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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FIRE WARDEN IS WIDE AWAKE

Arrests Farmers for Burning Slash- ing Without a License.

Oregon City — F. Hendricks, deputy fire warden, discovered J. R. Hunt, A. M. Lull and D. O. Leavens, of Willamette, burning slash for which no permit had been procured of the county clerk. The men appeared before the acting deputy district attorney and pleaded ignorance of the amended law with the provisions of which the people of this county are not acquainted. Agreeing to immediately obtain the required permit the men were not prosecuted.

Mr. Hendricks is patrolling the entire county and posting notices warning settlers against the miscellaneous starting of fires. In order to get around the objectionable feature of the law which requires a permit to be obtained ten days prior to the time the fire is to be started, the same to be burned only three days, a great many farmers are renewing their applications for permits every three days, thus giving them practically indefinite time in which to wait for favorable weather. Otherwise, the weather during the three days covered in the original application on which the permit is granted being unfavorable, the settler must experience a further delay of at least ten days intervening between the issuance of the permit and the starting of the fire authorized thereby.

Sugar Beets Don't Hurt Land.

La Grande—Al Good, a farmer who lives two miles north of La Grande, has threshed two acres of oats which yielded 202 bushels. The seed for this ground was less than a sack of oats. It was also sown in alfalfa this spring, and Mr. Good expects to get a couple of tons of hay from this same ground besides the crop of oats. Previous to this season the ground was planted in sugar beets, and the above result shows how much beet raising injures the soil for other crops.

Union Forests Aflame.

La Grande—Word comes from Elgin that forest fires are raging in that vicinity, and that a large force of men is at work trying to check the fire and to protect and save property. The most damaging fires are in the neighborhood north of Elgin. The sawmills belonging to the First National bank, Galloway Bros. and the Elgin Lumber company are in danger and the mill hands are working night and day to protect the mills and to arrest the progress of the flames. Every available man has been pressed into service.

Farmers Fight Fire.

Grants Pass — Forest fires have reached the farming districts of Western Josephine county, and are doing much damage in the vicinity of the Rymer farm and the big apple orchard of Eisman Bros. In order to keep the flames from the orchards, fields and buildings, the people of that district, men and women, are fighting fire day and night. For the past three days and nights entire families have been working heroically at all hours to subdue the flames.

State Loses Grain by Fire.

Salem—The state of Oregon lost 1,600 bushels of new grain in a threshing machine fire at the penitentiary farm the first of the week. The Morris threshing outfit, from Albany, had just finished threshing the grain when a spark from the engine caught in the separator and the flames spread so rapidly that no grain could be saved. The loss to the state is about \$1,200 and to Morris about \$900.

One Woman Hunter in Union.

La Grande — Two hundred hunters' licenses have been issued by the county clerk. The only woman to take out a license is Mrs. George Ackles, of this city. The oldest applicant for a license is L. M. Fulton, of Elgin, aged 78 years, and the youngest licensed nimbler is Miles Borth, of Union, who is 13 years old.

Vote for Long School Term.

Cottage Grove—A special school meeting was held here last week for the purpose of voting on a 10-month tax to run the school nine months, and other incidental expenses. A large crowd was present and many spirited arguments were presented. The tax was voted by ten majority.

Crop Turning Out Well.

La Grande—Threshing is well under way and the yield is far better than was expected. The hot weather cut the spring grain some, but notwithstanding the crop in general will be better than for the past two seasons.

New Oregon Postmasters.

Washington—These Oregon postmasters have been appointed: Mayville, F. J. Parson; vice Ella N. Angell, resigned; McKee, Harry L. Shaner, vice G. D. Ebner, resigned.

MACHINERY FOR ST. HELENS

European Capital Secured to Explore Promising Property.

R. C. Lange, who recently returned from Europe, where he disposed of a large block of stock for the St. Helens Mining company, has gone to Denver to purchase machinery for the St. Helens mines. The machinery will be thoroughly modern in all details, and will be installed just as soon as it arrives.

The holdings of the company are considered valuable, and workings on a much larger scale than heretofore will be begun at once. Two shafts will be maintained, and water power in plenty can be obtained close to the mines. Surface work has shown a strong vein which yields high copper values in all the adits and shallow shafts sunk. Some of these copper samples run from 12 to 20 per cent in the red metal and carry some gold.

The vein has been established as a permanent fissure and will no doubt be found with high grade ore at greater depth. Tunneling will begin at once to get at the ore at great depth.

Fined for Illegal Liquor Selling.

Oregon City—Mr. and Mrs. A. Corrigan and Mr. Cunningham, proprietors of a saloon at Estacada, were found guilty of selling liquor without a municipal license and were fined \$30 each. Cunningham paid his fine, but Corrigan and wife will appeal. The defendants contend that under the provisions of a license obtained from the County court last April they were regularly licensed to sell liquors, but the Estacada city charter provides that the state law shall not apply in the licensing of saloons and the traffic in liquor. This provision of the charter became operative January 31, and the city's attorneys held that the license granted by Clackamas county was void.

Fires Near Mount Jefferson.

Albany — Fires in the timber east of Detroit, at the foot of Mount Jefferson, are spreading and doing great damage. A considerable tract of timber is already burned and the flames are spreading eastward. A large force of men is fighting the fire, but making little headway against it, owing to the high wind usually blowing up the Santiam canyon.

Get Bridge Contract.

Astoria—The board of commissioners of Wahkiakum county, Washington, at its recent meeting awarded a contract to Ferguson & Houston, of this city, for the construction of a bridge across Gray's river, near the Bergman place. The cost of the structure will be about \$3,000.

New Rural Carriers.

Washington — Rural carriers have been appointed as follows: Carlton route 2, Thomas E. Merchant, carrier; Solon K. Hoffman, substitute.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — New club, 70@71c per bushel; new bluestem, 74@75c per bushel; new valley, 75c.
Barley—Old feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; new feed, \$20@21; rolled, \$23@24.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$28 per ton; gray, \$22.
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@85c per crate; plums, 75c@1 per crate; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; cherries, 50@55c per box; pears, \$2 per box; prunes, 85c@1; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; crabapples, 50c per box.
Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 8@9c per box; cucumbers, 10@15c per box; lettuce, head, 10c per dozen; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 2@5c per pound; tomatoes, 50@60c 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, 75@80c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22@22½c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@13; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 9½@10c; young roosters, 11@11½c; springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 14c; 1 to 1½ pounds, 15c; 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@7½c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6@7½c per pound.

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