

MORE CLERKS NEEDED

Work in the Land Office Away Behind.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Entrymen Indignant Over the Outrageous Treatment—Papers on File Many Months.

Congestion of timber land and homestead entries in the United States Land Office in Roseburg has grown from bad to worse. Six weeks ago when Special Inspector N. J. O'Brien arrived from Denver for the announced purpose of assisting to relieve this congestion, there were on file in the land office 850 entries. Thursday morning when Inspector O'Brien left for Oakland, Calif., pursuant to a transfer order from the Interior Department at Washington, there were on file 925 entries, an increase of 75. J. M. Lawrence, receiver of the land office says there is no immediate relief in sight, as the Interior Department has made no provision for extra clerks needed to clear away the held-up entries.

"Time and again we have urgently requested the Interior Department to provide for extra clerks so that these entries could be disposed of," said Receiver Lawrence today, "but each time we have been informed that there are no funds available for such a purpose. While Mr. O'Brien is a competent Inspector, an inspector was not required in this case; we needed extra clerks, and have needed them for months, but just when we are going to get them would be difficult to prophecy. Inspector O'Brien merely repeated the work of previous inspectors, approving entries that long ago underwent investigation and should have been expedited to patent. Now, I suppose, instead of allowing us clerks, the Interior Department will detail still another inspector to go over the work that has already been done."

To say that entrymen, whose papers have been on file for many months, are indignant over such outrageous treatment is putting it mildly. When Inspector O'Brien was detailed here six weeks ago, it was expected that entries would be expedited to patent. Failure to realize this expectation and the gloomy prospect of many more weeks and probably months of waiting, has aroused the harshest criticism of the Interior Department. Even those who have heretofore justified the Department's delays on the ground of needed investigation do not hesitate now to join in the denunciation of the gross injustice being done to hundreds of applicants with honorable intentions. Unfortunately, however, the entrymen have but one alternative, and that is to await the gracious pleasure of the maladministration at Washington.—Roseburg Review.

Chataqua.

The Leader acknowledges an invitation to attend the Fourteenth Annual Chataqua assembly to be held at Gladstone Park, Oregon City, July 9 to the 21st inclusive. A number of prominent ladies and gentlemen are on the program including Congressman Hawley, Hon. Frank S. Regan of Illinois, Rev. Dr. Landrith of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Jennie F. W. Johnson, the contralto soloist of Chicago, Miss Lillian Tingle and Mrs. Lucia Faxon Addison, president of the State W. C. T. U.

There were 2,000 cases of measles in Pendleton during the spring, but nearly all were light and the fatalities were few.

An Enthusiastic Meeting.

The Western Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' Association held an enthusiastic meeting in this city last Friday which was largely attended by outside lumbermen.

One of the chief questions of interest discussed was relative to better transportation facilities and a committee was appointed to meet with the representatives of the various commercial bodies to take steps in the interest of the proposed Roseburg-Coos Bay railroad.

It was decided to address a petition to the state railroad commission asking them to place in force a ruling that a book must be kept at all the stations of the various railroads showing the car calls placed with them and the date the cars were furnished; destination and all matters relative to car calls which book must be open for the inspection of all shippers during business hours. It was also decided to ask all the various commercial bodies to address similar petitions.

A unanimous motion was adopted which met with the hearty approval of all the mills connected with the association to reduce cut to 60 per cent of the present output so as to meet the outlook of the present car supply in sight as it was the opinion that the number of cars that could be reasonably expected judging from past experience would be all that would be supplied to move this proportion of the cut. As the mills at present in the association represent a yearly output of one hundred and twenty-five million feet it can readily be seen what this 60 per cent reduction will amount to.

U. OF O. COMMENCEMENT.

The Senior Class This Year Numbers 54—Senator John W. Gearin Delivers the Address.

The thirty-first annual Commencement of the University of Oregon was held Wednesday morning. The graduating class, numbering 54, was addressed by Senator John M. Gearin, of Portland. Of his address, and that of President Campbell's the Register says:

"He said he did not come to offer advice, because advice is not well received, and those who are in a position to give advice are usually not disposed to give. However, he pointed out some of the things that do the work of advice; the traditions of the University, conscience and patriotism.

