

OREGON LEADS LAND STATES

Commissioner Makes Report of the State's Wealth and Advises New Timber Laws—Sale by Appraisalment Not Success.

Much interesting information concerning public lands of this state is emphasized in the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office just issued. According to the tabulation of the department, there are 18,225,694 acres of government land yet unappropriated in Oregon, out of a total area of 61,887,360 acres, of which latter quantity there is a water surface of 698,880 acres. Of the unappropriated lands in this state 13,620,130 acres have been surveyed, while 4,605,564 acres are still unsurveyed.

Oregon Leads All States.

Oregon leads all the public land states of the Union in the number of timber and stone entries from the passage of the act of June 3, 1878, to June 30, 1909, 24,830 such claims having been filed during that period, embracing an area of 3,566,905.45 acres, for which the government received a total of \$8,909,220.75. California is second with 19,204 entries, and Washington third with 15,473. A feature of Commissioner Dennett's report is the fact that he practically admits that the regulation of the department promulgated in November, 1908, providing for the sale of timber lands by process of appraisalment, has not been an entire success. Upon this subject he says: "The efficiency of the instructions of November 30, 1908, being regulations in regard to the sale of timber lands under the act of June 3, 1878, has not as yet been thoroughly proven. From present indications it would seem that they would not be an entire success."

"There is outstanding a considerable amount of scrip, all of which is valuable for location of lands of this character. If the appraisalment under these regulations be, therefore, above the market price of the scrip, the applicant instead of paying the appraised value in money to the government, purchases the scrip and locates it upon the land. In this way the government loses the land and the reclamation service loses the money for its work, and the only beneficiary is the owner of the scrip, which in this way secures a cash market. There are of course very few timber lands of any value left which are not in a national forest, the exceptions being mainly unsurveyed tracts which have not as yet therefore been subject to entry.

Support New Law.

"A law should be enacted, however, under the terms of which timber on the remaining lands can be sold at an appraised value and the fee to the land be reserved in the government subject to homestead or other application, a preference right being given, however, to the homestead applicant to purchase the timber at the appraised value if he so desires.

HANFORD TELLS WHY HE QUIT SHAKESPEARE

The motive which let the eminent Shakespearean actor, Charles B. Hanford, to interrupt his successful career in the classics in order to present a play entirely modern in its interest have naturally been the subject of some curiosity. Mr. Hanford discusses the matter frankly and interestingly. He rather resents the suggestion that he abandoning the idea or risking any disappointment for auditors who have learned to rely on him as the standard bearer of the Shakespearean drama in this country. In proof to his loyalty to the classic cause he calls attention to the fact that "The Taming of the Shrew" is still retained in his repertoire for presentation in a number of cities where the desire to see him in Shakespeare has been expressed to the theater management in a manner to indicate that it represents a majority sentiment.

"I recognize that this being a free country, every man is entitled to exact from the public servants both in political and in artistic life, the kind of service that best pleases him. With all deference to the gentlemen who writes, and with whom I am pleased to say I have never had the slightest temptation to quarrel, the public is the supreme critic. It deals with a subject by impression rather than by intellectual analysis; but in conclusions, like those reached by a woman's intuition, as the novelists call it, are usually correct."

To become a reader of the classified ads, is to become an answerer to some of them—and that means to get into money making company—into the atmosphere of opportunity.

DAVENPORT TELLS FAMILY TROUBLES

Artist Declares He Made Mistake in Marrying on Two Weeks' Notice—Declares There Were No Scandals.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 3.—After reading the dispatches that a warrant for his arrest had been issued in New York on a charge of failing to pay \$400 monthly alimony to his wife, Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, who is recuperating from an illness at the home of A. G. Spalding at the Point Loma Homestead, gave an exclusive interview to the United Press correspondent concerning his family difficulties.

Davenport declared that there were no scandals, no affinities in the mix, as might be imagined by some. In the beginning, one was to blame as much as the other, he said.

"Marriages on two weeks' acquaintance," declared Davenport, "should never be encouraged.

Views Were Different.

"From the beginning our views were widely different and our tastes dissimilar. I had not been married a week before I realized that our marriage combination was a travesty. As time went on the gap widened, and we went on playing with time with little hope of a readjustment. In upholding this false condition of home life I may have done an injustice to my children, but I still have a faint hope that they would bridge some of the difficulties. Later when there was no longer any hope of this I decided for the happiness of myself and family not to remain with them, though my wife and I had occupied different apartments in the same house for two years prior to my final leaving. It was not until Mrs. Davenport circulated stories which reflected upon my character that I decided to leave my home in Morris Plains, N. J."

