay place on Umatilla river, one 2-year-old heifer with line back. No ear mark or brands. A suitable reward will be given for any information or return. Ed Morgan.

NEW LIEU LAND LAW

EDDY, OF TILLAMOOK, WOULD RAISE PRICE OF SCHOOL LAND

Object of Bill is to Protect the State Against Loss by Statute of Limitations—Price of Lieu Land to be $5 Instead of $1.25 as at Present.

Salem, Jan. 28.—Rrepresentative B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook and Yamhill, has introduced three bills in the house, one referring to the statute limitations running against the state, and the others in regard to state lands which are of considerable importance to the state, as they may effect the people of Oregon more or less.

The first bill referred to is that to prevent the statute of limitations running against the state. As the law now stands the state can lose land by private persons maintaining possession for ten years. That this is liable to happen at any time is illustrated by the fact that the state recently lost an entire section of school land in Eastern Oregon by this means. At the present time it is as easy to obtain possession against the state as against any private person. In addition, the state is unable to recover on any bond of a public officer on which the statute of limitations may have run.

Any person may settle on public school lands in Oregon, and if their presence is not discovered after 10 years they will be entitled to permanent possession. As has been stated, the new bill provides that the statute shall not run against the state.

The reason advance for this by Mr. Eddy is that the state is continually changing officers, and it is impracticable for them to keep track of the school lands and see that settlers are not occupying them.

Another bill that will be introduced by the representative will be to amend the state land law so as to give an owner upland on tidal waters a priority to right to purchase from the state the tide land in front of his property. So far as the state is now concerned, persons not interested in the upland property can purchase a narrow ribbon of land and shut off the upland owner completely from the water front. Under the rule of the state land board, the upland owner has been accorded thi sright, but Representative Eddy's bill proposes to fix it so this right must be given.

The same bill amends section 3032 of Bellinger and Cotton's Code so that from the time the act takes effect until July 1, 1905, none of the school lands now belonging to the state in the 16th and 32d sections of each township shall be sold. In the meantime, the state land board will be directed to list and appraise the lands and report to the next legislature. The money received from the lands now being disposed of goes into the irreducible school fund, which at the present time, amounts to $730,000. It is argued that there is no reason why these lands should be sacrificed at less than their true value and pile up this fund. It means, therefore, a temporary withdrawal to take stock.

The third bill which is fathered by Mr. Eddy is to fix the minimum price of the lieu lands of the state at $5 per acre, instead of $1.25, the price at the present time.

Horses High Here.

C. M. Peck, of Ottumwa, Ia., an extensive breeder of and dealer in fine horses, is in Pendleton making this point on an extensive tour of the West and Northwest. Mr. Peck declares that the same grade and all-round quality of horses can be bought now cheaper anywhere in the Middle West than in this vicinity. From the Dakotas to Texas the same animals are cheaper than here. Mr. Peck declares that he sees in and around Pendleton the best bred and formed horses, especially roadsters, to be seen anywhere in the Northwest, and he has been all over Oregon and Washington during the present winter.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

Helvetia Milk Condensing Company Sends Out Work of Art.

The East Oregonian is in receipt of a copy of "Motherhood," a duplicate of Herbert J. Day's famous painting. The Helvetia Milk Condensing Company, of Highland, Ill., is sending out this magnificent work of art to its customers, in return for labels from the quart cans of its Evaporated Cream. The picture is worthy of a place in any house and customers of this wide awake firm should esteem it a rare treat to be able to secure it in this manner.

Notice.

All Modern Woodmen and their friends are cordially invited to a basket social given by the Royal Neighbors Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, at Odd Fellows' Hall.