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## MARSHFIELD RAISES BONUS

\$150,000 BAIT HELD OUT TO RAILROAD BUILDERS.

WILLIAMS COUNTY TO BE PARCELLED OUT OF LANE AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES—SCRIBER CONVICTED ON FIRST BALLOT.

MARSHFIELD—At a businessmen's dinner held at the Chandler Hotel and attended by 100 of the leading citizens, resolutions were adopted supporting the movement of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho Railway and declaring that the bonus of \$150,000 should be raised here at once. The railway matter came up as the chief topic of the after dinner speeches. C. O. Smith, the Minnesota lumberman who has large interests here, has started the subscription list with \$25,000. It was the opinion that the Boise road offered the best chance for a railway into Coos Bay this summer, and the bonus must be raised at once. The committee is now soliciting the business men.

### County Petitions Filed.

SALEM—Petitions have been filed in the office of Secretary of State F. W. Benson, calling for the creation of the county of Williams, out of the territory of portions of Lane and Douglas counties.

Also a petition has been filed providing for the annexation of a portion of Clackamas County to Multnomah County. A petition to change the boundaries of Washington County is expected in a few days, also the Orchard County petition and several others.

### Man Stabbed by Partner.

MERRILL—A cutting affray which almost ended the life of Otto Gessel and landed Bobby Burns in the County Jail at Klamath Falls occurred in a wood camp in Sandy Hollow. Gessel and Burns were partners in the wood business. Burns was preparing to make what he called root beer and had a lot of bottles on the floor. His partner came into the room and kicked over some of the bottles. It is charged that Burns drove a knife into Gessel's neck in three places.

### 129,600 Acres Designated Dry.

PORTLAND—Secretary Ballinger has designated under the enlarged homestead act as not susceptible of successful irrigation at reasonable cost 129,600 acres of land in townships 17 south, range 25 east; 18 south, range 25 east; 17 south, range 26 east; 21 south, range 32 east; 22 south, range 32 east, and 27 south, range 30 east, of Oregon, making the total designation under that act in Oregon 88,848,800 acres.

### To Celebrate Quarter Centennial.

CORVALLIS—Invitations have been sent out by the Oregon Agricultural College to attend the quarter-centennial celebration of the organization as a state institution. The celebration of the event will be held June 10 to June 14, inclusive. A general literary and musical program has been prepared and class reunions are arranged. A presidents' reception will be held at Waldo hall, Monday evening, June 13.

### Scriber Found Guilty.

PORTLAND—Jefferson W. Scriber, cashier of the Farmers & Traders' National Bank, La Grande, which he was charged with wrecking, was found guilty on the four indictments covering 40 counts, against him by the Federal Court. The jury was out 15 minutes and took but one ballot. The specific charges on which Scriber was found guilty were embezzlement, abstraction of the bank's funds, misapplication of the bank's funds, making false entries in his reports and

making false entries in the bank's books. The jury did not consider the insanity plea of defense in its short deliberation. The jury reached the unanimous opinion that Scriber was sane while cashier of the bank and only considered the charges and defense on their merits.

### Well-Digger Strikes Ore.

CONDON—While sinking a well, H. H. Willburn, of this city, at a depth of 95 feet struck a ledge of ore which was at first supposed to be gold. The ledge was two feet thick. Samples of the mineral were brought to this city, and an analysis showed conclusively that the ledge contained a rich deposit of copper. Other samples will be taken to Portland for a more thorough analysis.

### Work Will Begin Soon.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—That construction on the Coos Bay & Oregon Central Railroad, the road from Coos Bay to Boise, via Roseburg, will begin before September 1, was a statement made here by Francis H. Clarke, president of the road.

## TREASON TO YOUR TOWN.

### Why Spending Your Money Elsewhere Might Be So Described.

In a recent address before the Western New York Newspaper Publishers' association E. F. Bussey, publisher of the Phelps (N. Y.) Citizen, said: "The problem is really a serious one and has not received the attention it should have had. This in a large measure accounts for the expansion of the business to immense proportions. One concern in Chicago claims to have a business of \$53,000,000 per year, with an estimated profit of 14 per cent, amounting to over \$7,000,000.

