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New Lumber Town Located in Wasco County on Deschutes

Kaskela at the present time just a whistling station on the Deschutes river for the two railroad lines, according to plans of the River Logging and Lumber company of Seattle, is to have a large saw mill and a population of from 800 to 1000 people by next summer. Construction began last week and work is being rushed to completion.

The River Logging and Lumber company purchased about a billion feet of timber from the government about two years ago which is located on the warm spring reservation. The logging will be done on the Metolous river and the logs floated down this river then down the Deschutes to the mill.

Several truckloads of supplies have already arrived at the scene of the town site and it was stated a town will take shape in a short time.

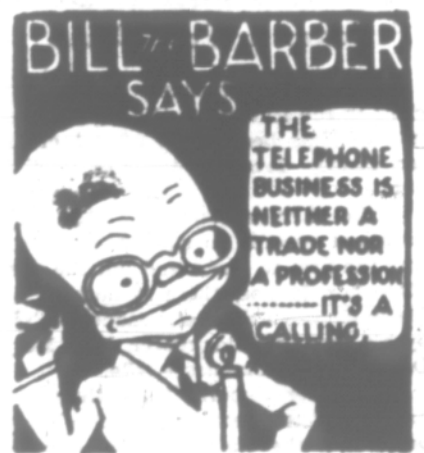
Timber purchased by the company lies south of that now being advertised near Fried and will not interfere with the proposition of a saw-mill at The Dalles.

Extension of The Dalles-California highway south to Los Angeles by way of Reno, Nevada, is the purpose of a movement launched at Klamath Falls a few days ago. The organization which proposes to push the completion of such a highway is called The Dalles-Reno-Los Angeles highway association, and it proposed to enlist the cooperation of the California highway association to put the program across. The plan is to enlist a membership of 12,000 to 15,000 persons from civic bodies along the route of the proposed road. As Oregon has already completed the northern part of the road with the exception of a gap, 40 miles in length, between Klamath Falls and Bend, the main contribution from this state will be good will and moral support, it was stated. The new association is to be managed by seven directors, four from California, two from Oregon and one from Nevada.

John Thorgersen and family, residents of Dufur and vicinity the past eleven years, have completed their moving to the R. C. Byers farm, southeast of this city on the Lone Rock road. Mr. Thorgersen has been an active member of the community life in and around Dufur while a resident of Wasco county, particularly in the work of the Farmers' Union. Before their leaving Dufur a farewell dinner was tendered them at the Nansen hall by the union members at which time they were the recipients of a gift of silverware in appreciation of their support in all worthy efforts of the union.

Nature's Camouflage

The white crab spider, says Nature Magazine, assumes the color of the flower in which he has taken up his abode and thus enjoys its protection.



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Funeral Service Held Wednesday at Moro Honor of Otto Peetz

Attendance of Friends From State-Wide Districts Tax Capacity of Building to Limit

Wednesday, September 24th, was a day of sorrow throughout all Sherman county. On that day more than one thousand neighbors and friends, among whom were numbered many friends from in and out of the state boundary lines, gathered at Moro to honor the memory of Otto Peetz and to attend the funeral service held in this city on that day.

Because of its greater adaptability, the opera house was chosen as the place within which the service was held. Taxed to its entire capacity, the building was not able to accommodate all who would attend the service. Floral offerings in profusion, from county officials, lodges, societies, church and individual friends, banked the front of the stage from one side to the other, until all semblance of its usual appearance was lost among the flowers. A special choir of eight voices sang at intervals during the service, to the soft toned music of a piano presided over by Mrs. Roy Kunaman.

Direction of the funeral was in charge of Zell's Funeral Home. The center of the auditorium was reserved for members of the Rebecca and I. O. O. F. lodges, who had met at their lodge rooms and marched in a body to the hall. All but a very few chairs in the center section was filled by members present from the several lodges in the county.

The service was conducted by Rev. Henry G. Hanson, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city. He spoke of the mystery of untimely death, the taking away of friends and companions when their need and presence is most helpful. He said the mystery of death had not yet been solved, probably never would be solved.

Rev. Hanson spoke about the personal integrity of Otto Peetz, his deep sense of responsibility for any trust reposed in him; he spoke about his home loyalty, always thoughtful for those near and dear to him and also of his neighbors and friends. Home loyalty went farther than this with Otto Peetz, he always in every way possible upheld and sought to improve conditions and growth in his home town and in the county at large. Lastly, Rev. Hanson spoke of the unassuming goodness of Otto Peetz, never permitting his left hand to know what his right hand was doing, performing acts of kindness whenever possible without thought of personal reward and many times without personal benefit to himself.

