

PORTLAND PACKING PLANT

A DENVER MAN ORGANIZES A NEW COMPANY.

Promoters Announce That Site Will Soon Be Purchased and Construction Work Commenced.

Portland is to have a new packing plant, to establish which a considerable amount of Portland capital has been subscribed, says the Oregonian.

J. J. Cahill, of Denver, has been in the city for the past month working on the plans and capitalization of the new company and has at last succeeded in forming a company which is composed of some of the most conservative and substantial capitalists and business men of the city. The promoters say that construction will commence inside of a month on the buildings of the company.

As a proof of the fact that the organizers of the company are in earnest, Mr. Cahill has moved his family to Portland from Denver and will make this his permanent home. Mr. Cahill was the organizer of the Western Packing Company of Denver, now one of the largest plants in the country. He planned and put the plant in operation in 1892, since which time it has grown to twice its original size and is a strong competitor with the plants of Chicago and Kansas City. For a long time Mr. Cahill was the manager of the Denver company and since retiring from that position has been one of the principal stockholders in the plant. He will be the manager of the Portland Packing Company, and will have the administrative management of the plant when it is put in operation.

John Thomas, of Kansas City, is also in the city and will have the task of designing the buildings and superintending their construction. He is a man who has made a study of packing-house construction and has planned and built packing-houses over the country from one ocean to the other. He has been brought here by Mr. Cahill and those interested with him in the project and is now working on the plans for the buildings.

The location of the plant has been decided upon and grounds are being negotiated for, and have been practically secured, which will be large for the buildings and for the large stockyards that will be built to surround them. Those who are interested in the formation of the company will not disclose the exact location of the grounds to be bought, but they admit that the purchase has been practically concluded and that the final arrangements will be made and the deal closed in a very few days.

As soon as the property has been transferred the plans for the buildings and stockyards will be drawn and the contracts let for their construction. It is stated by the men who hold stock in the new company that the actual construction of the buildings will be started by the first of October. It will take about five months to have the plant ready for operation after the start is once made, but the work will be rushed and an effort will be made to have the plant ready for the spring shipments of cattle.

The organizers of the new company are enthusiastic in regard to the possibilities before the institution and have great hopes of success in the future. Large shipments that are now made to Chicago, Kansas City and Denver from all of the states of the west, it is expected will be diverted to Portland, and it is this condition that leads the capital interested to be so sure of success.

THOUSAND-DOLLAR HAILSTORM.

Prineville was visited by a hailstorm such as falls to the lot of few men to witness, on Sunday last. It was very brief in duration but was spectacular in the extreme and did a fearful lot of damage in our little city, and life was unsafe while the stones were falling.

At noon a distant rumble of thunder and a cloud of yellow dust which enveloped the city announced the coming of a storm, but no attention was paid to these signs, as the people supposed it was only a dust storm, and the only precaution taken was the closing of doors to keep out the dust. In a moment, however, the dust was laid by

a shower of hail which was ushered in by a strong west wind, and in a minute more the hail, which was as large as walnuts, began to rattle on the roofs like a shower of coal, and the few remaining pedestrians in the open made haste to get under cover. The shower lasted about 10 minutes, and did about a thousand dollars worth of damage to windows and gardens in the city limits. The hail cut off the foliage of trees as with a knife, and the air was full of green leaves. The stones struck the exposed windows on the west sides of buildings and went through the glass like bullets. They also tore off the shingles from roofs and scattered them over the streets until the ground was a mass of hail green leaves and pieces of shingles.

After doing all this damage the hail turned to a warm rain, as if to soften the blow.—Prineville Review.

County Seat Must Remain at Union.

Ex-City Attorney J. M. Long, who, with ex-State Senator Alex Sweek, is defending the claims of the city of Union as against the claims of La Grande for the possession of the county seat of Union county, returned from Union yesterday, in company with the Hon. Robert Eakin, Circuit Judge for the Eighth Judicial District. Mr. Long says that the Circuit Court has issued an order enjoining the county officers from removing any of the records or transferring any county property from Union to La Grande until the matter is finally settled by the Supreme Court.

