

GAS FOR VALLEY TOWNS BY FIRST OF SEPTEMBER

So Says J. R. Anderson, Who Recently Secured Additional Franchise in Ashland—Plant is to Be Erected in Phoenix.

The Rogue River valley may be served with gas for lighting and heating purposes by September 1, if the plans of J. R. Anderson, who has secured franchises at Medford and other valley points, are successfully carried out.

Work has already been commenced on the distributing system in Medford, and the action of Ashland in granting a 35-year franchise will cause the work to be more rapidly pushed. It is the present intention to locate the manufacturing plant somewhere nearly midway between Medford and Ashland, and the gas will be manufactured from crude oil from the California oil wells.

Papers for the incorporation of the Rogue River Valley Gas Co. are now being drawn up and will be filed shortly. The capitalization is understood to be \$300,000.

MUST HEREAFTER LABEL ALL "FLOATED" OYSTERS

WASHINGTON, June 17.—It has been decided by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson that oysters caught in salt water and then placed in fresh water to mature must be labeled "floated oysters," or they will be considered adulterated under the pure food and drugs act. The new decision was the result of the many briefs and reams of evidence submitted since the food inspection decision, No. 110, on the practice of "floating or drinking oysters in water of less saline content than that in which they were originally caught."

The practice of floating oysters is old. The young oysters are caught in the sea and brought inland, where they are placed in fresh water. The effect of the fresh water is to enhance greatly the size and weight of the oyster, but at the same time it detracts from the succulence of the bivalve. It has been stated by authorities that this process of maturing oysters also makes them more susceptible to decay, but this is denied by oyster growers. It was conclusively proven, however, that oysters shipped to the Pacific coast and other points in the west cannot be taken from the floated product.

The decision warns the oyster-grower that particular attention should be paid to the character of the water in which oysters are to be brought to maturity. Where such waters are polluted it invariably follows that the oysters, well known as scavengers, will partake of this pollution, and subsequent washing in pure water is not likely to cleanse them of impurities.

BALLINGER SAYS HE IS FRIEND TO DRY FARMING

SPOKANE, Wash., June 17.—"Those engaged in aiding and encouraging dry farming in our semi-arid areas are deserving of the utmost encouragement and commendation and should be regarded as public benefactors."

Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, says this in a letter to John T. Burns, secretary of the dry farming congress, which will have its fifth sessions and international dry farming exposition in Spokane the week of October 3, adding:

"When commissioner of the general land office in 1907 I recommended the enactment of legislation which would encourage dry farming upon our semi-arid public lands by permitting their disposition under the homestead laws in sufficient area and without the requirement of residence and since the enactment of the so-called enlarged homestead act.

"I have, as secretary of the interior, designated more than 170,000,000 acres of land for entry under its provisions. The number of homestead applications presented under this law fully justifies the legislation in question and promises a larger increase in the area of cultivated lands in the west and in the production of the food supplies demanded by the increasing population of our country."

Mr. Ballinger's letter was prompted by the receipt of a copy of the Dry-Farming Congress Bulletin of June 1, containing the official call of the first annual convention of the Wyoming State Dry-Farming association, which will meet at Cheyenne on July 20 and 21.

Haskins for Health.

RAILROAD OVER ALL OF OREGON

Looks as if Most Remote Districts of State Will Soon Be Given Railroad Facilities—Woolgrowers to Meet in Portland.

PORTLAND, Or., June 17.—By the end of the present year it is promised that the most remote districts of Oregon will be served by railroad transportation. Central Oregon will have two main lines, the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes railroads and the building of these roads is of course the prime achievement of the year in transportation. In addition, the Hariman line to Tillamook will be completed and much progress will have been made by the end of the year on the Natron-Klamath road. This year the cost of contracts for new railway lines and betterments in this state will aggregate about \$30,000,000. Many other important new projects will undoubtedly be mapped out and started before 1911.

Portland will get the 47th annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association, the dates for which have just been fixed for January 5, 6 and 7, 1911. On those dates there will be thousands of delegates here from the wool growing states and the convention will be of wide interest to stockmen. In connection with the gathering there will be a big sheep show that is expected to draw many exhibits from the farms of Oregon sheep raisers, and many blooded sheep will be brought here from other parts of the country. Preliminary plans are now being made for the gathering, various committees being already at work.

Livestock shipments to the Portland markets for the month of May are far ahead of the same statistics for May of last year, showing the growing importance of this market. Particularly is a big gain shown in hogs, which is gratifying to the trade. A total of 515 cars of livestock of all kinds came to the stockyards during May of this year. The increase in hogs received was over 7000 head. The O. R. & N. has decided to place in commission a regular stock train service, operating twice a week from Huntington to Portland and way points. This will begin June 21 and will be a great convenience to the stock raiser.

Douglas county is taking active steps in securing good roads. A county association has been formed at Roseburg to boost the movement in that section of the state and the result of this action will be valuable. The organization was perfected through the efforts of the state association and M. O. Eldridge, the government road expert. Meetings are now held throughout Oregon in the interest of better highways and much progress is being made.

JAP WAR BUGABOO IS AGAIN BOBBING SERENELY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 17.—The Japanese are maintaining a wireless station near the town of Dagapan on the Island of Luzon and are sending messages in an unintelligible code constantly, according to information contained in a letter sent by an American army officer in the Philippines to another army officer in San Francisco.

The messages have been caught by the American signal corps several times and the activity of the Japanese in the islands is causing the United States army officers alarm.

GOLF TROPHY IS WON BY LOS ANGELES CLUB

CHICAGO, Ill., June 17.—The Los Angeles Country club has won the second annual competition for the Morris Memorial golf trophy, according to unofficial announcement today. The tournament is being played simultaneously on Western Golf association courses.

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TO BRING STOCK OF STEELHEADS OLD STANDARD

Recent Shipment of Steelhead Eggs Received at Trail in Good Condition—More Consignments Will Be Received in the Near Future.

That Master Fish Warden McAllister is planning to bring the supply of steelheads in Rogue river up to its former high standard is shown in a letter recently received from Mr. McAllister in regard to the recent shipment of a half million steelhead eggs to the Trail hatchery for liberation in the Rogue. Mr. McAllister says:

"Under date of June 7, Henry O'Malley, who is in charge of the United States bureau of fisheries in this state, writes me that the shipment of steelhead eggs shipped from our Tillamook hatchery reached their hatchery at Trail, on Rogue river, in excellent condition; also that same are being cared for and the resulting fry will be liberated in the waters of Rogue river some time this fall. I am satisfied that this is a step in the right direction, and with a few more consignments in the future there is no question but what the supply of steelheads in Rogue river can be built up to its former high standard."

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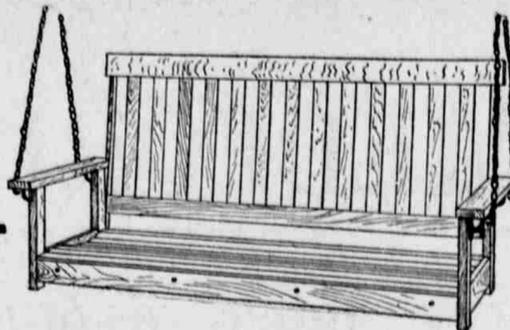
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