

STATE PARAGRAPHS

INTERESTING BITS OF CONDENSED NEWS GATHERED FROM
VARIOUS SOURCES IN OREGON

Hunters returning to Pendleton this week from the big rabbit shoot that took place in Umatilla county for the benefit of the Portland poor, estimate that 5000 pounds of the animals were shipped.

A party of fifteen Minnesota farmers has visited Sutherlin within the past few days for the purpose of inspecting the lands in that vicinity. A number of them purchased land and expressed their intention of taking up a residence in Oregon.

For the first time in the history of the state a foreign market has been found for Oregon onions, ten carloads having recently been shipped to Europe via the canal and New York. This new outlet has caused a sharp advance in prices.

For the first time in 30 years, the North Umpqua river, near the big game preserve of Sunshine ranch was frozen over for two days last week. Old-timers say that the branches of the Umpqua river were frozen over so that teams could cross in 1856, and again a score of years later ice spanned the rivers. For a week Douglas county has been under the hand of frost day and night.

Dead beneath his bed of rough planks in the back room of a basement in Marshfield and in the midst of dirt and squalor. John Golden, a Coos Bay pioneer, known to be worth more than \$20,000, was found last week by the police. The man was 75 years of age and lived alone. Despite the fact that he had a monthly income of considerable over \$100, Golden lived in his shack, content to save his money, much of which he made by a "curbstone" banking system, borrowing money at a low rate of interest to let it out again at a profit. Several years ago he sold a corner in the business district of Marshfield for \$10,000. It was when he failed to show up and the lawyers knew there was money due him, that suspicion was aroused, as to the whereabouts of the old man. The searchers found him cold in his bunkroom. He recently declared to friends that the bulk of his money would go to the Catholic church.

Charles L. Smith, of Portland, formerly of the Pine Tree Lumber Company, has taken charge of the logging operations of the Lamm Lumber Company, which recently purchased 26,650,000 feet of government timber near Upper Klamath Lake. At present he has a crew of men at work getting out logs for the company's mill, to be built in the spring. The sawmill to be erected will cut 70,000 feet a day at the start, and may be enlarged. The construction of this is to be started as the weather permits, the machinery being already ordered and prepared for shipment.

The government contract for carrying mail from West Fork to Agness, Curry County, was let last week at Roseburg. The price of the contract is \$7,448 for a load limit of 600 pounds, and 3½ cents a pound for excess weight. In winter the snow at the summit of the coast range, nearly 5,000 feet high, reaches the backs of horses in depth. So bad is it that at times men have to pack the mail over the trail on snowshoes. The settlers of Curry county have vast quantities of food and feed, much of which goes out by parcel post. Last year the forest service franked a 2000 pound bridge over the route, being conveyed in packages of 50 pounds each. Twenty-five pack-horses and four men operate the route, which gives quick mail service through one of the wildest regions in Oregon.

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