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The Romance of a Survey

By FREDERICK HART

On Friday the familiar "back pasture" was much as usual; the cows grazed contentedly, the little brook talked to itself as it had done for the past thousand years...

away for a moment and did not return at once. The engineer thought he would take a last look at his stakes, to see that no mischievous small boys had extracted any of them...

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Citizens of Dallas are attempting to secure a free mail delivery service. George W. Wright, Albany attorney, is compiling a history of Linn county. The Lower Columbia Oil & Gas company has begun operations at its well in Clatsop county.

A squish so large that many people refused to believe it a real vegetable but thought it was an imitation made of paper has been on exhibition for several days in the window of Murphy's seed store in Albany. It weighs 181 pounds. Two hundred phonographs are now in process of manufacture at the Cresmona Phonograph company's plant at Albany.

The value of the property in Umatilla county is \$46,695,636, the greatest in the state outside of Multnomah county. Some sand found recently in the oil well which the Oregon Petroleum company is sinking east of Lacombe is 68 per cent oil. Speeders and other traffic violators of Portland have paid a total of \$23,091 in police court fines during the present year.

Both the city council of Roseburg and the city council of Klamath Falls have voted to cooperate in any movement which has for its purpose the abolishment of the public service commission. The Crown-Willamette Paper company has filed an application with the public service commission for permission to construct a temporary railroad over county roads between Seaside and Nehalem.

One hundred and forty-nine Oregonians were decorated by foreign governments for their service abroad during the world war, according to a compilation completed by George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, in his work of organizing the world war records affecting Oregon and Oregon men. The millings-in-transit rate so long sought by the smaller lumbermen of western Oregon probably will be put in force by the Southern Pacific company in the near future, according to a letter received by Fred C. Walters, president of the Elmira Lumber company, from George Quayle, secretary of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce.

ROYAL REVENGE ON MILTON

Great Poet's Book Publicly Burned by the Hangman When Charles II Came Back.

When the restoration of Charles II became imminent, Milton, who is possibly best known to the world as the author of "Paradise Lost," found himself in a position of peril, as many of his writings contained sentiments which Charles and his court could not be expected to tolerate.

Born to Command

In front of Gen. Winfield Scott's house in Elizabeth, New Jersey, were several shade trees in which certain song birds had made their nests. One day when the general was at work in his garden trimming a quince tree with a large hooked pruning knife he suddenly started with huge strides toward the street in front. There on the corner was a boy with a shotgun, gazing up into a tree.

Culinary Measures

We have just discovered the genesis of an old jest. You remember how when Briticus was asked why she sung a certain hymn while cooking the breakfast, she replied: "It's for the eggs, mum. When I want 'em soft I sing one verse, and when I want 'em hard I sing two verses."

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END INCOME TAX PUZZLES

Aid in Preparing Returns is Promised

Washington. — A county-to-county campaign by internal revenue officers to aid taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns was announced by commissioner Williams to begin shortly after January 1 and continue until March 15, the final date for filing statistics of income for the year 1920.

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U. S. Ships Predominate in Hamburg

Hamburg. — Ten American ships were counted Saturday in a general tour of Hamburg harbor, as against six flying the British flag, four the French, four the Dutch and one the Japanese.

Caruso Burst Blood Vessel Singing

New York. — Enrico Caruso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The accident, it was said, is not serious.

Secretary of Interior Proposed

Secretary of the Interior Proposed Representative Sherman suggests that some change will be made in the contract with the Power company of the Link-River.

Upper Klamath

Upper Klamath. — A provision will be made in the contract with the Power company of the Link-River to clear the pasture adjacent to the secretary of the state to approve the would permit drainage districts to drain several thousand acres of marsh lands in the same locality.

Protest Against

Protest against what is alleged to be an excessive rate proposed by the national forest service for grazing in the Lava Bed country in Modoc and Siskiyou counties, California, has been

Unexplained Losses

Unexplained losses of cattle on the Sisters-Molokai range during the past season will total at least 150 head out of 3500 placed there by the Stockmen's association of Bend.

Lincoln County Court

The Lincoln county court has agreed to stand 25 per cent of the cost of extending the Alesia road from the bridge on Alesia river to the west boundary of the Siuslaw national forest.

Marjory Ellis, 12 Years Old, Was Instantly Killed

Marjory Ellis, 12 years old, was instantly killed two miles south of Hillsboro when a truck driven by her stepfather capsized in a collision with another truck.

Robert Littler of Salem

Robert Littler of Salem was elected president of the Western Oregon Older Boys' conference during their session at Salem last week. Other officers elected were: Homer McArthur, West Lynn, vice-president; Harold Sox, Albany, secretary; Ralph Emmons, Salem, publicity manager.

Representative Hawley

Representative Hawley has been advised of the allowance of the following pensions to war veterans at \$72 a month in each case: Christian F. Beltz, Tillamook; John W. Short, Gold Hill; William E. Page, Roseburg; Jordan Fuqua, Willamina; Omar Hoskins, Eugene; James H. Lincoln.

The Oregon Single Tax League

The Oregon single tax league has filed with the secretary of state a proposed constitutional amendment providing for single tax in this state. The amendment will go before the voters of Oregon at the general election in November, 1922, unless a special election is called before that date by an act of the legislature.

Application for Permit

Application for permit to appropriate water has been filed in the office of the state engineer by M. F. Hanley of Medford, covering appropriation of water from the north fork of Little Butte creek for irrigation of 780 acres in Jackson county. It is estimated that the development will cost approximately \$44,000 and will consist of a power plant.

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