

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

SILETZ RICH IN TIMBER.

Railroad Survey Party Loud in Praise of Country.

Independence.—The surveying party of the S. Chapman Lumber Company that has been in the Coast range mountains since May 28, has completed its task, coming out at a point no one guessed. The survey as completed intersects the Southern Pacific scarcely half a mile south of Independence, near the old racetrack. The surveying crew, comprising 15 men, is in charge of Engineer L. M. Rice.

The timber found in the Siletz basin was a revelation to the party, many of whom are experienced timber men and surveyors. There is enough timber in the Siletz country, says Chief Engineer Rice, to last 50 years after it is made accessible by rail. The route terminating at Independence is a very feasible one and, according to the survey, it is not over 45 miles into the heart of the rich Siletz basin.

Terminating here, timber over the proposed route could be handled by rail or river, and the Southern Pacific is just completing a spur from within a few rods of where the survey ended into the bed of the river. A road over this survey would also afford a short cut to Newport.

STIRRING UP DAIRYMEN.

Effort to Induce Valley Farmers to Produce Butter Fat.

Albany.—An important meeting of the dairymen and farmers of Linn county was held at Shedd last week. The meeting is the result of the efforts of prominent creamery men of Portland and of State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey.

Curtis' Grove, one mile from Shedd, was the scene of the meeting, which took the nature of a farmers' picnic. A Portland creamery provided gallons of ice cream free, and the attendance was large for this season of the year. The great importance of the meeting in the eyes of friends of diversified farming in Oregon is in the fact that it is the beginning of an effort on the part of the large purchasers of dairy products in Oregon to induce the farmers of the Willamette Valley to devote more time to raising blooded stock, and particularly dairy stock.

County Is Worth More.

Oregon City.—Assessor J. F. Nelson has completed the assessment of Clackamas county property for the 1904 roll. The aggregate of property valuations, represented by the roll, is approximately \$10,250,000, or an increase of \$300,000 over last year's roll. It is not expected that any material changes will be made in the assessed valuations by the board of equalization, which will be convened on Monday, August 29. This is the earliest date for years that the assessment of property in this county has been completed.

Raise Timber Land Values.

St. Helens.—The assessment roll for Columbia county will be completed and ready for the board of equalization in a few days. It will show an increase of about one-third in the assessed valuation of the county. The valuation of the timber land has been raised from \$2.50 to \$3 and \$5. This bears heavily upon the non-resident land-owners, but it is not nearly as high as in Clatsop county, and is far below the actual cash value of the property. The assessment of the Benson Company amounts to \$128,000, and the cash value is certainly three times that amount.

Start Work on Fair Grounds.

Baker City.—The survey of the ground for the Baker County Fair Association is completed and the work of constructing the new speed track begun in earnest. The grounds adjoin the city on the north, and are within easy walking distance. The land is comparatively level and admirably located for the purpose. Work on the grandstand and fair building will be begun at once. The date has not yet been set for the fair, but will likely be the first week in October.

Seven Williams Name Camp.

Albany.—Because seven men whose first name was William were the first settlers of the proposed mining camp, the town was christened Billville. It is in the Blue river mining district near the line between Lane and Linn counties. Billville is now a busy mining camp.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 77c; blue stem, 82c; valley, 83c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 83c; club, 78c.
Albany—75c.
Salem—80c.
Colfax—Club, 66c; bluestem, 71c.
Pendleton—Club, 68½c; bluestem, 72c.
La Grande—Club, 62c; bluestem, 63c.

WIND DAMAGES HOP YARDS.

Poles Blown Over and Vines Torn by Brisk Breeze.

Independence.—Quite a little damage has been done to hop yards in this vicinity by wind. Walker Bros., two and a half miles north of here, are the heaviest losers. Fully 25 acres of their yard is flat on the ground. About five acres of the Patton & Sloper yard and three acres in John Burton's yard are also down. R. D. Cooper will have nearly 2000 hills to straighten up, and a few trellis-poles are broken in one of the Hirschberg yards.

A gale from the west sprang up about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was not severe enough to do any damage ordinarily, but only very substantial poles were able to withstand its force where the wind had a clear sweep.

The owners promptly set to work repairing the damage by sharpening, redriving and propping poles. The expense to Walker Bros. alone in re-setting poles will be over \$1000.

Fruit Shipments from the Cove.

La Grande.—The Cove, 16 miles from La Grande, which is considered about the best section of Eastern Oregon for fruit, thus far this year has shipped the following: Twenty thousand boxes of cherries, 5000 crates of strawberries, 3000 crates of red raspberries, 1000 crates of blackberries. Owing to a lack of pickers the loss on strawberries was about 20 per cent, on the raspberries about 40 per cent. Plums are now moving and the indications are that of these there will be about 4000 crates. There will be about from 25 to 30 cars of prunes and about 40 cars of apples. The pear crop will be light. The cherry crop amounted to 100,000 boxes. The apple crop will reach 100 carloads.

Restored to Domain.

The Dalles.—The Secretary of the Interior has authorized and instructed the officers of The Dalles land office to restore to the public domain portions of the following-named townships, embraced in the temporary withdrawal for the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve: Twelve south, 17 east, 13 south, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 east, 14 south, 19 and 20 east, and 15, 20, 22 and 23 east. These lands were withdrawn from entry at the creation of the reserve June 28, 1902, exclusive of townships 15 and 22. Twenty-three thousand acres of land are released from the withdrawal by this order, out of which 14,500 are already filed upon.

Malheur People in Earnest.

Ontario.—The committee of 17 for completing the organization of the Malheur Watershed Association met in Mayor Lackey's office and appointed committees for drafting by-laws and for dividing the territory to be irrigated into districts. The committee for securing stock in the association reported that 50,000 shares have been subscribed, or 5000 more than was required to organize permanently. Work on the Malheur project is expected to be begun this fall unless something unforeseen occurs. A meeting of stockholders will be held in Vale, September 27.

Exhibit of Grasses and Grains.

Albany.—A. F. Miller, of Portland, is getting together a display of grains, grasses, vegetables, leaves, mosses, etc., for a state exhibit. Mr. Miller was in Albany in connection with his work and left a number of orders. It is a little early yet to collect a large display, but arrangements are being made for materials to make up a display to be collected later. Mr. Miller has been making these collections for the last 40 years and knows just what part of the state to visit for the best collection of every variety of product.

Surveyors in Grand Ronde.

La Grande.—The surveyors who are out locating the route for the new electric belt railroad in Union county for the Eastern Oregon Development Company are now in the center of the Grand Ronde Valley and will reach La Grande in a short time. The expense up to this time has reached a total of \$85 per day, and the company have the greatest confidence in the best outcome of the undertaking.

New Albany Tannery.

Albany.—The Star Tannery Company has been incorporated in Albany. The incorporators are Henry Lyons, John Shea, James H. Curran and Harry Shea. It is capitalized at \$8000, the stock being divided into shares of \$100 each. This is the second tannery for Albany.

Find Scab on Cattle.

Albany.—Drs. Wells, of Albany, and Hutchinson, of Portland, inspected a number of cattle at Halsey, Linn county, prior to their shipment to Nevada. Considerable scab was found among the stock. This was ordered eradicated before shipment.

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