

FOREST SERVICE GETTING READY

Making Maps and Preparing for the Summer Campaign—Cruisers Work on Snowshoes.

The United States forestry office is principally engaged in preparing for the next season's work, still more or less field work is being done.

During the past month 15 sales of timber have been made, more of them in the vicinity of Ashland and the timber cut up into cordwood. There is a shortage of available fuel in the immediate vicinity of Ashland, and these sales are the result.

A party of cruisers are now engaged in estimating timber in the Pelican Bay section on a prospective sale of 1,000,000 feet of timber for lumber. The cruisers are working on snow shoes.

Some boundaries are being run and reconnaissance maps being made in the Applegate section, but the general field work will not commence for a couple of months yet.

Twenty-five per cent of the gross receipts from the sale of timber, grazing or other privileges are turned over to the county in which the timber is located, or where the permits are issued.

CENTRAL POINT TO HAVE HANDSOME BOOKLET

CENTRAL POINT, Jan. 21.—A special meeting of the Commercial club was held recently to pass on the cover of the community book, which had been sent up from Portland for approval. The front cover as a work of art has not been eclipsed by anything yet issued in the way of community advertising. A group of Newtown and Spitzberg apples and Bose pears from perfect specimens secured from Central Point orchards are reproduced in natural colors, while below in bold characters appears "Central Point, Rogue River Valley, Oregon." The back cover is a reproduction in colors of a young apple orchard, the picture selected as the most typical and best suited for the purpose being taken from the Fiero orchard. The cover is printed in four colors and is indeed a thing of beauty.

SKIRMISHING ON BETWEEN ARMIES

Desultory Firing Continues Between Revolutionists and Government Armies in Nicaragua.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 21. Desultory firing is going on today between the outposts of the government and revolutionary armies near Acoyapa. Skirmishing which began yesterday, resulting in no eventual advantage to either side, was resumed shortly after dawn.

As the result of President Madrid's declaration that peace negotiations with the insurgents have been abandoned because of the terms made by Estrada, it is believed a general engagement at Acoyapa will take place very soon. The result of this anticipated battle, it is believed here, will have much to do with the future plans of both leaders.

Mr. Wertz is improving the looks of his pretty residence property on North Central avenue.

DRUNKS EVIDENTLY FEAR NEW JUDGE

Not a Single Arrest Has Been Made Since Mayor Canon Took Over Police Court Work.

Although he has been police court judge since Monday, Mayor Canon has not had a single case brought before him—not even one of "common drunk." The town has been quiet and orderly and the calendar is consequently bare.

It may be that the ordinary drunks are awaiting until the Judge leaves for Southern California to study paving to have their time, believing that they will have an easier time before Judge Eifert, who, as acting mayor, takes over the job. However, "Bill" may fool 'em.

HOLGATE SAYS FEW CONTESTS

Will Be Here Until January 29—List of Claims Adjudicated Are Open to Inspection.

H. L. Holgate, state superintendent of water rights for the Southern Oregon district, is in Medford and will remain here until January 29.

During this time the claims filed for water in Little Butte creek will be open for the inspection of those interested, and 30 days will be given in which contests may be filed. March 1, under the law, water over which there is no control will be awarded to the claimant, and a decree will be issued by the circuit court confirming the title of the claimant to the amount of water which has been adjudged to him by the state board of control.

In case of a dispute between parties or a contest over the decision of the state board, it will be necessary for the interested parties to take the matter up in the courts, so that it may be finally settled.

"I do not anticipate many contests in the Butte creek section," said Mr. Holgate. "In fact, I believe there will be few, if any. The work has been very successful in that district and the majority of the water-users are satisfied with the allotment made them."

HARRIMAN SYSTEM TO HAVE OCEAN CONNECTION

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 21.—Officials of the Harriman system in Seattle today confirm the report that the Union Pacific will immediately begin the preliminary work incident to the establishment of ocean connection with its rail line in Seattle. Within a month's time the holdings of the company on the water front will be dismantled of its present mill structures and destruction of the big pier buildings will be begun.

It is authoritatively stated that part of the Harriman line Pacific Mail steamers will be diverted from San Francisco and be brought from Honolulu to Seattle direct.

