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## The Governor's Opinions.

Governor Chamberlain made the following statements to the Oregon Journal:

"I believe that three years from now at least 150,000 acres of desert land will be under actual cultivation, and there is a possibility of irrigating at least 300,000 acres more with water taken from the Deschutes river.

"All these lands will raise at least two crops of alfalfa every season. Alfalfa forms the most profitable crop; besides, all the cereals will grow on this irrigated land. It will cost the settler prices not much in excess of \$10 per acre, with an actual charge of \$1 per acre for water.

"If results in Oregon are to be measured by those obtained in Idaho, it is safe to predict that within a few years these lands will enhance in value from \$75 to \$100 per acre. I do not believe there is a county in the state whose prospects are brighter than those of Crook county.

"The warehouses at Shaniko are packed with goods for points south of there—namely—Bend, Prineville, Lytle and Deschutes—and it is said that the Columbia Southern railway is doing an immense and profitable freight business. This road now has surveyors in the field, and it is possible that the road will be extended.

"Steps should be taken by the business men of Portland to further this enterprise, for it would insure the purchase of supplies from this place as a distributing point.

The work of both the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company and the Three Sisters Irrigation company has progressed far more rapidly than the board had any idea of."

## The Election Returns.

Oregon gave her normal republican majority. Except in the first congressional district there was little campaigning done except the canvass made by the local candidates. Herman in the first district was forced to make a canvass and received a good majority. Veatch, his opponent, may be said to have made a negative campaign. He dwelt too much on his rival's faults instead of making an affirmative showing for himself and his party. Congressman Williamson gets an unprecedented majority, which establishes his standing as a popular representative. In county matters there is hardly a county in the state which elected a straight ticket of either party. Both parties slashed and traded. In Crook county the democrats lost the offices of county judge and treasurer and gained the office of superintendent of schools. There has been very little campaign excitement anywhere, and the vote cast in the state falls much short of the total registration.

## Special Excursion to the World's Fair.

The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will run through to St.

Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points enroute. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Deschutes will be \$62.50 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

## Better Mail Service.

An assistant superintendent of the railway mail service is making a trip through Central Oregon for the purpose of improving the mail service. Complaints from Paisley, to the effect that a passenger could make the trip and beat the mail into that place by a couple of days, are being looked into in order to find a remedy. Paisley has been getting its mail from the south, but the postal department has found that the Shaniko-Silver Lake service is better than the southern service, although only tri-weekly and daily paper mail is now routed over this line to that place. If this experiment proves satisfactory we ought to soon obtain a daily mail, as the amount is likely to become too heavy for tri-weekly transportation.

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## Advertised Letter List.

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Parties calling for any of the above letters will please mention the fact that they are on the advertised list.

W. H. STAATS, Postmaster.

## Election Results.

In the county election C. Sam Smith carried the county by three votes over Frank Elkins. J. J. Smith had the largest majority in the county except Williamson, who received a majority of nearly 500. W. A. Bell is elected county judge, and Otto Gray gets the po-

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sition of treasurer. Wm. Boegli was beaten for county superintendent of schools by C. B. Dinwiddie. T. H. Lafollette is elected assessor and Stearns wins the place of county commissioner. W. A. Booth carried Crook county by a large majority but could not overcome the Laycock majorities in other counties. J. H. Crooks was elected coroner and Graves wins out as surveyor. J. N. Williamson ran ahead of his ticket in nearly every county in his district and will have a majority of more than 13,000. W. L. Bradshaw is elected district judge by a good majority and Frank Menefee is elected district attorney.

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I. H. Taffe, who has been delaying the construction of the Celilo canal by refusing a right-of-way to the state, may find himself a loser if an opinion of Attorney General Knox is correct. The land in question lies between the high water and low water marks of the Columbia, and it is claimed that the government can use it for the improvement of navigation without payment.