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NEW COLONIZATION COMPANY FORMED

Reno Organization Will Colonize Country Adjacent to N.-C.-O.

A move of great importance to this section undertaken by a new Reno brokerage firm is contained in the following announcement taken from the Reno Journal:

With the formation of a new land brokerage firm it is announced that fifty families will be brought from New York shortly for colonization on lands in the vicinity of Reno along the N.-C.-O. railway to the northwest.

George L. Brown of San Francisco moved here recently with his family and all his household goods, and will open an office in the Overland building, where DeWitt C. Turner formerly held forth. Judge Turner will be associated with him in the business, lending the aid of his long experience in realty here.

RECORD BREAKING DRIVE IS MADE

12000 Rabbits Were Killed Last Sunday West of Lakeview

The most effective slaughter on rabbits ever made in the history of the country was at the drive Sunday west of town. Two drives were made from different directions of the pen, the count of the first onslaught showing over 5000 carcasses, while enough animals were killed at the second roundup to make the enormous total of about 12,000 for the entire catch.

The success of the drive was attributed to the quantity of rabbits that inhabited the territory covered in the hunt as well as the large attendance of people from Lakeview who turned out to assist in the destruction of the pests. Usually at this time of year and especially because of the heavy snows this winter the rabbits congregate in large numbers in certain places while in some sections of the valley there are practically none. The flat west of town seems to be jackrabbit headquarters which is a fortunate circumstance as it gives the people an opportunity to make a good attempt toward their extermination.

Another drive will be held today at the same place and numerous people from here are contemplating attending. Since last week's effective raid was made the total estimated number of rabbits killed during the winter is 32,000.

13 CHAPTERS ARE ADDED TO STATUTE

Legislators Agree To Introduce No More Bills After Today

At the end of the third week of the Legislative Assembly, 13 bills have passed both Houses and received the signature of the Governor. Of this number 12 are House bills and one is a Senate bill.

None of the bills carry an emergency clause and will not become laws until 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly. Probably the most important bill so far signed is that abolishing the office of State Land Agent. This was something suggested in the reports of State Land Agent Rinehart, and also recommended by the Governor in his message.

Another act of some import is one providing that a wife deserter who is convicted shall be compelled to work on the county roads for the time for which he has been sentenced, and that the county shall pay his family \$1 a day for each such day worked.

The bills which have so far been signed by the Governor are as follows:

H. B. 73, by Bean—Providing for penalty for wife desertion.
H. B. 10, by Forsstrom—Repealing act providing that County Court Clerks

N.-C.-O. RAILWAY DEPOT CONDEMNED

Commission Says Terms Station Inadequate to Handle Business

In the report of the State Railroad Commission for January, now before us, we find the following severe arraignment of the N.-C.-O., says the Alturas Plaindealer.

The railroad commission rendered a decision as the result of an inquiry instituted upon its own initiative into the service of the N.-C.-O. railway at Termo, Laassen county. The commission finds that the service at Termo is inadequate for the proper storage and care of freight, and direct that the railroad make the necessary arrangements to remedy the situation.

In summarizing its conclusions the commission says:

"The carrier's present practice of unloading freight at Termo on the ground and exposed to the elements and roaming cattle, evinces a total disregard of the consignees' interests, if not their rights and should be severely condemned, especially in view of the fact that there is ample unoccupied space in the building, formerly used as a depot, to provide storage for the quantity of freight usually received at Termo, and that the unloading from the cars of the platforms of the building is easier than the unloading from the cars to the ground.

From a consideration of all the facts, I am of the opinion that the service now furnished by the carrier at Termo is unreasonable, inadequate and improper and that the carrier should arrange to properly store and care for the freight delivered at that point, free of charge, for a reasonable length of time, sufficient to enable the consignees to receive notice of the arrival of the goods and take delivery of same.

MANY NEW BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

State Solons Flooded With Measures Wise and Otherwise

Following is a summary of a few of the bills introduced last week in the Oregon House:

H. B. 318, by Scheibel—To provide for sealed contracts on county bridges.

H. B. 193, by Scheibel—To make every county judge ex-officio fire warden within his county.

H. B. 322, by Gill—To require candidates for nomination to pay two per cent of yearly salary for page in official pamphlet.

H. B. 325, by Bonebrake—To appropriate \$5000 for payment of street pavement at O.A.C.

H. B. 293, by Spencer—To provide additional compensation for county judges in counties having population of less than 200,000.

H. B. 294, by Spencer—To fix compensation of county coroners in counties of less than 200,000.

H. B. 296, by Nolte—To authorize counties to issue bonds for road construction.

H. B. 304, by Blanchard—Substitute for H. B. 101, authorizing incorporated cities to acquire, build, own and operate waterworks.

H. B. 307, by Parsons—To amend county division law as passed over Governor's veto to provide regulations for readjustment of conditions incidental to change in counties.

H. B. 311, by Hagood—To provide for withdrawal for 50 years of state forest lands.

H. B. 312, by Abbott—To require county courts to apportion money to be expended in each road district for improvement of roads.