The traditions of the University call for MEN—men who will work for the highest ideals, and for honest work.

Patriotism demands not only men to fight for the country's honor, but men who will enter the politics of the nation, not as professional politicians, but as citizens.

He closed his address by wishing the graduates the best of good fortune, success in their future life whatever profession they might enter.

Prof. P. L. Campbell, in presenting the diplomas to the graduates, offered some excellent words of advice. He was not speaking as a valedictorian he said, for there is no need of a valedictorian, the graduates are not saying "good bye" and going far away, but they are simply passing into the further work of the university; that of graduate work in the commonwealth of Oregon."

Miss Louisa Antoinette Bordick and John Currin Veatch of this city were among the graduates receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and many of their friends and relatives here attended the commencement exercises.

At the Alumni banquet Wednesday evening, Mr. Veatch responded to the toast, "Student Life at the University." He has won laurels as a debater during his college days, having won in the State debating league, and also at Salt Lake at the Inter-State league, making Oregon champion of the Northwest.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Of the Willamette Valley Development League Held Here Wednesday.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN AMONG THE SPEAKERS.

Col. E. E. Hofer, of Salem Re-elected President and F. H. Rosenberg, of Cottage Grove, Secretary. Much Enthusiasm Shown.

The Annual Convention and business meeting of the Willamette Valley Development League was held in this city last Wednesday and a goodly number of developers from all over the state were in attendance.

The convention was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by President Hinds of the Commercial Club, and was turned over to Col. E. E. Hofer, President of the League. C. J. Howard, on behalf of the Club welcomed the delegates, which was responded to by Col. Hofer, who especially thanked the ladies for the many beautiful flowers and handsome decorations.

In the absence of Walter Lyon, the League secretary, Mr. F. H. Rosenberg, of this city, was chosen secretary pro tem.

On motion the president appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—D. M. C. Gault of Cottage Grove, J. B. McNeil, of Marshfield, W. C. Hawley, of Salem.

On Resolutions—D. J. DuBoille, of Cottage Grove, Louis Barzee, of Roseburg; L. H. Rosenberg, of Cottage Grove.

On Electric Railroads—E. B. Shelton, of Portland; J. A. Chambers, of Cottage Grove; Peter Logie, of North Bend.

On Equities—C. J. Howard, of Cottage Grove; J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City; J. G. Graham, of Salem.

President Hofer introduced Congressman W. C. Hawley, who spoke on the subject of "The Public Land Policy of the Future," in which he stated that after thoroughly investigating the matter it was his opinion, and also the opinion of Secretary Bonaparte at Washington, that the law regarding the Railroad Land Grants could and would be enforced, compelling the railroads to sell the lands to settlers at \$2.50 per acre.

Representative J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City, on "The Equities of Development," and Prof. G. Young, of the U. of O. of Eugene, on "Oregon University and State Development," were listened to with interest, both gentlemen putting forth some good points and suggestions for the development of Oregon.

After a brief talk by Hon. Thos. Kay, of Salem, President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College was called, and spoke interestingly of the work of the O. A. C., and its relations to the development of the commonwealth.

EVENING SESSION

The Christian Church was filled to overflowing at the evening session, a number of ladies being present. After music by the orchestra, Governor Geo. G. Chamberlain was introduced and spoke on the "Cause of Progress," stating that one of the main causes for the great progress being made in Oregon, is due largely to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, that being the first great effort of the people of Oregon in advertising their great state to the world, the result of which is now showing itself. He also spoke encouragingly of the great good being done by the Development

Comes Next Month.

In a letter to United States Attorney William C. Bristol today, Francis J. Heney announced his intention of coming to Oregon to prosecute land fraud defendants as soon as the situation at San Francisco permits. This is expected to be about the middle of July, although it is believed by many persons that Mr. Heney will be in Portland on Monday following July 4th.

