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JUDGE COLVIG TO TRACE HISTORY OF LAND GRANT

Judge William Colvig, tax and right of way agent of the Southern Pacific company, will be the principal speaker at a banquet of the Business Men's club, which is to be held in the club rooms Friday evening, October 22. Judge Colvig will speak on the O. & C. land grant, taking it up from the time of the first grant, and trace the history of the grant down to the last decree of the courts. He will discuss also the status of the lands at the present time, and the problems attendant upon the disposition of the lands. Judge Colvig will speak, not from the standpoint of the Southern Pacific company, but as a citizen, taxpayer and lawyer who is in a position to have a clear insight into the problem.

Judge Colvig will arrive in Springfield Friday morning accompanied by J. E. Werlein and Rufus Holman of Portland, who come to speak in the interest of the Manufacturers' and Land Products show, which is to be held in Portland the last of the month. The visitors are to be met at Springfield Junction by a committee from the Business Men's club and taken at once to the Springfield High school, where they will speak on the educational aspect of the forthcoming show.

TEACHING MUSIC AT WEST SPRINGFIELD

The West Springfield school board has added music to their schedule under a special instructor. Miss Ingalls has had the work for two weeks and it is proving to be very satisfactory. She teaches Tuesday and Thursday mornings giving twenty minutes to each room.

Although no special teacher is employed for domestic art and industrial work classes have been organized and one hour each week is devoted to this work.

The Literary society was reorganized last Friday evening with about fifty members. A program will be given by the society in about three weeks.

Mr. Peterson is at work drilling a new well for the school, the old one having gone dry. The fountain won by the school at the May fair will be installed at the new well.

LACK OF EMPTY CARS CAUSES TROUBLE

Lumber Dealers Lose Orders and Make Complaint

Salem, Ore., Oct. 15.—Oregon lumber shippers have informed the Setate Public Service commission that several lumber orders have failed because of tardiness of the Southern Pacific company in providing a sufficient number of empty cars to handle shipments.

The commission office here today communicated with Commissioners Aitchinson and Miller who are in San Francisco advising them to confer with President Sproule regarding what relief may be expected. Complaints were registered with the commission office today by five of the largest companies in the Willamette valley showing a shortage among the five companies of 180 cars.

BUILDS TWO HOT HOUSES

F. B. Chase Adding to Inside Garden Space.

F. B. Chase, the well-known gardener who has several acres of garden in hot houses on his farm across the river between Eugene and Springfield, is adding more space by the erection of two large hot houses to replace two that he has torn down.

The two which he recently tore down were each 20 by 200 feet.

Mr. Chase began the work of building the two new houses five weeks ago and will complete them this week. He has had from two to eight men at work on the buildings all of that time.

In fastening the glass panes to the frames, Mr. Chase has used over a ton of putty. In the smaller of the two new structures he has used 3458 panes of glass each 16 by 18 inches in dimensions and in the larger one, 8640 panes each 10 by 14 inches, making a total of 12,098 panes. There are five hot houses on the place, each of the other three being 32 by 200 feet in dimensions.

Mr. Chase raises spring and summer vegetables in these houses all fall and winter. He is now planting lettuce in them and will set out tomatoes soon. His tomatoes ripen early in the spring and he raises them in the glass houses until the outdoor tomatoes begin to ripen late in the summer. A great many other vegetables that will not grow outside in the winter and early spring are raised inside and Mr. Chase always finds a ready market for them.

The houses are steam heated from a central plant on the place and there is an irrigating artificial rain system in constant operation.

SHIPPING OUT HOPS

E. E. Morrison today shipped from his warehouse here three carloads of the John Seavey hops.

ANOTHER MAN ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF SACKS

Frak Spores, a Mohawk Farmer Indicted

Frank Spores, a well-known farmer of the Mohawk valley, was arrested Friday on a charge of burglary. He was indicted by the grand jury the day before but the indictment was kept secret pending his arrest. Spores was brought to Eugene by Deputy Sheriff Croner and he was able to give the necessary \$1,000 bond without going to jail.

Spores was a witness before the grand jury on the day he was indicted, giving testimony in the case against Ben King, charged with the same offense.

According to the story told by Spores, King had told him that he was going to steal some sacks from a neighbor by the name of Swarts. Spores said he pleaded with King not to do so, but he did, and the two went to the Abe Kelly place, where Kelly ordered King off the place after the latter had told that he had stolen Swarts' sacks. Spores said he went to Eugene later to tell District Attorney Devers about the theft but the official was out of the city at the time.

FOOTBALL NEXT SATURDAY

Junction City High school will send its football team to Springfield next Saturday for a game with the Springfield defenders.