H. B. 317, by ways and means committee—To appropriate \$15,000 for improvements at Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church extend thanks to all who assisted them to make their trip a success. Mention is made of the heads of committees, those who so kindly opened their homes, an last but in no wise least to those who furnished and drove the conveyances.

HILL-GOULD ALLIANCE

GREAT NORTHERN MAGNATE TO REACH CALIFORNIA

Definite Announcement of Future Actions Expected in Spokane and Portland At Any Time--Report of Acquiring the N.-C.-O. Is Confirmed

Under the caption "Hill and Gould Railroads Reach Agreement Giving Northern Lines Route to California," spread across the entire top of the page, the Spokane, Washington, Daily Chronicle of January 27, contained the following railroad news of particular interest to this section:

Announcement of a coalition and agreement between the Gould and Hill lines whereby the Gould lines will gain an entrance into Washington and Oregon and the Hill lines will get an entrance into San Francisco is expected in Spokane almost any day. The agreement has been entered into, it is stated, but official confirmation has not yet been made by either of the great railway systems.

The arrangement is in the form of a retaliation against the Harriman

system, which recently closed the Denver gateway to Spokane and the northwest on freight from east of the Missouri.

The Harriman system announced that freight destined for northwestern points which originated east of the Missouri river must be hauled into Denver by the Union Pacific and thence into the northwest over one of the Harriman subsidiaries. Unless this freight was routed via the Harriman system from the points of origination the Harriman system refused to haul it into the northwest territory.

The project contemplates the acquisition by the Hill lines of the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad now operating between Reno, Nevada and Lakeview, Oregon. This line is to be

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WARNER VALLEY RESIDENT IS SHOT

Cecil Dixon Receives Serious Wound From Joe Fine's Gun--Trouble Arises Over Tract of Unsurveyed Land Near Plush

Word came to Lakeview late Tuesday evening that Joe Fine had shot Cecil Dixon near Plush in the Warner Valley, and Dr. E. H. Smith was summoned to attend the wounded man.

While at this time it is practically impossible to obtain the exact particulars of the affray the nearest information that can be obtained is that the trouble arose over land matters. Reports have it that Dixon had built a cabin and squatted on a portion of unsurveyed land that apparently Fine laid some claim to. The land in question is located over the meander line near the shores of the lake about seven miles from Plush.

Presumably Mr. Dixon had not been living steadily on the land, as it is said he has been in the employ of Warren Laird, and on Tuesday evening he in company with Mr. Laird and son, walked to the cabin from the Laird ranch taking a bed with the intention of sleeping there over night. This was some time between six and seven o'clock. Upon reaching the house they found N. Fine, Joe Fine's father, and Chico, a well known vaquero of that

section, there with a wagon starting to raze the building. According to reports, Joe Fine, who it is said was in the house, was not seen at first. Dixon asked the senior Mr. Fine what they were doing. Receiving no reply from his query, he started to take the boards from the wagon that had been taken off the house, when it is said Joe Fine emerged from the house and fired two shots at Dixon, one of which took effect, the ball entering the breast just below the collar button, taking an angular course and lodging in the shoulder. The wound was inflicted by a soft point bullet from a .38 calibre revolver.

The wounded man was taken to the Laird place where he was attended by the doctor. While the wound is causing intense pain and suffering it is reported that the man has a chance to recover.

Immediately after the shooting occurred Fine informed Deputy Sheriff Dent of the act asking him to take him into custody. Deputy Sheriff Rinehart here has received advice that Fine will arrive in Lakeview this evening on the Plush stage.

TAXES PAYABLE SINCE FEB. 1ST

Three Per Cent Discount on Taxes Paid Before March 15

Taxes for the current year are now payable at the sheriff's office.

As an inducement to property owners to pay their taxes early, the law provides for a 3-per cent discount on all remittances received before March 15, provided the sum tendered is the full amount of the assessment on the particular piece of property charged to the individual. If the taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday in April they become delinquent and interest and penalties are added. The law provides, however, that the first half payment may be made before the first Monday in April, in which case the last half does not become delinquent until after the first Monday in October.

IMMIGRANTS FOR CENTRAL OREGON

Colony From Oklahoma Coming West to Acquire Land

According to the Oregonian of January 30, a colony of 70 residents of Oklahoma will settle on homestead land in Central Oregon this year.

The advance guard of the settlers arrived at Bend a few days ago. They have proceeded into the interior to select suitable acreage for the other members of the party, who will follow them with the first favorable weather in the Spring.

Agents for the various railroads operating into Central Oregon report that more inquiries come from Oklahoma than from any other state in the Union. It is probable that several hundred settlers will come from that state to Oregon this year.

MANY CHANGES IN GAME LAWS URGED

Freak Bills Likely to Meet With Defeat in Legislature

Some important changes in the fish game laws of Oregon will be recommended by the house committee on game when it reports in the next few days.

One recommendation will be to open the deer season fifteen days earlier and chop as many days off the end. The season now opens August first, and closes October thirty-first. The committee will recommend that it begin July fifteenth and end October fifteenth.

