

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

YIELDS GOOD MONEY.

The Eddy Law Yearly Income Will Run to \$150,000.

Salem—When the Eddy corporation tax law was passed it was estimated that it would produce a revenue of \$100,000 a year. The act has been in force scarcely more than six months and there has been paid into the state treasury \$90,868. F. T. Wrightman, corporation clerk in the office of the secretary of state, estimates that the annual revenue will aggregate \$125,000 to \$150,000, with the latter sum not improbable. As a revenue measure, it is evident that the Eddy law will not be a disappointment.

It has been frequently charged by promoters of wildcat mining companies that the Eddy law would keep out foreign corporations and prevent the organization of new concerns. It is true that the law has put a very noticeable check upon the organization of corporations with enormous capital stock, but without any considerable assets. Corporations are now formed upon a more businesslike basis.

The assertions of the mining stock promoters served to cause some doubt as to the success of the Eddy law, but the facts gleaned from the records in the office of the secretary of state prove the error of those assertions. The corporation tax law has not kept away any corporation that desired to do a legitimate business in this state.

The records show that since May 21, when the new law went into effect, 171 corporations organized in other states have filed their articles in this state and paid \$50 each for the privilege of so doing. The total revenue from that source in less than seven months was \$8,550.

These 171 foreign corporations also paid the proportion of the annual license fee due for the unexpired fraction of the year, which fee varied according to the capital stock. The revenue from this source was \$17,359.79, making a total of \$26,909.79 which foreign corporations have contributed to the support of this state in a period of less than seven months.

During this same time 226 new concerns have been organized in this state, paying organization fees which varied according to the amount of the capital stock, and aggregating \$9,892.97.

These 226 new companies, in a period of less than seven months, means an average of more than 32 per month, which does not seem to indicate that the Eddy law has prevented the organization of corporations or forced them to go to other states to secure corporate authority. The total fees collected by the secretary of state from both foreign and domestic corporations are \$36,802.76.

Coming Events.

Northwest fruitgrowers' association, Portland, January 11-13.

National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15.

National woolgrowers' association, Portland, January 12-15.

Poultry show, Albany, January 12-15.

Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

Whitman-Oregon debate, Eugene, January 15.

Oregon Christian Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February 19-22.

Athena Farmers Hold Grain.

Athena—It is estimated by the wheat buyers of this place that there are about 75,000 bushels of wheat in this district that have not been sold. John Bell & Sons have just disposed of 28,000 bushels at about 62 cents per bushel. Mr. Bell raised about 30,000 bushels this year, this being among the largest yields for one ranch. It has been learned from some of the bankers of the district that the deposits in the institutions this season are not as large as had been expected, because the farmers are not selling their wheat.

Plenty of Feed in the Grand Ronde.

La Grande—Prospects for hay feed this winter were never better. Up to this time the stock in the Grand Ronde valley have had to have very little feeding, although there is plenty of forage. The range along the foothills is very good and should there be little snowfall the cattlemen will pull through the winter in fine shape. Cattle and sheep are commanding fair prices.

Cotton Is Agricultural Regent.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed W. W. Cotton, of Portland, to succeed Benton Killin, whose term has expired, as a member of the board of regents of the Oregon agricultural college. John D. Olwell, of Jackson county, and J. M. Church, of Union county, were reappointed to succeed themselves on the same board.

Douglas Has Clean Bill of Health.

Roseburg—The local health officer, Dr. E. Du Gas, reports that not a single case of quarantine for contagious diseases now exists in Douglas county. This is the first time in several months that he has been able to report an absolutely clean bill of health, although no epidemic has existed at any time.

WALLOWA COUNTY STOCK.

Stands Third in the List of Heavy Sheep Producers.

Enterprise—The county assessor has just completed his statement of the number of sheep and cattle in Wallowa county for 1903. He shows the number of sheep to be 180,000. Thus Wallowa stands third on the list among the counties of eastern Oregon. It is lead only by Morrow and Umatilla. The sheep in each of those counties numbered about 183,000. The average price of sheep this fall is placed at \$2.30. This makes the value of the sheep of Wallowa county \$414,000. There is little increase this year over the number raised in 1902.

The number of cattle is placed at 16,936, which is about the same as was raised last year. Wallowa county is well down the list in the number of cattle, outclassing only Morrow county. The average price of cattle this year is placed by the buyers at \$25 each. This would make the total value of the cattle \$423,400.

The value of the cattle and sheep combined would be \$1,037,400. The value of the sheep and cattle of Umatilla, Baker, Harney, Grant, Union and Morrow amounts to \$6,187,447. Thus the value of the cattle and the sheep of eastern Oregon is \$7,224,847.

WILL DIG DEEP FOR WATER.

Grand Ronde Artesian Well Company Organized and Officers Elected.

La Grande—A meeting was held at Alice last week by the Grand Ronde citizens for the purpose of organizing a company to test thoroughly the digging of the artesian well. The meeting was largely attended. J. M. Church was elected chairman of the meeting and J. D. Smutz secretary.

It was decided to organize a capital stock of \$4,000, divided into shares of \$10 each, to be known as the Grand Ronde Valley Artesian Well company. On adjournment of the general meeting the directors met and elected F. S. Bramwell president, S. I. Brooks vice-president, Peter McDonald secretary and J. M. Church treasurer.

A well will be dug a depth of at least 2,000 feet unless water is struck before digging this far, and the experiment will be made on the sand ridge, near Alice.

Rushing to the Coal Fields.

