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\$1.25 THE YEAR

HARD FIGHT FOR 40 PER CENT WAGED

Representative Sinnott is Working Hard to Get Oregon Share of the Railroad Grant

Portland, August 2.—The pioneers of Oregon were forced to undergo many hardships in carving out homes in the wilderness. To help those pioneers, the Federal government granted to the Oregon-California Railroad Co. a large grant of land to assist in building that road and to give to Oregon more settlers and more taxable property. The government received its pay, all it ever expected, in the building of the road and the concessions received. Had the land grant been disposed of according to the terms of the grant, Oregon would be profiting today by many more acres of taxable lands and many more settlers. Oregon alone is the sufferer yet when these lands are disposed of according to the bill recently passed she gets but 50 per cent of the proceeds.

Thousands of acres of arid lands thirsting for water, yet 40 per cent of the land grant fund go to the general reclamation fund instead of to these lands.

Representative Sinnott is making a last fight for the 40 per cent and has introduced a bill amending the original bill, asking that the proceeds from sale of land and timber apportioned to the general reclamation fund be expended on projects in the state of Oregon.

Is there any injustice in this request? Did the Federal government or any of the reclamation states expect to get anything from these lands under the original grant act? Oregon did expect something from the original grant, so why should she not expect it now? It seems that there is little room for argument as to the real merits of the issue, but it is necessary to present the facts to those who should know.

If the members of congress are given the facts with regard to this, there is some hope that they will see the justice of it and vote to give to our state that to which she is entitled. Personal letters to members of congress or to persons who may have influence will prove an effective means. Write such a letter and by so doing contribute your part in securing this fund for Oregon's arid lands.

Made a Perfect Score

The Albany Coast Artillery corps made the highest score with the big guns down at the mouth of the Columbia, of any corps at the meet. At a moving target 30x60 feet and at a distance of 10,000 to 11,000 yards, three shots were fired in one minute and 53 seconds and every shot hit the center of the target. It is doubtful if any amateur artillery men in the United States can equal this score.

When in need of anything in the way of job work, call and see us. We do first-class work at reasonable prices.

OREGON WILL FILE FOR FEDERAL FUND

Governor to Request Payment of \$78,000 Under the Shackleton Measure at Once

Salem, August 2.—Oregon's full share of the Federal good roads appropriation, amounting to \$78,000, for 1916, under the Shackleton bill passed recently by congress, will be claimed at once, members of the State Highway Commission and advisory board decided today.

Governor Withycombe, in behalf of the State Highway Commission, within the next few days will make a formal request of the secretary of agriculture for the money which it is desired to use this year, if possible. Tomorrow he will request Attorney General Brown for an opinion regarding certain features of the Federal law authorizing the appropriation, and then will tender his formal request to the government for the money.

Decision to ask for Oregon's 1916 share of the Federal allotment provided under the Shackleton measure was made today as a result of a conference of the Highway Commission with members of the advisory board and a delegation from Portland. The Portland representatives were urgent that action to get the money be immediate, fearing that to delay until the legislature meets might result in the state's losing its allotment from the government for this year.

Declared Insane and Sent to the Asylum

Doug Hamilton, of Scio, well known throughout the county as a street preacher and moving picture fan, was pronounced mentally unbalanced by Drs. Robnett and Davis Saturday afternoon and ordered committed to the asylum.

Frequent complaints have been lodged against Hamilton charging him with showing signs of insanity but no one took the matter into court until today.

During his examination by the doctors and the attorneys, Hamilton admitted that he did not know what he was doing at times and thought it possible that he might be crazy.

Although not considered violently insane, it has been established that Hamilton is out of his head part of the time and some of the time is almost dangerous.

He was taken to the asylum Saturday evening and placed in the receiving ward until it has been determined in what part of the big hospital it will be best to place him. —Albany Herald.

Sheriff Bodine has captured a bran new prisoner and she is confined at the county jail. The capture was made last Saturday morning. Sheriff Bodine is extremely well pleased in safely securing this prisoner and so careful is he that his latest catch will be tenderly cared for that he has given over the entire management to Mrs. Bodine. The new arrival is a baby girl and is extremely well pleased with her tender keeper.

ELKHORN NOTES

Prospector D. M. Mahoney left here Saturday to record his Stack creek claims and to get a crew to begin work at once.

R. E. Peery and four men arrived at the Crown mines Saturday. Mrs. Smith, of Mill City, has been employed as cook, as the large force of men necessitates a cook.

Superintendent Graves shatters the stillness of the hills every evening with a round of blasts at the Silver King.

R. F. Shire is busy at the Cedar creek property with a force of men.

The German mines midway between the Crown and Black Eagle has been sold to Mr. Mays, of Seattle for \$10,000.

Mr. Haggett has sold his mining property at Ogle Mountain to eastern parties for \$125,000.

It is reported that some heavy investments have been made in Crown stock during the past week. Drifting is being carried on rapidly in the main cross cut and much excitement prevails in the camp. Mr. Ingram and a party of stockholders will arrive the first of the week.

A postoffice has been established at Elkhorn and C. Erickson has put on a stage line between Gates and Elkhorn to take care of the rapidly increasing business, due to the great activity in the mines.

