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PORTAGE ROAD.

Umatilla and Walla Walla Counties Will Give \$1000.

Walla Walla county will soon begin a campaign to raise \$5,000 for the use of the Open River commission in securing a right of way for the Portage road at Celilo. The assessment of Walla Walla county is the same as that of Umatilla and every indication is that it will be decided to raise this as readily as Pendleton fell into line.

Leon Chen who has charge of the Umatilla county fund has not selected the collectors as yet who will assist him in the work, but expects to set the ball in motion in the near future.

The Walla Walla Commercial club will meet Friday night and will discuss the question fully and at this meeting it is expected that not only the city business men will be present, but also that the Walla Walla county farmers who are interested in the improvement of transportation facilities will attend en masse and express their opinion on the proposed assessment.

From the expressions made by the business men of Walla Walla it seems certain that the county will raise its portion of the money needed as soon as Umatilla county will and that no more difficulty will be experienced in securing the assessment there than there will be in collecting it here. Other counties are bearing their portion of the burden willingly and in many of the inland towns are found business men, big shippers and merchants, that would be willing to pay the entire assessment of the town themselves could they be sure the portage road would soon be built.

The Open River commission, after a summer's work with the state board, the government officials and the railroad interests has secured the promise of assistance from these sources and has been given a clear track, the only pledge being that the commission pay for the road and raise in any way it may see fit a sum sufficient for this purpose the state appropriation being not more than half enough.

As to the necessity of the road the present season has shown that more than ever before, since the big wheat crop filled the grainaries and store houses of the region. The farmers and grainmen are used to an 8-cent tariff where there should only be a 3-cent one, but it took a car shortage that practically held up the county's crop for two months after the harvest to make some of the growers realize what they were up against. But the lesson according to the feeling shown by the local business men and grain growers and shippers, has been rather thoroughly learned and Umatilla county will easily raise its \$5,000 for the project and consider the purchase cheap at the price.

"We old hill dwellers have been waiting for twenty-five years for a chance to ship our stuff out without giving up 40 per cent of its value to the railroads," said a big wheat-raiser yesterday. "and any time they come to me for a donation to the portage road fund, the canal fund or any other fund that means our emancipation from present conditions, I will gladly pay twice what my share is and pay some more if that is not

enough." It is this spirit that the general desire to sever the chief chain that binds the county down to old conditions that will make the work of the collectors through the county an easy one. —Pendleton Tribune.

SCOTCH CLANS TO GATHER.

Dancers, Singers, Players and Orators Go to Condon.

Scotch dancers, singers, bagpipe-players and one orator from Portland will next week invade Condon, the pretty county seat of Gilliam, to take part in the annual meeting of the Fossil Caledonian Club, October 27 and 28. George J. Cameron is to deliver the annual address on "Scotland," and will be accompanied by this concert party: Miss Laurie Stanton, soprano; Mrs. W. D. Deaver, contralto; Andrew Ruddiman, baritone, Pipe-Major Moon and Rob Roy Burt, bagpipe-players, and Miss Rosie Forbes, Miss Myrtle J. Sharp, William McCormack and Frank D'Arcy, dancers. The Pilgrims start on the trip Wednesday evening.

The Fossil Caledonian Club is one of the strongest and most progressive Scotch societies along the Pacific Coast, and has made marked progress in membership and influence under the leadership of James S. Stewart, of the Fossil Journal, and other chieftains. The club's annual meeting, concert and dance alternate take place at Fossil and Condon. It's Condon's turn this year, and after the Portland tourists arrive at Arlington, on the O. R. & N., there is a stagecoach ride of 40 miles ahead of them before they reach Condon. The new spur railroad line from Arlington to Condon is now under construction, however, and is expected to be ready for travel about March 1. There is considerable wheat-raising around this part of the country and once grain can be hauled by rail to tide-water instead of using the present expensive mode of teaming to Arlington, the farmers will be a good deal richer than they are now.

Up to a few years ago Gilliam County was almost exclusively devoted to stock-raising, and not so very long ago it was debatable land between warring sheepmen and cattlemen. But Gilliam County is fast changing from the home of cowboys and sheepmen into a land of peaceful farmers. Recent statistics show that 105,000 acres of ground are tilled in Gilliam County, and that the yield of wheat on her hills varies from 10 to 40 bushels per acre. Last year there were in the county about 160,000 head of sheep, 9000 head of cattle and 7200 head of horses and mules. Condon's history only dates back about 20 years. The land on which it is located was originally homesteaded by a workingman, who afterward sold it to business men in Arlington. A townsite was laid out and the name of one of the owners given to it. Today Condon is a busy little place, with a growing population of about 1200.

The Scotch in Fossil, Wheeler County, are largely agriculturists. They are interested to a great extent in raising grain and sheep, but sheep-raising is not what it was before the range war began, and wool sales are not now exclusively depended upon by many. To get to Fossil you either drive via Condon or go by rail by the Columbia Southern to Shaniko and drive 40 miles from that point. Fossil gets its name from a fossil bed about four miles distant from the present location of the town, where over 20 years ago was established a postoffice. In the year 1883 a man thought that the basin in which Fossil is now located would make an excellent place for a store, and he built a store and dwelling and began business.