Deeded Her Property.

Davenport declares he deeded her all his property, left her a large life insurance, his library and paintings. "I believe," said Davenport, "that Mrs. Davenport's heartless attacks on my moral character were partly influenced by a man and woman whom I once welcomed in my home, but whom I later for good reasons asked to visit my home no more."

Davenport declared that his health broke down and that in order to make a living he will make a lecture tour, beginning with the San Diego lecture February 4. He declares that he has tried to make a settlement with Mrs. Davenport, and offered one of \$500 a month, which her attorneys advised her to accept. He also says he is ready to face any charges.

GRANTS PASS TO HAVE UPTOWN TELEGRAPH OFFICE

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 3.—With the building of a new depot in this city there will necessarily be a number of other changes. These changes will be good for the city and some of them are badly needed.

Tomorrow night at the council meeting the Western Union Telegraph company will ask for a franchise to use the streets and alleys for their poles. Heretofore this company has had their poles on the railroad right of way and were using the depot for their office. Hereafter there will be no provision in the new depot for the commercial business of the Western Union, and an uptown office will have to be maintained. The city has grown too rapidly for the transaction of business by the same office force, the commercial business interfering with the railroad business.

TWO LIVES SAVED.

I wish to certify that my husband was suffering for a long time from stomach trouble and a complication that various physicians declared to be Bright's disease, and was given up by them to die. He then consulted Dr. T. Wah Hing at No. 725 J street, Sacramento, who cured the trouble entirely. This was seven years ago and there has been no return of the complaint.

My little boy, Virgil Strickland, was shot through the stomach and intestines and the doctors said he could not live unless he was operated on, and Dr. Hing cured him without a knife. That was in September, 1907, and the little boy is enjoying good health ever since.

We formerly resided at No. 215 18th street, and have since moved to No. 2307 East avenue, Oak Park.

I cheerfully recommend Dr. Hing's services to anyone needing medical attention.

(Signed) MRS. S. E. STRICKLAND. I verify the above statement.

L. STRICKLAND. January 14th, 1910.

STIR BEGINS IN BALL CIRCLES

Seals Begin to Make Ready for Coming Season—"Babe" Danzig of the Beavers to Don a Sacramento Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 3.—The advance guard of the San Francisco Seals, composing Howard Mundorff, Harry McArdle and Tommy Tennant, infielders, are here today, and word is brought by them that others of the local team who are now playing in the Imperial valley will soon arrive. Among these are Nick Williams, Claude Berry, Rex Ames and Joe Berger.

"Ping" Bodie, the hard-hitting outfielder, has been here for some time, and Jimmy Lewis, who is wintering at Springfield, O., says he will start for the coast in a few days. According to Manager Danny Long, only one player has refused to put his name to a contract. He will not reveal the name of the delinquent, but rumors say that Melcher is the man who wants to have a talk with the club officials before signing up.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 3.—

"Babe" Danzig, who played first cushion for Portland a year ago, will wear a Sacramento uniform during the coming season, according to announcement made here today. Danzig was grabbed by Boston last year, but now is being farmed to the Senators by the New York Americans.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 3.—

Duffy Lewis, the popular Oakland outfielder of last year's team, will jump into big company this year with the Boston Americans. He will play the outfield for the Reds and receive something like \$100 a week for his work. He signed a contract yesterday and forwarded it to President Taylor.

Incidentally, it was learned that President Taylor is awaiting President Comiskey's decision as to whether the Chicago White Sox will again come west to train. If Comiskey decides not to make the trip, it is probable that the Boston Americans will play the circuit from Los Angeles to Portland in order to condition the team.

WILL RETURN TO THAT DEAR OLD MEDFORD

W. E. Bodge, who has been conducting a tailoring establishment in this city for many years, expects to sell his shop in a few days to a Michigan party who will arrive here Thursday evening. Should Mr. Bodge dispose of his business as contemplated he will move to Medford, where he will probably engage in his favorite profession. Mrs. Bodge has already gone to that city.—Roseburg Evening News.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BANK

at Medford, Oregon, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business January 31, 1910:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$413,932.94
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	NONE
Bonds, securities, etc.	61,891.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	30,000.00
Other real estate owned	NONE
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	23,952.84
Due from approved reserve banks	169,677.53
Checks and other cash items	13,772.93
Gold dust on hand	154.05
Exchanges for clearing house	NONE
Cash on hand	71,895.64
Total	\$785,276.83
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	25,420.92
Due to banks and bankers	14,903.77
Individual deposits subject to check	514,225.04
Demand certificates of deposit	19,810.42
Time certificates of deposit	71,537.85
Certified checks	45.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	887.51
State deposits	13,446.32
Total	\$785,276.83