Prairie City—There is a big rush through this place to the John Day coal fields, which have recently been discovered. Men are coming into the country to investigate, and much of the untaken land is being located. The coal is said to be superior to that produced by the Heppner coal fields, and there are indications that large deposits will be opened. Croppings have been discovered in many places. Several thousand acres of the supposed coal lands have been secured by promoters, who are trying to get more.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71¢@72¢; blue-stem, 77¢; valley, 78¢.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$39.00@4.10; clear, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$5; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07½@1.10; gray, \$1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$19; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$12; grain, \$12; cheat, \$12.

Vegetables—Turnips, 65¢ per sack; carrots, 75¢; beets, 90¢; parsnips, 75¢@90¢; cabbage, 1¢@1¼¢ per pound; parsley, per dozen, 25¢; tomatoes, \$1@1.50 per crate; cauliflower, 75¢@1 per dozen; celery, 75¢; pumpkins, 1¢ per pound; onions, Yellow Danvers, 80¢@1 per sack, growers' prices.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Oregon, choice and fancy, 65¢@75¢ per sack; common, 50¢@60¢; sweet potatoes, sacks, 2¢; boxes, 2¼¢ per pound.

Fruits—Apples, 75¢@82¢ per box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½¢@30¢ per pound; dairy, 20¢@22½¢; store, 15¢@18½¢.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14¢@15¢; Young America, 15¢@16¢.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9¢ per pound; spring, 9¢; hens, 9¢; turkeys, live, 16¢; dressed, 7½¢; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, 8¢ per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32¢; Eastern, 25¢@30¢.

Hops—Choice, 24¢ per pound; prime, 22¢; medium, 19¢; common, 15¢.

Wool—Valley, 17¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@15¢; mohair, 32¢@35¢.

Beef—Dressed, 5¢@6¼¢ per pound.

Veal—Dressed, small, 8¢@8½¢; large, 5¢@6¢ per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 5¢@6¢; lambs, dressed, 6¼¢ per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@6¼¢ per pound.



Dumley—By George! I believe I'm the greatest fool in the world. Synnex—That makes it unanimous.—Boston Transcript.

Stranger—Do you think you can get me on the pension list? Lawyer (cheerfully)—Oh, I guess so. But we may have to get you naturalized first.—Bazar.

Its distinction: City man—How shall I know which house it is? Suburbanite—You'll be able to tell easily enough. It's the only one in the neighborhood that hasn't a 'For Sale' sign on it.—Puck.

Actor—Hurry, or we'll miss the train. Actress—I can't find my diamonds or my purse. Actor—Oh, well, never mind. Actress—Yes, but the purse had ten dollars in it.—New York Weekly.

The schedule: Newcastle—Was there any romance connected with your engagement? Ingerfield—Romance? I proposed to her at 8:45 and she accepted me precisely at 9:15.—Detroit Free Press.

"But why did you not send for the doctor next door when you became suddenly ill?" asked his friend. "You forget," answered the sufferer, "that I have been learning to play the cornet recently."—Puck.

A good point: He—There is one thing in particular I like about spinsters. She—What is that? He—They never bore a fellow by telling him how they used to do this and that before he was born.—Tit-Bits.

"Georgie, did you know that I was going to marry your sister?" "Well, I heard her say so, but she's had that idea about so many other fellows that I didn't feel sure about it till you told me."—Brooklyn Life.

"Say pa," queried little Billy Bloomer, "what's an echo?" "An echo, my son," replied the old man, with a sigh long drawn out, "is the only thing that can flim-flam a woman out of the last word.—The Lyre.

A beautiful romance headed off: "You don't mean to tell me you rescued a young lady from drowning and didn't even stop to learn her name?" "That's what I did. My wife was there when I got the girl ashore."—Ex.

Fuddy—Aren't you going to take any notice of the libelous charges that have been circulated about you?" Duddy—Not on your life. If I did they might come to the knowledge of somebody who had not heard them.—Boston Transcript.

An incidental revenge: "Did your son really elope?" "Yes, and it's such a blow. But there's one thing about it that brings me a little consolation." "What's that?" "He eloped with that odious Mrs. Slimmer's hired girl."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Courtroom effects: The lawyer—Of course, my dear madam! The great thing in a case of this sort is to introduce something into the evidence that will appeal to the jury. The lady—Oh! I shall change my costume every day.—Brooklyn Life.

"That woman's boss of the ward all right," said the first repeater, in the days of female suffrage, "and she's a regular terror, ain't she?" "That's what!" replied the other; "I wanted \$2 for my vote, and she wouldn't gimme more'n \$1.98."—Philadelphia Press.

"It was careless of me to say that I admired Bacon," remarked the young woman with glasses. "Did you offend some Shakespearean student?" "No. It was a Chicago pork-packer. He frigidly remarked that he didn't care to talk shop."—Washington Star.

Life preserver: Pat—Ol say, Molke, phat do yez call that big round thing on ther back of that auto billy? Mike—Shure, an' that's an ltry toire, if wan should burst, yez haythen. Pat—Begorra, an' Ol t'ought it war a loife preserver!—Philadelphia Telegraph.

"Wait a second," she said, as she stepped into the store. "Certainly," he replied, and when he had been uptown, looked through his mail, spent two hours on 'Change, and taken luncheon at the club, he returned and found her just emerging from the door.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Time up to date: "I have been thinking," said Entier Time, "of abandoning the scythe as an emblem." "Abandoning the scythe?" said the goddess Aurora, who is always on hand early to greet the old gentleman. "Yes. Don't you think an alarm clock would be more appropriate?"—Judge.

"Did you hear about the game worked on Harker in the skyscraper this morning? Some sleek chap walked in and told Harker if he'd give him an umbrella he'd go up to the roof and come down holding on to the handle." "Did he?" "Yes; he came down in the elevator, and I guess he's holding on to the handle yet."—Philadelphia Record.

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