Trade grew, the Fossil postoffice was transferred to the place, and ultimately Fossil was made the capital of Wheeler County. Now the town is a flourishing place, with a population of about 700 or 800, and a cost of \$15,000 a pipe line was laid to bring mountain spring water from a distance of about three miles. In 1902 the assessed value of all property in the County was \$1,158,928, or an

average of more than \$450 for every man, woman and child in the county. At that time there were 127,987 sheep, valued at \$319,867; 11,938 head of cattle, valued at \$238,760; and horses and mules numbering 3722 and valued at \$55,830. Fossil with her fertile lands on which grain will grow without irrigation, looks with envious eyes at Condon, and hopes that the day is near when she, too, will have railroad connection, probably with the Columbia Southern.

So Portland's singing and dancing pilgrims of the Scotch ilk are going to an Eastern Oregon region which is literally one of milk and honey. One of the mottoes of their race is:

A man may drink and no be drunk,

A man may fight and no be slain,

A man may kiss a bonny lass—

And aye be welcome back again.

No Vote On Prohibition.

Independence, Or., Oct. 13.—There will be no vote on prohibition in Polk County, though a petition with the requisite number of names has been filed. The petition was filed after the regular monthly session of court had adjourned.

The law provides that the County Court shall issue an election order after the filing of such petition, but County Judge Coad does not consider himself the court for such purpose, and said today that he did not consider himself authorized to reconvene the Commissioners for that purpose. County Clerk Smith, after advising with the District Attorney, announced that he did not consider himself authorized to put the prohibition provision on the official ballot without an order from the court so there will be no opportunity to vote on prohibition in Polk County.

The five-story brick flour mill building and its large wooden warehouse erected at Salem, Oregon, in 1882, and known as the Capitol flour mill, were burned last Sunday night. For seven years these structures had not been used for the purpose for which they were originally built, the machinery having been removed to other mills located elsewhere. The plant and its site and water power right have been the property of the Portland Flouring Mills Company for some time, and that company also owns the mill operated under the name of the Salem Flour Mill Company in this city. The buildings, which are now in ashes, were erected under the supervision of Wm. Reid, of Portland, who was at the head of several projects owned by a Scotch company of capitalists, and the cost of their construction and equipment was about \$136,000. During the past three years the buildings had been used as a storage place for a great quantity of flax straw and seed which was being prepared for use by a company which had in view the erection of a linen mill at Salem, and the greatest loss to the community is felt in that regard, as the carrying out of the latter project will be delayed for a longer period than would have been the case had the fire not occurred.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. John S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes: "For twelve years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for kidney and liver trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by the Slocum Drug Co. Only 50c.

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Opening Of Idaho Lands.

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A dam has been built in the river at the head of the great canyon which raises the water about 50 feet above its natural level. By this means the water is diverted into a huge canal which carries the water at the highest possible level westward 70 miles distributing it all along the way into laterals that reach every part of the vast tract.

The entire area of lands under the canal is 271,000 acres. Forty thousand acres have been opened and taken up by settlers. Owing to the demand for the lands opened up today it is probable that the state board will decide upon an early date for opening the remainder of the tract irrigated by the canal. The irrigation scheme is the largest ever carried to successful conclusion in America. The cost of the dam and canals amounted to 2,500,000. The climate is very mild in winter and is adapted to the raising of all kinds of grain, vegetables and fruits that may be raised in the northern states.

The cost of the land under this canal is 50 cents an acre to the state and \$25 an acre for the perpetual water right. The payments may be made as follows: Twenty-five cents an acre to the state on making application and \$3 an acre for water for the first two seasons. The second payment of 25 cents an acre to the state may be made at any time within three years upon taking title to the land. The subsequent payments for the water right are the same as commonly paid for annual rentals in other districts, namely \$2 per acre at the end of the second season and each following year to the eighth year when there will be two annual payments of \$3 each and a final payment of \$4. Improved lands in the irrigated districts of Idaho, in the Payette, Boise and Snake river valleys are selling for from \$100 to \$250 an acre, though they were sagebrush deserts five or six years ago.

The only clearing required on the land is the removal of the sagebrush which can be easily done for \$2 or \$3 per acre with a cutter that is drawn along about two inches below the surface of the soil. The land may then be irrigated, plowed and sown to alfalfa, a quick money crop.

It makes lots of difference whose ox is gored. At school they whip boys for fighting over marbles; but it's national honor in the balance when mighty nations spill rivers of blood over a question of real estate.

Depth of Ocean Cables.

There seems to be no logical reason why cables cannot be laid across any section of the ocean regardless of the depth. Some portions of the Atlantic cables now in use are over three miles below the surface. There is also no logical reason why you should continue to suffer from loss of appetite, belching, flatulency, sour stomach, headache, indigestion, dyspepsia or malaria, fever and ague when Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will positively cure you. It has cured thousands of other cases, probably more serious than yours during its half century experience, and this, together with the fact that prominent physicians never hesitate in recommending it, should be sufficient reason for urging you to try it. The genuine has our private stamp over neck of the bottle.

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