

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

JACKSON TO FRONT.

Stands as Second County in Oregon in Assessed Wealth.

Salem — Jackson county has sprung to second place among the counties of Oregon in taxable wealth. Marion county, which has for many years occupied second place, has dropped to fifth place, and perhaps lower. Not all the assessment returns have been received yet, but it is already apparent that at least three counties have stepped above Marion in assessed valuation. Multnomah county, of course, is still first, her assessment for 1920 not yet being definitely known. Jackson will come second with a valuation of over \$12,000,000. Washington probably third with \$10,600,000, Umatilla probably fourth with \$10,165,000, and Marion probably fifth with \$9,824,000. There are a number of wealthy counties yet to report, among them being Lane, Linn and Clackamas, any of which may surpass Marion and put that county still further down the list.

Jackson county's assessment this year shows an increase of about 200 percent for last year the assessment was only \$4,650,000.

NO DELAY ON KLAMATH.

Bids Will Soon Be Called for on Two More Sections of Ditch.

Klamath Falls—Unofficial announcement comes from the officials of the Reclamation service here that the government is not going to cause any delay in completing the great irrigation project for Klamath basin.

A few weeks ago it thought, and, in fact, announced unofficially, that the government was not going to rush work on any of the Klamath projects very rapidly, save the first section, for which the bids for construction are to be opened in San Francisco, December 29. This was said to be the wish of the officials, because it would not throw a large proportion of the surplus lands on the market at one time and thereby cause any glut in the land market, and would give private owners a better opportunity to realize the worth of their lands. Now the announcement that bids will be called for immediately after the opening of the bids for the first section for two more sections of ditch in evidence that Uncle Sam expects to lose no time in completing this great irrigation project. Just as soon as the other bids are opened bids will be called for these two second sections, and work will be commenced on them early in the spring.

Chautauqua Wants LaFollette.

Oregon City—Secretary Harvey E. Cross, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association, has gone to San Francisco where he will attend the annual meeting of delegates representing the various Pacific coast assemblies, when plans will be arranged for the cooperation of these associations in the holding of this year's Chautauqua assemblies. While the probable talent that will be engaged for this year's meetings has not been determined, it is understood that the effort to procure the services of Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, will be renewed this year. An unsuccessful attempt was made last year to engage this national celebrity.

Big Timber Tract Sold.

Medford—A deal has been consummated whereby C. C. Beckman, of Jacksonville, sold a timber tract of 1,640 acres on Butte creek, in Jackson county, to J. C. Dudley, of Michigan, the consideration being \$25,000. This tract is on the proposed Medford & Crater Lake railroad, which is now completed to Eagle Point, about 20 miles from the timber in question. There are other persons here now negotiating for the vast timber tracts that will be opened up by the Crater Lake railroad.

Irrigate Sugar Beet Land.

Elgin—The Grand Ronde Electric company is contemplating the installation of a \$15,000 pumping plant on the Grand Ronde river, near Imbler, which will place about 7,000 acres under irrigation. The contemplated plant will consist of a 200-horse power electric motor and pump, which will force a uniform flow of 200 inches of water during the irrigating season. The sub-irrigation and rainfall in this part of the valley are not of sufficient force to make the sugar beet industry a decided success.

War on San Jose Scale.

Salem—Fruit Inspector Armstrong has inaugurated a vigorous war on the San Jose scale, which threatens the destruction of most of the fruit and shade trees in this county. The mountain ash, of which there many have been set out as shade trees in this city, seems to be the most affected. Many residents have promptly cut down and destroyed the trees upon receiving notice from the inspector. Those who fail to heed the warning given will be prosecuted.

Wallowa Bridged.

Elgin—Word has been received in this city that the temporary bridge across the Wallowa has been completed. In the near future the new steel structure will be under headway, to unite permanently Union and Wallowa counties. This will be built about 700 or 800 feet above the old site, as the O. R. & N. Co. gave \$1,500 for this change. The company's surveyed right of way interferes at the old site. The old bridge collapsed while cattle were being driven across last summer.

Ontario Values Advancing.

Ontario — David Wilson denies the truth of the report that he has sold his townsite property to J. P. Howard, of Sumpter, and he says further that he has no intention of disposing of the property at present. Howard had an option on the holdings, by which he was to pay \$30,000 for the property but the option has expired. Mr. Wilson's agents report that within the last month he has sold lots in the townsite to the value of \$13,000, and has contracts for \$16,000 in addition.

GRAZING PERMITS ISSUED.