Following the service the funeral cortege was escorted to the cemetery by the Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges in regalia, followed by friends and neighbors in automobiles, the longest funeral escort ever seen in Sherman county. The hearse, escorted by the six pall bearers, L. Barum, O. L. Belshe, E. D. McKee, Geo. Hennagin, Martin Hansen and J. P. Yates was in sight of the cemetery before the last of the procession had gotten in line at the hall. At the graveside the simple burial service of the I. O. O. F. lodge was held, Rev. B. L. Hicks, pastor of the Christian church at Wasco, acting as chaplain and Wiley Benefiel, noble grand of Sherman lodge of Wasco, responding.

Otto Peetz was born in Douglas county, Minnesota, on March 16th, 1878, died in Portland, Oregon, September 21st, 1924, aged 46 years 6 months and 5 days. He came to Sherman county with his parents in 1886 and has been a resident of Sher-

man county practically all of the time since. In 1892 he went to Grant county, Oregon, where he conducted a sheep ranch until, in December, 1899, he returned to Sherman county.

When about fifteen years of age he was severely injured by a horse falling upon him, the principal injury being confined to one of his legs. In 1898 he suffered an attack of measles, which seriously affected this limb and three years later it became necessary to amputate it in order to save his life. He remained under the care of physicians for a period of eleven months, three being passed in a hospital in Portland. A number of operations were made in the endeavor to save the injured limb and twice following the amputation it was opened for the purpose of removing dead and decaying bone, which might have seriously affected his health.

He moved to Kent in March, 1903, where he engaged in business and also secured land under the homestead act. June, 1904, Otto Peetz was elected assessor of Sherman county, on the republican ticket. Previous to this he had always been patriotically active in party work, but had never aspired to office; in fact his nomination came as a complete surprise to him; it having been made in the convention by acclamation.

Otto Peetz has served his county as assessor continuously since his induction into office in July, 1904. His untimely death can be truly imputed to the fact that he carried the burden of the office too hard; he died from overwork, the mental worry and anxiety to deal justly and impartially with his fellow men in the responsible position that was his.

He was a member of the Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges of this city and of the Encampment degree of Odd Fellowship at Grass Valley. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of this city, holding the office of trustee at the time of his death. He was always genial and pleasant under many trying circumstances and will be missed in the home, in the church, the lodge, and at the court house.

October 5, 1916, he married Margaret Whalley of Portland, Oregon, and to this union two children were born, Thomas Benson and Carl Frederick, the former having passed away at the age of one year in 1918. Deceased leaves a wife, Margaret Whalley Peetz and one son, Carl Frederick; his aged mother, Mrs. Catherine Peetz of Moro and the following named sisters and brothers: Mrs. E. G. Messenger, of Wapato, Washington; Mrs. Robert Montgomery, of King Hill, Idaho; Mrs. O. C. Kirtley, of Wasco; L. L. Peetz and H. F. Peetz, of Moro; Ben F. Peetz, of Eugene, besides other relatives and a host of friends, county-wide and state-wide, to mourn his loss.

THE GREATNESS.

"I like the man who faces what he must
With step triumphant and a heart of cheer;
Who fights the daily battle without fear;
Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unflinching trust
That God is God; that somehow, true and just,
His plans work out for mortals; not a tear
Is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear,
Falls from his grasp; he envied not,
Nor loses faith in man; but does his best,
Nor ever murmurs at his humble lot;
But with a smile and words of hope, gives zest
To every toiler; he alone is great
Who, by a life heroic, conquers fate."

—Read by Rev. Hanson at the funeral of Otto Peetz.

Klamath Tule Lands Grow Large Wheat Crops on Reclaimed Land

The Observer printed an item last week wherein we quoted Emory Hughes as authority for the statement that the Tule lake bed lands of Klamath county would produce sixty bushels of wheat to the acre this year. It may be interesting to observe that Mr. Hughes fell short in his estimate about eighty bushel to the acre, according to the following item published in the Portland Journal last Sunday: A yield of 141 bushels of wheat to the acre, believed to establish a new record on the Pacific coast, is reported from Klamath county, where the Tule lake bed. Cutting of the crop began last week. The first tract of 40 acres yielded 45 sacks per acre, each sack weighing from 115 to 120 pounds.

A total of 20,000 acres of the drained lake bed is now in crop. As the water is drained further and the ground dries sufficiently to permit working, it is expected that 70,000 additional acres will be cultivated.

