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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TAX ON TRAVELING STOCK.

Supreme Court Will Pass on Validity of Recent Law.

Salem—A suit has been brought in Lake county to test the validity of the act of the last legislature specifying the manner in which livestock shall be assessed and the taxes thereon shall be paid. The new law provides that when livestock is assessed, the tax shall be then paid or secured at the rate of levy for the preceding year, and that when such stock is driven into another county for pasturage, it shall be assessed there and the owner shall pay a tax to that county according to the time the stock was pastured therein. The owner can recover from the first county such portion of his tax as he paid to the second county.

The purpose of the law was to place a restriction upon the driving of stock into this state from other states, or from one county to another, the object being to lessen the range troubles.

A suit was brought by Lake county to enforce the payment of the tax, and the defendant set up by demurrer that the law is unconstitutional because it requires payment of a tax at a rate different from the rate charged upon other classes of property. It is understood that the court sustained the demurrer and that the case will be appealed to the Supreme court at once, so that the question may be settled.

FILES ON THE KLAMATH BASIN.

Government Secures Itself Against Speculators in Irrigation Tract.

Salem—The United States government has filed in the office of State Engineer John H. Lewis, a notice of intention to appropriate all the unused waters of Malheur river and of the Klamath basin. This notice is given under the irrigation act passed by the last legislature, and serves to prevent any water rights which will conflict with the government's needs. The government has three years within which to file its plans and begin the construction of its irrigation system. The filing of the notice gives the government protection against speculators during that time.

A. R. Black, of Eugene, has filed in the office of the state engineer a notice of his appropriation of the waters of Waldo lake, in Lane county, for irrigation purposes. His notice was filed in the office of the county clerk of Lane county, but under the new law it must be filed in the office of the state engineer also.

Putnam Remains State Librarian.

Salem—J. B. Putnam has been elected state librarian by the judges of the Supreme court, under the provisions of the act of the last legislature. Heretofore the librarian has been elected by the legislature. The last legislature was of the opinion that the library should be under the control of the Supreme court, and gave the court power to employ a librarian who would serve during the pleasure of the court. Mr. Putnam has been state librarian for 20 years, having been elected the first time by the legislature of 1885.

Opp Strike a Real Bonanza.

Medford—With \$8,000 taken out in the first two days after the strike in the Opp mine, and the rich ore promising to continue, the find in this once rejected mine looks like a bonanza equal to the famous Gold Hill ore of early days. Should the rich streak continue even 20 feet, which will apparently be the case, it will yield at least \$150,000. The ledge is seemingly a continuous one of wire gold bearing quartz.

Offer Money and Demand Land.

Salem—A number of persons holding certificates of sale of state land, which certificates the Marion county grand jury declared were secured fraudulently, are coming forward with money to make payments and are strongly protesting that there was no fraud in the transactions. Some of the certificates are still in the hands of first purchasers while others are held by assignees.

Warehouse for Wallowa Wool.

Elgin—A large warehouse to be used for a storeroom for the large quantity of wool soon to come out of Wallowa county has been completed. This warehouse was built by a company of farmers of this section, known as the Farmers' Exchange and Forwarding company, which will conduct a general forwarding business, and also carry farm implements and vehicles.

Northern Union Sawmill Season.

Elgin—The many sawmills tributary to this place have begun active operations, and ere long a large influx of men and teams will be engaged in hauling the output of these mills to Elgin, where the lumber is prepared for the market, being manufactured into all kinds of building materials, which are shipped to all parts of the country.

REVENUE CUT OFF.

Eastern Oregon Experiment Station Without Funds for Work.

Salem—The filing of the referendum petitions has left the Eastern Oregon Agricultural experiment station entirely without funds. The last legislature raised the appropriation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, but at the same time passed an act which requires that whenever public property at any institution is sold, the proceeds shall be paid to the state treasurer and be turned into the general fund.

Attorney General Crawford has given an opinion in which he holds that this latter act applies to articles produced at the experiment station. Since the appropriation was included in the omnibus bill, which has been held up by the referendum, all revenue for the experiment station is cut off.

When the omnibus bill was up for consideration in the senate last winter, Senator Pierce made a strong plea for the raise of \$5,000 a year in the appropriation. His argument was that the station has had a revenue of nearly \$5,000 from the sale of produce, and that since this had been cut off by the act requiring that the proceeds be turned into the general fund, the legislature should make up for it by increasing the appropriation. As soon as the referendum petition was filed, the Agricultural college people began an effort to hold the proceeds of sales, if possible. In order to get an expression from the attorney general, his opinion was asked and his unfavorable answer was given.

Might Burn Up Town.

Astoria—The new crude oil tank of the Standard Oil company, in this city has received its baptism by the oil tank steamer Asuncion pumping 5,000 gallons of crude oil into it, there being no opposition from any of the city authorities, notwithstanding the general discussion by the council that it would be a serious menace to the safety of the adjacent property, and might be the cause of a fire that would destroy a large portion of the city. It is undoubtedly located in a position that if it should get afire during one of the regular summer Northwest winds, the entire city would be menaced.

Speculators are Shut Out.

Salem—State land officials are exceedingly well pleased by the decision of the secretary of the interior, to the effect that the state can select indemnity land for all state school lands inside forest reserves. While the department has held that the state may select indemnity land for both surveyed and unsurveyed sections, the state will have little opportunity to select indemnity on surveyed sections for the reason that these sections were bought up by speculators before the state land board learned that the government proposed to create the reserves.

State Land Sale.

Salem—The state land board has decided to sell to the highest bidder all the school sections in the portion of the Warner mountain reserve that were recently restored to entry. There are 9,720 acres of school land in the tracts restored. Sealed bids for the land will be received by the state land board at its meeting on the second Tuesday in July. When the government withdrew its lands from entry for the purpose of creating forest reserves in Klamath and Lake counties, the state withdrew from sale all state school lands in the same tract.

Wood Washes Away.

Lebanon—A slight rise in the Santiam river at this place caused the breaking of the boom which had been placed in the river to hold the cordwood floated down the river to the paper mill at this place, and about 1,000 cords of wood floated down the river. It is not probable that any great amount of it can be saved at points below here, and the loss to the mill company will be about \$2,000. A few hundred cords were lost by the mill in a similar way last fall. It was believed the boom was much stronger.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 85c per bushel; bluestem, 90c@91c; valley, 85c@87c.
Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$29.00 per ton; gray, \$29.00.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18@18½c doz.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@21½c
Apples—Table, \$1.50@2.50 per box.
Strawberries—Oregon, 50c@1.25 per crate.
Potatoes—Old, \$1@1.15; new potatoes, 1¼@2c per pound.
Hops—1904, 23½@25c per pound.
Wool—Choice, Eastern Oregon, best, 19@23c per pound; valley, 27½@29c per pound; mohair, 31@32½c per pound.

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