Chief Ranger O'Brien Has a Difficult Task in Making Allotments.

Elgin—To issue 250 grazing permits to stockmen and sheepmen, whose combined herds number 280,000 sheep and 15,000 head of cattle, was the task that confronted Chief Ranger Howard O'Brien at Wallowa recently. The irreconcilable differences between these two opposing interests from time immemorial, made it a difficult task. The permits are for the Wallowa and Chemunmus reserves. The grazing privilege accorded is good for the season, which lasts from three to six months, depending upon the climate. For this privilege the government collects from 5 to 8 cents on each sheep and from 20 to 35 cents on each head of cattle, more than \$20,000 in all.

A vast amount of work is involved in selecting these grazing lands. Not only must the chief ranger know which lands are suitable for sheep and which will best meet the wants of the cattlemen, but he must know the amount of land each owner will require. Boundaries must be marked, and various other details make the task anything but an easy one.

Booth-Kelly Sells Land.

Eugene—It has been reported here that a big land deal has been made whereby the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will part with the Oregon Central military wagon road grant, which comprises in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 acres and extends from the Willamette valley to the eastern borders of the state. The local officials of the company do not deny that such a sale is being negotiated, but say that no sale has been made. The names of the prospective purchasers are not given out, but it is known that they are heavy capitalists in New York.

Enlarge Forest Reserves.

Wallowa — Although stockmen of Eastern Oregon who formerly used the grounds now comprised in the Wallowa and Chemunmus forest reserves as free grazing lands during the summer season, were opposed to the reserves when first announced, they are now asking for their extension. There is a large area to the north and east of the Chemunmus reserve and extending down to the Snake river that the stockmen wish to have included in that reserve. Petitions are now being circulated for the purpose.

Violate Factory Laws.

Salem — Labor Commissioner Hoff has returned from a five weeks' tour of inspection of the mills and factories in Jackson, Coos, Josephine and parts of Lane and Douglas counties. During his absence he visited 146 mills and factories and in most of them he found exposed shafts and parts of machinery which are a menace to life and limb as long as they are neglected. The owners were notified in each instance to make improvements, which if made, will lessen the chance of serious accidents happening.

Polk Land is Active.

Independence—A. M. Bosley, of Missouri, has bought 145 acres of farm land west of Monmouth for \$3,000, and will make his home at that place. The hill estate has sold 12 acres of land just west of town to M. Mix at \$110 per acre. R. J. Taylor has purchased the J. B. Johnson property in West Independence. W. H. Warner of this place, has purchased property at St. Johns, Ore., and moved his family there.

Two Railroads for Wallowa.

Enterprise—While the Wallowa Valley people are rejoicing over the assurance of the extension of the O. R. & N. to Enterprise there comes the possibility of the county getting another railroad in the north end. Rogers Bros., of Astoria, are surveying a route up the Grand Ronde, with the intention of building an electric road from their townsite on the Snake. This will take a very fertile farming country.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 69@70c per bushel; bluestem, 71@72c; valley, 73c; red, 65@66c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$26.50; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22 per ton; brewing, \$22@23.50; rolled, \$23@23.50.

Rye—\$1.50@1.60 per cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$11.50@13.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$7.50@9; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; huckleberries, 7c per pound; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; quinces, \$1 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1.15c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@2.25 per crate; celery, 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; pumpkins, 3/4@1c per pound; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate; sprouts, 7c per pound; squash, 3/4@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.00; crates, \$2.15.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 85c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 10c per pound; young roosters, 8c; springers, 10@10 1/2c; dressed chickens, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 16c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 9c; ducks, 14@15c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11 1/2c per pound; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.

Pork—Dressed, 3@7 1/2c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 7@7 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lamb, 7 1/2@8c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

TAWNEY WILL BE LEADER.

Speaker Cannon Displaces Payne on the House Floor.

Washington, Dec. 1. — Speaker Cannon has reached the important determination that hereafter the chairman of the appropriations committee shall be the Republican leader on the floor. This means that Representative Sereno E. Payne, of New York, who will be continued as chairman of the ways and means committee, which has heretofore carried with it the floor leadership, will be displaced. Mr. Cannon was not satisfied with his work last session, he being unable to control the house in emergencies, and will make this the basis for the change.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, at present the Republican whip, has been selected as chairman of the appropriations committee, although no formal announcement to this effect has been made, and will be the new Republican floor leader. Representative McCleary, of Minnesota, who was originally chosen to be chairman of the appropriations committee, will be transferred to the ways and means committee, taking Mr. Tawney's place there.

