

CORPORATIONS.

The President's recent message to congress shows his even temper of mind and clear discrimination in pointing out the way to regulate the great corporations of the present day so as to make them useful to the people and supervise their operations as to eliminate the harmful results to the public which may occur where there is no regulation. An occasional enthusiast construes the president's earnest recommendations as pointing toward an implied threat to favor government ownership, while the public utterances of the President before and since his election has pointed against government ownership and in favor of strict supervision and regulation. Government ownership of corporations means that all the great enterprises of the country shall be carried on and operated by the government thus eliminating all private ownership in any of the great business enterprises of the country where they become too large and require more capital to operate, than individuals can associate together, under ownership not corporate.

One with a vivid imagination insists that the government should own and operate the great railroad and transportation enterprises, another finds that another class of work should be carried on by the government, and by the time that we satisfy all of the peculiar ideas found in the minds of different men, we would have all of the business of the country owned and operated by Uncle Sam, and we would all have to work for our dear old uncle on a salary.

There is no reason why every corporation cannot be supervised and regulated under proper laws so as to be of vast benefit to the public and still guard against and eliminate the disturbance to the public good when the absence of proper supervision under just laws is found wanting.

It was the theory carried out by law under the rule of kings that the government should own and control all mines. In the United States among the great industries are the mining interests owned by individuals and the larger enterprises of the kind are carried on by associating large aggregates of capital from small owners and organizing them into corporations in the conduct of these great mining enterprises which have proven so beneficial and produced so much wealth to our country. Like many enterprises the industry cannot be handled by individuals for lack of sufficient capital.

Corporations are good or bad as are the individuals who own and operate them, the same as all other classes. If the owners or operators are good or bad so will be the corporation. To guard against the evil results from the bad owners the recommendation of the President for laws requiring strict supervision and frequent examination into their affairs by competent men and the most thorough reports making public the results to the people as recommended by him are the safeguards for the people.

DESTROYING SHEEP.

The killing of four thousand head of sheep by sheepshooters last spring in the Silver Lake country followed soon after by the murder of Creed Conn, the Silver Lake merchant, whose knowledge of the shooting of the sheep the criminals feared would bring them to justice, is brought vividly to mind when the news of a similar occurrence is chronicled in Central Oregon. Recent news from Prineville states that six thousand head of sheep slaughtered, of an approximate value of \$2,000, without a single indictment by the grand jury, is

the record of the past season. The same authority states that, "The first organized bands of sheepshooters were for the express purpose of protecting the range from so-called outside sheep, their efforts have never been directed at anything but the apparent extermination of home sheep, that all public range could thus be conserved for the individual use of the cattleman to exclusion of all other kinds of stock."

Is it possible that such conditions of wanton destruction of property and murder, can continue in any part of a civilized country like the United States? If it were in some countries possibly not so free as ours, detectives would be put on the trail of the criminals and they would be placed in the penitentiary where they belong. Mr. Conn met his death because he was supposed to have definite knowledge of the parties who did the killing of sheep. In the locality where the last 6000 sheep were wantonly killed, law abiding citizens are no doubt fearful of losing their lives if they should make any move to punish the organized bands of criminals in killing the sheep industry, because it is claimed the cattle kings are the leaders of these organized bands of outlaws. If such is the case it follows that the citizens of other parts of the state should organize plans which will result in hunting down and punishing these criminals. These occurrences are a disgrace to the fair name of Oregon. The law officers of the state should take immediate steps to purge Oregon of this disgrace. It may be said that the officers and law abiding citizens of the counties where these offenses are committed shall take the initiative, which under ordinary circumstances would be proper. But the organized bands of criminals under the guidance of cattlemen are largely in the ascendancy and bent on driving out and exterminating the sheep industry and if necessary shoot every sheep on the range to carry out their plans. The law abiding citizens in the respective localities are powerless to combat this criminal element. Large sums of money and much time is spent in the laudable undertaking to attract strangers from other states to settle in Oregon. Some of this energy should be spent in detecting and bringing to justice the criminals named.

