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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### FAVOR FARMERS' COMBINE.

Evening Star Grange Discusses Subject, Also Worm Pest.

Members of Evening Star grange, No. 27, held an institute in their hall on the Section line road, in which the matter of farmers forming a combine and organizing a bureau of information, and the worm pests, were considered. C. H. Welch spoke strongly in favor of the farmers of the state forming a combine in the sale and handling of their products, setting forth that in this way they would get better prices. Others favored the plan.

Arthur H. Nichols spoke on "The Worm Pest," and claimed that the present worm that is doing so much damage is not the army worm at all, but the cut worm. He said that the army worm was longer and had yellow stripes on its body. O. Miley, A. F. Miller, Mrs. Barbara Cromwell, of Gray's river valley, Wash., Judge J. F. Caples, and others spoke.

Mrs. Cromwell told of the experience of farmers in Gray's valley, and said that she got much valuable information at the government building on the exposition grounds, and recommended the farmers to go there for information.

The discussion took a wide scope and it was decided to continue it until next meeting, when all are invited to come prepared to suggest remedies for the pests. Many visitors from out of the state were present.

### COUNTERFEITERS' MOLDS.

Extensive Outfit Found in Old Residence at McMinnville.

McMinnville—While the residence of John Newell was being reshingled recently a complete outfit for making spurious coin, evidently left by a former occupant of the house, was discovered. The house has been built for 50 years, and in the remembrance of the oldest settlers here it has not been reshingled for 40 years. Since then it has been occupied by a photographer and a jeweler before it became a residence. The jeweler, during his stay here, bore the suspicions of the entire community, and now the late find fastens greater suspicion upon him. His whereabouts now are not known.

The outfit, which consists of three \$5 molds, dated 1837, 1846 and 1854; one \$10 mold, dated 1847, one \$2.50 mold, dated 1851, are now in the hands of the sheriff.

### LOST NINE YEARS AGO.

Remains of Dave Woodward Found in Blue Mountains.

Elgin—A sheep camp tender has found the bones of a man in the Blue mountains a few miles north of here. The camp tender was going through a very thick patch of brush to a spring when the discovery was made. There are no doubt the remains of Dave Woodward, who was lost in these mountains nine years ago last February. Woodward, who was living at the toll gate, on the summit of the mountains between Elgin and Walla Walla, came to Elgin during the winter after a load of supplies. He secured the needed provisions, which were loaded on a hand sled, and started on snow shoes for his mountain home. Woodward was never again heard of. Searching parties were sent out, but no trace of him was ever found.

### Doctors Fail in Examinations.

Out of 58 applicants who took the examination before the State Board of medical examiners early in July, to be permitted to practice medicine in the state of Oregon, only 22 passed. The report of the State Board of medical examiners has been completed by Secretary Dr. Byron E. Miller. The examination was held at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters. Dr. Miller, of Portland, stated upon submitting the report that nearly all of those who failed were recent graduates from medical colleges.

### Prior Rights of Way.

La Grande—Two more suits have been filed by the O. R. & N. Co. in addition to the injunction proceedings instituted last week against the Walla Walla railroad. These pertain to the validity of the deeds given by land owners below Elgin to the new railroad incorporation. The O. R. & N., as plaintiff, alleges prior rights of way.

### State Engineer Summoned.

Pendleton—John H. Lewis, state engineer, will be summoned to Umatilla county at once to make a hydrographic survey of the entire stream system of the Walla Walla river as the result of litigation of property owners living along the river and using the water therefrom for the purpose of irrigation.

### Weston Short of Water.

Pendleton—Report comes from Weston that the city is very short of water and has been compelled for the first time in seven years to relinquish its practice of furnishing water to harvesters.

### TAX BIG CORPORATIONS.

Oregon City Board of Trade Orders Thorough Investigation.

Oregon City—In its efforts to insure an equitable assessment of the properties of the several large corporations operating in Clackamas county, the Oregon City board of trade is insistent. At a meeting last week the matter of investigating and reporting on this subject, which had been referred to a committee consisting of five members, was recalled from that committee, and under instructions from the organization, President Huntley has named a committee composed of J. U. Campbell, O. W. Eastham and W. S. U'Ren to investigate the county's assessment roll and ascertain the actual assessments that have been made against the different corporations. The board is indisposed to attack the work of Assessor Nelson, which is considered generally thorough, but is proceeding with the investigation to determine if there exists any ground for the impression that the larger corporations are not bearing their proportionate share of the burden of taxation.

### Answer of Wallowa Road.

La Grande—The Wallowa Valley Railroad company, represented by J. W. Cook, has Ramsey & Oliver, attorneys, busy preparing an answer in the injunction proceedings instituted by the O. R. & N. Co. Mr. Cook is in La Grande, and expects as soon as the answer is ready that Judge Eakin will set a date for a hearing, and he is confident an order will be made dissolving the injunction. Mr. Cook claims that the O. R. & N. Co.'s rights had lapsed, and that he then secured rights which are now ahead of anyone else.

### Chinese Cook Murdered.

Baker City—The body of a young Chinese cook at the Pyx mine has been brought to this city, and preparations are under way to have it prepared for burial in China, according to the usual methods. The prevailing opinion is that Wong Poi You was murdered, if appearances can be trusted. He was shot in the back of the head in such a manner that the theory of suicide is wholly untenable. He was murdered either for his money or because of race prejudice. No clue has so far been obtained.

### County Hires Timber Cruisers.

Eugene—County Assessor B. F. Keeney returned today from Roseburg, where he made a contract with C. E. Roberts and Oscar Edwards, of that city, to cruise the timber lands of Lane county, in order to place a proper estimate upon their value. Other counties of the state, among them Clatsop, Douglas and Klamath, have adopted this plan and find that it works admirably.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New club, 72@73c per bushel; new bluestem, 77@78c per bushel; new valley, 78c.  
Barley—Old feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; new feed, \$20@21; rolled, \$23@24.  
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$29@30 per ton; gray, \$29.  
Hay—Timothy, old, \$13@15 per ton; new, \$11@12.50; clover, \$8@9.  
Fruits—Apples, new, 90c@1.75 per box; apricots, 90c per crate; peaches, 65@75c per crate; plums, 75c per crate; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; cherries, 50@55c per box; pears, \$2.25 per box; prunes, 85c@1; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; watermelons, 1@1.50 per pound; crabapples, 50c per box.  
Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1.50c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 75c per bag; cucumbers, 15@25c per box; lettuce, head, 10c per dozen; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 2@5c per pound; tomatoes, 50@75c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.  
Onions—Red, \$1.25 per hundred; yellow, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Oregon new, 65@75c.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@27c.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22@22½c per dozen.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@14; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10@10½c; young roosters, 11@12½c; springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 15c; 1 to 1½ pounds, 16c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; geese, live, per pound, 6@7c; ducks, old, 13c; ducks, young, 10@14c.  
Hops—Choice, 1904, 17@19c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades, down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 31c per pound.  
Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c.  
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c.  
Veal—Dressed, 3@7c per pound.  
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