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TO START ON CANAL.

Channel at Three Mile Rapids to be Deepened.

The first work in connection with the construction of the Celilo Canal will be commenced about May 1. Major W. C. Langfitt, United States Engineer Department, will advertise for sealed proposals for removing the submerged rocks and deepening the channel of the Columbia River at Three-Mile Rapids. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Major Langfitt until 11 a. m., March 22, 1904, which will then be publicly opened.

According to the contract, work on the channel must commence within 30 days after the award of the contract, and the commencement of the improvement of the channel will depend entirely on the time consumed in abstracting the bids and deciding which will be the most advantageous, which will probably be done within ten days after the proposals are opened.

The improvement work according to the contract, must be completed in May 1905.

The improvement will consist of removing submerged rocks and reefs from the channel that are dangerous to boats, especially during low water and the channel will be opened and made of sufficient depth and width to insure the safety of boats that will necessarily navigate this part of the river during the low water when the construction of the canal is in progress. The completion of the contract will open the channel from The Dalles to the point where the canal will be constructed.

For the Celilo Canal \$199,073 is on hand with which to do the work, nearly all of which will be consumed in clearing the Three Mile Rapids. Major Langfitt stated that nearly all of the available fund would be used on this improvement of the river, and while the work could be postponed until a later date that as long as the money was available, this part of the work might as well be done at the present time.

The recommendation of Major Langfitt that the channel be cleared, was submitted to the Engineer's department, in Washington, some time ago and met with the approval of the department.

Speaks For Chief Joseph.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 18.—Several thousand persons witnessed the commencement exercises at the Carlisle Indian school today, when diplomas were presented to the largest class in the history of the institution, the graduates numbering 43. General O. O. Howard, Dr. Sheldon Jackson and Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces, were among the guests.

General Howard feelingly referred to old Chief Joseph, against whom he had warred, and demanded that Congress repay the Nez Perces for the losses in flicted.

"Nothing," he said "is ever settled until justice is done."

VALUES ARE HIGHER.

Taxable Property Increased \$25,000,000 in the State.

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—An increase of \$25,000,000 in the assessed valuation of the taxable property in Oregon is shown by the assessment summaries which have just been filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The total value of taxable property in 1902 was \$148,000,000, and according to the rolls of 1903 it is \$173,000,000. There has been an increase in the assessed value of every class of property showing the heaviest advances. In round numbers, tillable land has increased \$5,000,000, non-tillable land, \$9,000,000; city lots and improvements, \$4,000,000; railroad bed, \$3,000,000; merchandise \$1,000,000. Railroad bed shows the greatest percentage of increase, the advance being nearly 42 per cent. Unimproved land has gone up 34 per cent on the assessment rolls.

In per cent of increase Clackamas County heads the list by almost doubling its assessment Gilliam County shows an increase of 98 per cent; Benton, 72 per cent; Umatilla, 62 per cent; Morrow, 54 per cent, and Clatsop 44 per cent. Two counties show decreases, Tillamook and Grant, but Tillamook had nearly doubled its assessment the year before. Much to the surprise of everyone, Multnomah County shows the smallest rate of increase, although it is known that rents have advanced and many new buildings have been erected. The average increase throughout the state is 17 per cent. Multnomah's increase is 4 1/2 per cent.

The figures show that the advances have been more in the amount of property. There has been an increase of 160,000 acres in the area of tillable land, but the rate of valuation has increased from \$10 to \$11.50 per acre. In 1902, there were 2,809,327 acres of tillable land assessed, and in 1903 there were 2,971,343. The area of non-tillable land assessed has increased from 13,122,168 acres to 14,389,146 acres, and the rate of assessment has increased from \$2 per acre to approximately \$2.50 per acre.

The increase in the number of miles of railroad bed has been from 1,680 miles in 1902 to 1,764 miles in 1903. The rate of assessment has increased from \$3469 per mile to \$4636 per mile.

The number of livestock has grown as follows:

	1902	1903
Horses and mules	156,346	167,743
Cattle	455,874	511,288
Sheep and goats	1,953,011	2,120,167
Swine	94,021	105,289

Notice of Sale of Impounded Animal.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up within the corporate limits of the town of Heppner, and impounded the following described animal to wit: One three-year-old red heifer with white face, no ear marks or brands visible.

That I will on Wednesday, the 2d day of March, 1904, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the City Pound, in Heppner, Oregon, offer said animal for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, unless claimed by the owner before said time.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1904.
D. C. GURDANE,
City Marshal.

Towne Drops Free Silver.

New York, Feb. 17.—In a speech before the Democratic Club, ex Senator Charles A. Towne has declared, in discussing the next platform of his party, that the Democrats of the West are willing to relegate the silver issue. The free-coinage question, he is quoted as having said, has been settled by an increase in the world's gold supply, and while matters remain as they are the people do not care anything about it.

Rush For Timber Land.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 17.—Marshfield experienced genuine excitement yesterday in a scramble for timber land, the like of which was never seen here before. It was not scheduled nor heralded in print, but started on the quiet,

though the whole neighborhood was soon apprised and there was a scramble to get in line and obtain a coveted quarter section in short order. Over 200 applicants to purchase were in before the supply was exhausted.

What brought about the stampede was the disclosure of certain facts in possession of the law firm of McKnight & Seabrook relative to the title of the famous Coos Bay wagon road lands. It is claimed that this immensely valuable tract of timber is still held in trust by Southern Oregon Company for the people, the clause in the original grant to the State of Oregon from the Federal Government being operative in which it recites that the land shall not be sold to individuals other than citizens of the United States and in tracts not larger than 160 acres, and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 or less than \$1.25. This land has always been held as a whole by a corporation. Upon this point hinges the fate of the 200 applicants to purchase the land, and they have put up \$3000 to prosecute the case. Application to purchase at the top figure was served upon R. E. Shine, secretary of the company on the same day.

There is no end to the excitement occasioned by the bringing of the suit. Coos county has long been troubled with this company that will not sell a foot of land to settlers at any price, and public sentiment is very strongly in favor of those who have applied for the lands. In all events this means the starting of a long legal battle.

The Baltimore and the Home fire insurance companies of Baltimore, have applied for receivers which will be at once appointed.

Albert Beckman, the murderer of his sweetheart, Helen Kelly, was sentenced to 99 years imprisonment for the crime, at Butte, on Tuesday.

Elbert Wilson, who was reported to have been drowned in the Yamhill river, at Forest Grove, is thought to have left the country.

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Following the announcement that the shingle mills on the Puget Sound had consolidated, comes the announcement of a raise in the price of shingles.

The editorial page of the Weekly Oregonian gives a broad treatment to a wide range of subjects.

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