Alfred C Schmitt of Albany, was a business visitor to this city yesterday.

Butter 40 to 50 cents; eggs 32½c; wheat 80c; oats 40c; turkeys 14½c; chickens 8c, in the Corvallis markets.

Remember the Silks Flag contest closes the last of this month. The Firemen and OAC are in the lead.

Subject at the Christian church next Sunday morning, "The Church of Christ," evening, "The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of Christ."

The First Spiritual Union will hold services in Barrett Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p. m. Doors open at 2:30. A cordial invitation to every one.

Presbyterian Church, Rev M. S. Bush, Pastor—Bible School at 10 a. m.; C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., subject "Gratitude;" evening service 7:30, subject, "Destroying God's Word."

The Corvallis Band of Mercy will meet in the Free Reading Room at 3 p. m. tomorrow. As this will be the last meeting this year, all members are urged to be present. By order of the president, Mrs. Sarah Cauthorn.

Herbert Ellison, lecturer and poet, who for nearly two decades was a resident of Russia, will deliver a lecture at the Opera House tomorrow night on "The Empire of the Czar and the Russian people." This is a topic of intense interest at any time, and especially at the present—the critical turning point in the history of the Russian Empire, and if will repay everyone to go out and hear him. He is said to be one of the most entertaining speakers on the platform today, and will no doubt have a large audience. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER.

Bellfountain.

Justice M. M. Waltz has added another shed to his already large dairy barn. He is milking 18 or 20 cows at present. The dairy business is steadily growing in the south end of the county.

An advertising show, conducted by a Mr. Charles, has been spending several evenings entertaining our citizens here.

Hon. G. A. Waggoner, of Corvallis, has been spending several days here visiting old neighbors and renewing former acquaintances.

Miss Allie Reader was called Portland last Friday on account of the serious illness of her brother, who resides there. Miss Belle Edwards has charge of her school during her absence.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Grange Hall Christmas eve under the auspices of the Sunday School assisted by the public school. Marion Baily's little son, who has been ill with pneumonia, is able to be up again.

Coyotes have been disturbing the sheep of late. A vigorous chase is looked for as there are some fine dogs kept here. It is the common opinion here that crops seldom, if ever, looked better at at this time of the year. There has been a fine growth of grass and stock of all kinds looks well.

Dr. Bennett has been quite busy lately, but his patients are doing nicely during his absence of a few days in Eugene, where he went to get married.

Lawrence Dyre, of Portland, is visiting friends and relatives in this place.

Charley Clem and family of Linn county are visiting friends and relatives here.

Howard, the one-year old son of Warren Hinton, has been quite sick with pneumonia, but he was improving at last accounts.

H. T. Bristow met with what might have been a serious accident recently. While putting his horses in the barn one he was leading dodged from another, throwing its head in such a manner as to strike Mr. Bristow just above the right eye cutting quite a gash to the bone.

W. S. Humphrey has secured a dairy herd and is going into the dairy business.

There will be an open meeting of the Grange at this place on December 17. Speakers from abroad are expected. Everyone is cordially invited. Come and let us spend the day together and enjoy a feast of good things.

Oak Grove Chips.

W. L. Cauthorn, of Wells, who has been indisposed for some time went to Portland Thursday for medical treatment under his brother, Dr. Frank Cauthorn of that city.

Mr. Leatherman expects to spend the holidays in Wasco county. He goes to look after his farm and to script 160 acres adjoining his place.

Rev. Maurer, of Salem, presiding elder of the Evangelical church, held communion services here Sunday.

Geo. Price is having several hundred cords of wood cut this winter.

Richland is making arrangements to have a Christmas tree.

Misses Mabel Williamson and Mattie Carter, of Wells, made a flying trip to Albany Saturday.

