

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO SECURE SETTLERS.

Southern Oregon Towns Unite for Common Welfare.

Medford—Rogue river valley, fair as a garden and bounding with manifold products of the soil, surrounded by high hills rich in mineral wealth, and lying on the main line of railroad communication with the outside world, has witnessed a demonstration of enthusiasm never before equaled by its citizens. Pursuant to a meeting recently held at Grants Pass, at which 60 were present from Medford, a representative gathering of men from Ashland, Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville convened upon invitation of the Medford Commercial club last week to discuss means and adopt plans for organization to secure more settlers and increased advantage in all lines for the Rogue river valley and for Southern Oregon as a section.

The organization will unite all towns of the valley and will comprise all commercial bodies in the cities named. Delegations were met at the depot by the Medford Commercial club with a band, and the visitors likewise brought musicians, whose efforts added to the enthusiasm. Dinner was served for 400 by J. F. Reddy, of the Nash hotel.

William Colvig presided at the meeting at the Davis opera house. W. I. Vawter delivered the address of welcome, followed by the best speakers from towns represented. The tone of the addresses indicate that the entire valley will be united in working for the advancement of every enterprise of common interest to this section of the state.

Water Rights on Walla Walla River.

Salem—State Engineer J. H. Lewis has addressed a circular letter to attorneys interested in the suit involving irrigation and power rights in the Walla Walla river. The letter suggests a series of questions to litigants which, when properly tabulated, will show the facts in each case without a great mass of conflicting testimony. The suit pending in the Circuit court of Umatilla county was originally started to determine the rights of a few claimants, but when the court came to consider the priority of various claims, other water users' rights were involved.

The Dalles to Advertise.

The Dalles—The Dalles Business Men's association has opened quarters in the Vigt block, with J. S. McDonald as secretary and manager. Mr. McDonald is recently from Detroit, Mich., and is a promoter of ability. He is preparing a line of advertising, descriptive of the resources and possibilities of The Dalles and vicinity, to be circulated in the East in localities where people are looking to the West for homes and for investments. The association is enthusiastic in the belief that much good will result.

Overhauling Beet Sugar Factory.

La Grande—The work of overhauling the machinery at the sugar factory has begun and is being rapidly completed. Half a dozen mechanics are employed. In a short time the factory will be completely renovated and overhauled in all departments. Mr. Taylor, the new factory superintendent, is expected to arrive from Logan, Utah, within a few days. The demand for beet is much greater than in any previous season, as the acreage is very much larger than ever before.

Two Convicts Pardoned.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has issued pardons to John Xavier, sentenced in 1902, for eight years, from Josephine county, for rape, and to A. W. Husey, sent from Douglas county for two years for burglary in January, 1905. Xavier was pardoned because of excellent prison record and doubt of guilt, complaining witness having admitted that the prisoner was not guilty. Husey's pardon was recommended by the judge and district attorney.

Brings Settlers to Medford.

Medford—Edward Andrews, who went to the Dakotas recently to secure settlers for the Rogue river valley, has arrived from the East with the first installment of his party. There were 17 in the car, all homeseekers, from the vicinity of Mankato and Crystal Springs, Minn., and Mitchell, South Dakota. The country looks good to them and they will locate here. More are expected to follow soon.

Establish New Course.

Willamette University, Salem—President Coleman has announced that a friend of the university had given the institution \$2,000. Half this sum will be used as a loan fund for students who need help, and \$1,000 will be used in establishing a university course in electrical engineering. Willamette will then be well equipped in these lines.

Opinion on Bond Taxation.

Salem—The attorney general, in reply to a query from the assessor of Lane county, holds that city bonds and county warrants may be taxed the same as other property. He says the state constitution distinctly authorizes taxing such property. He says that all money due from the state or any subdivision thereof is subject to taxation.

Plants 50-Acre Orchard.

The Dalles—Carl Williams of the firm of A. M. Williams & Co., is preparing to plant an orchard on 50 acres recently purchased from C. L. Phillips. The land lies south of The Dalles, and will be devoted entirely to Royal Ann cherries and Crawford and Solway peaches.

ENLISTS AID OF PRESIDENT.

Fulton Persuades Him That Umatilla Sheepmen Are Right.

Washington—President Roosevelt has assured Senator Fulton that he would overrule Secretary Hitchcock and see that Umatilla county sheepmen holding permits to graze in the Wenaha forest reserve are accorded the privilege of driving sheep across the Umatilla Indian reservation in going to and returning from their summer range. Mr. Fulton took the matter up with Indian Commissioner Leupp and found that he was willing to accept the proposition, provided Indian property can be properly protected. The senator assured him that sheep could cross the reservation without damaging Indian property.

The president will confer with Mr. Hitchcock in the immediate future and see that some regulation is provided that will be acceptable to the stockmen. He declared that their request to cross the reservation was entirely reasonable and should be allowed.

The recent trouble at the reservation is believed to grow out of the fact that Agent Edwards favors giving this right to sheepmen.

Examines Booth-Kelly Bill.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received a copy of Senator Fulton's Booth-Kelly bill in response to a wired request. It authorizes the secretary of the interior to exchange certain lands in the Klamath Indian reservation, ownership of which has been vested in the California & Oregon Wagon Road company by the United States Supreme court. By its terms the company can select not exceeding 87,000 acres in townships 31 and 32, in one or more tracts, in lieu of an equal number of acres of road lands. The bill also grants waterpower rights and millsites and right to construct a railroad through the reservation. The governor will authorize the state land agent to investigate and report.

Look for Early Berries.

Milton—From present indications the strawberry crop in this vicinity will be from two to three weeks earlier than usual and, unless the unexpected develops, will be the largest on record. Fred Beller, a prominent fruit rancher, says that his strawberries were already commencing to bloom and he expected to have fruit on the market in less than a month. Fancy prices will be demanded for the early fruit, which will probably be placed on the market two weeks before the famous Hood River fruit has matured.

Opinion Under Carey Act.

Salem—Commissioner Richards, of the General Land office, says, in reply to a query from Chief Clerk Brown of the State Land board, that it is proper to reclaim desert land under the Carey act by pumping water, provided the cost was not too great to admit of permanence. Secretary Hitchcock concurs in the opinion. This question arose from the proposition of W. E. Burke to irrigate land in Harney county from wells.

Quarter-Blood Indians May Vote.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford, in an opinion rendered upon request of M. F. Parker, of the Klamath Indian agency, holds that Indians of one-quarter blood may vote in this state. Such Indians are to be recognized as white people. He says a half-breed is to be considered a white man if his mother was a white woman, or an Indian if his mother was a squaw.

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Fruits—Apples, \$2@2.75 per box; strawberries, \$3.50 per crate.
Vegetables—Asparagus, 8½@12½¢ per pound; cabbage, 2½@2½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75¢@90¢ per dozen; head lettuce, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 10¢@15¢ per dozen; radishes, 20¢@25¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 3½@4¢ per pound; spinach, \$1 per box; parsley, 25¢; turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65¢@75¢ per sack; beets, 85¢@1 per sack.
Onions—No. 1, \$1@1.15 per sack; No. 2, nominal.
Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65¢@70¢ per hundred; ordinary, 50¢@60¢; new California, 5¢ per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20¢ per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 16½@17¢ per dozen.
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Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15¢@20¢; valley, 24¢@26¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 28¢@30¢.
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