It is stated by those familiar with conditions in the district that the phenomenal yield in the lake bed, coupled with success of the dairy industry, will make the per capita income of ranchers in the region larger than any other section of Oregon.

Thought for the Day.

Some children lose a lot of valuable experience because their parents shield them from too many hardships.

Resolution of Condolence

Hall of Moro Lodge No 113, I. O. O. F.

Whereas, it has again pleased Almighty God to enter our ranks and remove from our midst, our beloved brother, Otto Peetz, Noble Grand of Moro Lodge, and

Whereas by the death of our brother, this lodge has suffered the loss of a true, honest and upright Odd Fellow; the family a kind and loving husband and father, and community a citizen of undisputed merit; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Charter of this Lodge be suitably draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, and that copies be sent each member of the family, and a copy be sent the Sherman County Observer and Pacific Odd Fellow for publication.

Fraternally submitted.

A. M. Young,
C. V. Belknap,
M. R. Schadewitz,
Committee

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness and sympathy extended to us in our recent loss; also a word of special thanks for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Margaret Peetz,
Carl Peetz,
Mrs. Catherine Peetz,
Mrs. E. G. Messenger,
Mrs. O. C. Kirtley,
Mrs. Robert Montgomery,
L. L. Peetz,
B. F. Peetz,
H. F. Peetz.

Oregon News in Brief

Apple week in Oregon will be October 26 to November 1, according to announcement of the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

It will require \$469,240 to conduct the state industrial accident commission during the next biennium, according to estimates filed with the state budget commission.

Voters of Multnomah county will pass upon a proposal to issue \$500,000 in bonds for completion of the Ross Island and Sellwood bridges at the November election.

The Multnomah county fair at Gresham, held July 29 to August 3 this year, made money for the first time in a number of years, according to the financial report.

The Stout company shingle mill at North Bend, burned some time ago, has been rebuilt and started sawing shingles Monday. The mill will run continuously through the fall and winter.

General rains over the Umatilla national forest so relieved the fire danger that three areas closed to hunting July 23 were ordered reopened Friday morning by District Forester George H. Cecil.

The public service commission has issued an order authorizing the Mount Angel Telephone company to put into effect a new tariff providing slight increases in the telephone rates demanded by the corporation.

The California-Oregon Power company has filed application with the state engineer for 14,000 horsepower on Clearwater creek, near the head waters of the Umpqua river. The development contemplates 500 foot head with 350 second-feet.

Federal Judge Wolverton issued a temporary restraining order against Frank C. Bramwell, superintendent of banks, directing him to set aside \$500 of the funds of the Bank of Sherman, now defunct, to meet the government's claims against the bank.

The A. L. Woodard interests at Dufur, including 25,000,000 feet of timber, a sawmill under construction and logging equipment, have been purchased by the Bohemia Lumber company. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$40,000.



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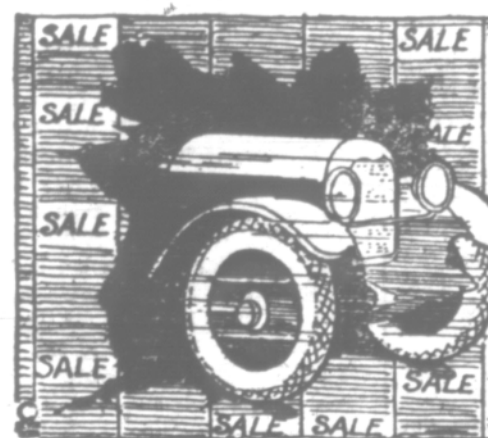
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Paragraphs of State News

The state tax commission has sent out approximately 6000 notices relating to the payment of the second and third installments of the state income tax. The two installments have been combined in the notices, with date of payment fixed at not later than October 6.

A plea that the region within ten square miles of the Josephine county caves be set aside as a federal game reserve will be forwarded to President Coolidge at once, according to decision reached by the board of directors of the Isaac Walton league, meeting in Portland.

The River Lumber & Logging company of Seattle has started the preliminary work on the erection of a saw-mill at Kaskela, north of Bend, on the Deschutes river. The mill will be equipped with a band saw and a resaw to cut between 125,000 and 150,000 feet of lumber a day.

Plans originated by farmers of Deschutes county for the erection of a public market in Bend have virtually materialized. Representatives of county grange, labor unions and the city council of Bend are working together on the project, which has been under consideration for several years.

The work of relocating the Columbia highway about one mile east of Astoria to avoid danger from sliding ground is expected to be completed in about six weeks. Two steam shovels are working on the heavy cut and a third will be put to work soon on a new entrance way into Astoria along the Date Street route.