TRAINMEN ASK HIGHER WAGES

Sixty-five Roads Are Involved in Concentrated Action by Employees of Roads in East.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 21.—Thousands of trainmen of the 65 railroads operating between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic coast have presented a demand for an increase in wages, according to an announcement made here today.

The territory in which the roads run extends from the Ohio river to the Canadian line.

Managers of the roads are expected to hold a meeting soon to formulate a general reply to the demand. It is possible that they may follow the action of 35 lines centering in New York, the directors of which refused to accede to a similar demand by their employees' demands, but asked the trainmen to appoint an arbitration committee for the purpose of securing a compromise wage scale.

NOT MUCH DOING AT THE BLUE LEDGE

Miners Waiting for Good Weather and Less Snow Before Doing Development Work.

Things in the Blue Ledge district are very quiet now. The annual assessment work has been done, and as the district is covered to a considerable depth with snow, further development work has been suspended for the time being, or until better weather prevails.

The new owners of the Hetchell group, just across the range from the Blue have a force of men doing development work, but most of the other camps are quiescent.

This year, though, everyone looks for a big boom in the district and the start toward full and permanent development.

MURDER RESULT OF BLOOD LUST

Chicago Police Making Strenuous Efforts to Discover a "Jack-the-Ripper," Who Operates in the Windy City.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 21.—Believing that a maniac afflicted with bloodlust killed Mrs. Jennie Clegghorn, known as Ann Furlong, whose headless and disemboweled body was found here yesterday, the police today are seeking a "Jack-the-ripper." They fear a repetition of the horrible crime, which is similar in its details to the infamous Whitechapel murders of London.

At present there is little or nothing whereby to trace the murderer. No clew was left to reveal his identity, but the circumstances surrounding the murder point to the deed as one committed for love of blood and joy of killing.

Investigation shows that the assassin crept into the room of the woman apparently while she was sleeping. The body was hacked and gouged, disemboweled and frightfully mutilated. The head was missing.

In spite of careful search, the police have been unable to find the unfortunate woman's head. It is hoped by them that when it is found it will prove a clew for the capture of the murderer.

Lovett Files Memorandum.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Attorney-General Wickersham today granted Robert S. Lovett, chief of the Harriman interests, permission to file a writ of memorandum supporting his request that the government dismiss the action which seeks to dissolve the merger of the Union and Southern Pacific railways. Wickersham said that he would take the memorandum under consideration.

Knox Turned Down.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—Acting in apparent concert with the Japanese, which turned down today the scheme of Secretary of State Knox for the neutralization of the Manchurian railway, Russia today handed to Ambassador Rockhill a reply which is believed to be adverse.

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STEEL WITHDRAWS CASE AGAINST P. R. L. & P. CO.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—The railroad commission today dismissed the complaint filed against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company by Will G. Steel. The complaint against the company by Steel was that it was running open and unheated cars on the St. John line, and a hearing had been set for January 25 in the Chamber of Commerce building in Portland. The dismissal is at the request of Steel, who says in his letter to the commission asking that the

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<p>LACES AND EMBROIDERIES THESE ARE BEYOND QUESTION THE GREATEST JANUARY SALE BARGAINS WE HAVE EVER OFFERED.</p> <p>Our laces and embroidery section is offering values in this January Sale that surpass by far all previous offerings. Special purchases favorably consummated enable us to quote values of the most pronounced interest.</p> <p>Laces; values to 20c yard; Saturday, yard 5c Embroideries to 50c yard; Saturday, yard 13c</p>	<p>WAISTS, JUST 1-2 FINE JANUARY VALUES.</p> <p>In addition to the full assortments with which this sale opened, recent arrivals have greatly strengthened the showings and consequently the values. Thus the second week finds this section not less strong in unusual offerings.</p> <p>Every Waists in stock reduced to one-half price.</p> <p>\$1.00 Waists 50c \$1.50 Waists 75c \$2.00 Waists \$1.00</p>	<p>LINENS</p> <p>Values of great interest, grouped in assortments of wonderful range, including every good style, both in design and material, are making the history of this January Waist Sale one of notable savings.</p> <p>75c fine mercerized 70-inch Linen 50c \$1.75 fine all linen floral design Linen \$1.25</p>
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