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FLIGHT OF OREGON.

**Chamber of Commerce Committee
Censures Railways.**

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, is making its annual report upon the transportation conditions of the state and upon the attitude of the great corporations which control traffic conditions, takes a decided stand against the spirit of inactivity that seems to hold these companies in leash. The committee sets out that: When railroad systems combine and agreements are made, by which territory is parcelled out and competition is eliminated and an almost perfect monopoly is created, then a corresponding duty and obligation is created to permit the best transportation facilities possible in this territory.

It is pointed out in this report that Oregon will be behind Idaho this year in railroad development, though it has furnished every inducement and shown every forbearance towards the railroad companies. Themselves refusing to build, every obstacle has been thrown in the way of those who would develop the country.

Promises have been made only to be forgotten. In the state 56,000 square miles are without railroad transportation.

Railroads from other states and sections will rob Portland and the state of its natural trade.

In 1894 there were 1362 miles of railroad in Oregon, in 1904, 1778 miles, an increase of only 416 miles including yardage and sidings.

In Washington in 1904 were 3392 miles, being 1614 miles more than in Oregon, though Oregon has one-third more area.

Oregon is gradually dropping behind until today it is at the bottom as regards railroad development.

The chief danger now threatening the state is the extension of the road from Reno, Nev., into Southern Oregon, thus diverting the Central Oregon business to California.

Destroyed by Fire.

The farm residence of Jake Pearson, of Lena, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire started from a defective flue and was well under way in the upper story of the building before it was discovered. Very little of the contents of the building were saved, everything being almost a total loss without any insurance. Mr. Pearson is a poor man and the loss falls heavily upon him. A subscription paper was passed around in the city yesterday and a good sized sum was subscribed.

Chief of G. A. R. Dies.

Boise, Idaho, July 16. General W. W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at 5 o'clock this evening of interstitial nephritis. His wife was with him during his illness. The body will be embalmed and taken to the home of the family in Boston.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver, or stomach. Guaranteed by Patterson & Son, druggists; price 50c."

MACHINERY SHIPPED.

**Stampmill and Sawmill to be Im-
mediately Installed.**

D. B. Stalter, president and manager of the Heppner Mining Co., returned yesterday evening from San Francisco, where he has been to purchase machinery for the Mayflower mines. Mr. Stalter brought a complete new outfit of the latest and most improved pattern. The machinery purchased consists of a two-stamp mill and a sawmill. As there is a large amount of lumber to be used in building and fluming for the active operation of the mines, Mr. Stalter figures that it will be cheaper to put in a sawmill than to purchase the lumber at outside mills which would make a long and expensive haul of lumber. There is ample water power at the mines to run all of the machinery. The machinery has been shipped and is now on the way to be unloaded at Tip-on. Mr. Stalter expects to have everything installed and ready for operation by the first of September. There is a large amount of ore now on the dump ready to be milled.

Recent developments at the mines have shown a pay streak one foot in width that assays \$277.35 to the ton. This is all gold but \$2.00.

Mr. Stalter is well pleased with the prospects and is confident that the stamp mill will soon be pounding out the precious metal in paying quantities.

Cayuses to be Shot.

If the recommendations recently made by the Oregon Domestic Animal commission to the county stock inspectors are carried out, the wild horses that have roamed the hills of eastern Oregon for many years will soon be exterminated. The horses, there are about 4,000 of them, worth about \$2.50 a head, belong to the Indians, principally of the Umatilla reservation near Pendleton, and nearly all are infected with mange; by them the disease is scattered broadcast throughout the eastern part of the state.

For many years the state veterinarian and other authorities have been at tempting to stamp out the disease which frequently attacks the horses of farmers in that country, but the efforts have proved futile because of the proximity of the wild horses.

Not only do these mavericks scatter disease but they consume the forage which would support thousands of cattle and sheep. The destruction they have wrought to the legitimate grazing industry is incalculable.

An attempt was made some time ago to have the government compel the Indians to corral their animals, treat them for the mange, or shoot them, but the United States attorney general refused to take action. The state authorities, too, have tried to persuade the Indians to care for their animals but without success.

The state authorities have decided to take the matter into their own hands. Recently Dr. William McLean communicated with Dr. Hickox, chief of the western division of animal industry, and asked him for relief. No definite answer has been received.

Dr. McLean two weeks ago took up the matter with the Oregon domestic animal commission, of which Governor Chamberlain is a member, and it was decided to instruct each county stock inspector in the afflicted district to at once notify owners of diseased animals to take them up and treat them or the horses would be shot. The commission recommended that the counties pay the

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owners the value of the horses. In case of refusal the state will stand behind the inspectors to make good any loss which the owners of the stock may suffer.

Dr. McLean has recently been investigating a peculiar disease in the district east of the Sandy river, where a dozen or more animals have died on the ranges. He made a careful examination but was unable to determine what the disease was, other than that it was a peculiar stomach trouble. He was of the opinion that it was caused by the herds eating some sort of forage plant.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

A fifth Sunday meeting of the Middle Oregon Baptist Association will meet with the Baptist church in Ione on Friday, at 8 p. m., before the fifth Sunday in July. All ministers and active laymen are expected to be present and take part in the discussion of the program. Remember these meetings are for the masses.

Friday, 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. R. R. Grabeel.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Devotional exercises and or-

ganization.

2. The exposition of the entrusted talents. Matt. 25:14-30.

3. What do we learn from the parable of the net? Matt. 13:47-50.

SATURDAY 2 P. M.

1. Best methods for benevolent contributions.

2. Why should every Baptist in the northwest read the Pacific Baptist?

3. Our plan and purpose of mission work.

4. Sermon, Saturday at 8 p. m.

SUNDAY MORNING

1. Christian education and McMinnville college.

2. Sermon at 11 a. m.

SUNDAY 2 P. M.

1. S. S. work.

2. B. Y. P. U. work.

3. Sermon, Sunday 8 p. m.

This program was read and adopted in church conference at Ione July 16, 1905.—W. C. Sale, pastor.

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