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OREGON STATE NEWS

Interesting Happenings From All Parts of the State.

Will Build Railroad at Once.
Portland—Barring unexpected delays in securing a continuous right of way, bids for the construction of the Deschutes line into Central Oregon will be asked by Harriman within 30 days. The only obstacle that prevents the immediate construction of the Central Oregon road is the adjustment of right of way questions with power companies operating on the Deschutes river. The railroad company already has secured rights of way to 70 per cent of the 120 miles to be traversed by the proposed road. An early and satisfactory adjustment of pending right of way problems covering the remainder of the distance is believed more than probable without resorting to condemnation proceedings in the courts.

Cut Settler's Fence.
Bend—More than half a mile of wire fence surrounding the recently acquired homestead of H. C. Barney has been cut, presumably by cattlemen, allowing cattle to enter on his land and letting escape upon the desert a number of horses. Barney had been absent for several days with a surveying party in the mountains, and upon his return found a large portion of the fence about his 160-acre homestead entirely destroyed. Fastened to a tree the marauders had left a notice which read: "Take right road to Bend, Shaniko and all points east. (Signed) 'BLACK JACK SKINNERS.'" Thus far no clew to the identities of the parties concerned has been obtained.

Porteus in Hiding?
Roseburg—Local officers place little credence in the report that E. J. Porteus, manager of the Rogue River Mining & Development Company, is dead, having received the assurance that he lives.

Later developments in the case are to the effect that Porteus left West Fork on the day of his mysterious disappearance in company with a woman, both of whom bought tickets to Portland. It is not thought, however, that they intended to go to Portland, but simply purchased tickets in an effort to elude suspicion. Roseburg officers assert that Porteus is in hiding near here, and that he is accompanied by a woman.

Fund to Fight Forest Fires.
Portland—For the fiscal year beginning July 1, next, the forest service has been allotted \$61,000 to be expended in this state in the construction of roads, trails, cabins and telephone lines through the national forest reserves. This fund, which has been available, will be expended principally in building roads and trails into inaccessible parts of the 13 reserves in this state as a necessary preliminary to fighting fires.

University Recognizes 46 Schools.
Eugene—There are 46 preparatory schools in Oregon which the University of Oregon recognizes as accredited high schools and from which institutions a graduate student can enter the state university without passing entrance examinations. An accredited high school is one which has a four-year course, with at least nine months' school each year.

Auto Upsets and Injures Three.
Independence—In an automobile accident Saturday afternoon between here and Monmouth, a machine belonging to Mose Winters, of Portland, was ruined and Mr. Winters, A. Tetherow and E. W. Strong of Monmouth, were seriously injured. Mr. Winters was driving the machine at a fast rate, when Strong in some manner shoved Winters' cap over his eyes, causing him to swerve the machine to the side of the road.

Town on Wrong Plot.
Albany—To correct an error in recording the original town of Brownville, which makes the legal town six miles distant from its actual location, Attorney A. A. Tussing, of Brownville, has filed a suit in the State circuit court here, the purpose of which is to reform the plat.

Crater Lake Road Blocked by Court.
Salem—In the circuit court Tuesday, Judge William Galloway granted a perpetual injunction restraining the governor and the secretary of the treasury from paying out \$100,000 for the construction of the road to Crater Lake. The case will be immediately appealed.

Indians Given \$65,000.
Pendleton—More than \$65,000 was paid out to the Indians on the Umatilla reservation last week. This was the first payment of rent money made since last fall, and some Indians drew as much as \$600.

EVENTS IN OUR STATE OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

Portland—A verdict finding that the O. R. & N. Company had violated the 28-hour stock law was returned by a jury in the federal court.

Pendleton—E. L. Swartzlander, formerly of the Klamath Indian agency, will be the new agent at the Umatilla Indian agency.

Dufur—A strawberry plant bearing 800 well developed berries, is thought to be the record, yet in the field of Mike Abnet, not far from this place, such a plant flourishes.

Oregon City—Oscar Eaton, for many years chaplain of the Oregon State Grange, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning at his home near Oswego, aged 88 years.

Marshfield—It is reported that the body of the late F. D. Hume, which is buried at Wedderburn, on the Rogue river, in Curry county, is to be moved to San Francisco.

Roseburg—State Fish Warden McAllister, of Portland, accompanied by a deputy, arrived in the city Friday afternoon and late the same evening went to Winchester, where he confiscated 11 fish nets, all stationed near the dam.

Eugene—Charles Knoop, a farmer living a few miles west of town, was arrested on the charge of making and selling prune brandy. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$200.

Albany—The ninth annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association—the western division—will meet in this city June 29, 30 and July 1 and 2.

Salem—The woodshippers of Kamela, Or., have asked the railroad commission to use its influence to secure a reduction in the \$3 freight rate on wood from that point to Boise, Idaho.

Astoria—The salmon are still running slow and the pack is said to be considerably below the normal. Unless there is a material change for the better the season's pack is likely to be a comparatively poor one.

Philomath—The 56th session of the annual conference of the United Brethren church closed Sunday, having been in session since June 8. The next session will convene in Philomath in connection with the annual campmeeting in June, 1910.

Portland—The committee having charge of the Northern Baptist Convention, to be held in Portland from June 25 to July 2, is making preparations for the entertainment of 1500 delegates, who will represent all the leading Baptist churches of the United States.

Pendleton—Believing that with an independent electric railroad extending across the wheat belt of Umatilla county and connecting with the boats on the Upper Columbia river they would be able to sell their wheat to better advantage, the farmers of the county are again talking of building the proposed line.

Roseburg—Unless the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company moves its poles on the streets to be paved, men will be employed by the city council to chop them down, such procedure having been agreed upon by street committee.

Pendleton—Through activity of Umatilla county officials, James McCall, alias Harry McConnell, and James Braden are in the county jail here charged with dynamiting the safe of the Lyle hardware store of Echo.

Albany—Charged with stealing 400 pounds of copper wire, J. T. McRay, a Western Union lineman, and George Richards, a hobo, are in the Linn county jail. Foreman Lincoln found them in an old barn just finishing cutting up the wire into short pieces and placing it in barrels.

La Grange—During a sudden thunder shower which swept a portion of the Grand Ronde Valley Friday afternoon, the farm residence of Cecil Gates, about seven miles from this city was badly wrecked by lightning, which tore off the entire south end of the house, hurling masses of lumber 100 feet.

Portland—Tiring of the dilatory methods followed by the interior department in promising relief to settlers on public lands included in the Siletz Indian reservation, A. W. Laferty, a lawyer of this city, is in Washington, where he will direct his efforts towards expediting the issuance of patents to these lands, which in many instances have been held up for as long as ten years.

Eugene—The county assessor has raised the valuation of the Southern Pacific roadbed in Lane county \$7000 a mile and the rolling stock \$1000. The assessment on the Pullman Car Company's stock has been increased \$200 a mile. This increase in valuations comes as a result of a meeting of the assessors of Western Oregon and will probably be uniform throughout the counties traversed by the Southern Pacific main lines.

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