Dr. Akin, of Albany, made a professional trip here Monday.

Prof. Leatherman, principal of the Madison street school, Albany, was here Saturday looking after his apple orchard.

W. M. Read came up from Portland Thursday and expects to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. C. Boundy.

Emmett Williamson wife and son, Ralph, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cady.

Chas. Boundy expects to leave the latter part of the week for a few weeks' sojourn in Washington to look at the country and visit with relatives.

Supervisor Wentz left Tuesday for Salem where he goes to attend the good roads meeting which will be held at the capital city Wednesday and Thursday.

Monroe.

Miss Sarah Wilhelm returned home Tuesday after an extended visit with Corvallis friends.

Tim Dowling and family have moved to Corvallis. He has been in the employ of A. Wilhelm & Sons for some time.

John Crow recently returned from Canada. He also spent some time in Washington.

Miss Ella Porter is again attending school. She has been ill the past few days.

The moving picture show here Tuesday evening was not attended by a very large crowd. It seems as if the people are tired of being humbugged.

Charley Denney is now working in Wilhelm's flouring mill.

The telephone poles are nearly all set from here to Harrisburg on the new line to be put up by A. Wilhelm,

Miss Bessie Daneman returned home on yesterday morning's train from an extended visit at Clew, Oregon, where she has a homestead. She says Miss Lula Spangler, who is also visiting at Clew, expects to return to Corvallis about Christmas time.

David Chesley, of Philomath, was in this city yesterday, and exhibited at this office a specimen of Garter snake, which he captured alive while over in the Alsea valley recently. It is a young snake about six inches in length, and the peculiar part of it is that it has two separate and perfectly formed heads, where only one ought to be.

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Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office. Oregon City, Or., December 12, 1904. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on January 23, 1905, viz: JAMES E. WEST, H. E. No 12555, for the S 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec 24, Tp 10 S, R 7 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Howard L. Bush, By Frazit, John Bottger, Wallace Franz, all of Hoskins, Or. GEO. W. BILLEU, Receiver.

DAILY BOATS.

The O. C. T. Co's, steamers leaves CORVALLIS d'ly except Sunday 6 a. m. ALBANY " " " 7 a. m. IND'PEND'CE " " " 9 a. m. SALEM " " " 10 a. m.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Morgan Savage, deceased, by the county court of Benton county, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same duly verified, accompanied by proper vouchers, to him at Summit, Oregon, or to W. E. Yates at his office, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated, November 24, 1904. C. A. SAVAGE, Adm'r Estate Morgan Savage, Dec'd

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.

TIME CARD.

No. 2—For Yaquina: Leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m. Leaves Corvallis.....1:48 p. m. Arrives Yaquina.....6:20 p. m. No. 1—Returning: Leaves Yaquina.....6:45 a. m. Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m. Arrives Albany.....12:15 p. m. No. 3—For Albany-Detroit: Leaves Corvallis.....6:00 a. m. Arrives Albany.....6:40 a. m. Leaves Albany for Detroit 7:30 a. m. Arrives Detroit.....12:02 p. m. No. 4—From Detroit: Leaves Detroit.....12:35 p. m. Arrives Albany.....5:15 p. m. Lv Albany for Corvallis..7:15 p. m. Arrives Corvallis.....7:55 p. m. Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with the S. P. south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S. P. north bound train. Train No. 2 connects with the S. P. trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches. Train 3 for Detroit via Albany leaves Corvallis at 6 a. m. and connects with the S. P. Albany-Portland local train leaving Albany at 7 a. m. Train No. 3 leaves Albany for Detroit at 7:30 a. m. arriving there at noon, giving ample time to reach the Breitenbush hot springs the same day. Train No 4 connects at Albany with the Portland Albany local, which arrives here at 7:10, and runs to Corvallis leaving Albany at 7:15 and arriving in Corvallis at 7:55 p. m.

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