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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LAND FRAUD TO BE SCARCE.

Stringent Rules for Filing Made by State Land Board.

Salem—The new form of application which has been adopted by the State Land board for use in applying for the purchase of state land has been made public, and it is found to be even more stringent in its requirements than the first reports indicated. In making application, the intending purchaser must give his postoffice address and make the usual affidavit that he wants the land for his own use and has made no agreement express or implied to sell or dispose of it.

The notary public, in taking the oath of the applicant, must also certify that he knows him to be the person whose name is signed. Two witnesses must sign the application, give their own postoffice addresses and certify that they know the applicant and believe that he wants the land for his own use and benefit and is applying in good faith.

The witnesses must swear to their statement and the notary must certify that the witnesses are personally known to him. The requirements in making an application for the purchase of state land are now more strict than the formalities in executing a deed.

The grand jury of Marion county having reported that certain certificates were issued on fraudulent applications, further payments on these deeds or certificates are suspended until the board has an opportunity to investigate.

Cities Get New Days.

Portland—Owing to difficulties in getting adequate railway facilities, a long list of city official days at the Lewis and Clark fair have been changed. Following are the Oregon cities affected:

June 5, Monday—Dallas, Newberg and Dayton.
June 6, Tuesday—McMinnville, Hillsboro and Forest Grove.
June 7, Wednesday—Pendleton and Heppner.

June 8, Thursday—The Dalles, Prineville and Moro.
June 9, Friday—Ashland, Grants Pass, Medford and Jacksonville.

June 10, Saturday—Astoria, Salem, Oregon City and Woodburn.

June 12, Monday—Roseburg and Cottage Grove.

June 13, Tuesday—La Grande and Union.

June 14, Wednesday—Corvallis and Independence.

June 15, Thursday—Joseph, Lostine, Wallowa and Elgin.

June 16, Friday—Eugene and Albany.

June 17, Saturday—Baker City and Sumpter.

Wasco Out of Debt.

The Dalles—Wasco county is now clear of debt, every warrant of the county having been called and cancelled by the treasurer. During the past month County Treasurer Donnell paid and canceled over \$81,000 worth of outstanding warrants, which cleared up the county's debt, and still left money in the treasury with which to pay current expenses. It is the first time in many years that Wasco county has been able to cash its warrants the day they were drawn.

Shear at Nolin and Yoakum.

Pendleton—The two Stanton sheep shearing crews that have been shearing in the vicinity of Nolin and Yoakum have finished and are preparing to leave for the vicinity of Pilot Rock, where they have a large number yet to shear. At Nolin they sheared 14,000 sheep for William Slusher, the fleeces averaging 14 pounds apiece. These were the best they have yet sheared this season. Mr. Slusher received 17 cents a pound for his wool, the Pendleton Scouring mills being the purchasers.

Co-Operative Company to Build.

North Powder—The North Powder Co-Operative Mercantile company has begun erection of a corrugated iron building 40x80 feet, which will be used as a hardware and implement store. It is expected that June 15 will mark the completion of the structure. Two weeks will mark the completion of the Farmers' and Merchants' State bank, and the opening of that institution for business.

Oklahoma Potato Experiment.

Vale—Ex-County Treasurer J. C. Kelley will experiment during the coming summer with seed potatoes from Oklahoma, of which he received several hundred pounds recently. This variety is said to produce two crops in one year. Mr. Kelley will have them planted on his farm, adjoining Vale.

Cottage Grove Grows.

Eugene—The census of Cottage Grove and Florence has been completed by Assessor Keeney's deputy. Cottage Grove has a population of 1,410, an increase of 437 over the census returns of 1900. Florence shows a population of 258, an increase of only 36 in five years.

NO MORE SUMMER SMOKE.

Oregon Forest Fire Law is Intended to Stop Nuisance.

Salem—If a "scare head" warning will call the attention of the people of Oregon to the new forest fire law and secure obedience to its provisions, there will be no smoky days this summer. Secretary of State Dunbar has just caused to be printed a large quantity of large posters, on cloth, to be tacked up in conspicuous places all over the state. "Fire Notice! Warning!" are the words in large type at the head of the poster, and then follows a statement of the purpose of the law and a summary of its provisions. Mr. Dunbar will send a bundle of these posters to each county clerk, with the request that they be sent to different parts of the several counties to be posted. If tacked where they will not be too much exposed to the weather, the posters should last two or three seasons. The law becomes effective May 19, but its provisions do not affect the setting of fires until June 1.

Lewis and Clark Fair Events.

Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 to October 15. Events: National American Woman Suffrage association, June 29-July 5; American Medical association, July 11-14; Transcontinental Passenger association, June 5; United Commercial travelers, interstate convention, June 9; Traveling Men's day, June 10; National association State Dairy and Food departments, June 20; Pacific Coast Electric Transmission association, June 20-21; American Library association, July 2-7; Interstate Anti-Cigarette association, July 15-17; Charities and Corrections association, national conference, July 15-22; Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association, July 17-19; Gamma Eta Kappa fraternity, national convention, July 20-22; North Pacific sangerbund, July 21-23; W. C. T. U., national conferences, June 27-28; Sportsmen's association of the Northwest, annual tournament, June 22-24; Dominion of Canada day, July 1; Odd Fellows day, June 9.

To Run Special Train.

Baker City—As a result of the visit here of General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig and Traveling Passenger Agent H. O'Neil, of the O. R. & N. Co., arrangements are being made under the auspices of the Development league, Elks and other organizations, for a grand excursion from Baker City, by special train, to Portland, on the occasion of Baker City day at the Lewis and Clark fair, June 17. During the same week there will be special Masonic doings and exemplification of work by the Portland Elks, and the 17th is also Sumpter day, so that it is estimated that hundreds will take advantage of the opportunity and visit the fair in a body on a special train with decorated cars and delegates wearing uniforms and badges.

Portage Road Salary List.

Salem—At a special meeting of the State Portage board the wage schedule for the employees of the road was practically decided upon and all arrangements made for the engaging of an entire force of operatives before its completion and acceptance by the state. It was decided to pay the locomotive engineer, who must be qualified to keep his engine in constant good repair, \$90 per month; the locomotive fireman, \$60; hoist engineer, \$75; conductor, who must also act as brakeman and trainman generally, \$60; section foreman, \$60; and three section hands, \$50 each, per month. This, including the superintendent's salary, will bring the monthly salary account up to about \$690.

Grants Pass Census.

Grants Pass—While an official report has not been made, sufficient returns are in from the work of taking the census of Grants Pass to show that the population of Grants Pass is between 4,400 and 5,000. This indicates that the "Pass" has doubled in population during the past three years, or possibly five years. The same remarkable increase has been made in business and all lines of trade. At present there is not a vacant house in town, the demand far exceeding the supply. Real estate is active.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84@86c per bushel; bluestem, 90@92c; valley, 85@90c.
Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$28@29 per ton; gray, \$28.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17½@18c doz. Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c. Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 90c@1; new potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.
Apples—\$1.50@2.50 per box.
Strawberries—Oregon, 10@16c.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 23½@25c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 27½c; Eastern Oregon, best, 19@21c; mohair, choice, 31@32½c per pound.

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