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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Banks Show Great Gains for Two Month

INFANTRY TO CAMP AT AMERICAN LAKE

Coos Bay is Preparing to Issue Twenty Year Bonds For Harbor Improvement

Portland, Oregon, August 2—Greater progress has been made by the business interests of Oregon between March 29 and June 30 than in any two-months period in the history of the state since the establishment of the state bank examiner's office. This is disclosed in the report of the Bank Examiner, just made, covering that period.

Deposits in the banks of the state at the close of business June 30 totaled \$115,196,986, a gain since March 29 of \$1,192,705. Of these deposits \$11,925,734 were savings deposits, which increased during the same period \$842,985. Total resources of Oregon banks, \$142,418,734. Eight new banks were established in the state during the period covered by the report.

That the Oregon Trunk road will be ready for service to Madras by January 1, 1911, is now promised unless unexpected difficulties arise. Grading from the Columbia River south will be completed, it is believed, by September 1. Laying of rails will then be begun and ballasting will be done as fast as each mile of track is laid. Thus it will be but a short time between the laying of the last rail and the opening of the road for business. Grading south of Madras toward Bend is also being rushed and the building of the road for that distance will follow completion of the line to Madras.

Oregon's two infantry regiments and ambulance company of the National Guard will go into camp at American Lake this month and participate in the usual joint field maneuvers with the regular army. August 8 is fixed as the date of departure, and the men will remain in camp ten days. Adjutant General Finzer has issued orders for the mobilization of his troops.

Coos Bay is going to improve its harbor and the channel from the ocean into the bay. Public docks and warehouses are to be built as well. For this purpose it is the intention to expend \$300,000. It is proposed to issue 20-year bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. Coos Bay people approve this project generally but the Commission of the Port has decided to leave the matter to a vote at the Fall election. The plan contemplates a great improvement of the Coos Bay harbor.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has been in Oregon during the past week seeking information in regard to the settlement of lands included in the forest reserves of the state. He plans to have the reserves re-mapped and the boundaries established in an accurate way. It is said much land is in-

cluded in the reserves that should not be, and when the new maps are completed 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 acres now in reserves in this state will be opened up for settlement.

Secretary Ballinger of the Department of the Interior is busy on a trip of inspection of the reclamation projects of the state and is becoming familiar with the workings of the service in Oregon. Among other things, he will start preliminary surveys of Crater Lake National Park, looking towards its development along the lines of the better known national parks of the country.

TASTES LIKE SOAPSUDS.

Samoa's National Beverage, Which is Made From Kava Root.

Like most countries, Samoa has its national beverage, and it is called "kava." It consists of the pulverized root of the kava plant. These roots are gathered, split, dried and cut into small pieces. The drink is made in a "tanoa," or hand carved wooden bowl, usually about one to two gallons in capacity, and is strained with a "fau," made from the shredded and scraped inner bark of fau trees.

When kava is wanted several pieces of the root are placed in a stone mortar and pulverized after the fashion of Indians grinding corn. When it is well powdered it is placed within the "tanoa," and water is poured on top of it to the depth of two or three inches; then the girl making it washes her hands, and, doubling the "fau," she will work the pounded roots thoroughly until all their strength is held in solution.

Using the "fau" as a strainer, she will dexterously envelop the useless kava grounds in its folds, wring it out and toss it to an awaiting assistant outside, who in turn thrashes the "fau" back and forth until the grounds are all disposed of, after which it is tossed back to the girl at the "tanoa," where the operation is repeated until the liquid is free from all sediment. Then more water is added until the solution arrives at the very light shade of brown which denotes the correct strength for drinking.

The first "ipu," or coconut shell drinking cup of kava, which a white man attempts to swallow will cause a shudder to permeate his system, and he will suspiciously affirm that he has been given a drink of soap-suds. But as with olives, the taste for kava must be acquired, and when it once becomes palatable it is very refreshing.

If taken in excess kava induces a weakness in the legs and numbness in the lips, but the brain always remains clear. This effect is doubly apparent if the root has not been thoroughly dried.—Los Angeles Times.

How Hens Roost.

The mechanism of the leg and foot of a chicken or other bird that roosts on a limb is a marvel of design. It often seems strange that a bird will sit on a roost and sleep all night without falling off, but the explanation is perfectly simple. The tendon of the leg of a bird that roosts is so arranged that when the leg is bent at the knee the claws are bound to contract and thus hold with a sort of death grip the limb round which they are placed. Put a chicken's feet on your wrist and then make the bird sit down and you will have a practical illustration on your skin that you will remember for some time. By this singular arrangement, seen only in such birds as roost, they will rest comfortably and never think of holding on, for it is impossible for them to let go till they stand up.

State Normal School Bldg.



PERSONS who interest themselves in regard to the normal school question find that there is a woeful degree of ignorance in the state as to the real situation.

Everywhere, and not infrequently neither, persons are met who think the State Normal Schools are still in operation, and during the past week or two, a party who resides in a large town hardly a dozen miles distant from Monmouth, made inquiry of one of our citizens in regard to the Monmouth State normal as the party desired to send one of their children here for normal training, expecting to start the student in this fall.

