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ROAD GRANT TO BE OPENED

Vast Area to be Thrown Open to Settlers for Development.

The Dalles military road land grant containing an almost unmeasured area extending through the heart of interior Oregon, is to be developed and thrown open to settlers, who are eager to take possession. Walter Martin, San Francisco capitalist, who, with his brother, Peter Martin, is chief owner of the vast area, made known development plans yesterday that were startling even in a generation of big projects, says the Oregon Journal.

These plans included extensions of the Boise-Idaho irrigation project into Malheur county, reclaiming 150,000 acres, with an ultimate cost of nearly $8,000,000. The Willow Creek irrigation project will be similarly enlarged. There are to be additional extensions to the Sumpter Valley railroad entering the John Day valley, while still other additional transportation schemes are included.

"It is land my father, Edward Martin, bought in 1872," said Walter Martin yesterday. "We have held it now for nearly 40 years at great expense. Now we are going to divide up the whole tract and open it to settlers.

"I have been a little surprised at the eagerness manifested by prospective setttlers. I have been in Portland several days and my time has been almost exclusively occupied with applications for lands. My present operations are dealing rather especially with the John Day valley lands. There are about 100,000 acres of first class fruit and alfalfa land that only await development. The land is lower than in Harney county and I find is ideally located for fine crops of several varieties of fruit, while alfalfa does especially well.

"For years we have known that big productions were more than possible, but there was no transportation. There was no incentive even for scientific farming for larger returns, since the crops could not be moved when produced. Transportation now will not only work wonders for interior Oregon but for Portland. I believe the development of business industry in Portland during the next 10 years will be greater than that of any other Pacific coast city.

"I believe the development of Portland during the next 10 years will be past present belief. The building of railroads up the Deschutes and into central Oregon have started other plans of railroad building in Oregon that I am sure will be realized. I have great faith in Oregon's future, and I believe that now is the time to become active in development projects."

The Dalles military road grant extends from The Dalles across Oregon through Sherman, Grant and Wheeler counties, bevond Vale to the extreme eastern border of the state. In such portions as have been developed, namely tracts in Sherman county, the wheat yields have been very profitable. The best of the land has never been touched by a plow.

Mr. Mratin, accompanied by his brother, expects to make an automobile tour of his properties, also through southern Oregon, by automobile, beginning August 1. The brothers are desirous of investigating practically interior Oregon's development possibilities, with a view to making farther investments in lands. They with their mother, are guests at the Hotel Portland.

Hot Weather Kills Many in the East.

New York, July 16.—The hot weather continues to take its toll of death in this city. Seven persons were reported to have died within the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock tonight, while the prostrations exceeded 40. Hospitals were crowded with sufferers from the heat or from ailments due to the heat, and the report of the bureau of vital statistics told of a record-breaking mortality among very young children. It exceeded the same period of last year by nearly 200.

New York City suffered its 27th day without a cooling rain today. There had been spurts of rain in distant parts of the city during this time, but not one earth-cooling shower.

The weather bureau could not promise any reilef until some time Monday, although it said there might be thunder showers Sunday. But Monday a slightly cooler area which formed a week age in the Rocky Mountain regions, it was thought, would arrive and send down the temperature, while reducing the humidity.

The exodus from the city today was exceeded only by the holiday rush on July 4. Families who were unable to afford hotel bills were departing with preparations made to camp all night in the sands.

The more prosperous were bound for all points of the compass.

Foley's Kidney Pills contain in concentrated form ingredients of established therapeutic value for the relief and cure of all kidney and bladder ailments.

Oregon now has three big Chautauquas running in full blast—Gladstone Park, Ashland and Albany.

Mortgages to be Taxed.

