

## WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

SALEM, OREGON, Feb. 14.—Editor Standish of the Progress, Estacada, Oregon, writes us: Estacada is on the railroad 30 miles from Portland with cheap electric power and wants to locate factories there. Business men willing to co-operate with parties looking for locations and offer some kind of bonus. Valuable clay deposits, much cedar, fir, maple and other wood accessible. Editor Standish can give further information.

State highway Commission allows \$90,000 of highway fund for improving Columbia highway from Hood River to Mosier.

Shell Oil Company's \$200,000 plant at Portland about completed.

D. A. White & Sons are building their fourth warehouse in Salem.

Grants Pass box factory again operating with 52 men.

Medford's building activity for 1915 totaled \$300,000.

I. M. Morgan of Ione figuring on starting creamery at Heppner.

Geo. W. Moore Mill at Bandon opens March 15.

Mills continue to open on Coos Bay and new industries start locating there.

Coos Bay plans monster celebration July 4th, to celebrate completion of railroad.

Interstate Commerce Commission allows railroads to reduce rates on hay for 30 days in order to give relief to stock men.

British steamer loading 3,000,000 feet of lumber at Portland for London.

\$5,000,000 corporation organized to operate steamers between Portland, Oriental and Australian Ports.

Representatives of Libby Packing Co. speaking at The Dalles urged farmers to raise more vegetables as well as fruit to keep cannery running most of year.

Pendleton—Application made to develop 9000 additional horsepower on Umatilla streams.

Corvallis—350,000 volt transformer from Panama Exposition installed at O. A. C.

Salem—Oregon Public Utility Commission demands that books, accounts and records of municipal plants handling water or light be made public.

Harriman—Union Pacific system has 200 men putting on finishing touches on branch into Harney County.

Vancouver, B. C.—Jitneys have cut down 1915 city revenues from street cars \$38,000.

Klamath County reduced county debt by \$124,577. Out of debt in three years.

Portland—City Commission votes to build duplicate water plant at St. Johns, refusing to pay price of private plant fixed by State Utility Commission.

Attorney General Gregory of the U. S. recommends that Congress refund to counties back taxes due on the O. & C. land grant lands but only on assessed value of \$2.50 per acre. Counties assessed the lands at \$5 to \$15 per acre, and would lose large sums of back taxes on this plan.

Large industry locating at Grants Pass brings new residents

and business.

Ashland—\$15,000 mineral water bottling plant to be erected here.

Clay manufacturers held state convention at Albany Feb. 9.

Burns—Swifts Packing Co. said to have bought 130,000 acres land here.

Mt. Scott Herald—Further evidence of the inability or disinclination of the jitney men to comply with the requirements of public service are shown in their attitude and conduct during the past week. First, failure of a large proportion to operate; second, failure to operate until a competitor had cleared the passage; third, piratical charges for service; fourth, blocking their competitor's right-of-way after he had cleared it at his own expense. That ought to be enough, and other things might be said.

### Real Estate Transfers

In Polk County.

J R Cooper and wife to K C Eldridge and B C Rockwell, tract in Independence, \$20.

John C Shultz and wife to Jane Kelty, 1-2 interest 48.08 acres, t 8-5, \$1,000.

I N Woods and wife to John C Shultz, 1-2 interest in 48.08 acres, t 8-5, \$1.

W H Bradley and wife to F H Bradley, lots in Strong Fruit tract, \$910.

Charles A Robertson to Jessie C Barnes, lot in Kingwood Park, \$300.

Charles A Robertson to W Carlton Smith, lot in Kingwood Park, \$300.

H D Langille, trustee, to H B Riley and W C Neblack, t 6-8, \$10.

Clear View Orchard company to Jaul J Grames, 5 acres, Clear View orchard, t 6-5, \$2,000.

Arthur West and wife to Walter West, 69.31 acres, t 9-7, \$2,000.

### New Zealand Credit Plan to Cheapen Farm Money

O. A. C., Corvallis, Feb. 14.—"Under the New Zealand system we could market our bonds secured by the state credit and also by first mortgage on farm lands up to fifty percent of their appraised value at about four and one-half per cent. To this would be added one-half to three-fourths of one per cent for operating expenses leaving from one to one and a fourth per cent advantage to the farmer over our present Oregon State loan system."

A representative committee of more than eighty members meets in Salem on March 9 to discuss the system of rural credits, and the foregoing statement was made by Dr. Hector Macpherson who will be one of the representatives of the Agricultural College. Continuing Dr. Macpherson said:

"Adding to this amount the amortization system for reduction of the origination debt would provide for wiping out principal and interest by annuities of from six to eight per cent of the original principal depending upon the time planned for the liquidation of the loan."

It is Dr. Macpherson's belief that some plan will be adopted similar to that of New Zealand and of Victoria, Australia.

### California Was Once Important Coal Producing State

The records of the State Mining Bureau of California show a production of coal in California as early as 1861. At that time it was one of the 16 coal-producing

States and, relatively, of some importance as a coal producer. During the later part of that decade and throughout the following decade the coal production of California exceeded 100,000 tons annually and reached a maximum of 236,950 tons in 1880. Since 1881 the production has been irregular, having been influenced chiefly, up to the beginning of the present century, by the imports of Australian and British Columbian coals, the receipts of Australian coals depending principally upon the wheat production and shipments from the Pacific Coast. Since 1900, however, according to the United States Geological Survey, with the great increase in the production and use of petroleum which began in that year, coal production in California has fallen off.

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