Miss Elizabeth Sandgathe has arrived from Currie, Minn., to visit her father, H. Sandgathe, indefinitely.

PROMISE SUGAR FACTORIES FOR WESTERN OREGON

Portland, Oct. 15.—The Telegram says: If the people of Southern Oregon want a sugar factory which will be a million-dollar industry, all that is required of them is to sign contracts with the Oregon-Utah Sugar company that they will plant and cultivate, beginning with the season of 1916, not less than 5,000 acres of sugar beets in Rogue River valley and continue beet growing five years. At the same time the company will contract to pay the land owners \$5 a ton for all beets f. o. b. at convenient loading stations on the railways during the five-year period.

This is the announcement brought to Portland by Alex Nibley, secretary of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, on his return from Salt Lake. The company was recently organized with a capital of \$100,000, an authorized bond issue of \$500,000 and arrangements for bank credit of \$200,000 to \$400,000 to carry the factory's operations along until the first output of sugar is marketed. The president of the company is C. W. Nibley, of Salt Lake, one of the executive heads of the Utah & Idaho Sugar company, which has several plants and will this year produce 3,000,000 bags of sugar. George E. Sanders, of Grants Pass, is vice president; O. C. Beebe, a Salt Lake banker, treasurer; Alex Nibley, of Portland, secretary, and F. S. Bramwell, who was formerly associated with the elder Nibley in Eastern Oregon railway and timber operations and other enterprises, is field superintendent.

No Oregon capital is solicited for this undertaking, says Secretary Nibley, and if the landowners of Rogue River valley sign contracts within the next 30 days to plant the required acreage of beets the sugar factory will be built in time to begin operation within a few days headquarters will be opened at Medford and Grants Pass for signing beet growing contracts. Both Secretary Nibley and Superintendent Bramwell will be on the ground to conduct an educational campaign with the landowners.

"Experiments made since the sugar project was discussed last winter have demonstrated that sugar beets can be successfully grown in the valley," said Mr. Nibley. "Soil, climate and irrigation facilities are favorable to a large yield per acre of beets carrying a high percentage of saccharine. It was too late last January to initiate this project for this year's operation of the factory."

"The company will pay \$5 a ton for beets, the same price as is paid beet growers in Utah and Idaho, who will this year receive \$5,700,000 for their beets. Farmers and orchardists will have their crop sold for five years ahead at a fixed sum which will be profitable to them. By giving proper attention to culture of beets there is no trouble to harvest from 15 to 20 tons to the acre after the first year. Many growers get 25 tons an acre. It costs \$42 an acre to plant and grow beets. This sum includes everything.

"Even the fruit growers will profit by the installing of a sugar factory in the valley, as they will have cheap sugar for fruit canneries and fruit that would otherwise go to waste will be utilized with profit. The sugar factory will give employment in other lines, for it is a consumer of limestone, wood for fuel, teaming and trucking, electric power and railway transportation.

"If the proposed sugar factory in Rogue River valley becomes a going concern, the Oregon-Utah Sugar company will build other sugar factories in Western Oregon, where climate, soil and irrigation facilities are suitable.

"Colorado has approximately 250,000 acres in sugar beets and 14 factories; California has 145,800 acres in beets and ten factories; Utah 64,000 acres in beets and eight factories; Idaho 40,000 acres in beets and four factories.

"There is an assurance that the national administration will continue sugar on the tariff list for a long period as a revenue measure and the market conditions for American sugar will continue favorable for many years, because of the European war situation. Beet seed can be obtained for the coming season's planting if the order is placed soon."

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING TUESDAY

Members of the fire department, and all other citizens interested in the welfare of the town should not forget the special meeting of the fire department, which is to be held at the city hall tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

FOREST NOTES

The receipts for timber sales on the National Forests in Washington and Oregon during the first quarter of the present fiscal year, show a marked increase. In fact, the receipts for this first quarter are more than half what they were for the entire previous fiscal year. This indicates a very decided increase in cutting operations on the Government Forests.

A forest ranger on the Olympic National Forest has reported a Douglas fir tree which is over 1350 years old. Hitherto the oldest Douglas fir of which there was an accurate record had 740 annual rings. Does any one know of an older tree of this species?

WALTERVILLE RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Peter Ashley, Prominent Odd Fellow Dies at His Home.

Peter Ashley, a prominent Odd Fellow and well-known in this section, died at his home a mile south of Walterville at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. The funeral services were held Saturday at 10 o'clock at the home and interment was made at 2:30 at the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Cut in Third Big Transformer

The Oregon Power company yesterday "cut in" an 11,000 volt transformer at its substation here in order to give better electrical service in Springfield, Eugene and Harrisburg. This makes three transformers in use now.