The last legislature failed to provide means to continue the normal schools, in Oregon, consequently, all have been out of commission for a year past, and, hence, the normal school proposition is before the people for them to pass upon.

In the stagnation caused by the Oregon legislature, there is over \$100,000.00 worth of state property that is in idleness at Monmouth, and not only so, for added to this is the greater loss of the normal preparation, of teachers, for the future welfare of the boys and girls of our state.

The above cut represents the State Normal School building at Monmouth, Oregon.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Frank Wilson and wife are camped on the beach.

Mrs. F. W. Parker of Cunningham, Wash., is visiting the Baldwins.

Rev. Brickley and wife have returned from camping below Salem.

Hon. Geo. Miller of Baker City was visiting relatives in this city last week.

Miss Minnie Chambers of Eugene is visiting her aunts the Misses Jones.

Mrs. Ellen Robinson of Seattle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allen Craven of this city.

Frank and Olen Whiteaker and Leonard Krebs have returned from a trip to Clear Lake.

Mrs. W. W. Percival and daughter, Pearl have returned from a several days visit in Portland.

Mrs. Charley Williams and children are in Salem, where Mrs. Williams is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. J. S. Cooper has returned home from Portland, well of the accident which befell her some time ago.

Dr. Hewitt returned from Newport, Monday, where he has been for several days, owing to his wife's illness.

Mrs. Henkle and daughter, Emma, left Wednesday for Newport, where they will remain for two or three weeks.

The Reading Club met at the home of Mrs. Daymon one day last week and elected the following officers for the coming year. President, Mrs. Dr. Allin; vice

pres. Mrs. Elridge and secretary Mrs. Owens.

The high school building, which is concrete, is progressing fast.

Mrs. Bice and her niece, Miss Florence Gebo, left last week for Newport where they will remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespi of Amity were visiting friends here last week. Mr. Gillespi was a former business man of this place.

Mr. Dadmun of Talmage and Charley Calbreath and family are camped at Slab Creek, where they will remain for two weeks.

Mrs. B. Wilson is reported to be quite sick in Salem, where she has been under the doctors care for some time, for heart trouble.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Corvallis, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, last week.

Mr. Shaw, a stock-man, of Wasco County was looking over the town last week with a view of making this place his future home.

The sacred concert at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening was well attended and was the last service before the summer vacation.

Prof. Buell and wife are visiting Mrs. Heath. Prof. Buell taught in the public school here last Winter and will be one of the teachers this Winter.

Dr. Bancroft's lecture on Lincoln, Monday evening in the M. E. Church was well attended and was one of the best lectures that has been here for some time.

Gus Spurling has returned from Portland and bought Mr. Hecks interest in the meat market. Mr. Spurling will move his family here from Portland in a short time.

Hanna Brothers are building two new store buildings 22x60 feet, on the north side of their store. It is not known whether these buildings will be for rent or will be occupied by the owners.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harvey G Phelps and Dottie Smith.

PROBATE

Estate of Elizabeth Fishback, deceased—administrator licensed to sell personal property at private sale for cash.

Estate of J T McCain, deceased—final account allowed and administrator discharged.

Estate of F A Link, deceased—executors licensed to sell personal property.

REAL ESTATE

William Goodrich et ux to Frank Holmes et al, 359.97 acres, t 9 s, r 2 w, \$12,000.

W W and Mary Fawk to Title & Trust Co., 322 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, \$10.

Alva G Lineback et ux to H B Rowley, 9.40 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$700.

Fred R Elliott to Bert R Elliott, 40 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$2400.

Paul Rusk et ux to W W Newton, lot in Independence, \$450.

Alice C Courter and hd to Jeldena Courter, land in t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

Fred Loy et ux to L A Hecker, 121.03 acres, t 10 s, r 4 w, \$6555.

J H Hawley et ux to C L and Rose Hawley, 40 acres, t 6 s, r 4 w, \$2000.

S R Withrow et ux to Mary J Bagley, 99 acres, t 9 s, r 5 w, \$3000.

Rev. Thompson is Called

Rev. Maynard R. Thompson has received a unanimous and hearty call to the important church, of the Christian denomination, located at Heppner in eastern Oregon. This probably the largest, or at least the strongest church (of any name), not only in Heppner, but also in all of Morrow county. His work will probably extend somewhat into the surrounding country, and in this work, he asks the prayers of all old friends. He expects to leave with his family the latter part of August.—Independence Enterprise.

For Sale—California Medicated Soap. Excellent for all skin diseases, also for shampooing the hair. Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr., Monmouth St., Independence, Or.

Town Destroyed by Fire

The following is from the Albany Herald of Tuesday, August 2nd.

The entire town of Hoover, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern Railway on the North Santiam river, 57 miles east of Albany was wiped out by fire last night.

The big sawmill of the Hoover Lumber Company, the entire lumber yard, the hotel and several bunkhouses and residences have been burned, and the latest report, received here, stated that practically all other buildings in the little village were burning and in all probability there would be scarcely a house left.

The loss will probably reach \$100,000. Practically every building in town belonged to the Hoover Lumber Company,