Mr. Cannon is determined to absolutely control the house in the matter of preventing tariff revision. He lost control of the ways and means committee last session. He does not feel sure of Mr. Tawney on the question of tariff revision and decided to take him off the committee and substitute Mr. McCleary, who is unalterably opposed to modifications of the tariff schedule.

CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD.

Operations Driven From St. Petersburg Telegraph Office.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1. — Communication with the outside world ceased at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when a strike was called in the general telegraph office. By a ruse, however, the management succeeded in reopening the cable shortly after 6 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock, when the strike went into operation, many of the Russian operators were reluctant to leave, but a walking delegate promptly smashed a bottle of hydrochloric acid on the floor, and the fumes soon drove the men from their keys.

The Danish cable operators remained at their posts, but the receiving clerks having fled, messages were refused for three hours. Although troops occupied the building, the employees who were willing to work were terrorized, and were afraid to return.

M. Slevastianoff, superintendent of posts and telegraphs, declares that the government has ample evidence to prove that the strike is a political conspiracy planned by the revolutionaries. He demands for the reinstatement of the discharged leaders of the telegraphers' union at Moscow being a mere pretext, which, however, has deceived many operators and other employees of the service. M. Slevastianoff declares that it is impossible for the government to yield or to be held up by its own servants, and that it is determined to fight out the matter to the bitter end.

WILL ALL TALK IRRIGATION.

Whole Washington Delegation Will Call on Hitchcock.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Piles today talked with Secretary Hitchcock about the irrigation situation in Washington, but was unable to learn anything positive as to the disposition to be made of the various projects now pending. The senator thinks it would be wise for the delegation to call upon the secretary in a body to discuss the matter, and this will be done when the entire delegation arrives.

Senator Ankeny and Representative Cushman this morning paid their respects to the president.

Fight For Joint Statehood.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The strongest effort yet made in the direction of securing the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as a state is under way, and the statehood advocates propose that nothing will be left undone that will induce favorable action by congress. Enormous petitions will be presented in both houses. Senator Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, will introduce and press the joint statehood bill as early as possible in order to get it out of the way of other important bills.

Closer Inspection of Supplies.

Washington, Dec. 1.—In order that supplies furnished the government under contract may be submitted to a closer personal inspection by commission officers of the army, in accordance with an order recently issued by Secretary Taft, as an outgrowth of the developments at the Schuykill arsenal, additional quartermaster officers have been assigned to duty at several of the principal quartermaster depots. Under this order Captain Courtland Nixon has been appointed to the general depot at San Francisco.

Insult American Flag.

Tangier, Dec. 1.—A party which arrived from Tetuan today reports that soldiers there severely assaulted an American citizen who was the retiring holder of a tobacco monopoly. While the American was disposing of his stock, the succeeding concessionaire requested the authorities to intervene and prevent such disposal. The American then hoisted the United States flag, which the soldiers hauled down, and then ejected the proprietor.

Klondike in Antarctic.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 1.—Great excitement prevails in the gold fields bordering on the Straits of Magellan. Many companies have been formed and there has been a great opening of the fields and washeries. The field promises to be a second Klondike.

CLEANING FISH BY MACHINE.

Labor Saving Devices in Use in a Great Northwest Cannery.

Hidden away among the warehouses and sheds on Railroad avenue south of Moran's shipyards is the only cannery in Seattle.

In speaking of the work of the cannery, Superintendent E. B. Dutton said:

"This cannery was installed here more as an experiment than as a purely business proposition, but every one connected with it had full faith in its ultimate success. The short time that it has been running has demonstrated that it is one of the safest and best investments that could have been made; in fact, it has exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine. Since the opening of the season we have been canning on an average of 30,000 fish daily, not counting a large number of halibut that were packed fresh."

"The run this year, although not as large as that of 1901 or the run of four years before that date, is very good. Last week we had more salmon than we could handle. We are confident that our season's pack will reach 60,000 cases. We employ about 100 people, but during the heavy run we have almost double that number. Most of our cannery hands are Chinese and Japanese. The Chinese make the best men for the delicate testing of the cans after they have been soldered and boiled. All our overseers are white men, and, of course, are old fishermen."

"Our new fish-cleaning machine is the latest addition to the plant. This machine is one of the most marvelous inventions I ever saw. It scales and cleans the fish and also cuts off the heads and fins and washes the body ready for the cans. From that machine they slide down a chute, where they are caught by another cleverly arranged mechanism that cuts them into pieces that just fit the cans. Another machine puts the pieces in the cans, and by means of an endless chain they are passed along to where the cans are automatically covered and soldered. From the time the fish is put in the cleaning machine it is never touched by the hand of any man. The use of machines insures perfect cleanliness."

