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NEW GAME LAW FEATURES.

The county clerk's office has received the supply of fish and game licenses for use under the new law which became operative Tuesday. Hereafter payment of a single dollar will buy a fishing license for anyone, resident or non-resident, the license being required of both men and women who angle, and also of boys and girls of fourteen or more years of age. There is no change in the amounts of the hunting license fees, residents paying \$1 and non-residents \$10. Aliens, however, are required to take out a \$25 license from the state game warden, and then must pay another \$10 for a non-resident license. The new law also contains some pretty stringent regulations concerning the sale of revolvers and pistols, and prohibits the display in show cases or window of the short but dangerous weapons. Police and other officers can still purchase the arms, but for the ordinary mortal a permit must be obtained from some judge, justice of the peace, or other qualified official, and the presentation of a document bearing the signature of two people showing that the armament is wanted for some good purpose. The indiscriminate sale of guns to would-be homicides and suicides is at an end in this state.

THE COW, ADVANCE AGENT OF PROSPERITY.

The first of the developments in a commercial way promised for Grants Pass this season has taken shape with the purchase of a lot and the letting of the contract for the building of the Rogue Valley creamery. This institution will be manufacturing butter and coining alfalfa into dollars within the next few weeks. Its influence will be felt in all lines of trade. It will open the way for the farmer to make for himself a regular payroll, and will allow him to realize on an asset that has been neglected in the past. The country with the cow is a prosperous country. There is ample market for good butter, and there need be no fear of an overproduction. The cow is the advance agent of prosperity, and her coming to the Rogue will bring with it a long list of other benefits.

A VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE.

The decision rendered by the supreme court of the United States upholding the several states in their regulation of railroad freight and passenger rates is a victory of more than passing moment to the common people. It has been a mooted question how far the individual states could go in the regulation of common carriers and other public service corporations, and this decision of the highest court of the nation will put a curb upon the greed of the corporate interests. In 1907 the legislature of Minnesota, in common with the legislatures of several other states, enacted a law reducing passenger fares and rates. In the instance of the state of Minnesota passenger fares were reduced to two cents per mile and commodity freight rates were reduced 7.35 per cent., with orders of the railroad commission reducing freight rates about one-fourth. This law and the order of the commission were attacked by the Minnesota railroads, and like cases in other states, together with much railway legislation, were held in abeyance pending the decision that has just been rendered.

In the Minnesota case Federal Judge Sanborn sustained every con-

tention of the carriers. He declared the laws "substantially burden and directly regulate interstate commerce, create unjust discriminations, are confiscatory and violate the commerce clause of the constitution." He enjoined the commissioners from enforcing the rate orders.

Manipulation of their accounts during the year the rates were tested in operation was charged by the commissioners. The railroads declared they operated at a loss. They contended that the Minnesota rates discriminated against cities of other states, caused reduction of their interstate tariffs and caused chaos in national tariffs, usurping functions of the interstate commerce commission.

In their brief the governors declared if the states are denied authority to fix intrastate rates the inevitable effect would be destruction of "state rights," including all control of a state over its own affairs.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK.

The appointment of Will G. Steel as superintendent of Crater Lake National Park is a most excellent one. Steel has since the time when the lake was first generally exploited been its foremost champion, realizing its value as one of the scenic wonders of the world, and he has gained a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the park. He has already mastered the requirements of the park from an administrative point of view, and as its superintendent will maintain the park itself and make its beauties available to the outing public.

There are many reasons why the Oregon Cave territory, now a "national monument," should be set aside as a national park, and a superintendent put in charge. As a monument it is simply held against location or settlement, but the supervision over it is not as thorough as it would be if it were a national park. In the latter event appropriations would be made for its maintenance, and leases could be given to private parties who desire to build hotel accommodations there for travelers who desire to visit the caves. As a monument, there is no authority for granting of such leases. Only last season the parties were here with the capital available to build a hotel, but there was no one of authority to make such a lease as was necessary.

ARE YOU PATRIOTIC?

It is said that shipments of Willamette strawberries are being received in this city and sold to Grants Pass people for Grants Pass money, the money in turn finding its way into the pocket of a Willamette valley farmer, or such part of it as is not gobbled up by the transportation company. At the same time local strawberries are being hawked about, there being more raised right here at home than the home market can consume. Shipments of local berries have been made in turn to Medford and other points south, all to the enrichment of the railroad company, but to the impoverishment of the producer.

