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INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.



LET US URGE YOU

to give our meats a fair trial. We have your best interests at heart as well as our own, for we cannot hope to hold you as our customer if we do not please you with our wares and our treatment. We aim to serve each patron alike, whether the orders come large or small. We have one quality—the best; one price—the lowest consistent with such quality. Call or phone. Either way, you'll be treated right.

J. C. YOUNG, Proprietor.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

TELLS NEEDS OF STATE FAIR

Many Improvements Made During Year—Attendance Good.

Salem — Making recommendations for improvements at the Oregon State Fair, Secretary Meredith, in his report to the state board of agriculture, points out the success which the fair has achieved, regardless of adverse weather conditions which have resulted for two years in a financial loss. A portion of his report follows:

"In view of the fact that the appropriation made by the legislature of 1911 was expended last year, and the general fund was exhausted on account of the inclement weather which prevailed during the 1911 fair, few permanent improvements were made during the year just past. The water service was improved by substituting 569 feet of new 4-inch pipe for the 2 1/2-inch pipe leading from the 4-inch main to the stock barns, and re-plumbing all of the stock barns with the old 2 1/2-inch pipe. This part of the water system was all rebuilt, thus giving a greatly improved service to that part of the grounds. Water pipes were laid in the camp grounds, connecting the wells with the main, and the water pumped direct into the main by gasoline engines, thus abundantly supplying all parts of these grounds. This improvement was much appreciated by the campers.

"A children's playground was installed and partially equipped in the grove immediately back of the Law restaurant, and enclosed by a woven wire fence which required the use of 630 feet of fencing.

"The toilets in the women's rest cottage were all connected with larger supply pipes, overcoming a serious condition which has existed in the building ever since it was constructed.

"The capacity of the poultry building was increased by the addition of 200 coops. Additional windows were also placed in the building, which facilitated the proper showing of the exhibit. Sixteen pens were constructed immediately in front of the poultry house for the exhibit of pheasants by the state fish and game commission.

"Notwithstanding the fact that a deficit of \$10,993.92 was incurred, there need be no apology offered for the 1912 fair, as it was a decided success as far as exhibits and entertainment were concerned, and had it not been for the heavy rains which prevailed during the entire week, the financial part would have been entirely another story. The fact that 49,022 persons passed through the gates during the week, when the rain was pouring down and it was so muddy and wet underfoot that it was almost impossible to reach some parts of the grounds, is sufficient evidence that the fair was really worth while."

IMPROVED HIGHWAY URGED AS PAYING INVESTMENT

Portland—In a report summarizing the advantages of an improved highway from the California line to British Columbia, Major H. L. Bowly states that Oregon can bring \$6,000,000 into the state by completing its share of the work before 1915. The cost, he says, would be \$2,000,000 for Oregon and \$5,036,545 for Washington. Mr. Bowly calls upon the legislatures of both states to provide for this work at the coming session. He is a recognized authority on road building, being state highway commissioner of Washington before assuming his present position of executive officer of the Pacific Highway association.

The fact is cited in the report that California has appropriated \$30,000,000 to be spent on its roads by 1915 and that British Columbia is preparing to invest \$8,000,000 this year.

WOOLMEN HOLD CONVENTION

Enterprise Chosen Over La Grande for Next Meeting Place.

Vale—At the annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jay H. Dobbins, Joseph; vice president, E. P. Cranston, secretary and treasurer, John G. Hoke, Medical Springs. Montague B. Gwinn, of Boise, was elected Oregon member of the national advisory board.

La Grande and Enterprise competed for the next annual convention, and the latter was chosen as place of meeting.

Cabbage Weighs 27 1/2 Pounds.

Oregon City — It is believed that Clackamas county has broken the world's record for growing cabbage, says the Enterprise. A mammoth head of cabbage is now on display in one of the windows of the Commercial club's promotion office. The head of cabbage weighs 27 1/2 pounds and was grown by George DeBok, of Williamette. Mr. DeBok is one of the foremost gardeners of this section and grows many tons of cabbage every year, but says this one is the largest he has ever grown.

Ice Crop Is Heavy.

Canyon City—The ice crop is eight inches thick in this vicinity. The harvest is on in full tide and the ice hands after handling the big cakes all day naively remark that the crop is heavy.

