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ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events
of Interest to Our
Readers.

Build Electric Line Down Coast.
MARSHFIELD.—Stating that the purpose is to build an electric line from this city to Roseburg, the Coos Bay Traction corporation, which was recently incorporated in Oregon for \$1,000,000, made a public announcement through the president, George F. Averill of this city.

It is understood that it is a part of a plan to build an electric line to Florence and Coos Bay and on to Roseburg and also from this city to Bandon, down through Curry county and across to Grants Pass.

Nothing is given out as to who Averill is acting for further than that he is connected with eastern capital.

Assessment Matter of Law.
SALEM.—In defense of the request made by the tax commission for a closer assessment by county assessors of mortgage notes, Commissioner Charles Galloway dictated a long interview for the newspapers, in which he reaffirms the former request and makes it clear that the commission expects assessors to use their utmost efforts to reach debts on account, note, contract or mortgage. The interview is given with the object of correcting some misunderstandings that he fears may have arisen as result of the recent discussion of the feasibility of taxing mortgage notes in the public press.

REALTY FRAUDS ALLEGED

Realty Frauds Alleged.
SALEM.—Attorney-General A. M. Crawford has directed a letter to District Attorney Cameron, of Multnomah county, calling his attention to the townsite of Hillmaq in Crook county and suggesting that the subject might be worthy an official investigation.

He said that the town is platted on a rocky site in a desert near where one of the proposed lines of railroad is surveyed. He says there are no houses there, or any other buildings, although the advertising matter shows banks, hotels and buildings on the town plat. For a while, he says, there was one tent on the land.

He was requested by the county officials to call Cameron's attention to the conditions and if possible bring the parties causing the alleged fraud into the courts. The land is practically valueless, he asserts, for any purpose whatever and is so situated that no one will ever become an inhabitant there. He incloses a photograph of the place showing the solitary tent and also some advertising matter.

Work at Celilo to Begin.

THE DALLES.—The government will resume active operations on the construction of the Celilo canal at Big Eddy, four miles east of The Dalles, early next month. It is reported that the work will be in charge of Government Engineer L. B. Russell.

COYOTES HAVE RABIES

ENTERPRISE.—The presence of coyotes afflicted with hydrophobia, across Snake river, in Idaho, about Pictsburg, along Joseph creek, in Wallowa county, and in Asotin county, Washington, has caused some uneasiness among the cattlemen of this county. Along Horse creek, in this county, near its confluence with Joseph creek, James and Charles Appleton have killed a coyote suffering with rabies. The animal ran into the kitchen of the ranchhouse after biting two cows and a ranch dog.

Acid Retards Timothy.

WALLOWA.—A. W. Simpson, who is employed in classifying lands in the national forests for the government, with a view of determining the acidity of the soil and the proper grasses to sow for producing the best crop of forage, has returned from Washington. Extensive experiments were made last year with bluegrass, timothy and redtop. The timothy and bluegrass did well for a few weeks, when the roots struck a stratum of acid soil about two inches in depth. The roots curled up in a mass and the growth was retarded greatly until the latter part of August, when this stratum was penetrated and the roots shot rapidly downward, producing a fine growth in such plants as had survived the season.

Fish Hatchery Cleared.

WALLOWA.—The Wallowa fish hatchery, located 14 miles below this city on the Wallowa river, is clear of fish and eggs, all the fry having hatched, reached the feeding age, and been turned into the river.

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