

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

SALEM, OREGON, Oct. 24.—In regard to developing kelp beds off the Oregon Coast on a large scale for the purpose of obtaining potash, New York capitalists inquire of Secretary of State, Olcott, if it would be possible for the state to contract with the corporation on a basis that would permit a large investment.

Veneta will have a sawmill in the near future.

Springfield city tax will be less the coming year.

Oregon City is to have a new bank, \$50,000 capital.

A milk condenser plant is talked of for Cottage Grove.

Finnish Brotherhood society of Astoria will erect \$10,000 garage.

Halfway—Contract awarded for construction of municipal pipe line.

It is rumored that the Smith Pulp mill at Marshfield will run soon.

Reports say new planing mill to be built in Roseburg this winter.

Milwaukee will soon advertise for bids for extension of water system.

Allen & Lewis of Portland expect to build a warehouse in Eugene.

All wheat warehouses in St. Johns filled to overflowing, first time in years.

Sumpter—North Pole and Columbia mines now working steadily with good prospects.

The largest carload of apples ever sent from Hood River has just been shipped to Petrograd.

The Willamette Valley Electric from Mt. Angel to Portland starts first train service Sunday, Oct. 17.

It is expected through train service from Coos Bay to Eugene will be given the public May 1, 1916.

The Dalles—Fill for O. W. R. & N. terminal is finished and track laying will begin in a few days.

Baker—Dredging operations in Sumpter Valley for mining requiring capital of \$500,000 being planned.

Wouldn't it be nice if a few of those steamship companys Portland is after could sail under the American flag.

The North Pole mine in the Sumpter district has 40 men taking out and shipping large quantities of high grade ore.

Simpson Lumber Co. of North Bend made the largest cut on record in September for a North Bend mill, 3,415,650 feet.

Oregon, California and Eastern filed articles of incorporation and plans to construct 400 miles of railroad in Eastern Oregon.

Report says that the Hill interests will spend large sums constructing additional wharves and enlarging terminals at Flavel.

Astoria—After long controversy, council voted unanimously to grant Pacific Power & Light Co. street car franchise on Franklin Ave.

Jitney fares have been reduced to six for a quarter. The jitneys might next provide free life insurance policies to their patrons.

The true way to help bring prosperity is to lighten the bur-

den of the taxpayer and take some of the shackles off business and industry.

The S. P. Co. and the city of Corvallis have agreed upon terms for a satisfactory franchise for the electric system of the S. P. Co. in that city.

Oregon City passes stringent jitney ordinance requiring \$5000 bonds, \$50 quarterly license and continuous service between 6 A. M., and 10 P. M.

Oregon City—The Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg Railroad, a subsidiary of the Portland Cement Co. has begun operations preparatory to the opening of the Oswego plant of the cement concern.

It is announced that construction will begin at once on standard gauge railroad from Carnes Station, 6 miles south of Roseburg, to the big quarries of the Portland cement Co. on Roberts Creek.

The reduced round trip rate of 25 cents granted by the Portland Railway Light & Power Co. between Portland and Vancouver is making heavy inroads on the jitney traffic especially as the street cars are more comfortable in cold weather.

Voters owe it to themselves and the welfare of the republic to put the tariff out of politics. It should be adjusted as the currency and banking have been. Dont make our industries bear the political burden and nightmare every four years.

Politicians are again grooming themselves for office. As a voter and a taxpayer see that they have the proper business qualifications to spend your money, before they get your vote. The days of the cheap cigar, pump-handle handshake and hot-air promises are past.

Mining Laws of Australia and New Zealand

It has been estimated that there are more than 3,500,000,000,000 short tons of coal in the United States, exclusive of Alaska. An authoritative statement of the coal supply of the world shows that the United States has coal reserves exceeding those of any other continent and nearly double those of Europe. The fact that we are a favored nation in this respect, however, does not imply that we should not be on the alert to discover and put into operation the best possible policy in regard to our coal lands, and in determining this policy a comparison with the practices of other mining countries is helpful. Geological Survey Bulletin 505, "Mining Laws of Australia and New Zealand," contains much that is suggestive on the subject, and although it is not an exhaustive treatise, it is the best available collection of authoritative data bearing on the practical working of mineral-land laws essentially different from those of the United States. The bulletin not only gives in considerable detail the special provisions, terms, and conditions of the different laws, as well as statistical information regarding the extent of mining, but also contains much testimony by practical Australian and New Zealand mining men who are operating under these laws. On this account it undoubtedly furnishes a valuable means of comparing the leasehold and freehold systems in their effect upon mining development.

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Lebanon Rooming House Burned

Lebanon, Ore., Oct. 25.—A fire that totally destroyed the J. C. Devine rooming house and contents west of the depot, was started by a coal oil lamp here a few nights ago. The house was occupied by Mrs. Esther Winehart. Her 17-year-old son took a lamp into a closet to search for a book when he upset the lamp, an explosion resulted and the destruction of the house followed. The house was a 14-room affair, having been erected by J. C. Devine about four years ago. The fire department responded promptly but the fire being in the inside of the building was difficult to control and practically nothing was saved. Devine's loss is \$2500, partially covered by insurance.

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