Lotz & Larson will start up the Black Eagle concentrator, in a few days, with ore from the Minnie E.

Tom Skaiff and his crew passed through Elkhorn on their way to the Lewis & Clark to begin operations.

The slogan of the Elkhorn mining district is "Send him to me and I'll show him."

"The Virginian" Draws Big Crowd

The Peoples theatre was entirely too small for the crowd which desired to witness the home talent play, "The Virginian" on Thursday night of last week. Standing room was at a premium and a number was turned away.

The play moved off nicely and without a hitch. Each player was well up in his or her lines and if one or two of the players had not attempted to speak the lines in a voice to which they were unaccustomed, the play would have been better. Owing to the smallness of the stage, the play had to be abbreviated somewhat. Jack Waltemeyer thinks the last act was played a little too true to life; but taken altogether, each and everyone of the troupe acquitted himself or herself with credit. The cash door receipts were \$86.15, and counting the comps, the house was easily worth \$100.

The troupe desires to publicly and cordially thank the K. of P. band for the most excellent music furnished.

J. S. Warwick, W. A. Ewing, H. Shope, Cal Carson and others who signed a remonstrance which held up street work some weeks ago, are to be commended for falling into line on the present plan of paving. They demonstrate what can be done when all pull together.

\$25,000,000 LOSS DUE TO EXPLOSION

Three Known to Be Dead; Many Others Severely Injured—19 Big Warehouses Burned

New York, July 31.—Property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused early today by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on the Black Tom Island, a small strip of land jutting into New York Bay off Jersey City.

The loss of life cannot be determined definitely until there has been opportunity to check up the workmen employed on the island and on boats moored nearby.

Three are known to be dead and at least five more are missing. Scores of persons were injured, some of them probably mortally.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrotoluene and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

Fire that started soon after the first great crash, which spread death and desolation in its wake, destroyed 13 of the huge warehouses of National Storage Co. and six others in which were stored merchandise.

Organizer of Wilson Clubs Sees His Relection

G. Y. Harry, of Portland, general organizer of Woodrow Wilson Leagues in Oregon, was in the city last night on his way to Brownsville, where he organized a Woodrow Wilson club last night, with a good membership. So far Mr. Harry has organized 35 clubs, in about every county of the state. These clubs are non-partisan so far as the membership goes, all of them having many republicans as members. Quite a number of the presidents are republicans. Some of the clubs organized have had more republicans than democrats. One organized in a country town in Eastern Oregon with a membership of 57 had 32 registered republicans in the list of members. Mr. Harry has been all over the state and is confident Wilson will carry Oregon.

The masses, he says, are back of the president in his European and Mexican policies, and believe he has done a great thing for the country. It is the politicians and jingoists who attack these policies because they must have something to fight on. Then the great financial and commercial plan of the president has met with great favor, and the masses know he is honest and has only the interest of the people at stake. —Albany Democrat.

Good reports come from the harvest fields. Spring grain will be the best it has been for years. A splendid piece of grain just at the edge of town is badly lodged and occasional reports of lodged grain is heard from others.

\$50,000 PAID BY THE CONDENSERY

Laborers, Wood Cutters, Milk Haulers and the Dairymen Are the Recipients

If Scio is to get anywhere, it must be the results of the labor of her citizens and those of the surrounding community. Favored by natural conditions, there is no reason why this section of Linn county may not be made one of if not the richest portions of the state, if we will but develop the opportunities which lie at our doors. There is no question about this matter if our business men and farmers will but utilize their think tanks. Our condensery, which is but a small affair, is demonstrating the way.

During a year of activity, the condensery will distribute among laboring men, woodcutters, milk handlers and farmers fully \$50,000 if the present rate of milk manufacturing can be maintained. Yet this is but one-half of the possibilities of this one small manufacturing concern. Why not develop the dairy industry to the fullest capacity?

Then there is a cheese factory just a few miles out of town, to say nothing of the separated milk which is sold to our creameries. So there is no danger but what the market for milk is to be permanent and lucrative.

Therefore, farmers need not fear to make the dairy business one of their leading features of industry. Secure good cows, prepare the feed for them on your farms, build silos, grow carrots, beets, kale, vetch, clover, etc. with which to feed them and you are sure to win. Besides, you will build up the fertility of your land.

There is no reason why all of the hog products produced in this vicinity, may not be converted into bacon, pickle pork, etc. A small packing house can be made to pay, if handled intelligently and country cured bacon will always bring a good price and is in demand.

Then the poultry business, if intelligently prosecuted, is a sure winner.

The creamery at Shelburn, the condensery at Scio and the cheese factory at Richardson Gap, should all be sustained and farmers or dairymen are the people who must sustain them. Nor can we afford to allow these infant industries to languish for the lack of the raw product. Together the three will distribute not less than \$100,000 annually in this community.

Let us all abandon any business jealousies we may feel and pull together for the general welfare of the community and ourselves. We can make the Scio country the most prosperous of any portion of the state, if we but think so and work for it. Some of our farmers are getting into line and, as a consequence, their bank rolls are ever increasing. What some do all may do if they will.

A. T. Powell went up to the Crown mines the first of the week.