

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

New Payrolls, Improvements and Factories and Enterprises that Will Give Labor Employment, and Matters Affecting Industries and Investments.

SALEM, OREGON, Oct. 4.—A campaign is being made for a wagon road from Eugene to the coast and a half mill tax asked. Eugene will soon have Coos Bay coal.

Silverton—New drain and tile factory has started.

Woodburn wants a merger of all the telephone lines.

J. A. Seavey will erect a \$20,000 theatre in Springfield.

Bandon—A new cheese factory is to be built at Four Mile.

The Lebanon Lumber Company burned with loss of \$100,000.

The Creswell Cannery will manufacture spray in that city.

Pendleton—The cornerstone for the new postoffice has been laid.

Hood River gets a \$7500 concrete movie theatre, 50 by 100 feet.

The O. W. R. & N. Company payroll at La Grande takes 545 checks.

The Southern Pacific payroll at Eugene for the past month was \$11,304.

Sutherlin—The Leona mills are in operation again after 8 months idleness.

The big Rainier mill has been completely destroyed by fire, loss \$150,000.

A franchise is being asked for in Albany to establish another light plant.

The value of the Oregon hop crop this year is about \$2,000,000, at 10 cents.

Bend—Frank Pival expects to erect 50 houses here, work to begin at once.

Marshfield—The school board is figuring on reducing school tax 2 mills, \$41,000.

Ralph McKechnie has six acres of corn near Albany averaging 14 feet in height.

Indications are that the Hubbard shoe factory will soon begin operations again.

Hood River apple and Vinegar Company receives gold medal at the Panama Fair.

The Veal Chair Factory at Albany has changed from an eight to a ten hour day.

It is estimated that the clover seed crop of Linn county will total \$200,000 this year.

Creswell—Reports are that the apple market is looking better owing to the short crop.

W. F. Turnidge wants farmers around Albany to raise mint and will take all oil obtained.

J. J. Ellinger has cut the fourth crop of alfalfa this season from his farm near Redmond.

Construction is being rushed on the new line of the O. W. R. & N railroad into Harney Valley.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company announces opening of line between Eugene and Florence.

J. C. Butcher will establish a large spray factory at Hood River and will manufacture arsenate of lead.

Coos County has been experimenting with roads planked lengthwise and the results are highly successful.

Central Point—Farmers and taxpayers league organized to scrutinize raising and disbursement of taxes, etc.

It is announced that Redmond will have a new fireproof ware-

house for handling farm products, size 60 by 150.

The Nashville and Toledo creameries have distributed over \$10,000 each to the farmers of that section the past year.

Portland taxes for 1916 is estimated at \$93,000 more than for 1915. An effort will be made to cut this amount, however.

Hillsboro—Committee of Growers Association asks equalization board to make reductions of one-third in valuation of farm lands in that vicinity.

Right of way deeds are all secured for the Sutherlin railroad and it is announced work will start at once on the grade for the Sutherlin, Coos Bay & Eastern.

Roseburg citizens will donate site for the big new mill of Kendall Brothers. A town which has shown the enterprise of Roseburg in going after this big industry is deserving of a bright future.

The general cry from every city, town, and village in Washington and Oregon is to reduce taxes. Never before has there been such a determined effort made in this direction.

Picking Fruit Properly

"Picking is one of the most important factors of getting the apple upon the market," says the O. A. C. bulletin on Handling the Fruit Crop. "It has a marked influence upon the keeping qualities, size, color and flavor of the fruit. Too much attention is frequently given to getting depth of color so that over-ripeness, caused by the fruit hanging too long on the tree, very often results. Some apples, such as the Gravenstein, drop before they are ripe. Others, such as Grimes Golden, drop when they become ripe. And still others, as the Jonathan, may hang on the tree after they are ripe and develop core rot." Fuller information may be had from the bulletin, copies of which will be sent on request of any citizen of Oregon.

Mica Found in 20 States

Mica is of widespread occurrence and has been mined in many countries, but the world's production has come chiefly from India, the United States, Canada, German East Africa, and Brazil. Deposits of probable value are known in more than 20 of the United States. The distribution of mica deposits can be best determined by a knowledge of the rocks with which they are associated and their geographic occurrence. The matrix of mica is pegmatite, a rock allied to granite in composition, but of much coarser texture. Mica-bearing pegmatites are associated with crystalline rocks, either ancient metamorphic or igneous rocks. A study of the geologic map of North America issued by the United States Geological Survey shows the distribution of these types of rocks. The absence of areas of such rocks indicates the absence of good deposits of mica, and their presence indicates a possibility of the occurrence of mica-bearing pegmatites. Large areas of these metamorphic and old igneous rocks are shown in the eastern Appalachian region, extending from Alabama to New York; in the New England States; in the Black Hills of South Dakota; in the Rocky Mountain region from New Mexico to Montana; and in many smaller more or less isolated areas in nearly all the Western States from Texas to California and Washington. The same map shows large areas where the older crystalline rocks are covered by a mantle of younger sedimentary rocks ranging in

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thickness from hundreds to thousands of feet, and where, accordingly, mica deposits are not likely to be found.

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THE DEATH OF A CZAR.

Dramatic Story of the Way Nicholas I. Committed Suicide.

There are various stories of the death of the Czar Nicholas I. Here is one which the great singer Mario heard from a doctor of the court and which is told in "The Romance of a Great Singer."

When the Russian army was meeting with reverse after reverse in the Crimean war the czar sent for his doctor and demanded to know which was the quickest and most painless poison that he knew of, bluntly telling the startled physician that he had resolved to commit suicide.

He further warned the doctor in the stern manner which was his characteristic that if he were not obeyed the doctor's life would be worthless. He sharply silenced the man's nervous remonstrances and commanded him to bring the poison.

The doctor did not dare to refuse and a few minutes later brought a small vial containing the poison, which he assured the czar would deprive any one of existence in a few minutes. To be sure that he had been obeyed and that the doctor was speaking the truth the czar obliged him to remain in the room, warning him that if the poison failed his life should answer for it.

The czar took the poison without the least tremor or the movement of a muscle, and, although twice told by the doctor, who held his watch in his hand, that there was time to save him by an antidote should he alter his mind, the czar refused, answering the second entreaty by simply waving the man away, he by that time being unable to speak.

It was given out that the czar had died from the effects of a severe chill, but those who knew the facts also knew that he had committed suicide rather than face the defeat of his army.

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