

Will Inspect Oregon's Desert Lands.

A press dispatch from The Dalles says that Representative Moody has just received a letter from Hon. H. F. Newell, chief hydrographer of the geological department at Washington, stating that he, with Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, will reach The Dalles about August 1, when they expect to join Mr. Moody on a drive through the semi-arid sections of eastern Oregon. No itinerary will be fixed until the exact date of their arrival is known. However, the trip contemplated is from The Dalles to Prineville, thence by way of the headwaters of the Deschutes to Burns, Harney county, and, if time will permit, on through to Malheur county. Mr. Moody will make announcement of the route when it is determined upon, in order that the stockmen interested in pasturage on forest reserves and those interested in the reclamation of arid lands may have an opportunity to meet these gentlemen. Since they are the heads of the forestry and hydrographic bureaus of the government, and upon whose reports pasturage in forest reserves may be regulated in the future, it is important that all interested in the question should meet these gentlemen. Mr. Newell and Mr. Pinchot both have indicated a desire to meet the woolgrowers of eastern Oregon, and it is expected a meeting will be called at The Dalles and Prineville when the date of their arrival is known.

Mines are Made, Not Found.

A man who would hesitate to buy a farm without an exhaustive examination of all the conditions necessary to success, will come to Colorado and invest in mining property without any tests of the ore and with absolutely no knowledge of the business. It is not necessary in these days to make a mistake in the purchase of mining property. The ore can be seen and measured; before a dollar is paid on the property it can be tested by all means known to science by men who have made the business a lifelong study, and whose interest it is to tell the truth, and it can then be decided whether or not the mine can be made to pay, and exactly what methods of reduction should be applied to the ore. When the character of the ore is understood, and it has been shown that a margin of profit can be assured, the rest is nothing but intelligent development of the mine and a careful application of the ascertained means for the extraction of the values. Many of the mistakes are the result of the fallacy that mines are found, but they are the exceptions which prove the rule. Mines must be made with the same care, intelligence and skill that are required to build a factory, and when one goes into mining blindfolded he has no one to blame but himself for almost inevitable disaster.—Denver Times.

Whitney's Trained Animal Show.

Here is what the Spokane Chronicle says of L. J. Whitney's dog and pony shows: "Crowds cheered the dogs and ponies. "Crowds of interested and enthusiastic people filled the main tent of Whitney's dog and pony show last night. The afternoon performance was well attended, and judging from the general expressions of opinion among those who attended either performance, that it was the best show of its kind that has ever exhibited in Spokane. Last evening the big audience was entertained for two hours in a most creditable manner. The ponies performed some marvellous feats. Professor Littel's troupe of trained dogs and goats are wonderful, also Professor Hunt's educated monkeys call for their share of praise. There were numerous other good things, including wire walking, juggling and tumbling. Putting it all together it was the best show that

has been in Spokane for a long time and will always draw big crowds whenever it comes to this town." This show will be in Sumpter July 4 and 5. Don't forget to see the novel street parade and grand free outside exhibitions.

Indians Gather Lost Wool.

Indians from the south half of the Umatilla reservation are wandering through the counties of Grant and Morrow, engaged in a peculiar industry. Every year wagons piled high with sacks of wool go the lengthy route from Canyon City to The Dalles, where most of the Grant county clipping is marketed. Points in Morrow county center around Heppner in the same way. The enterprising Umatilla Indian and his squaw leave the reservation and strike for Canyon City with a couple of cayuses. Invariably small bits of wool float from the big sacks as lie along the roadside. Carefully the industrious Umatilla gathers them until he has about 200 pounds. This he packs through to The Dalles, 180 miles away. It will bring him \$16. He hunts and fishes along the road, pastures his wornout cayuse on the way-side and the \$16 is almost clear profit.—Spokesman-Review.

An Excursion to Cincinnati.

The official route selected by the society of Christian Endeavor for their International meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 8th to 10th, is O. R. & N. Co., Oregon Short Line, Rio Grande Western Railway, Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, Burlington and Big Four systems. The delegates and their friends will leave Portland on the evening of July 1, stopping en route at Salt Lake City, where they will be joined by the California and Utah delegations. Cordial invitation is extended to all, whether Endeavorers or otherwise, who are contemplating an eastern trip, to join the party. Further particulars may be obtained from Rev. A. J. Montgomery, transportation manager, Oregon City, Or., or the Rio Grande Western Railway, No. 122 Third street, Portland, Or.

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New Map of the Cable Cove District.

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