CAMP CREEK ITEMS

(Special to the Lane County News)

Camp Creek, Ore., Oct. 17.—Rev. Husband held services here Sunday.

Jim Kennedy from Donna is here visiting his sister Mrs. L. Stephens.

Miss Mable Duryee from Springfield is visiting with her uncle, J. A. Crabtree.

Miss Owen spent the week-end with Miss Madge Hamble at Walterville.

Fred Crabtree and Harold Hartley were visitors at Marcola Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stephens are visiting with relatives at Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coe of Eugene are here visiting with Mrs. Coe's father, R. A. Stephens.

Mr. Timor from Seattle is here visiting with Myram Craig. A. L. Simmons and J. C. Trotter were in Springfield on business this week.

RAILROAD EARNINGS GROW

Southern Pacific Returns for August Make Record.

Southern Pacific earning continue to mount upward.

The report of operations for August is a duplication of the splendid showings of the previous three months. Gross in August of \$13,207,856 was the largest for any month since October, 1913, and the largest for any August in the road's history. The five-year average of gross earnings for August from 1909 to 1914, inclusive, was \$11,833,339. Southern Pacific continues to benefit from the heavy passenger traffic that has resulted from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The \$1,535,698 gain in gross for August was all saved for net with the exception of \$300,000. Taxes and uncollectible income showed a small gain, but as it was net operating income of \$4,596,969 gained \$1,242,000 and was the largest for any month since October, 1913.—Oregonian.

Additional Locals

The Oregon Power company has cleaned all the grass out which had been growing up in the cracks in the sidewalk along the Sixth street side of their property.

Col. M. H. Ellis of Albany, who was in Eugene Saturday to attend the dedication of the Eugene armory, spent Sunday in spend the day with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Holbrook, and family.

LOWER TAX LEVY FOR NEXT YEAR IS PREDICTION

That the city tax levy for the coming year will be less than that of last year was the prediction of City Attorney J. H. Bower at the ratification meeting of the Good Citizenship league, held Friday evening in the Baptist church. Mr. Bower reviewed the history of the past year in the administration of city affairs, and gave the present council credit for economy in the administration of civic affairs, and for securing a very material reduction in the total of outstanding warrants of the town.

Petitions were circulated and freely signed at the meeting to place in nomination the League ticket—Charles L. Scott for mayor; J. W. Coffin, and J. T. Donaldson for councilmen; H. E. Walker for recorder and Miss Lillian Gorrie for treasurer.

Others who took part in the discussion were M. Fenwick, Rev. J. T. Moore, L. E. Thompson, J. E. Staniger, H. E. Walker, L. K. Page, J. W. Coffin, Dr. Keeney Ferris and Rev. W. N. Ferris.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

NEW BOOKS ON SHELVES OF SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY

Jean Stratton Porter's new book, "Michael O'Halloran" was put on the shelves of the Springfield public library last week, and Mrs. Hill, the librarian, announces that other books will be received shortly. She states also that bulletins are received weekly from Salem on agriculture, dairying and forestry.

Dr. Ellis was very much pleased with Springfield and its surroundings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mummy will be located in Eugene for a short time. Mr. Mummy will continue to look after the business of the Oregon Power company in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Perry Mr. Ford and Mr. Taylor of Roseburg came up Friday by auto for a visit with Mrs. Perry's sisters, Mrs. George Catching and Mrs. Vin Williams. Miss Gertrude Williams returned with them for a short visit.

J. C. Carsaw returned Thursday from Babb, Montana, where he has been since June employed on a government irrigation project. Mr. Carsaw thinks that Oregon is the best place to live, and he is glad to be at home again.

Mrs. Dr. Kester returned Saturday night from Portland where she had been for the past two weeks caring for her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Jarvis, who has been ill. Mrs. Kester brought her infant granddaughter home with her.

E. E. Brattain shipped two carloads of cattle to Portland last week, having secured the animals from above Oakridge. Mr. Brattain was in that part of the country from Tuesday until Friday collecting the shipment.

L. F. McDaniel, who was operated on at the Mercy hospital several weeks ago for appendicitis, was able to return to Springfield last week, and is now able to get about the streets.

EVERYTHING FOR THE KITCHEN

Whatever the cook could wish or ask for can be found on our counters, and not articles for the kitchen only, but every kind of hardware imaginable, and tools of every description. Just come in and look at our long counters filled with hardware, all ready for you. You will be sure to see something you need.

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