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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WANT HOP INSPECTOR.

Lane County Growers Are Tiring of Numerous Rejections.

Eugene—A number of hopgrowers of this vicinity are agitating the matter of securing legislation to better some of the troubles of hopgrowers. A meeting will be held here soon and an attempt made at organizing an association for the benefit of the industry.

One of the worst complaints against the dealers, for which it is believed relief might be had by legislation, is in the matter of rejections upon inspection. On this point the plan is to secure a law providing for a state inspector, whose duty it would be to inspect and grade all hops and brand the grade on each bale, so that sales would be made upon this inspection and the common complaints of dealers, after they have bargained for a purchase, would be wiped out.

It has been a cause of much provocation to the growers the way the inspectors usually act when "going through" a lot of hops. They will throw out a number of bales from some lots without cause and make all kinds of complaints; and, if the market has weakened since the bargain was made the grower confidently expects that the hops will be called "broken," "high d d," "black dried," "mouldy," etc., and if nothing else is complained of then "not up to sample" is the charge that turns down many bales. The growers think this one of the first things that should be corrected by legislation.

It is proposed to have similar organizations in other parts of the state and to form a state federation for mutual good and to accomplish unity of effort on all important matters.

Will Irrigate Land.

Enthusiastic Citizens at Echo Form Waterusers' Association.

Echo—A mass meeting of the citizens was held here last week. The committee appointed to incorporate the Waterusers' association reported that the articles of incorporation and by laws adopted by the committee had been approved by the secretary of the interior and the articles of incorporation had been filed with the secretary of state. The report of the committee was approved.

A stockholders' meeting was then held and 8,482 shares at \$60 a share were subscribed. The following named stockholders were elected directors: H. T. Irvin, J. F. McNaught, A. C. Crawford, H. G. Newport and W. H. Skinner. The directors elected H. T. Irvin president, J. F. McNaught vice president, A. C. Crawford secretary and H. G. Newport treasurer.

The city was crowded with delegates and much enthusiasm was shown. The government was represented by J. T. Whistler, engineer, and Holgate & Williamson, reclamation attorneys. The Echo irrigation project is now a reality and work will go forward at once.

Riley Chosen College President.

McMinnville—At the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of McMinnville college Rev. L. W. Riley was appointed president. Mr. Riley was appointed pastor of the Baptist church in this city from 1901 to 1903, and since that time has been general missionary of the Oregon State convention. McMinnville college has been without an official head all the present school year, Professor Northrup acting in that capacity. The new president will assume his duties as soon as he can adjust his present work.

Regarding the Opticians.

Salem—The state board of optometry has filed its annual report with the governor. The financial statement shows receipts from all sources for the year \$1,244.10; expenses, \$390.13. There were 200 optometrists in the state January 1, 1906. The members of the board are C. W. Lowe, president; Herman W. Barney and E. O. Mattern.

Asks Oregon to Show in Florida.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received a proclamation, accompanied by an invitation from the governor of Florida, asking Oregon to participate in the proposed International Isthmian exposition, to be held in Tallahassee in 1908. Governor Chamberlain will call the attention of the next legislature to the invitation.

Ship Flour to Japan.

McMinnville—The Houck Milling company, of this city, has sent 9,400 barrels of flour to Japan since last August, besides supplying the local demand.

Heavy Rains in South.

Grants Pass—Southern Oregon is being visited by the heaviest rains of this season. Prospects are bright for their continuance, insuring big cleanups of placer gold. Two carloads of machinery was taken to the Granite Hill mine last week. The mine has electric motors, an electric pump, hoist, etc. The pump will throw a four-inch stream of water. Property is being bonded on all sides here on account of the new railroad. One man made \$2,000 profit on 40 acres adjoining the town, which he bought two months ago.

Plan Lumber Railroad.

Coquille—Plans are completed by John Yoakam and John Peart for a railroad up Cunningham's creek road to tap Peart's coal properties. The road will be ten miles, besides spurs to the Simpson company's large body of timber. The work commences soon. It will open up some of the finest timber in Oregon.

Wasco Grain Protected.

The Dalles—All of Wasco county is covered with from six to ten inches of snow. Snow is most welcome at this time, since it affords protection to growing grain from frost. The temperature is a little below freezing and indications are that the snow will continue.

Must Rewire Roseburg.

Roseburg—The Circuit court for Douglas county is in session in this city. All owners of business houses in this city have received notice from the board of fire underwriters that their electric wiring is defective and must be done again. Considerable indignation is expressed, and it is claimed that much of the wiring condemned is of the best quality and workmanship.

Coal Prices Doubled.

Baker City—The coal famine still exists. Dealers here hope to receive a few cars of coal within the next week, but the prices will be advanced from \$7 and \$8 to \$10 and \$15.

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