

RUSH IN EXHIBITS

BUREAU OF INFORMATION ISSUES CIRCULAR LETTER.

Invites County Courts and City Councils to Co-operate—Would Advertise in an Authentic Manner the Resources of Each District.

The following circular letter has been sent out by the bureau of information of Portland, to the commercial associations, county courts, city councils and newspapers of Oregon: Citizens of Portland are maintaining at their own expense a bureau of information, and with it an exhibit of the state's resources, the object of which is the collection of such facts as will enable them to intelligently guide the immigrant homeseeker and investor.

There are hundreds of such people landing in Portland every day without any knowledge of the country, its resources or opportunities.

Heretofore there has been no definite plan of action to encourage, advise or assist such to become permanent settlers, and as a consequence, many who could by such treatment be secured to the state, are returning to the East with discouraging reports or drifting to other parts of the West, where a better reception is accorded them.

The Oregon information bureau, while it is a Portland institution, aims to cover the entire state, believing that in building up any part of the state, the whole will be benefited.

State's Needs.

What the state most needs today is development, and this can only be accomplished by securing and fostering immigration, and for this purpose the bureau was organized. The state is being thoroughly advertised through the efforts of the Harriman system, and the Lewis and Clark Centennial Fair in 1905. The people are coming. Our object, therefore, will be to provide such information as will be best suited to their needs, and be most effective in securing results that will be of lasting benefit to the state. To do this effectually will require a complete inventory of the resources of the state, whether in its crude or in its developed condition.

It will require a long time and much work to compile such facts, and it cannot be completed in time for the work now upon us. We, therefore, desire for immediate use, such information as can be gained only through the co-operation of every one interest-

ed in the welfare of the state. We should like to have as accurate a list as possible of all available lands in each county, either open to settlement or that can be purchased, together with a description of such lands, the purpose to which it is best fitted, the price at which it can be had and the name of someone at the nearest railroad station to whom we can refer strangers and feel assured that they will be assisted in securing a location adapted to their wants, with the least possible delay and expense. We wish our information to be accurate, as any misrepresentations will only retard our object and reflect on the sincerity of our motives.

We wish every county to take the matter up in earnest and see that it is the duty of some one to furnish the bureau with this information.

Exhibits Indorsed.

We shall be glad to receive for distribution, any printed matter or circulars setting forth the advantages of the various sections of the state. These, however, must be accompanied by the indorsement of the county officials, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, or some one interested or identified with the settlement or development of the county. We earnestly request such individuals or organizations to name some one to whom we can refer persons wishing to visit their county, and who will co-operate with us in our endeavor to satisfactorily locate settlers and investors.

Location.

We will be glad to meet persons from every county in the state. Our rooms are located at the Union depot. Our business, the collection of information at our own expense and the distribution of the same free.

All letters of inquiry addressed to the Oregon Information Bureau will receive prompt reply, and all information furnished will be used to the best possible advantage of Oregon.

All packages and exhibits should be addressed plainly "Oregon Information Bureau," Portland, Oregon, and delivered at your nearest railroad station or steamboat landing; free transportation has been provided.

Sheep Not for Sale.

T. A. Sullivan, of Gibbon, Neb., has been in Heppner the past week or more endeavoring to purchase a large band of 2-year-old ewes, but he informs the Times reporter that he has not been able as yet, to close a deal. He wants ewes for future delivery—after shearing season. He says the sheepowners hesitate about naming a price. Evidently the sheepmen are holding out for a better price, which they expect to get after the shearing season.—Heppner Times.

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NEWS FROM ECHO

SHEARING SEASON COMMENCES IN EARNEST.

Ladies' Aid Society Give Interesting Program—Many From Washington and Idaho Looking Over Irrigation Reserve—Echo to Have a Newspaper.