Salem, Or., July 15.—The State Tax Commission of intangible personality provided under the statute and County Assessors are being directed to pay careful attention to mortgage notes. In a statement which is being sent out today to the various County Assessors of the state by Commissioners Charles V. Galloway and J. B. Eaton, the following directions are given as to this class of assessments:

"In reviewing the work of the several County Assessors it has become apparent that certain classes of property have not been duly considered by all of them. It appears that in some counties mortgage notes are practically not listed, or, if listed, only in instances where the taxpayer fairly inststs that his mortgage notes should be assessed, some Assessors and County Boards holding that it is not good buplic policy to tax such notes. As a matter of course, the taxpayer quickly understands the attitude of the officers of his county and readily and willingly takes advantage of it, and, as a rule, carefully avoids the inclusion of his mortgage notes in the list of his property furnished the Assessor. On the other hand, many Assessors are making a strong effort to get all classes of property subject to assessment and taxation upon the roll and are checking up the record of mortgages in their several counties with that end in view. This course has been indorsed by the Board of State Tax Commissioners and we desire it to be distinctly understood that such diligence on the part of an Assessor is commended and approved.

"Section 1, chapter 268, laws 1907, provides that: 'All real property within the state, and all personal property situated or owned within this state, except by law, shall be subject to assessment and taxation in equal and ratable proportion.' Section 4 and 5 of said chapter 268, set out what property is exempt from taxation; all other property should be assessed. Section 3 of the same law specifies as taxable property: 'All debts due or to become due from solvent debtors, wheher on account, contract, note, mortgage or otherwise, either within or without this state.' Notes secured bv mortgage, likewise unsecured notes, under the law are subject to taxation.

"In equalizing between the counties for the purpose of apportioning the state tax and of assigning the valuations of public service companies which this board will assess, it is important that we take into consideration the extent to which the different Assessors shall have succeeded in listing intangible personalty on their rolls. Before making this equalization we shall undertake by investigation to prepare an estimate in this regard."

The Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Company, which is the oldest, largest and best Live Stock Insurance Company in the United States has entered the State of Oregon. It insures horses, mules and cattle against death from any cause. The company is now looking for a good live agent in Morrow county, one who understands live stock and is willing to go after the business. If interested, write F H Pageler, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

Foley Kidney Pills are antiseptic, tonic and restorative and a prompt corrective of all urinary irregularities. Refuse substitutes. Sold by all druggists.

Commander Julius A. Pratt Post No. 143 Dept. Ill., G. A. R.

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JAPAN FRIENDLY TO UNITED STATES

Relations Firmly Established and Interests Distinct.

Tokio, July 15.—"Unhappily, forces for evil for unknown but sinister purposes constantly are endeavoring by false reports or other methods to create conditions of ill will or distrust between two neighboring peoples.

"Their relations are too firmly established and their interests are too distinct to admit of the possibility of any question arising between Japan and the United States, which will not yield readily to the ordinary process of diplomacy. The increased and more intimate exchange of views between the two governments dispels all apprehensions on that score."

This utterance was made tonight by Foreign Minister Count Komura in toasting J. M. Dickinson, the American Secretary of War, at a banquet given by Count Komura in honor of the American Cabinet officer. Mr Dickinson and his party arrived at Yokohama this afternoon on board the steamer Siberia, and after an informal reception at the American Consulate, came on to Tokio for tonight's function.

The dinner was a brilliant affair. Eighty persons sat down to the table, including Marquis Katsura, the Japanese Prime Minister, and five members of the Cabinet; Admirals, Generals and officers and their ladies. After toasts to President Taft and the Emperor had been proposed, respectively, by Count Komura and Thomas J. O'Brien, the American Ambassador, Count Komura, in proposing the health of Mr. Dickinson, referred to previous visits to Japan of President Taft.

"These visits I recall," said the Foreign Minister, "not only because his personality endeared him to all, but because his insight and calm judgment enabled him to appreciate the true value of the sentiments entertained by Japan for America."

Mr. Dickinson, in responding, after a warm expression of his gratitude for the hospitality accorded him, declared that Count Komura had expressed accurately President Taft and the people of the United States, and said it was fortunate that there would be found at the head of affairs in America a man possessing a keen knowledge of the Far East.