"Many hunters are in the mountains in July and they kill deer anyway," said Representative Homan of Harney county, chairman of committee. "As nothing is gained by postponing the season to August first we have decided to recommend that it opens July fifteenth. Deer are as good then and as fifteen days later. By cutting fifteen days off the end, the open season is not extended."

Many freak game bills have come before the committee. One certain to be killed would provide a penalty of \$1,000 or two years in the penitentiary for the man who shoots a man while trying to shoot game. This is aimed especially at the man who "thought he was a deer."

Another bill would permit a man to kill any wild game or game birds on his own land at any time of the year. It, too, is sure to meet death.

The committee will probably adopt the districting plan. As proposed by Game Warden Finley the state would be divided into two districts, one east, the other west of the mountains. Probably, however, more districts will be provided.

EXTEND COUNTRY LIFE EDUCATION

Educators Urge the Child To Care For Dumb Animals

Among the many educational matters discussed by the county superintendents during their recent session at Salem in the capacity of State Board of Examiners, none was entered into with more interest than the school children's industrial contest work. With one or two exceptions each superintendent had introduced the work in his county, and was gratified with the results.

In almost every county where schools were held last year for the first time, the exhibits were beyond the expectations of those in charge. The discussion was not as to whether the movement is good one, and one to be continued. All were agreed and enthusiastic on that point. It was simply a matter of discussing method—how to conduct the work to get the best results. There was an unanimous sentiment favoring a later date for the State Fair this year in order to make it possible to hold the local contests first, and then send the best of the exhibits to Salem. Some expressed their intention of sending their whole juvenile county exhibit to the State Fair, and unless there is a mighty side tracking of enthusiasm, the Fair Board will need to build a roof over one corner of the State Fair grounds to take care of the children's department.

Many of the superintendents in their industrial work this year are going to specialize on poultry, believing that it is a good thing for every child to have the care of some sort of animal life and that nothing is more profitable nor practical to begin with than poultry. It is claimed by some of the superintendents that it is easily possible to meet the entire cost of our public school system by the increase in the production of poultry and eggs by the school children of the State.

The latest political forecasting from the State Capitol has it that U. S. Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon has been offered a seat in President Wilson's cabinet; Governor West is to succeed Senator Chamberlain and that Secretary of State Olcott will fill the governor's chair of Oregon.

JUNKET TRIPS TO ALTURAS PLANNED

Basket Ball Games Will Be Played With Neighboring Town

Agent Class of the N.-C.-O. has secured a rate of one fare \$3.75, for the round trip between here and Alturas for the benefit of those attending the basket ball games to be played by the Lakeview and Alturas High Schools. Tentative arrangements have been made by the athletic associations of the two schools to hold a tournament of four games in the near future. Two games will be played at each place, the first of which will be at Alturas February 15.

The low fare applies to visitors as well as members of the team and it is expected that a number of people will take advantage of the opportunity and make the junket trip, which will be incidental in strengthening the get-together spirit of the citizens of the two towns.

REQUISITION MADE FOR GAME FISH

Bass and Rainbow Trout to Be Liberated in Local Streams

A. L. Thornton informs the Examiner that application has been made to State Game Warden Finley for 150,000 Rainbow trout fry and 7,500 bass. The trout is desired for the stocking of Crooked Creek, Chewaucan river and other streams of the county, while the bass would be liberated in the Drews Creek dam reservoir.

It is confidently felt that this requisition will be readily complied with by the game commission because of Lake's splendid streams for the propagation of fish. Mr. Thornton last year made application to the state for fish without result, but he was referred to a government hatchery in Colorado from which a supply of trout fry was received. It will be remembered that these were planted in Cottonwood and other streams leading into this valley.

The enormous area of Lake county together with the many pure water streams most surely justifies a fish hatchery, but as yet no vigorous effort has been made to get such an institution. However, when this late requisition is complied with by the State Game Commission and some of the many brooks have become stocked with game fish, Lake County will doubtless gain prominence as an ideal paradise for the sportsman.

DOES NOT FAVOR CHANGE IN NAME

Mr. Jennings Sees Nothing Wrong With Crooked Creek's Name

In reply to Mr. Sain's appeal in last week's Examiner to change the name of Crooked Creek Valley, C. W. E. Jennings of Valley Falls writes the following:

"Lake Co. Examiner,
"Dear Sirs
"In your issue of last week it would appear that I were in favor of changing the name of Crooked Creek, properly, but which is generally called Crooked Creek, to Chandler Creek.

"Somebody is badly mistaken in the history of Lake County as this Creek on all Government maps is Crooked Creek, named after the famous General Crooks, as is the Peak east of Lakeview.

"To change it from such an illustrious name is not only bad taste but impossible.

"The State Engineer has no authority to make any such change and if he had, the remonstrance that would be filed would overwhelm any petition that would be sent in.

"Even if it were Crooked Creek I can see no objection to that name whatever, and I can see no reason in the suggestion."