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Lodge Directory.

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OREGON NOTES

Interesting News From Different Parts of the State.

The grand lodge of Masons has elected W. E. Grace of Baker City, grand master for the ensuing year.

A rich placer gold strike is reported from Burnt River, 40 miles above Ontario, on the Snake River Bottom.

The Controller of the Currency has designated the Merchants National Bank of Portland as reserve agent of the First National Bank of Ontario, Or.

Every Methodist in Oregon will be asked to give \$1 to the support of Willamette university at Salem. There are 12,000 members of the church in the state.

Oregon potatoes, that is to say Dalles potatoes, have been in the market about two weeks. They are now retailing at 11 cents a pound. —The Dalles Chronicle.

Col. B. F. Alley, formerly proprietor of the Baker City Republican, has quit the newspaper business and is now running a restaurant at Prescott, Arizona.

A Vale correspondent says that having begun this week on a few ranches near Vale considerable difficulty is felt in getting hands. The wages paid this year will be \$2 a day and board.

The wheat harvest will be begun in Umatilla County June 25, or at the usual time. The season has been cold and unusually moist, yet the grain appears to have matured about as early as in previous years.

A soda tank blew up at Roseberg recently. One heavy piece smashed through the ceiling, another fragment flew into a front room, creating consternation, and another piece wrecked a small partition in one corner of the room and smaller fragments flew everywhere.

A correspondent of the Heppner Times tells how he dug out a den of young coyotes the other day only to find that some thrifty individual had been there ahead of him. The coyote puppies had been scalped alive and turned loose, presumably that they might grow and replenish the earth.

P. L. Kretzer & Son, who are boring for oil on the Stanford Stroud place, 11 miles south of Pendleton, state that they believe they have found oil in shafts in which they are working. They are down 160 feet, and are penetrating a black rock that is favorable to the presence of oil at a greater depth. When removing the drills from the shafts, they find drops of oil adhering to the steel, and are thus encouraged to pursue their exploration.

E. D. Tobin has closed negotiations with the water committee of the Council of Baker City for a five years' lease of the surplus waters of Elk Creek, below the reservoir or inlet to the pipe line, together with the Auburn ditch and its laterals. Mr. Tobin has recently secured reliable placer ground on Poker and French Gulches, in the old camp of Auburn, the scene of the first discovery of gold in Baker County, and intends to carry on extensive operations.

The high schools of Eastern Oregon have perfected an organization known as the Inter-High School Athletic Association. The schools composing the association are Pendleton, Baker City, Weston and Union. La Grande is expected to enter. The officers are: Boy C.

McDaniels, of Baker City, president; Roy Conklin, of Pendleton, secretary; John Dobbins, of Union, treasurer. The next meeting of the association will be held in Baker City next Spring.

The slaughtering of horses and the salting of their flesh for export will be resumed at the Linnton abattoir in a day or two, says the Oregonian. S. Kinsman, the proprietor, has purchased 25,000 horses on the ranges of Eastern Oregon and has been waiting for the river to fall so as to leave his corrals dry. The water has now gone down sufficiently and the first installment of horses will arrive today or tomorrow and slaughtering will be commenced at once. The abattoir will be run continuously till the whole 25,000 are worked up.

It is estimated that repairs to the Oregon, which has just arrived at San Francisco from the Orient, rendered necessary by the damage sustained when wrecked in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, will require about six months on the drydock, and cost fully \$250,000. It is intended to prevent the silk pennant which the Oregon carried on her homeward voyage to the State of Oregon upon the vessel's going out of commission during repairs. A special detail of three petty officers will carry it to the state officials at Salem.

SHARP GAME.

Shipper From Ontario Victimizes the Union Pacific.

The following from the Kearney, Neb., Hub, will be read with interest by the stockmen and others in Ontario who are acquainted with the man referred to.

"Last week there registered at the Windsor hotel a party named C. Fouts, of Ontario, Ore. Mr. Fouts said that he had a car of horses and colts for sale and he made frequent trips into the country round about. Finally he sold all of the animals and left via Union Pacific No. 3 at 10:06 Monday evening.

"Tuesday when it was discovered that Fouts was gone, the Union Pacific officials found that there was something peculiar. The stock had been taken off and put in the company's yards here on a feeding-in-transit billing. Fouts had not paid the freight, but had sold the animals off at low prices, and it was found on Tuesday that all but seven of them had been taken by the purchasers.

"The company has a first lien on all of the animals, which holds until the freight charges, amounting to \$188, are wholly paid. The telegraph wires were warmed up Tuesday afternoon in an effort to locate Fouts some place along the line, but the Hub has not learned yet with what success.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

OFFENSE OUTLAWED

Oregon Cannot Punish School Land Clerk Davis.

