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UNIFORM SALARIES IS AIM.

Governor West Drafts Bill to Equalize Officials' Pay.

Salem—A bill to make salaries in every county of the state on a more equal basis than under the present system, and provide for an automatic adjustment every two or four years when a new apportionment is made, is being worked out by Governor West.

The system will be prepared carefully, and will be submitted to members of the legislature before January so that each one will have an opportunity to study whatever merits or demerits it may have.

"Salaries to county officials throughout the state," said Governor West, "are made without relation to each other. One county, for instance, may pay its county judge \$300, while another county may pay its judge \$1200, though the counties may not vary any or but little in their respective populations, area or assessed valuation of property. Again, a county clerk may be getting more salary than a county judge or another official may be drawing more than a county clerk. There should be a uniform basis for salaries."

"Whenever the legislature convenes, friends of some officials in a county, who are elected, come in with bills to boost these officials' salaries. Officials without friends in the legislature do not get any of the raises. A score of bills to raise salaries were introduced at the last legislature, but I vetoed them all."

"Salaries should be equalized and reduced by some system. What I propose to do is this: I will prepare a statement showing the salaries of each county official in every county in the state. These statements for each county will then be submitted to Granges and other organizations as well as prominent individuals in each county, and they will be asked to return to me an estimate of what they think their county should pay out in salaries. Out of all that are submitted, an average will be struck for each county and a total secured for the state. Each county will then be apportioned a share of this total according to area, population and assessed valuation."

"As the state grows, a new apportionment would automatically adjust the salaries of the county officials."

MINERAL BULLETIN OFF PRESS

Book on Economic Geological Resources of Oregon Issued.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The new bulletin on "The Economic Geological Resources of Oregon," extension series No. 5, issued by the Oregon State bureau of mines at the Oregon Agricultural college, of which Prof. H. H. Parks is director, is just off the press. It is a book of 120 pages illustrated by 21 fine cuts, and is sent free upon request to all residents of the state who are interested in the subject.

"Washington, on the north, spends annually \$28,750 through her State Geological Survey investigating her mineral resources. Her mineral production is approximately \$17,000,000 annually," says Prof. Parks in introduction. "California, on the south, spends annually \$30,000 through her state bureau of mines investigating her mineral resources, and the value of her mineral production annually is \$86,000,000. Both these states have maintained their bureaus of investigation for many years."

"Oregon has spent about \$1,200 through the state bureau of mines investigating her mineral resources, and has an annual mineral production of approximately \$4,000,000. Is it illogical to think that some relation exists between the mineral production of a state and the funds spent in investigation of the same? Is it possible that Mother Nature discriminated against the state of Oregon by cutting off the mineral resources at a political boundary line?"

Timely Rains Save Timber.

Seaside—Timely rains will save thousands of feet of valuable timber from forest fires, which have been raging for the past week in the vicinity of Humboldt mountain. Large areas have been burned over and many families made homeless. Damage up to the present time has not been estimated but will reach a large sum. The two little stations of Hamlet and Necanicum were in the path of the fire and were destroyed. These fires were some distance south of here and did not cause the recent fire here.

Cable Laid Under River.

Hood River—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has finished making connections on each side of the Columbia river with the huge cable laid under the river two months ago, and Hood River and White Salmon are now connected by cable line. The former telephone connections between the two cities were made by an aerial line, crossing from the high point of Stanley Rock, on this side of the river.

Marion Prune Crop to Be Good.

Salem—That the prune crop south of the city will be as large as last year, when the crop was excellent, is the statement made by several of the leading prune men who have been investigating reports that the crop promises to be small.

FARMERS EXPECT BIG CROP.

After Three Years of Poor Yields, Growers Say Success Assured.

Pendleton—After three years of almost total crop failures Morrow county wheat growers are already preparing to harvest what promises to be one of the best crops in the history of the county, according to County Judge Patterson, of Heppner, and J. B. Huddleston, station agent for the O. W. R. & N. at the same point. These men say farmers report the ground wet four feet, and with the splendid start which the grain has it is believed nothing can prevent the harvesting of a bumper yield.

Some of the growers say there have been years in the past when the growing grain looked as promising as at present, but that it did not have the moisture in the ground to back it up, so that the lack of later rains caused a near-failure.

The growers of alfalfa along Willow and Ray creeks are looking forward to heavier crops than usual. They are always assured of a good first crop, but the lack of sufficient snow in the mountains has often caused the streams to dry up so early that summer irrigation has been almost out of the question. This year there is an unusual amount of snow in the hills and the streams are all running bank full at the present time, with the prospect of a good supply of water for six or eight weeks to come.

BUMPER CROP OF APPLES.

Yield to Be From 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 Boxes.

The apple crop of Hood River this year will be from 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 boxes, according to prediction made by President Charles N. Clarke, of the Hood River Commercial club, to Professor Charles H. Lane, agricultural expert from Washington, who spent a day touring the famous valley. Mr. Clarke based his estimate on the heaviness of bloom and generally favorable conditions, which give promise of a crop from five to six times as large as the harvest of 200,000 boxes last year.

It was found that Hood River people were growing more strawberries this year than ever before. There are some 4000 acres in newly planted orchards and 3000 in bearing orchards. The apple bloom, which a week before had been barely visible, had been brought out and nearly retired by the warm days that followed the visit of the Press club to Hood River a week or so before.

GRANGERS URGE REFORMS.

Legislative Committee Favors Second Choice Voting.

Roseburg—The second day of the State Grange meeting in this city dawned fine and cool. The various committees began to bring in their reports, the committee on legislation reporting favorably on second choice voting in state and county elections, on changing the time when nominating petitions shall be filed to 30 days previous to the primary election, and on authorizing the county clerk to send every voter a sample ballot 10 days previous to the election. It also recommended a revision of the election laws so that no candidate or other persons in behalf of a candidate shall spend altogether more than 15 per cent of the first year's salary except that the minimum limit shall be \$100.

Freewater Expects Big Crop.

Freewater—That crop prospects in this vicinity were never better than now is the report from every section of the valley. On the foothills the wheat is almost a foot high, and the excessive rain has deepened the rooting of the wheat, insuring the biggest crop ever harvested. In the valley proper wheat in many sections is already heading out and harvesting this year will be early. Local strawberries have appeared, the first crate coming from Art Isley. It was shipped to Boise, Idaho.

Farmers Planning Fairs.

Astoria—Stockholders of the Lower Columbia River Agricultural company held a meeting Saturday and organized, electing G. L. Rees president, Robert C. Kinney, vice president, and C. S. Dow secretary. They also elected a board of seven directors. This is the company organized by the farmers of the county for the purpose of holding annual fairs. A committee was appointed to ascertain where fairs shall be held.

Duckling Has Four Legs.

Oregon City—A four-legged duck made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson, of Canemah, Sunday, and the little fellow is thriving, although it has been taken from the mother hen. Mrs. Robinson intends taking special care of the freak of nature. Two of the duckling's legs are in normal position, while the "extra" two are farther back and kept close to the body.

Elgin to Observe Fourth.

Elgin—At a citizens' meeting Friday evening it was decided that Elgin shall hold a three-days' celebration on July 4, 5 and 6. A finance committee of three was appointed, who had already solicited funds for the carrying on of the celebration, and reported there would be between \$800 and \$1000 with which to meet expenses.

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