CATS WORRY HOOD RIVER

"Woods Are Full of Them" and War Is Declared by Citizens.

Hood River—"Tomcats are a menace here," says D. A. Turner, a pioneer citizen, on East State street. "The woods are full of them and dozens of them may be found in the tall growth of reeds that rear themselves luxuriantly on the banks of the Hood River gorge and along Indian Creek." Mr. Turner has declared war on the felines, which, he says, are destroying the chickens of his neighborhood and are even making nightly raids on outside refrigerators and cupboards. Thinking that his chickens were secure, the windows and doors of the henhouse having been fastened, he went to feed the fowls one morning and found nine of them killed and a big cat asleep in one corner of the building. The brute had entered from the roof, where a shingle had been blown off. However, its exit was impossible, its stomach having grown several sizes from the chicken feast. The many cats are driving away the silver gray squirrels that live in the oaks here.

BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION

Structure at West Salem Gives Dallas New Railroad Facilities.

Dallas—The new bridge which is being built across the Willamette river at West Salem by the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad company is rapidly nearing completion. This road has completed its line from Salem to Silverton and, with the completion of this bridge, the last link in the chain will be formed and Dallas will have railroad communication in all directions. When plans for this bridge were first talked of by the officials of the railroad company, Louis Gerlinger, Jr., then manager of the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad, with offices in Dallas, proposed making a joint county and railroad bridge out of this bridge, and took up the move with the courts of Marion and Polk counties, but was turned down. It was thought that the county courts of the two counties would grasp the opportunity of getting a new bridge across the river at Salem at a minimum cost, inasmuch as the present wagon bridge can last but a few years longer.

INSURANCE GROWTH IS BIG

Oregon Department Reports Gain of \$16,000 Over 1911.

Salem—Receipts for the Department of Insurance for the year ending November 30, 1912, were \$110,498.94, as compared to \$94,460.12 for the like preceding period, or an increase of \$16,038.82, according to a statement just completed by J. W. Ferguson, state insurance commissioner.

The detailed receipts for 1911-12 are as follows:

Company licenses, agents'	Increase
Fire insurance companies	\$27,375.70 \$2,754.75
Life insurance companies	4,378.00 3,122.00
Fire insurance companies	4,970.00 850.00
Casualty companies	4,372.90 431.00
Taxes	70,835.58 8,978.45
Filing annual statement	1,230.00 110.00
Issuing certificates of authority	425.50 22.00
Miscellaneous receipts	842.76 72.39

Roses and Poppies Thrive.

Hood River — Roses and poppies, even at Christmas time, is the record of the Hood River valley. W. F. Laraway, a merchant of this city, sent a number of roses from his garden to friends in Iowa. Mr. Laraway's roses grow on his lawn and have no protection.

Colonel Tucker, who left the first of the week for San Diego, Cal., also sent roses to friends for Christmas. Mrs. Tucker says her poppies have been blooming freely. "The other morning," she says, "after the heavy snow had fallen in the upper valley where our home is located, it was a beautiful sight to see the blossoms of the roses lifting themselves from the white blanket."

Malheur Snowfall Below Average.

Vale—The snowfall on the higher mountains of Malheur and other Eastern Oregon counties is deficient for this period of the winter, according to persons reaching Vale from the more remote parts of the county. Where the first of the year should witness not less than one foot of snow on the higher altitudes, there is not to exceed three or four inches. Without heavy subsequent precipitation during the next three months, there will be a marked lack of water next spring.

West Announces Appointments.

Salem — Governor West has announced the following appointments to the state textbook commission: Miss Margaret Cosper, Salem; E. E. Bragg, La Grande; T. M. Baldwin, Prineville; John P. O'Hara, Portland, and W. L. Brewster, Portland. The text book commission was named several months ago, but to keep it from being worried by text book companies, no announcement was made until now. The commission meets in June to decide what changes shall be made in the text books in the schools of the state.

Two Bridges Swept Away.

Dufur—Two bridges on the line of the Great Southern railway were swept away by high water in Fifteen-Mile creek. The recent heavy rains have raised all the streams in this vicinity higher than any time in years.

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