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss: I, George R. Lindley, cashier of the above-mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. R. LINDLEY, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

W. I. VAWTER, B. F. ADKINS, R. H. WHITEHEAD, Directors.

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CALIFORNIA GROWERS AFTER LA FEAN BILL

Bear State Apple Growers Will Stand With Those of Oregon and Washington in Fighting Bill.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Feb. 3.—

"Well would it be for the apple growers of California, who represent a very considerable interest, to take note of the Lafean bill, now under consideration by congress, to regulate the dimensions of the packages in which their product must be shipped if it is to become the subject of interstate commerce," says the San Francisco Call. The Oregon state board of horticulture has forwarded to congress a strong protest against this bill and the Oregonian thus explains the purpose of the measure: "While the eastern grower admits the superiority of our western fruits, his envy of the financial returns to our growers has prompted a petty vengeance, which is displayed in the Lafean apple package bill introduced at the last session of congress. An aggressive campaign against the bill has been outlined by the apple growers of the northwest and our representatives will be supplied with explicit objections to the same measure. The bill which was devised by the growers and shippers of New York, who use altogether a barrel package in their shipments, assumes to dictate the size of boxes to be used by the very people who first introduced the box package and who have made it the most desirable apple package in the world's markets." Not only does the bill provide for an inconvenient sort of package, but it presumes to prescribe the nature

of the brands to be affixed. In the absence of the text of the bill it cannot be said exactly what effect it would have on the apple growing industry of California, but the local growers will do well to give the matter some attention with a view to possible co-operation with the Oregon and Washington protestants.

Detectives After Sneak Thief.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Detectives were specially detailed to watch the big office buildings in the downtown district today in an effort to catch a sneak thief who has been active for the last week.

Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by all druggists.

Stationery, office and school supplies at the Merrivold Shop. McCall patterns. Meeker.

CANDIDATES MUST SHOW UP ON TIME

At Examination for Census Enumerators, Candidates Must Appear at One o'Clock.

Applicants for the position of census enumerator for which examinations will be held at the high school building in Medford, Saturday, February 5, must be at the place of examination promptly at 10 o'clock p. m. At that hour the work of examination will commence and the doors will be closed. No one will be admitted after the doors are closed until the examination is concluded. Candidates for the position should be on hand promptly or they may lose out entirely.

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\$12,525—Eleven acres in Comice pears, 10 years old, nine acres in Bartlett and Anjou pears, 1 to 3 years old; close in; good soil. Terms.

\$12,000—Eleven acres in Comice and Bosc pears, 14 years old. These trees are in full bearing and will pay a good income on the price asked.

\$24,000—Thirty-two acres in Bosc and Anjou pears; trees are from 4 to 7 years of age. Complete set of buildings. Close in.

\$7000—Thirty-five acres of black sticky, three miles from Medford, all under the ditch and can be irrigated.

\$13,000—Thirty-two acres, close to Medford; eight acres in Newtowns and Spitzenbergs 5 to 7 years of age; 14 acres in alfalfa; three acres in peaches; two acres in berries; irrigated; buildings.

\$13,000—Twenty acres; 16 acres in 7-year-old Newtowns and balance in 3-year-old Bartlett pears; no buildings.

\$7500—Ten acres, all planted to Newtown and Spitzenberg apples, 7 to 11 years old.

\$18,000—Thirty-five acres, about 25 planted to apples and pears, in bearing. Trees are from 6 to 15 years old; buildings; four miles from Medford.

\$14,000—Thirty-five acres; buildings; exceptionally fine place for a home; twelve acres in apples and pears 3 years old; about an acre of bearing orchard; 11 acres in alfalfa; all fine deep free soil.

\$150 to \$200 per acre—Stewart acre tracts; two miles from Medford; tracts are from 10 to 25 acres in size. Fine building spots on all; can all be irrigated; cheapest tracts in the Medford neighborhood; easy terms.

\$300 per acre—Finest five and ten-acre orchard and garden tracts in the valley; easy terms.

\$35,000—270 acres; buildings; 26 acres in bearing — Spitz, Newtowns and Comice pears; about 60 acres in one and two-year-old apples and pears; fine orchard land.

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