

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

RAILROAD TO DALLAS.

Salem Commercial Club Accepts Offer of Engineer Covert.

Salem—At a meeting of the Greater Salem Commercial club, the offer of J. W. Covert, engineer of the Dallas Falls city railroad to build a railroad from Salem to Dallas, was accepted. The proposal calls for a loan to \$72,000 to bear 5 per cent interest and to be secured by a first mortgage upon the road for terminal grounds 500x800 feet in West Salem, and a right-of-way through West Salem. Mr. Covert will go to work upon the road as soon as the money is guaranteed by the business men of this city, not later than July 15, and it is his intention to have the road completed before the rainy season sets in next fall. The following resolutions were also adopted by the club:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Greater Salem Commercial club that it would be to the best interests of the people of this city for Salem to own and operate an electric light plant to supply the city and its inhabitants with light, and we would respectfully ask the Salem city council to appoint a committee to investigate the matter of Salem purchasing or constructing and operating such a plant.

"Resolved, That the city council receive propositions from persons or corporations having water powers or lighting plants to sell."

Road to Blue River Mines.

Eugene—The Commercial club, at a recent meeting, took steps toward further improving the road to the Blue river mines, on which a good many thousand dollars have already been expended. A committee of eight business men was appointed to make a personal inspection of the district and report to the club within ten days. Extensive improvements are being made in the Blue river district this summer and a good road is necessary to keep Eugene in touch with the mines. A force of carpenters will leave here in a few days to erect a three-story hotel, 60x70 feet, a two-story building 30x50 feet and a two-story assay office at the Lucky Boy mine.

New Volume of Court Decisions.

Salem—Volume 43 of the Oregon supreme court reports has been delivered to the secretary of state by the state printer and the secretary is now prepared to supply all who wish copies at the price fixed by law, \$3.50, together with 28 cents to cover postage. This volume includes the opinions of the supreme court in cases decided up to November, 1903. The opinions reported occupy 636 pages, and the index, which is very complete, 70 pages more. The reports are published by the state and are sold to members of the bar and others at the cost of publication.

Rich Strike Shows Stronger.

Medford—Reports from the Grayback rich strike, continue to pour in. Several men have worked the property and have opened up the vein over 200 feet. They report the showing much better than at first. Many miners are leaving for the scene, going by private conveyance from Jacksonville. The strike is located 54 miles northwest of Medford, near the California line, on a divide between the Illinois and Klamath rivers, where rich placer beds were found in early days. In one day four men mortared out \$3,800.

Law of Water Rights.

Salem—Because of the rapid development in irrigation and the growing importance of water-right questions, State Librarian J. B. Putnam has been strengthening the library in authorities on that branch of law. The latest addition was made lately when he received a large three-volume work, "Farnham on Water Rights." The edition is of the year 1904.

Grandstand for Chautauqua.

Oregon City—At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association it was decided to erect a grandstand having a seating capacity of 500. This improvement will be stationed on the athletic grounds, and is calculated for the comfort of those attending the baseball games which constitute one of the most attractive diversions at the Chautauqua meeting.

Looking for a Mill Site.

Medford—B. H. Harris, of Medford, who has a large timber tract in the vicinity of Big Butte Falls, located about 30 miles northeast of Medford, has left this city with a party of surveyors to locate a mill site near the falls, also to run a line of survey from the mill site to Medford for the purpose of constructing a railroad which will tap the largest timber belt in Southern Oregon.

Placed on Agricultural Board.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed Mark Hulbert, of Albany, a member of the state board of agriculture.

BOY FINDS GOLD.

As a Result a Southern Oregon Family Cleans Up \$25,000 in a Week.

Grant's Pass—A milkman half full of gold—200 ounces—valued at more than \$15000, was the sight that greeted scores of visitors at the Grants Pass Banking & Trust company's bank one day last week. This represents about one-fifth of the amount taken from a ledge since its discovery. The discovery was made by the 18-year-old son of David Biggs. While out hunting he stumbled onto a ledge of decomposed quartz which was more gold than quartz. He secured a chunk the size of a candle-box and took it to his father's placer claim, where it was mortared and yielded nearly \$800.

Early next morning the family staked out seven claims and began mining. In two hours they had \$2,000, and in one week they had mortgaged out \$25,000, and Mr. Briggs reports the ledge getting better all the time. The whole amount was taken from an excavation ten feet long by seven feet wide. The find is the talk of the country, and already the surrounding hills are being searched by prospectors and the excitement is at fever heat. The lead is located in the southeastern part of Josephine county, about 50 miles from Grants Pass.

Dredge Clears a Passage.

Astoria—The bar dredge Chinook has not missed a day at work on the Columbia entrance excepting the time consumed in coaling, since her return from Portland, and has accomplished very much in that time. The record performance for one day is 5,000 cubic yards or more than 9,000 tons. This is the greatest day's work ever done by a vessel of her class, and the performance has been highly gratifying to the officers. The big vessel has materially deepened the river entrance, and pilots say that the depth has increased two feet in some places.

Pheasant Bill Not a Law.

Salem—In answer to an inquiry from Game Warden J. W. Baker, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he holds that the pheasant bill of 1903 did not become a law. This has been the generally accepted opinion. Although the bill was signed by the presiding officer of each house, approved by the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state, the records show that it received only 30 votes in the house, or one less than a majority, and therefore it did not pass the house.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 69c; bluestem, 77c; valley, 78c.
Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.
Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$4@4.25; clears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; rye flour, \$4.50.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.25; gray, \$1.20 per cental.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.
Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c; store, 12½@13c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19½@20.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12@12½c; old stock, 7@8c; Young America, 13@14c.
Poultry—Fancy hens, 12@12½c per pound; old hens, 11½@12c; mixed chickens, 10@11; old roosters, 8@8½c; young roosters, 12@13c; springs, 1½@2-pound, 17@18c; broilers, 1@1½-pound, 18@20c; dressed chickens, 13@13½c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; dressed, 15@16c; choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, 6@7c; dressed, 9½@110c; ducks, old, \$6@7 per doz; young, as to size, \$3.50@9.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.50; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, 2@2½; red cabbage, 2½c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; tomatoes, \$1.75@2; cauliflower, \$1.75@2 per doz; celery, 75@90c; cucumbers, \$1.25; asparagus, 50c; peas, 4@6c per lb; beans, green, 10c; wax, 10c; squash, \$1 per box; green corn, 60c per doz.
Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.
Potatoes—Fancy, 75c@81c per cental; new potatoes, \$1.75@2 per cental.
Fruits—Strawberries, 5@6c per lb; cherries, 5@7c; gooseberries, 6c; apples, new, \$1.50@2; apricots, 90c@1 per box; plums, \$1; peaches, 90c@1; canteloupes, \$4.50 per crate.
Hops—1903 crop, 23@24c per lb.
Wool—Valley, 19@20c per lb; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.
Beef—Dressed, 5@7½c per lb.
Mutton—Dressed, 4@6c per lb; lambs, 8c.
Veal—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c per lb; 125 to 200, 5½@6c; 200 and up, 4½@5c.
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