After the acquittal of Binger Hermann in Washington last spring Mr. Heney announced his desire to come to Portland to prosecute the former commissioner of the land office, who is indicted in several land fraud cases but who will be tried for his part in the Blue Mountain conspiracy case in which Senator Pierce Mays, George Sorenson and Willard N. Jones were convicted last summer.

Mr. Heney did not refer in his letter to what part he would play in the case of Louis B. Glass, the telephone man, whose trial for bribery comes up this week in San Francisco. It is popularly believed that Mr. Heney will turn the case over to Hiram Johnson to prosecute, although no such information has been given out publicly by Mr. Heney. If he should do this it would give him an opportunity to make his arrival in Portland earlier.

In addition to prosecuting the case against Hermann, Mr. Heney will also prosecute R. A. Booth and former United States Attorney John A. Hall. None of these cases can be tried before July because of the lack of government funds. The new appropriation becomes effective July 1 and will be apportioned by the middle of the month.—Journal.

UNVEILING CEREMONIES

The Woodmen of the World to Honor the Memory of Clay E. Analauf.

Tomorrow the local lodge of the Woodmen of the world, accompanied by its auxiliary, the Circle, will go to Coos Bay where the ceremony of unveiling over the grave of their departed neighbor Clay E. Analauf, will be performed. The ceremony will take place at 2 p. m. and all brothers, sisters, transient brethren and the citizens generally are respectfully invited to be present.

Wins Failing Prize.

The many friends of Miss Antoinette Bordick of this city join in congratulating her on her success in winning the first prize known as the Failing prize of \$150 in the senior oratorical contest at the U. of O. last Tuesday evening. Miss Bordick's subject was "The Blight of Precedent" and was delivered in a clear, sweet, declamatory style. The second prize known as the Beckman prize of \$100 was won by Max Handman of Portland. The judges were Rev. Mac H. Wallace of Detroit, Michigan, Rev. Herbert Johnson of Massachusetts and Judge Slater of the supreme court of Oregon.

OUR TIMBER FUTURE

Exhaustion Looked For in Thirty Years.

WIDENING DEMAND FOR LUMBER.

Mammoth Trees Will Disappear For all Time to Come—Timber Destined to Raise in Value.

In regard to the growing demand for Oregon timber lands, W. T. Burney, ex-register of the United States Land Office at Oregon City, says:

"The old settlers thought the timber lands of Oregon were all taken up when I was in office, twenty years ago, but they know nothing of the extent and future value of these lands. At that time mill men would consider only the tall fir adjacent to navigable streams. Now every legal subdivision, no matter how far from streams or railroads, is eagerly filed on, and that entrymen are not particular about the size of the trees either. They will take upland that is covered with second growth saplings, as these trees have a market value they did not have twenty years ago.

"The timber lands of the Northwest are really of limited area, considering the widening demand for lumber, and I look for their entire exhaustion within the next thirty years, in the light of the present denuding of the forests at the hands of the loggers. Timber, therefore, is destined to go up in price, as the supply lessens, and unless some substitute is discovered in the meantime, there will be little or no available building material in the year 1937.

"At the same time concrete and steels is coming into favor among builders, and the shortage of lumber may not be felt so acutely as the trees are cut down. It will take about fifty years for the young cedars to become available for piles and poles, the second growth may become available for these purposes in the course of time. The mammoth trees will disappear forever, and the land upon which they now stand will be changed into agricultural or grazing lands, and increasing in value as the years go by."

SILK CREEK ITEMS.

Mrs. A. D. Owens and children returned the first of the week from visiting friends in Lynx Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Damewood who have been at Daton for several weeks are on the creek again.

Prof. L. G. Paap left for Portland Saturday evening.

Elder B. C. Tabor visited friends here the last of the week.

Mrs. M. F. Babcock and son Edward and Miss Alice Wheeler have returned from Eugene where they attended the commencement exercises of the U. of O.

Mrs. Mary Bunch and Elder Babcock and wife were guests of Mrs. W. N. Wheeler Wednesday.

Public school closes Friday, the exercises will be held the evening of the 29th.

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