"One village with a population of 5,000 is cited as an example of what the mail order business means locally. It is claimed that during the month of December last over \$5,000 was sent in money orders from that village to one Chicago mail order house. A letter of inquiry brings forth the reply that there is no foundation for such a statement, although what is considered a large amount of business is actually sent to the mail order houses. The estimate given places it at about \$10,000 annually.

"A somewhat recent development of mail order business is the trade in ladies' wearing apparel. A number of ladies patronize houses dealing in these goods without realizing that in permitting themselves to be ensnared by the exponent of the new fad, the psychology of advertising, they are laying themselves open to criticism quite as much as the man who is deluded into sending away his hard earned dollars for goods which show up beautifully in the catalogue, but have a decidedly different appearance when he receives them.

"The regular mail order houses at the present time have alluring advertisements in the magazines in which they offer apparently wonderful bargains in ladies' suits. The psychological feature of the advertisements seems to be the guarantee, which is given great prominence. Of course the reader is not expected to draw the deduction that in case the goods are not right the firm has a correspondent to deal with the case who is quite as expert in his line as the high salaried man who writes the ads. In the matter of ladies' suits it should not be a difficult matter to present a strong argument in favor of making a personal selection from a large stock in a store known to be reliable in preference to sending to a distant city and buying, as it were, a cat in a bag. The local houses unquestionably have the advantage of the best arguments, and these if properly presented are bound to prove effective."

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitteaker, Frank Whitteaker and Miss Erna Brown leave soon for a short vacation at Cascadia. Mr. and Mrs. Whitteaker will remain there while the other two will return in a couple of weeks.

The party of about fifteen men who went out into the Highland neighborhood Wednesday to hunt a panther which had been reported in that vicinity and which had been killing livestock in that part of the country, report ill luck. On account of the dry weather lately the hounds were unable to follow the scent. It is reported that no less than twenty-head of goats have been lost from the ravages of the animal.

## NEWS ITEMS OF OTHER CITIES

REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD ASSEMBLY AT DALLAS.

FRUIT GROWERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION—EASTERN OREGON WOOL SELLS AT 14c TO 17c.

PRAIRIE CITY—The First National Bank of Prairie City, Or., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital.

DALLAS—Polk County Republicans will hold an assembly, in this city, Saturday, June 25. Delegates will be chosen at precinct primaries on June 23.

KLAMATH FALLS—That the business of Klamath County is to be reached out after by the largest concerns in the United States, is shown by the fact that a branch of the Swift Packing Company, of Chicago, is being opened here.

PORTLAND—One of the most remarkable operations ever performed in this city occurred at St. Vincent's Hospital, where surgeons operated on the heart of Clyde Engle of Oregon City, who was accidentally shot.

EUGENE—In one of the most brilliant spectacular track and field meets, ever held in the Northwest, the University of Oregon defeated Washington State College, of Pullman, by the score of 81 to 59.

PORTLAND—The 62d annual session of the Willamette Baptist Association of Oregon was held in Portland this year. The session opened Monday morning, May 30, with devotional services and closed Thursday evening, June 2, by an address, "An Aggressive Baptist," by W. B. Hinson.

EUGENE—Glen W. Hoover, of the University of Washington, won the inter-collegiate oratorical championship of three states in the annual contest by representatives from the state universities of Washington, Oregon and Montana.

ROSEBURG—In an effort to uphold the price of Umpqua Valley fruits and protect against inferior production, about 50 of Douglas County's prominent fruitgrowers have organized an association here to be known as the Umpqua Valley Horticultural Society & Fruit Association.

SALEM—Assistant Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle filed a complaint in the case of the State of Oregon

versus Clatsop County, for the recovery of \$4207.50 of the 1909 state tax, which Clatsop County refuses to pay.

MARSHFIELD—After satisfying an idea that he could eat beer glasses and similar articles, Frank Granholm died at his home near Marshfield. While drinking he ate a quantity of glass and died after contracting pneumonia, which, with the glass eating, caused his death.

PENDLETON—The most successful wool sale of the season was held at Pilot Rock. Of the 300,000 pounds offered, more than 100,000 changed hands. Other clips may yet be sold, as the growers in some cases have taken the bids under advisement. The prices offered ranged from 14 to 17 cents.

ASTORIA—Samuel Elmore, the millionaire salmon packer of the North Pacific Coast, is about to dispose of his holdings, according to information that has reached his friends in Astoria. Mr. Elmore is now in San Francisco, where he is in conference with representatives of the J. K. Armsby Company, the prospective purchaser.