This system of exchange would look like the poorest kind of economy, with profit to no one except a corporation that is least in need of the profit. In fact, the only party interested in the transaction who is sure of any profit whatever is the transportation company. The acceptance of shipments of berries from the Willamette or any other outside district when the Rogue has more than enough for home consumption is a showing of a want of patriotism and of local pride. It forces the price to the lowest ebb, for the shipped-in berry is sold at a cut-rate in order to get rid of it at all, and the choicer home grown product is forced to compete with it or be given to the railroad company to carry out of town. The system means poorer service all around with the crippling of an industry that should be given every encouragement. It puts the cash of the consumer in the coffers of the railroad company instead of giving

it to the man who is building up the country by tilling the soil. The consumer is the person to remedy this defect. Ask for the "Grown in Grants Pass" kind and the deed is done.

It is true that some of the local stuff offered is inferior in quality or in pick. So is some of that from any locality, and local patriotism does not mean that inferior berries should be purchased just because they were grown here. The Rogue valley grows a berry unequalled anywhere, but not all of the growers take the care necessary to grow it right or to get it to the market in fresh and attractive form. The consumer has the right to demand the best service, and it is only by the completest co-operation between the producer and the consumer that the valley can come into its own and occupy its rightful position. The public market comes nearest to meeting this condition as it brings the producer and the consumer together and puts the proper premium on quality and on methods of preparing the produce for the market.

The New York attorney who has been here the past few days investigating the \$200,000 bond issue finds no objection to the proceedings that would warrant the calling of a second election at this time. He does ask, however, that the matter of the right of a city to build a railroad be put up to the state supreme court for a decision and the case to that tribunal will be outlined at once, the attorney preparing the papers for the suit. It is understood that about three weeks will be required to get the decision from this court, and that when that is done, buyers are ready to take the issue.

EXHIBITS OF ROGUE PRODUCTS.

The Oregon State Immigration Commission has made a call upon the local Commercial club for exhibits of the products of the Rogue Valley to be shown throughout the east during the coming winter. Products of all kinds are wanted, and the fact that now is the proper time to select and save samples of grasses and grains is impressed upon the farmer. These samples should be gathered and brought to the secretary of the Commercial club, who will prepare them for shipment to the proper place, no expense whatever being attached to the making of the display. Later as the fruits and vegetables come into season these will be preserved, and a most creditable display of the products of the farm and orchard should be obtained. Last year the gathering of the exhibit was left till so late a date that only a few samples were obtained.

One of the most interesting of the displays that the club could make, and one that would attract the greatest amount of attention, would be of the fish of the Rogue. Glass jars of sufficient size to hold one of the largest of the chinook salmon should be obtained, as well as others for the steelheads and other trout. The expense for preserving would be small.

THE GOVERNMENT LEASING SYSTEM.

Few of our citizens know that this government has made what ought to be considered a very fair test of the policy of leasing the public domains to private concerns, says an exchange. As far back as 1860, it leased the lead mines of Michigan and the coal lands of Iowa and Missouri to private companies, and then fought through all the courts in an effort to recover some of the loss resulting from the venture.

A more recent, in fact a present-day, application of the theory, is present in the instance of the Pribilof Islands, off the coast of Alaska. When the government first took possession of the fur seal herd, in 1867-68, it leased it to the Alaska Commercial company for twenty years. At that time the herd consisted of 4,700,000 seals. During the period of this lease, 1870-1890, the lessees took 1,856,224 seals, deriving therefrom a

net profit of \$18,753,911.20, while the net profit of the government therefrom was but \$5,264,230.08.

March 12, 1890, a second lease was entered with the North American Commercial company, of San Francisco. It now develops, according to a report recently issued by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, that the present lessees, in defiance of the law governing the situation, have depleted the seal herd to something less than 135,000 (from an original 4,700,000), and that the government has suffered a property loss of not less than thirty million dollars.

There is not a single instance on record in this country—and the experiment has been tried many times—where the government leasing system has resulted in anything but disaster to the government.

Courteous letters were dictated by the officers of the Commercial club to the commercial organizations of the several neighboring cities in the Rogue valley inviting the people of the cities to join with Grants Pass in the big celebration of the Fourth of July. Ashland was first to respond, and in a letter from the board of trustees of the Commercial club, states that the project here is given endorsement, and agrees to give a share of the local publicity to the celebration.

When the 46 head of beautiful dairy cattle passed down Sixth street bound for the alfalfa fields of the Rogue from their Wisconsin home, the fact that the dairy interest has really taken a hold on this district could be appreciated. This is the second shipment of blue ribbon dairy stock to be unloaded at Grants Pass within the past few weeks, and buyers are now out after other shipments that will come within the next few days. The contract for the building of the creamery has been let, the structure to be ready for operation not later than August 1st, and it is evident that the date is none too soon at the rate the dairy herds are being increased.