Salem, June 13.—Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, of the Second District, who is holding court here in the place of Judge Barnett, today advised the grand jury that the statute of limitations has run against the crime of embezzlement committed by George W. Davis in failing to turn over some \$31,000 of school funds received by him as clerk of the State Land Board. The grand jury presented the facts to Judge Hamilton yesterday and asked for his opinion. This proceeding was taken under a statute which authorizes the grand jury to state the facts of a case, using fictitious names, so that the judge may advise them as to the law. The statement of facts was as follows: "The grand jury of Marion County, Or., duly and regularly empaneled by said court for its June term, 1901, hereby present to the above entitled court and to your honor the following statement of facts which we have under consideration, and request your honor to advise us as to whether or not the person hereinafter named has violated the criminal statutes of the State of Oregon, and if so, whether or not said crime is barred by the statute of limitations.

"We find that 'John Doe' was the duly appointed, qualified and acting clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university lands and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom of the State of Oregon, from August 1, 1891, to July 31, 1895.

"That during said time the said 'John Doe' embezzled and converted to his own use moneys belonging to the school fund of the State of Oregon, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$30,952.06.

"That the said embezzlement and conversion to his own use occurred at different times during the term of office of said 'John Doe.' That the date of the first embezzlement, as appears from the records of said office, was on January 1, 1892, and the date of the last embezzlement, as appears from the records of said office, was on July 1, 1894.

"That on July 31, 1895, 'Richard Doe' was duly appointed and qualified as the successor in office to the said 'John Doe,' and on said date the said 'John Doe' turned the books and papers of said office and money belonging to the above-named funds over to his successor in office, except the aforesaid sum of \$30,952.06, which said sum said 'John Doe' failed, neglected and refused to turn over to his said successor, and still has the same in his possession.

"That said conversion was not discovered until about February 15, 1901, on account of the false and fraudulent entries made in the books kept by said 'John Doe.'

"That the said 'John Doe' has been a resident of Marion County continuously since the date of said embezzlement until about the month of February, 1901."

In passing upon the question, Judge Hamilton did not state whether the statute began to run from the time of the taking of the money or from the time the clerk went out of office, for in either event the crime would be outlawed. It is nearly six years since Davis went out of office, and the crime outlawed in three years. There will be no further proceedings of a

criminal nature against Davis, for nothing would be accomplished thereby.

C. M. Sain, of Levelock, Nev., has filed with the County Clerk of Lake County 676 mining declarations on the land surrounding Albert and Summer Lakes. He is after borax, of which large deposits are known to exist around both lakes. Each declaration covers a quarter section, or 160 acres. Mr. Sain is a newspaper man.

Range Land is Profitable.

An owner of land on Meadow Creek, in the southern portion of Umatilla County, on a recent visit to Pendleton, expressed himself on the range question. When asked if he had stock he replied that he had not, and continued:

"I do not care to own stock, or to buy stock at present prices, cattle particularly. I would much rather own the ranges and have the owners of stock pay me for the pasturage. I came to the opinion several years ago that range land must necessarily increase in value as the number of head of stock increased. Instead of trying to get stock, I have been securing title to all the land I could. Small farmers and ranchers along the creeks are fencing their property. The open ranges of Grant and Umatilla Counties are dwindling in area.

"It is a question of only a few years when the ranges will be entirely inadequate to feed the horses, sheep and cattle that will depend upon them. Right now the ranges are overstocked. In 1900, there was no more than enough range for the stock. The sales of sheep last year were not equal to those of preceding years, and not as great as expected, owing largely to the change in method of shipment. Theretofore thousands of sheep were driven out of Eastern Oregon overland to Wyoming, Nebraska and Montana. The increase in expense of shipment by rail prevented many sales. The result is there are 102,000 head of sheep in Umatilla County now more than would have been under previous conditions. Farmers fencing off their possessions, of course, cuts the range down just that much. The increased number of animals to be fed makes the ranges more valuable.

"Consequently I am of the opinion that the owner of good range land is in a better position than the owner of stock, with no place to feed. There is not enough Summer range for the stock. That will necessitate drawing upon the resources of the Winter range during the Summer. Therefore, next Winter may bring higher prices for feed of all kinds, and have a tendency to cause a drop in the price of livestock.

The damage of Fall wheat in the Grand Ronde Valley as a result of the freeze 10 days ago remains in doubt. It is safe to say, however, that wheat suffered more than any other crop. Some farmers assert that they will lose all their Fall wheat, while others in the same neighborhood maintain that the grain, though damaged, will redeem itself. Of the 1,500,000 bushels of wheat raised in the Grand Ronde Valley, perhaps not over half is Fall-sown. Since the frost belt did not include all parts of the valley, and since much of the Fall-sown wheat in the belt remains uninjured, the loss will have no great commercial significance.

The merited reputation for curing piles, sores and skin diseases acquired by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, has led to the making of worthless counterfeits. Be sure and get only DeWitt's Salve. City Drug Store, H. M. Horton, Prop. Fred Hines, Harney City.