CANYON CITY—The jury to try Ben Hinton for murder has been completed and the taking of evidence began Tuesday morning. Fifty-five jurymen were sworn and examined, the state and defense using every challenge allowable. Hinton is one of the gang accused of lynching Ollie Snyder.

EUGENE—Announcement has been made of the organization of the Skull and Chain Society, an honor society for the senior men of the university. The organization is composed of five prominent seniors, whose intention is to make it a permanent honor society such as those which exist in other colleges.

THE DALLES—The Circuit Court has postponed the case of F. E. Mills, an alleged forger, until the next term. Tommy George, an Indian, was convicted of horsetealing and received a sentence of 30 days in the County Jail. John Moran, who fatally stabbed C. W. C. Larsen in a saloon quarrel, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

SALEM—Governor Benson has granted the requisition of the Governor of Missouri for William Allen, in jail at Marshfield, Or., and wanted in Missouri for killing Hank Gibbs in that state in July, 1897. Allen is said to have confessed the crime to a fellow prisoner in the Marshfield jail. The murder grew out of a quarrel over a gambling debt of \$12.

Roswell Shelley died at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland the last of the week and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at this place last Tuesday. Mr. Shelley was formerly a merchant of this place.

## RED LETRER IN LAND BUSINESS

FREE EXCURSION TO BUYERS OF MEXICAN LAND.

162,000 ACRES OF RICHEST LAND ON AMERICAN CONTINENT TO BE SOLD AT A FRACTION OF ITS ACTUAL VALUE.

There is no doubt that in offering to send a representative to Mexico to inspect the "Fortuna" tract of land, comprising 620,000 acres, the Mexico-American Land Co., through their Independence agency, the Chas. E. Hicks Real Estate Co., have holdings in Mexico of which they are not ashamed. They advertise it as the "Richest land on the American Continent." These lands are thrown open to settlement of American people at such small payments that anyone can afford to buy.

In presenting the matter to the Chas. E. Hicks Real Estate Co., the Mexico-American Land Co. says:

We take pleasure in announcing to you a proposition that is going to make our first excursion to our great "Fortuna" tract of land a red letter day in the land business—a great event to be marked on the calendars of all our wide-awake land men.

"This first excursion is set for the month of June. Our Pullman cars will start from Kansas City June 22—this month.

"Mid-summer is not usually regarded a favorable time for a trip to a tropical country. But so well do we know the delightful climate of our favored region on the south gulf coast; so well do we know that our chosen land will 'make good' on the inspection of the severest critic even at the mid-summer season; and so great is our confidence in the virtue of our splendid land offering that we have decided for our first excursion to make the most favorable and remarkable offer ever presented to the land-buying public. Briefly stated, our offer is a free trip for each man representing an individual or club purchase of 400 acres of our 'Fortuna' lands.

"This means that we will give free transportation to all such parties from any point in territory from which homeseekers tickets are sold to Mexico City, and return; all Oklahoma and Texas points are also included. We will furnish free berths in our sleeping cars from Kansas City and return; we will furnish free meals either in our dining car or in hotels or eating houses en route to and from our lands; we will also furnish free accommodations and facilities for the inspection of our lands, and we will furnish free hotel accommodations and free entertainment at Mexico City and on any pleasurable side-trips to be arranged by us.

"There will be no deviation from the conditions and rules governing this offer, as follows:

"For each free trip we require the purchase of 400 acres, or more, of our 'Fortuna' lands. This purchase may be by one person or by any number of persons not exceeding forty, as our smallest tracts are 10 acres, so there could not be more than forty purchasers to make up a club-purchase of 400 acres.

"For each purchase of 10 acres, or more, but less than 160 acres, the price will be \$15.00 per acre, payable on the basis of 10 acres, as follows: \$25.00 cash down at the time of application of purchase, and \$5.00 on the first of each month for 25 months following the date of the confirmation of the purchase by the committee-man's inspection. No interest charges on deferred payments. In other words, the regular price and terms quoted by us on sales of land in 10-acre units.

"For each purchase of 160 acres, or more, the price will be \$12.00 per acre, payable on the basis of 160 acres as follows: 160 acres at \$3.00

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THE O. A. C. GIRLS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATION JUNE 14.