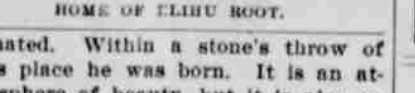
SECRETARY ROOT'S HOME.

Attractive Mansion in the Quiet, Cultured Village of Clinton.

The visitor to Clinton, N. Y., who climbs the hill which leads to the famed Hamilton College, passes many delightful homes. There are no great mansions, no pretentious edifices which bespeak large wealth, but the residences are attractive in their architecture, some of them are spacious and all have the outward appearance of unusual comfort and culture surrounded by closely trimmed lawns, they suggest themselves as retreats of poets and lovers of nature. Any one of a dozen of them would excite envy in one accustomed to good things. These are the homes, for the most part, of tutors in the college further up the hill.

It is amid such environment that the home of Elihu Root, Secretary of State, is to be found. Hither he comes when the strain of great burdens demands a bit of relief and here, amid the scenes of his boyhood, he is rejuvenated. Within a stone's throw of this place he was born. It is an atmosphere of beauty, but it is also an atmosphere of work, and it is from this that he drew that "joy of the working" which keeps him so steadily employed and which causes him to be regarded as a marvel among public men.

The surroundings of youth were calculated to make him a lover of nature, but his bent was for mathematics and devotion to the exact sciences, though heredity should have led him by an affection for outdoors. The splendor of the Onondaga hills and the Oriskany valley was not wholly lost upon him, however, even amid the busy scenes of a metropolis throbbing with varied activities and the charm of a capital where intellect is supreme, and thus it was that in the years of his greatest achievements he returned to Clinton and purchased an estate which adjoins the old homestead. Here he has a fine farm and here, with his family, he spends as much time as he can spare from his official and professional duties.



HOME OF ELIHU ROOT.

Colonel Anstruther was distressed. His St. Louis host had asserted that Missouri was the garden-spot of America for the production of watermelons. Being a Georgian, Colonel Anstruther could not allow such a statement to pass uncorrected.

"Sub!" he exclaimed. "Proof of the abundance of watermelons lies in the facility for eating them. Can you show me, sub, a man in Missouri who has yet acquired the equivalent of the Georgia Grind?"

"The Georgia Grind!" demanded the Missourian. "What is that?"

"The Georgia Grind, sub, is the ability to feed a continuous and unbroken line of watermelon into one side of the mouth while emitting a continuous and unbroken line of seeds, sub, from the other side. The mere development of that ability, sub, is proof beyond doubt that Georgia raised the most watermelons, sub."

Gallant.

"I see dat all de angels what got wings is wimmen."

"Well, dat's all right en proper. Give a man wings en Satan would levy on 'um 'fo' he could fly ten yards."—Atlanta Constitution.

Hard Hit.

"I first struck this town," said the Alderman, "ten years ago."

"And it was a blow," continued the reformer, "from which the town has never recovered."—Cleveland Leader.

\$\$\$

A CHILD quickly grasps the meaning

of the above characters. But it often takes a lifetime to appreciate their value. You can greatly assist the child in learning the worth of the dollar. How? By having him open a savings account with this bank, and by encouraging him to add to it.

A single dollar is sufficient to start an account. Smaller deposits may follow. Savings department opens January 1, 1905.

J. W. SHUTE,

BANKER.

T. P. GOODIN,

CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

I am prepared to furnish plans and estimates on any kind of a building in Washington County. Phone 28x4, or address

R. F. D. 1. T. P. GOODIN, Hillsboro, Or.

Going East?


Listen:

When you reach Ogden you can go aboard a through Standard or Tourist Pullman, running via Rock Island System by way of the Scenic Route through Colorado, thence to Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago.

Rock Island Tourist sleepers seem "like home" in their completely comfortable and restful atmosphere. They are as neat as wax, are manned by Pullman conductors and porters and in addition to this, they are in charge of a Rock Island excursion manager.

The Rock Island has three Eastern gateways—Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis. Direct connection in Union Stations at all three, for all important points in Eastern and Southern states.

Send for our folder "Across the Continent in a Tourist Sleeping Car," and ask all the questions you like.



A. H. McDONALD,
General Agent, Rock Island System,
140 Third Street, Portland, Ore.

THE XXTH CENTURY SEWING MACHINE

SINGER

"66"

New Model Have You Seen It? Just Out Have You Tried It?

