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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### FOR BETTER ROADS

Linn County Spending Hundreds of Dollars in Uniform Work.

Albany—Some of the best road work in Oregon is being done on the roads of Linn county. The work is systematic and uniform throughout the entire county. Last spring the county court, in fixing apportionment of moneys for road purposes, offered as an additional inducement to build good roads that every district which by subscription should raise \$100 would be given \$100 by the county.

Many of the districts took advantage of this offer, and not content with raising \$100, doubled that amount, the county producing its proper proportion. As a result, more money has been spent improving the roads of Linn county this year than ever before, and the money has been spent to some purpose, because the work is uniform throughout the county.

One of the actions looking to good roads was the purchase of about a dozen reversible road scrapers, thus making 20 in all the county. The preceding county court put \$3,500 into a big steam road roller, which was not a success for roads in this county. This machine was traded to a scraper company for the 12 machines.

Wherever the land is white or clay-like, the roads have been rounded up and will not be graveled. They become compact and hard, and make the best roads in the county. Where the land is low, roads are rounded up with fine gravel.

### Grass Outlook is Promising.

Sumpter—There is promise of an unusual grass yield this season on the Blue mountain ranges. Rainfall this spring has been far in excess of that of previous years, which, coupled with the warm weather that prevailed during the latter part of February and first of March, is accountable for this favorable condition. Cattle and sheepmen are elated over the grazing prospects, and expect to carry their stock well through the season of 1905 with little expense of feeding. The Blue mountain ranges are still covered with snow on the uplands, while the valleys are showing a good, healthy growth of grass. This ought to mean a continued supply of grazing land until the snow again comes late in the fall.

### Telephone War On.

Albany—As a result of a petition to the Pacific States Telephone company, which was numerously signed by Linn county patrons of the company, a reduction has been made in the telephone rates between Albany and Shedd, Halsey, Brownsville, Lebanon, Scio, Crabtree and Jefferson, the principal towns of the county. The rate was reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents, and is good only for subscribers to the Pacific States system. This is considered by many as the beginning of the war between the independent telephone lines and the Pacific States lines in Linn county.

### Blue Mountain Creamery.

Pendleton—The Blue Mountain creamery has commenced to receive cream from Umatilla county points in addition to that being shipped from the Grand Ronde valley. In a short time Charles Berkeley, who recently purchased a \$10,000 ranch on McKay creek, will commence milking 20 cows, increasing to 30 or 40 this winter. T. G. Halley will milk 22 cows on his Wild Horse ranch, and F. B. Clopton a number on his farm near this city. They are professional men of Pendleton and enthusiasts on dairying.

### Do Combines Spread Weeds?

Pendleton—E. L. Smith, who sells combined harvesters, says that the report that the combines spread weeds in the fields is not a fact, as the tendency of those machines is to gather the seeds in sacks where they can be transported from the land and burned, if so desired. Mr. Smith says that the combines are taking the place of steam threshers in Umatilla county, there being nearly 200 in the county.

### Y. M. C. A. is Formed.

Grants Pass—Through the assistance of Secretary Stone, of the state association, final work has been done in the organization of a Young Men's Christian association in this city. The association starts out with a membership of over 100. Many of the prominent business men are interested in the association, and plans are already under way toward the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

### Loth to Lose Land Office.

Independence—B. C. Curry, attorney, of Oregon City, has been in the city circulating a petition against the removal of the United States land office from that place to Portland.

### State School Fund Loans.

Salem—The state land board a few days ago approved applications in 22 instances for the loan of the interest upon the state school fund, aggregating \$31,950.

### PURCHASE 40,000 SHEEP.

McCandie & Burgess Will Ship 118 Carloads from Shaniko.