"There is no reason for a breach of friendship between the United States and Japan," continued Mr. Dickinson. "Sound judgment must predominate. False reports or evil suggestions have not been justified by any action either by Japan or America. My country desires and is advocating peace. There is reason to believe that Japan and America with the passing years will become more closely cemented in the bonds of abiding friendship."

The Western Forestry and Conservation Association, which embraces the states of Oregon, California, Washington, Montana, and Idaho, is carrying on a campaign to save the forests from the usual fire losses that occur each summer. This organization represents 13 minor associations. Printed matter, fire warnings and circulars are being sent out to timber owners, millmen, farmers and others directly concerned. In its literature the association states that half the merchantable timber in the United States is contained in the five states in the association, and that their production of lumber is one-fifth of the total of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Republican voters of Morrow County: I shall be a candidate before the Republican Primary for the nomination of Sheriff of Morrow County. I have had over six years' experience in the sheriff work under Sheriff Shutt as his deputy. I am 39 years old, and have lived in Morrow county ever since it has been organized.

G. A. BLEAKMAN,
Hardman, Or.

Mayors to Organize.

Marshfield, Or., July 15.—To form a state organization of the mayors of the cities of Oregon is the purpose of Mayor E. E. Straw of Marshfield, who has sent out invitations to the head executives of all of the cities of the state to come to Coos Bay. The week of August 15, when a carnival will be held here, is chosen as the date and Mayor Straw asks the mayors of other cities to come to Coos Bay and be the guests of Marshfield and North Bend and attend the organization. It is believed by Mayor Straw that enough of the other mayors will attend to start the organization. Mayor Simpson of North Bend has joined in the movement. The mayor of Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Highsmith, who is president of the mayor's association of Texas, is in Oregon and has promised to come here and assist in the organization.

Mayor Straw calls attention to the fact that the municipal laws of the cities of Oregon are rather mixed and he believes that by having a state society all of the mayors would be greately benefited by the exchange of their opinions and ideas on municipal matters.

G H Powell, an expert connected with the agricultural department, told the Hood River News that Hood River was the finest apple growing district in the country and that the association there was the most successfully managed in the world.

A car load of Deering mowers just received at Gilliam & Bisbees.

Annual Report of School Superintendent.

The annual report of the County Superintendent has just been completed. It shows that the schools of Morrow county cost last year a total of $39,964.97, including $4,554.25 paid on indebtedness. There were 1170 pupils enrolled. The average daily attendance was 93.42 per cent, an increase of 42. per cent over last year. The school property of the county is valued at $57,280. There are 3216 books in the school libraries, 438 of which were purchased during the past year. However, the number reported indicates that quite a large number of the books have been lost. The districts should take care that the books are not lost. The average salary paid mail teachers is $75.32, while the year before it was $69.70. The average salary paid female teachers is $56 21, while the year previous it was $53.91. The county superintendent visited every school in the county, including five joint districts, and eleven shools received a second visit. In the performance of the work in connection with the office, the superintendent traveled 2084 miles. Forty-five pupils received eighth grade diplomas, and several more are conditioned on one or two branches, and most of these will, no doubt, complete the examination in September. About $1500.00 was spent in improving school property. Much improvement has been made in regard to matters of lighting and ventilation.

Bain wagons of all kinds at Gilliam & Bisbee's.

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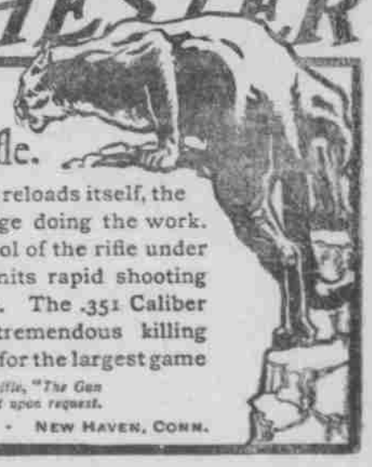

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