LONDON LABOR TEMPLE TO COST \$1,000,000.

London, June 12.—London is soon to have one of the finest labor temples in the world. Plans were formally approved today for the new central labor hall to be erected here at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000. The building will have offices to be used as the general headquarters of the various general labor bodies, and will also contain a large auditorium capable of seating 4,000 persons. All the important conventions and congresses of the United Kingdom will be held at the new auditorium.

SUFFRAGETTE DEMONSTRATION AT DAVISON FUNERAL.

London, June 12.—The militant suffragette organization today completed all arrangements for the funeral of Miss Emily Davison, who died of her wounds after attempting to stop King George's entry, Anmer, in the Derby. A solid mile of suffragettes four abreast is planned as the feature of the funeral. All will be clad in purple and white with mourning bands on their sleeves. Mrs. Pankhurst may participate in the demonstration.

MARKET CONDITIONS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MADDOO STATEMENT.

Washington, June 12.—Flat denial of reports that market conditions prompted him to tell the national banks of the country that he was prepared to issue \$500,000,000 of emergency currency was voiced here today by Secretary McAdoo. "For some time," said McAdoo, "inquiries have been received from banks as to whether the trade is prepared to issue such currency. I merely answered these inquiries publicly. The fact that the statement was issued at a time when the market was suffering from depression was merely a coincidence."

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COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS.

All Josephine county warrants protested prior to March 1, 1911, are payable at my office and interest will cease on June 10, 1913. J. E. PETERSON, County Treasurer. 6-13-1f

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between W. H. Cook and Woodford & Son, doing business at Merlin under the firm name of Woodford & Cook, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, W. H. Cook retiring from the firm. The business will be continued by Woodford and son, each party to be responsible for the debts contracted by himself. 5-16-5t (Signed) W. H. COOK.

CALL FOR BIDS.

District No. 57 asks for bids for the construction of a frame school house at the county ferry. Plans and specifications may be seen at the home of J. A. Rusk, R. F. D. 2. Sealed bids will be received until June 10. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Address J. A. Rusk, clerk, R. F. D. 2, Grants Pass, Oregon. 5-30-5t

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for the construction of one mile, more or less, of asphalt macadam, to be built according to plans on file in the office of the county clerk for Josephine county, Oregon, will be received at said office at any time before 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, June 4, 1913. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids or award the contract as may be to the best interest of the county. By order of the county court. E. L. COBURN, County Clerk.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for the construction of a wooden or steel bridge across the West Fork of the Illinois river, beyond Waldo, on the Crescent City road, to be built according to specifications on file in the office of the county clerk of Josephine county, Oregon, will be received at said office at any time before 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, June 4, 1913. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids or award the contract as may be to the best interest of the county. By order of the county court. E. L. COBURN, County Clerk.

CAMBRIDGE L. L. D. DEGREE FOR AMERICAN ARTIST.

London, June 12.—The degree of L. L. D. is conferred here today on John Singer Sargent, the American artist, by Cambridge university. The reasons which led the university to confer this honor on an American were told in Latin sentences by Sir John Sandys.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—50 acre dairy ranch, 20 acres under cultivation, fruit trees, alfalfa, clover, good timber, house and barn, water piped into all buildings. One and one-fourth miles from station. For particulars apply to owner, W. R. Newman, Wolf Creek, Oregon, 5-23-8t
FOR SALE—\$120.00 buys a \$150.00 brand new 4 h. p. Aeromotor gasoline engine. We have only one at this price. Cramer Bros. 3-21-1f
FOR SALE—Choice five (5) acres in Three Pines fruit district, two (2) roomed house, land ready to plow, Chas. Bee, Three Pines, Ore. 4-25-1f
FOR RENT—Forty acres good land on Wilderville road nine miles from town, some grain, vegetable gardens, plenty of water, good five-room house. Price \$6.00. Address No. 834, care Courier. 3-9
FOR SALE—Two good milk cows. One four-year-old Jersey-Durham, will be fresh in few days. A big milker, gentle and a regular pet. One eight-year-old brindie Jersey, giving over three gallons rich milk per day, now on grass. Will be fresh again in September. Gentle for man or woman to milk. Price \$75 each. H. L. Keyte, Merlin, Ore. 4-25-1f
FOR SALE—Cider mill, disc harrow, five kegs, three ladders, two scythes and snyth, spray pump, pair rubber spray blankets, three spray barrels, plow, 200 apple boxes, three barrels, double shovel plow, harrow. Inquire Box 32, Merlin, Oregon. 6-13-1f

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