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ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

To Find Wider Use for Wood.
Portland—The forest service of the department of agriculture and the Oregon Conservation association are co-operating in a study of the wood using industries of Oregon.

The idea is to assist in the development of markets for local woods which may be suitable for various purposes, but whose use has been little known. As soon as all the data has been collected and compiled a publication will be issued jointly by the Oregon Conservation association and the forest service for free distribution.

Lumber Men Sued.
Portland—Suits aggregating \$53,072.38 were begun here in the United States court against J. D. Hamaker and associates. The demand is on account of timber cut from non-mineral lands of the United States, and is based on a value of \$22 per thousand board measure, the price of which the material is said to have been sold at Bonanza in Klamath county.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO TAKE OWYHEE PROJECT

Salem—State Engineer John H. Lewis, is using his utmost efforts to prevail upon the government reclamation service to take over the Owyhee reclamation project in Malheur county, which has been thoroughly organized by private interests, but is about to be abandoned by them. The government has made application for a permit to appropriate 480,000 acre feet of the waters of the Owyhee River, also other waters in Malheur county that are still in good standing and State Engineer Lewis has addressed a communication to F. E. Weymouth, of the reclamation service at Boise, Idaho, asking him to request of the department an investigation of the feasibility of this project under present conditions.

Mr. Lewis has also addressed communications to both Oregon's senators and to both congressmen, giving them the facts and asking them to use their influence with the reclamation department to take over the Owyhee project which embraces between 100,000 and 150,000 acres.

Monster Rally Planned.
Cottage Grove—This city, which probably will become the county seat of the county of Nesmith, if that measure should carry at the election in November, is making preparations to hold a monster rally and barbecue on October 15. At noon a barbecue will take place in the city park, and lunch will be served free. The Oregon & Southeastern railroad will run special trains. One feature of the day will be that of the special sales of the merchants, who have all consented to donate 10 per cent of all purchases on that day to the Nesmith county fund, as it requires a considerable fund to disseminate information concerning Nesmith county throughout the state.

PRIMARY COUNT STANDS

Eugene—Lane County will not vote on local option in the coming election because the petitions were defective and did not contain the number of signatures necessary to get the issue on the ballot. Of 567 qualified electors necessary only 377 will stand after the careful analysis of County Clerk Lee and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Skipworth.

As Saturday was the last day that petitions may be filed, it will be impossible to change the situation and it will now be at least two years before the question can be brought up here again, as the law permits a vote on this question only at general elections.

To Hold Big Mining Fair.
Sumpter—The business men of Sumpter, in conjunction with the mining men of the district, are making preparations for the holding of a mining congress here on October 20 and 21. Invitations have been sent broadcast to the mining public, and indications are that a good attendance will be on hand.

Lost River Farmers to Irrigate.
Klamath Falls—Farmers living in the small valley between Lost River and Stukel Mountain, 12 miles south of here, are jubilant over the approval by the secretary of the interior of their plan to irrigate their own land by taking water from Lost river. This dam is to be built across the river to turn the water out of its own channel into a canal, to turn the river from its own course across the valley and let it empty into Klamath river instead of Tule lake.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

After a baffling illness of but two days' duration, Mrs. Bert D. Smith, a prominent woman of Pendleton, died after eating some peaches.

Under the supervision of Robert O. Stevenson, state game warden, Lake Klamath has been stocked with 10,000 bass fry.

Some of the most desirable country homes on Coos Bay are involved in contests which the government has instituted against homesteaders.

A civil service examination for the position of forest ranger will be held at the offices of the Fremont Forest Reserve, in Lakeview, on October 24 and 25.

State Printer Willis B. Dunlavy, who has been seriously ill at his home in Salem for six weeks, is reported by his physicians to be much improved and they expect him to be able to leave his room in a week or so.

Col. L. Dunbar of the Third Oregon regiment has ordered that Company A of Baker City and Company L of Pendleton engage in a shoot on the range adjoining Pendleton, November 6th.

According to a statement filed with the secretary of state by W. S. U'Ren, the Fels Fund Commission has expended \$6,400 in this state in the present campaign in the promotion of progressive laws. A large share of this was expended in connection with pamphlets issued to the voters aside from

The townsite of Winchester and 800 acres of land in Douglas county have been sold to a syndicate of Alaska and Seattle business men, who will immediately plat and plant the property.

W. J. Clarke, defeated candidate for state printer, expended \$855 in his campaign for nomination in September primaries, according to his statement filed with the secretary of state.

W. C. Hawley, candidate for re-election to congress from the first district, spent \$1,089.60 to secure his renomination, according to his statement filed with the secretary of state.

Three pages in the election pamphlet will be occupied by the executive committee of the non-political judiciary with an argument why the supreme court of Oregon should be taken out of politics and kept out.

Agents for Bohemians have been in Langell Valley country, 30 miles southeast of Klamath Falls, getting prices on large tracts of land on which they intend to establish a Bohemian colony. Klamath County now has one colony of Bohemians with nearly 100 families.

Italians of Portland and Oregon will ask the state legislature to create another legal holiday. They will ask that October 12, the date on which Columbus discovered the western hemisphere be designated as "Columbus Day." Fifteen states now observe that date.

Corvallis will be the scene of the annual gridiron contest between the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College football teams this year. The decision was reached by the board of control and the athletic management after a careful canvass of the situation.

Lake county is to have the best automobile roads of any similar area in the state of Oregon. Its natural roadways will be improved so that every grade is made as passable as is possible and the county court is co-operating with the members of the newly formed Lake County Automobile club.

In memory of Francisco Ferrer, the noted Spanish educator, sentenced to death and executed by the Spanish government a year ago for his supposed complicity in the Barcelona riots, a celebration will be held in Portland on the evening of October 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Women of Woodcraft hall.

Many candidates have failed to comply with the Corrupt Practices Act by not filing their statements of election expenses, incurred prior to the recent primary election with secretary of state, and are subject to the penalty attached for default amounting to \$25 per day for each day after the latest filing date.

The Medford council has declared war upon all filth within the city. Butchers who have been accustomed to haul their meat through the city streets unprotected from the typhoid fly must hereafter cover their wagons with canvas. City Physician Shearer has been asked to send samples of milk from all the dairies to the state veterinary for examination as to the presence of tuberculosis.

Attempt to Rob Weather Station.
Umatilla—The United States government weather station was broken into and efforts to steal the thermometers was made by cutting the lattice on the door of the building. Both instruments were dislodged, yet apparently uninjured. The thief was frightened away by the observer, who was about to take the readings for the day.

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