

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

PLAN FOR GOOD ROADS.

Linn Supervisors Will Work Together on a Common Plan.

Albany-Pursuant to the call of Judge Palmer, the road supervisors of the county met with the county court, feeding is necessary even in an unusunow in sesison, and the question of ally mild winter like the present. general road improvement was dis- This month and next are the months cussed in all its phases. The discussion was perfectly informal, and the of the county were compared, both as in those winters when we have had to amounts of money expended and re- snow and freezing weather. sults obtained. There were 27 road. supervisors present, being all the supervisors in the county except one. The members of the court and two road masters were also present.

system of road building and improve- of the county quite a number of cattle ment was adopted for use all over the have died from exposure and insufficounty. The grades will be of a uni- cient nourishment, the pastures being form width, the gravel covering of uniform depth, etc. More money will be pitch to the hungry brutes. expended on road improvement than in years gone by. Linn county has re- the end of March many of the stacks ceived from the state this year moneys of hay will be exhausted, and stockto the amount of \$2,146, representing men realize that considerable losses this county's share of the moneys received by the state of Oregon from the sale of government lands. It has been Cascades, and which did well until a decided to devote this money to the im- month ago, have now been driven provement of the public roads in Linn county. The money will be expended they are dependent on dry feed. in those districts which are willing to help themselves.

Every district will be given \$75 of this money at the start, provided the district contributes a like sum. In this way it is thought the people of every district will be encouraged to spend some time and money in the improvement of their roads, and that gradually an interest will be aroused entered in the lower working tunnel. in the good roads movement which will result in passable highways over the of a base character, carrying copper, eptire county.

SIGNATURES ARE ALL COUNTED.

Local Option Petition Had 8,810 Name Direct Primarles, 8746.

Salem-Secretary of State Dunbar has finished counting the signatures raises above this level. on the initiative petitions and finds that there are 8,816 names on the local option petition and 8,746 on that for the direct primary law. The equal ing and trust company received this suffrage amendment petitions were not filed. A few petitions were sent in handsome bunch of nuggets, the largest from independent sources, but the large number of petitions prepared under equal suffrage movement were not presented to the secretary of state.

The secretary of state has officially notified the governor that the petitions have been filed and the governor will cluded in the collection. issue a proclamation setting forth the substance of the proposed laws and notifying the voters that the measures will be submitted at the June election. The proclamation will be published in

Creamery for La Grande

Veal-Dressed, small, 8@9c; large,

Pork-Dremsed, 614@7c.

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here March 1. Harper & Smith, who every state of the union. are so successfully operating creameries at the Cove and at Union, are the promoters of the enterprise here, and will Smith & Co. In a recent partial can- just closed a deal w th Receiver Taylor vass Mr. Harper was able to secure the for C. B. Wade's cattle aggregating product of 250 cows, and the number nearly 700. He pays an average price will be greatly increased when the of about \$16 per head, making the deal creamery is started. The business one of about \$10,000. It is the largest men and the farmers are encouraging cattle transaction made here in years. the project.

Biggest Spruce on Farth.

Astoria-W. S. Linkhart, of Nehalem City, has discovered what is believed to be the largest spruce tree in the world. The monster tree is located in God's valley, on the south fork of the Nehalem river, about 12 miles from Nehalem City. The tree measures 21 feet in diameter and 63 feet in circumference. Its height was not measured, but Linkhart expresses the 4.75. belief that it is easily monarch of the northern forests in this respect as well as in others. God's valley is the location of the largest trees ever discovered in Northwestern Oregon.

Strike Big Ledge of Cinnabar.

Cottage Grove-Three pioneer pros-pectors of Bohemia, Ed Jenks, Ben Curry and George Kerns, while out from Bohemia for a vacation, heard of large ledge of some character up Mosby creek, some five miles east of ered a strong and well defined ledge of cinnabar. They began at once to run a surface crosscut and so far found the ledge to be 50 feet in width and from the pannings show a good prospect of quicksilver, and some native quicksilver can be seen in the ore.

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Wood is No Chesper.

Pendleton - Notwithstanding that when the cry went up last fall that sack. there would be a scarcity. The best quality of wood is still selling at \$7 per cord, the price which prevailed early in the season. Wood has been sacks; 234c in crates. at a higher price this season than for a] has been used this winter than ever be- @\$1. fore.

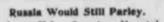
Coming Events.

Oregon Christain Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February 19-22. College oratorical contest, Pacific

university, Forest Grove, March 13. Dog show, Portland, April 28-23.

State convention, Knights of the Maccabees, Pertland, March 22.

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