Kent—McCandie & Burgess have purchased 40,000 sheep and expect to commence shipping them in a few days to Soda Springs for feeding for the market. Following are the bands they bought: Charles Hinton, Antelope, 1,000 head; McGrover, Antelope, 3,400; McGilvery, Antelope, 800; McCandie, Antelope, 2,300; Charles Lavene, Antelope, 1,100; Brogan, Antelope, 1,100; Smith, Condon, 1,500; A. Stahl, Condon, 800; Tobey, Condon, 1,900; McIntyre, Condon, 550; Josh Hardy, Condon, 400; Barker, Condon, 2,100; Barker, & Flitter, Condon, 2,600; Reeder & Fisher, Shaniko, 1,300; A. C. France, Antone, 3,400; Parnhouse, Antone, 1,600; John Thornton, Antone, 1,600; Morrow & Keeney, Hay Creek, 4,100; McCoin, Hay Creek, 600; Wurzeiler & Thompson, Prineville, 3,000; Col. Nye, Prineville, 1,800; C. W. Colly, Prineville, 1,150; J. E. Roberts, Prineville, 800; Jones Bros., Prineville, 600. Total, 39,400.

They will all be shipped from Shaniko as follows: May 23, 15 cars; May 25, 16 cars; May 28, 18 cars; May 31, 16 cars; June 2, 18 cars; June 5, 15 cars; June 8, 20 cars. Total, 118 cars.

### CONTRACTS PRUNE CROP.

Union Fruitdrier Ties Up Cove and Union Farmers for Five Years.

Union—S. A. Lassalle, of Albany, Or., owner of the Union fruit drier, has just closed a five-year contract with the prune growers of Cove and Union, whereby he agrees to buy at \$10 per ton the entire prune crop of this section, estimated at 1,200 tons per year. To aid in handling this product, a new drier will be erected at Cove in time for this season's crop, and both plants will be run to their capacity for about 40 days during the drying season. Estimating the crop at 1,400 tons, the dried product will be 400 tons, weight being reduced two-thirds by the drying process. The market for prunes is found principally from Colorado eastward.

It will be seen that the running of these driers will mean a revenue each year to the growers of from \$10,000 to \$12,000, or about \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the total time under contract—a period of five years. A certainty of a market for prunes will stimulate their growth, and it is fair to presume that at the end of five years the yield may be even greater than present estimates indicate.

### Game Laws are Violated.

Pendleton—Deputy Game Warden Joe Nolf has returned from a tour of inspection through Union county. He finds that in the mountain streams the game laws have been totally ignored and violated in every way. On Catherine creek, above Union, the sawmills have dumped their sawdust into the streams and have nearly ruined the fishing in that stream. In a ride of nine miles down the Grand Ronde river Mr. Nolf found 13 dams over which fish could not leap in the endeavor to go up stream.

### On Malheur Project.

Pendleton—After a two days' session here, the board of consulting engineers of the reclamation service adjourned and left for Ontario, from which place the members will make a personal investigation of the land included in the Malheur project. According to D. C. Henny, one of the members of the board, practically all the attention of the board was given to the plans for the Malheur and Owyhee projects. The Umatilla project was not taken up at all, and will not be on this trip.

### Charged with Stealing Mail Pouch.

Woodburn—One result of Government Inspector Butler's investigation of the theft of the registered mail pouch at Woodburn, on April 12, is the arrest of B. J. Kuper. He was arranged before Justice Overton on two charges. He gave \$1,000 bond for his appearance for preliminary hearing. At the time the mail pouch was stolen Kuper was Southern Pacific baggage man at this point and carried the mail bags from the post office to the trains.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84@85c per bushel; bluestem, 90@92c; valley, 85@90c.  
Oats—No 1 white, \$28@29.00 per ton; gray \$28 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17½c per dozen.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 18@20c.  
Potatoes—Old, 75c@81; new, 2¼@2½c per lb.  
Apples—fancy, \$1.50@2.50 per box. Strawberries, Oregon, 10@15c box.  
Hops—Choice 1904, 23½@25c per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 25@27c; Eastern Oregon, best, 17@20c, mohair choice, 31@32½c per pound

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