Echo, March 20.—The Ladies' Aid Society gave an entertainment here last night at the Odd Fellows' hall, which was well attended and much appreciated by those in attendance. An interesting program was rendered each number meeting with the approval of everyone present. Recitations were given by Miss Celestine Moorhouse, Miss Francella Duncan and W. P. Jinnett, and by a number of school children. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Charles H. Miller, Miss Duncan, Garfield Stansberry and Master Percy Ripper, each of which merited liberal applause. A male quintette, composed of Messrs. Miller, Stansberry, Mudge, Hammer and Atkinson gave several vocal selections. A magnificent luncheon was spread, which was likewise appreciated.

A large delegation of merchants, doctors and business men of Colfax, Wash., together with several persons from Moscow, Idaho, arrived on this morning's train for the purpose of looking over the irrigation project.

Echo will soon have a newspaper, L. A. Esteb having purchased a lot near the depot, on which he will erect a building for this purpose.

Mr. Benson is loading two cars of fat cattle here today for the Portland market.

M. M. Welch and F. B. Ball are gathering up several carloads which they will load here within a few days.

The lovely sunshine of the past two days has started a number of persons to planting early garden.

The shearing season has commenced here and quite a number of persons are dropping in with a view of securing work. There seems to be ready employment, as none of them stop in town more than one day.

"DARKEST HOUR."

Carter's Best Play at the Frazer Tonight.

Lincoln J. Carter's new scenic comedy "The Darkest Hour" will be the attraction at the Frazer tonight. In his latest effort Mr. Carter has woven a powerful love story, and one in which the dramatic interest grows steadily from the first to the last act. The stage setting is a beautiful one, and the author's art is consistently displayed in his manner of employing romantic surroundings for a series of happenings that are both strange and absorbing.

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- Heavy Wool Skirting, 56 inches wide, regular \$1.20 per yd., **80c**
Special, per yd.....
- Grey All Wool Goods, Medium Weight, regular 85c per yard, **65c**
special, per yard.....
- Grey All Wool Suiting, Medium Weight, regular 75c per yard, **60c**
special, per yard.....
- French Flannel Waistings, 75c and 50c kinds, respectively per yard, **39c**
50c and.....
- Wool Henriettas, all colors, yard wide, special this week per yard **22c**
- New Snow Flake Suitings, variety of patterns, yard wide, special this week, per yard **50c**
- Novelty Suitings, wider than above, beautiful patterns, special per yard **75c**

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THE BUSY FAIR STORE

containing numerous passengers, starting from the center of the stage, going directly away from, but keeping in full view of the audience, growing smaller and smaller, until it becomes a mere speck in the distance, then vanishes altogether, only to reappear as it rounds a curve apparently miles away where it crosses a trestle over a deep mountain ravine, which trestle is blown to atoms by a terrific explosion an instant after the train with its cargo of human freight has passed over to safety, is one of the many sensational scenic surprises. Among the well-known players may be mentioned the eminent German comedian, Chas. A. (Karl) Gardner, and many others of equal repute.

TO ENTERTAIN MEDICS.
Great Preparations Being Made for Reception of Doctors.

New Orleans, March 21.—Though the date of the annual convention of the American Medical Association, to be held in this city in May, is still somewhat distant, preparations for the entertainment of the visitors on that occasion have been begun. Judging from advices already received by the local committee on arrangements the gathering will be one of record-breaking size, even for an association which is noted for the large and representative character of its annual gatherings. Besides the eminent physicians and

surgeons from all parts of the United States, Canada will send many of its most noted medical men, while its proximity to Mexico insures a large attendance from that republic that never before in the history of the association. The full program of papers and discussions will be announced shortly.

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To any who wishes to invest a reasonable sum in the HIGHLAND, we will pay all the traveling expenses to and from the mine for the purpose of his making a personal investigation. We have a good mine and we are not afraid to show it. Mining men and experts of known ability who have visited the HIGHLAND are all unanimous in saying that the HIGHLAND will make a large mine and a good producer.

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