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## INDUSTRIAL ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Eugene will soon have Coos Bay coal.

A new cheese factory will be built at Four Mile.

Woodburn wants merger of all the telephone lines.

Lebanon Lumber Co. burned with loss of \$100,000.

J. A. Seavey will erect a \$20,000 theater in Springfield.

The O-W. R. & N. payroll at La Grande takes 545 checks.

A new drain and tile factory has been started at Silverton.

The Creswell Cannery will manufacture spray in that city.

Hood River gets a \$7500 concrete movie theater 50 by 100 feet.

The S. P. payroll at Eugene for the past month was \$11,304.

The cornerstone for the new post-office at Pendleton has been laid.

The value of Oregon's hop crop this year is about \$2,000,000, at 10c.

The big Rainier mill has been completely destroyed by fire, loss \$150,000.

The Leona Mills at Sutherlin are operating after eight months of idleness.

The Hood River Apple & Vinegar Co. received a gold medal at Panama Fair.

Indications are that Hubbard shoe factory will soon begin operations again.

A franchise is being asked for in Albany to establish another light plant.

Frank Pival expects to erect 50 houses at Bend, work to begin at once.

The Veal hair Factory at Albany has changed from an eight to a ten hour day.

Ralph McKechnie has six acres of corn near Albany averaging 14 feet in height.

It is estimated that the clover seed crop of Linn county will total \$200,000 this year.

Construction is being rushed on the new line of the O-W. R. & N. into Harney valley.

The Marshfield school board is figuring on reducing the school tax 2 mills, \$41,000.

J. J. Ellinger has cut the fourth crop of alfalfa this season from his farm near Redmond.

W. F. Turnidge wants farmers around Albany to raise mint and will take all the oil obtained.

A campaign is being made for a wagon road from Eugene to the coast and half a mill tax asked.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. announces the opening of line between Eugene and Florence.

J. C. Butcher will establish a large spray factory at Hood River and manufacture arsenate of lead.

Coos county has been experimenting with roads planked lengthwise, and results are highly satisfactory.

It is announced that Redmond will have a new fireproof warehouse for handling farm products, size 50 by 150.

Portland taxes for 1916 estimated at \$93,000 more than for 1915; an will be made to cut this amount however.

The Nashville and Toledo creameries have distributed over \$10,000 each to the farmers of that section the past year.

A committee of Growers Association asks equalization board to make reductions of one-third in valuation of farm lands in the vicinity of Hillsboro.

Right of way deeds are all secured for Sutherlin railroad and it is announced that work will start at once on the grade for the Sutherlin, Coos Bay & Eastern.

Roseburg citizens will donate siet for the big mill of Kendall Bros. A town which has shown the enterprise of Roseburg in going after this big industry is deserving of a bright future.

**Tim Burns to The Dalles.**

G. T. Burns, for the past two years engineer on the local branch line, has gone to The Dalles and will probably have a run between that city and Portland. Rev. T. S. Handsaker will move into the house on lower Gale street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Burns.

Ralph Justus returned to Heppner Sunday after spending the summer as a ranger in the Umatilla Forest reserve, with headquarters at the Ellis ranger station. Mr. Justus says that it is very dry in the mountains at the present time.

L. A. Esteb and son, well known Echo attorneys, were in Heppner Saturday on business.

Dr. John B. Dye, the lone dentist, was in the city Saturday.

## DEMOCRATIC LAWS FOUND WANTING

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—Democratic laws have been tried and found wanting.

As the time for Congress to re-assemble approaches, this fact is being gradually disclosed by the administration itself. In nearly every Department in Washington, government officials are preparing amendments to patch up defects in statutes. These defects exist because the methods followed in the enactment of the statutes were slovenly and careless to the last degree.

Another problem facing the administration, even more serious than that of defective laws, is that of the government's finances. There has been a growing discrepancy between receipts and expenditures, creating a deficit in the treasury that must be provided for.

Government funds have been wasted, and a large proportion of this waste is due to carelessness by the Democratic Congress in handling appropriations. Articles have heretofore appeared giving a few typical examples of how this waste has occurred. These articles might be continued indefinitely. Enough has been said, however, to illustrate the wasteful, inefficient principle that has vitiated the entire Democratic regime.

A recapitulation of the later articles, from 16 to 24, is given herewith. They will be followed later by additional descriptions of Democratic mistakes:

16. Millions of dollars worth of the nation's timber supply jeopardized.

17. The integrity of the law taxing "cotton future" sales is in doubt, and must be tested in court.

18. As business managers the Democrats have been failures, their methods of enacting appropriation bills causing enormous waste. To illustrate:

19. The rural free delivery service has been shamefully crippled.

20. The construction of good roads by governmental aid was delayed a year, and much of the appropriation absolutely lost.

21. Important surveys of Alaska mineral resources were prevented for two successive years.

Prevention of epidemics of tuberculosis and trachoma among Indian tribes and adjacent communities delayed a year.

23. Civil war veterans died in want through needless errors in special pension laws.

24. Over ten million dollars lost in one appropriation bill alone through needless delay in its enactment; enough lost in four years of similar Democratic delays to more than cover the present treasury deficit.

**Community Conferences to be Tried in Oregon.**

A program of "community conferences" is offered to the state this year by the extension division of the State University at Eugene. The community conferences are a development from the system of filling single lecture calls.

City planning is one of specimen topic for a community conference. The state University has a school of architecture, at the head of which is Ellis F. Lawrence, who is notable in city planning work. Any Oregon city that desires to map out a development plan so that as the years go on it will be a healthier, prettier and happier city in which to live is entitled to the services of anyone on the State University faculty who can speak with authority upon city planning.

A city's educational system is another specimen topic for a community conference. The University school of education is able to make limited number of school surveys this year, showing to each surveyed town where its schools are strong and where defective. An elaborate survey of this type was made last year for Ashland, Or. Community conferences on the schools are suggested.

School of commerce professors are available for conferences upon city administration.

The extension division believes community conferences will produce much more thorough results at much less expense than the old system of sending out single faculty members for single appearances, many of which lectures were requested by the promoters for entertainments rather than educational or community advance purposes.

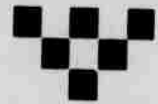
Loy Turner, our county surveyor, carried a badly swelled band for a few days this week as the result of an explosion in the magazine of a .22 rifle. Mr. Turner was hunting rabbits at the time of the accident and just exactly what caused the cartridges to explode in this peculiar manner he is unable to state. The gun was also badly damaged.

Wm. L. Jolley, of Everett, Wash., has established a shop in the Pleiss building on May street, where he will be engaged in the upholstering and trimming business. Mr. Jolley makes a specialty of automobile tops. He informs us that Heppner looks better to him than any town in the state of Washington which he has been in recently.

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