The quarrel between the two cities began more than a year ago. La Grande then tried to wrest the county seat from Union under a special law, passed at the session of 1903, and as Judge Eakin was a resident of Union, he referred the case to Circuit Judge Alfred F. Sears, of this county. Judge Sears held that the law was unconstitutional, on the ground that it created a debt in excess of the limit of \$5000, but he was overruled by the Supreme Court. A second election to decide the contest was then held, this time under a general law, passed in 1903, and La Grande won out. A. E. Eaton and other residents began a suit to prevent the removal of the county seat and the records to La Grande, and judging from the order made by the court, Mr. Long says that the case will probably go to the Supreme Court a second time.—Telegram.

Boundaries of Irrigation District.

The Ontario Argus says: We have been requested by many of our subscribers to publish exactly the territory embraced in the Malheur county irrigation project. The description follows:

Commencing at a point on the north side of the Malheur river and reservoir dam site selected by the government of the United States, near and below what is known as the Malheur canyon; thence following the government canal right of way along the foothills on the north side of said Malheur river, across Bully creek, Willow creek and along said foothills to a point about five miles northwest of Ontario; thence following said foothills along the west side of Snake river to a point where the foothills intercept the west side of Snake river, about five miles below Weiser, Idaho; also commencing on the south side of Malheur river and at said dam site; running thence in an easterly direction along the foothills on the south side of the Malheur to a point about four miles southwest of Ontario; thence continuing along the foothills on the west side of Snake river to a point where the Owyhee irrigating canal taps the Owyhee river. The district shall include also all lands susceptible and capable of being irrigated from said canals within said district as aforesaid which can be reached by means of pumping, and all other systems and appliances. The irrigable area comprised in the district is approximately 100,000 acres.

Sumpter is Out and Loser.

An investigation by the finance committee of the amount in the bank to the credit of the city of Sumpter has been ordered by the City Council, and if the treasury is found empty the actions of the Council indicate that efforts will be made to collect \$2000 from the bondsmen of Ex-Treasurer R. H.

Miller, who was president of the Bank of Sumpter and cashier of the First National Bank. This is the limit of Mr. Miller's bond.

The vacancy left by Mr. Miller is now filled by the appointment of J. W. Cowden, whose bond is \$5000. It is said the city should have nearly \$4000, of which \$300 is in the hands of City Recorder Start, leaving about \$3500 which should be in the bank to the city's credit. Whether it is all there will not be made public until the finance committee has finished its investigation.

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PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, there was submitted to the electors of the state at the last general election as required by law, an initiative petition for a Local Option Liquor Law;

And, whereas, on the 24th day of June, 1904, the Secretary of State in my presence as Governor of the State of Oregon, did canvass the votes given for said law;

And, whereas, it was ascertained and determined upon such canvass that there were 43316 votes cast for said Local Option Liquor Law, and 40198 votes cast against the same, and that the said law received an affirmative majority of the total number of effective votes cast thereon and entitled to be counted under the provisions of law;

Now, Therefore, I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, as Governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to Section 9 of an Act entitled "An Act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder and providing penalties for violations of the provisions of this Act," Approved February 24, 1903, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the state of Oregon, and do announce and declare that the whole number of votes cast in the State of Oregon for said Local Option Liquor Law was 43316 votes, and the whole number of votes cast against said Local Option Liquor Law was 40198 votes, and that said Local Option Liquor Law received an affirmative majority of the total number of votes cast on said measure and entitled to be counted under the provisions of law, and that said Local Option Liquor Law shall be and is in full force and effect as the law of the State of Oregon from the date of this Proclamation.

Done at the Capitol at Salem this 24th day of June, A. D. 1904.
(Signed) GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
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(Signed) F. I. DUNBAR,
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