- The highest type of FAMILY SEWING MACHINE—the embodiment of SIMPLICITY and UTILITY—the ACME OF CONVENIENCE.
- ABSOLUTELY THE LIGHTEST-RUNNING LOCK-STITCH SEWING MACHINE.
- It only needs a mere touch of the treadle to start the machine. The use of ball-bearings, the superior design and mechanical excellence of construction throughout, all combine to make its continuous operation a pleasure—it runs so smoothly.
- The new BOBBIN EJECTOR is a marvel of ingenuity. No more annoyance—no trouble. A simple pressure of the finger on ejector instantly LIFTS THE BOBBIN within easy reach.
- Of its many valuable and unique features, The AUTOMATIC TENSION RELEASER commands notice. It is a veritable boon. Raising the presser-foot automatically releases the thread tension and allows the work to be FREELY WITHDRAWN—no breaking of needles possible. Depressing it instantly restores correct tension.
- The ATTACHMENTS furnished with this machine are so conveniently arranged in the center locking drawer—A SEPARATE PLACE FOR EACH—as to be easily accessible. There is a full set, comprising the latest and best designs.

Stores at 402 Washington Street, Portland.

354 Morrison " "

402 Williams Avenue, " "

Main Street, Oregon City, Oregon. " "

Farmers

Feed Stable

Our new feed shed, located on main street opposite Benson's Machine Shop, is now open for business. We assure you that every accommodation possible will be done for our patrons; with prices as follows. Saddle horse, 5c, Rigs 10c.

Lackey & Payne.

Hillsboro, Oregon

33 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS DESIGNS COPYRIGHTS & C.

Anyone sending a sketch and description can quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Best agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the U. S. Patent Office.

Scientific American.

A handsome illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.

MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York.
Branch Office: 45 F. St. Washington, D. C.

HOLLISTER'S

Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets

A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Red Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headaches and Backaches. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form. 25 cents a box. (Genuine made by Hollister Drug Company, Madison, Wis.)

GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

HERE'S A BARGAIN.

Nine-Room Cottage, Good Barn and 2 1/2 Acres of Land for Sale.

A nine-room cottage, close in, including bath and wash rooms. The house has three porches, stone pillars under it, good wood work, saw-dust lined, fruit house, good barn with wagon and buggy sheds, grain bins, haymow and room for four horses, together with two and one-half acres of land within two blocks of the business part of the city. Clear title given. Price \$2,000, one half down, balance in convenient payments. Call on or address this office.

R. F. D. Envelopes.
R. F. D. envelopes printed at The Independent office at 70c per 100. Every patron of these routes should have a supply with the address and number of box printed thereon.

For Sale—Nearly new Wheeler & Wilson No. 9 sewing machine, used very little and is good in every respect as new. Reason for selling: Wish to buy a car. Best machine of the same make. Inquire at this office.

Grocery for Sale.

Having other business interests which I wish to engage in, I have for sale my store in Hillsboro.

J. A. MESSINGER.

First class line of Boys and Men's heavy work shoes. Will stand all kinds of wear and tear.

J. C. Greer.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protuding Piles, Buckle's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at all druggists.

THE XXTH CENTURY SEWING MACHINE

SINGER

"66"

New Model Have You Seen It? Just Out Have You Tried It?

- The highest type of FAMILY SEWING MACHINE—the embodiment of SIMPLICITY and UTILITY—the ACME OF CONVENIENCE.
- ABSOLUTELY THE LIGHTEST-RUNNING LOCK-STITCH SEWING MACHINE.
- It only needs a mere touch of the treadle to start the machine. The use of ball-bearings, the superior design and mechanical excellence of construction throughout, all combine to make its continuous operation a pleasure—it runs so smoothly.
- The new BOBBIN EJECTOR is a marvel of ingenuity. No more annoyance—no trouble. A simple pressure of the finger on ejector instantly LIFTS THE BOBBIN within easy reach.
- Of its many valuable and unique features, The AUTOMATIC TENSION RELEASER commands notice. It is a veritable boon. Raising the presser-foot automatically releases the thread tension and allows the work to be FREELY WITHDRAWN—no breaking of needles possible. Depressing it instantly restores correct tension.
- The ATTACHMENTS furnished with this machine are so conveniently arranged in the center locking drawer—A SEPARATE PLACE FOR EACH—as to be easily accessible. There is a full set, comprising the latest and best designs.