

CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO GIVE \$1,350 FOR ESSAYS

Effort to Interest College and High School Students in Resources of the State

Schools and colleges throughout the state are showing a great interest in the prize competition essays which are being arranged by the conservation commission dealing with conservation subjects in Oregon.

Some time ago it was announced that the state conservation commission would offer \$1,350 in prizes for essays to be written by students in the different educational institutions of the state. Since that announcement was made many inquiries have been made for details of the contest and it is evident that many essays will be submitted to the judging committee.

Subjects for Essays.

According to the plan of the commission the essays may be written on the following subjects at the desire of the writer: The forests of Oregon, irrigation institutions in Oregon, soils, dry land farming in Oregon, roads in Oregon, fish. Two sets of prizes will be awarded, one to students of the higher institutions and one set to the students of the high schools and institutions of a similar grade. The prizes in the first class will be \$75, \$50 and \$25, in the second class, \$40, \$20 and \$10. The essays are not to exceed 5,000 words in length.

Rules for Contest.

Professor F. G. Young of the University of Oregon at Eugene, secretary of the commission, in setting rules for the contest, desires that no papers from colleges or universities shall exceed 5,000 words, nor from high schools 3,000 words. All papers shall be in the hands of the commission by June 15, 1910. The prizes will be awarded November 1, 1910. The manuscript must be typewritten and submitted in triplicate, written on one side of page only, with each page numbered.

Each paper should be signed with a nom de plume, not with the writer's name, and the name of the writer should also be placed in an envelope together with the title of the essay, sealed and sent with the manuscript. In order to secure a uniform treatment of the subjects, outlines for each subject have been arranged and can be secured from Professor Young.

Following is the outline on irrigation:

- 1—History of irrigation in Oregon.
- 2—Methods of applying the water.
- 3—The value of irrigation to the state as a whole.

4—Conditions peculiar to the state that have retarded the development of irrigation.

5—Bearing of conservation of water supplies on the development of irrigation.

6—How far are the principles and methods of irrigation as practiced in the arid portions of the state applicable to the Willamette valley and other so-called humid portions of the state, and the difficulties peculiar to these sections severally.

- (a) Results so far obtained.
- (b) Measures necessary for more extensive development.

Tactless

M. Pruger, the former manager of the fashionable and gay Savoy Hotel in London, has come, at a salary of \$50,000, to conduct a restaurant in New York.

Discussing success with a reporter, M. Pruger said:

"Success, leaving aside thorough practical ability, which we may take for granted—success depends on tact, on sympathy.

"I'll illustrate this with an episode:

"A Manchester man took his wife to the Palace music hall. The Palace girls came on and did their notable 'dance aux jambes dans l'air,' or 'the dance of the uplifted limbs,' as one might say in English.

"The Manchester woman, regarding this dance, sniffed:

"Well, that beats me!" she said.

"Without either sympathy or tact, her husband chuckled:

"You bet it does!"—Exchange.

Another Ceremony Necessary

The young married man had been on the road about a year. He had just told his wife that the firm had given him a position in the store, and he would not have to travel any more.

"Oh, won't that be fine, George!" she exclaimed. "Now we'll be married again and settle down."

Getting Rid of Him

"Sa-sus-say, ma," stammered Bobbie through the suds, as his mother scrubbed him, "I guess you want to get rid of me, don't you?"

"Why no, Bobbie, dear," replied his mother. "Whatever put such an idea into your mind?"

"Oh, nothin'," said Bobbie, "only it seems to me you're trying to rub me out."—Harper's Magazine.

NEW DREDGE FOR RAILROAD

A New County Road Is Now Being Built Around Modoc Point

The Southern Pacific company has now in building at Stockton a mammoth dredge which is reported will be twice the size of the Klamath Queen. When ready this new dredge will be brought to the Upper lake and used on the five-mile cut across the marsh in connection with the Klamath Queen.

The contractors for the railroad company are progressing rapidly. The grade is completed to within a few miles this side of Rattlesnake point. A spur has been built to the water front on the Upper lake, and construction trains have been running to the water for some time. All of the material is hauled to this point and loaded on the company's boats and taken to the camps beyond the marsh, so that all freighting by teams is now obviated.

The contractors have now six separate camps established, and are employing several hundred men.

Andrew Erickson, who has a subcontract for four miles of heavy grade near Naylox, has the right of way about cleared, and is now working on the excavation. Mr. Erickson will also relocate and build the county road around Modoc Point. The railroad grade will run about where the county road now is, and the wagon road is to be built higher up. It is understood that a first-class road is to be constructed, and will be a great improvement over the present one.

Mr. Erickson expects to have his contract finished by August of next year, and it is probable that the grade through the marsh will also be completed by that time. As the line surveyed beyond Modoc Point is perfectly level and there will be very little work in throwing up a grade, it is stated that twenty-five miles of track will be laid and ready for operation by the latter part of the month of August, 1910.

BIG SALE OF LOTS IN HOT SPRINGS ADDITION

The past six weeks have been busy ones for the Hot Springs company in the matter of property sales. Mr. Painter, the local manager of the company, states that they have sold more property to individuals during the past six weeks than they did during the year previous. Between November 8th and the present time fifty-two lots have been sold in the Hot Springs and Railroad additions to the city.

Mr. Painter accounts for this record-breaking activity in city real estate to the fact that the people, both here and on the outside, are realizing more fully the great future of the city, and also to the further fact of the extensive and systematic system of advertising recently adopted by the company.

Following is a list of those who have recently purchased property from the Hot Springs company:

J. B. Duncan, Schalloek & Daggett, J. V. Yaden, Karl Young, W. E. Campbell, D. B. Campbell, C. E. Worden, C. F. Stone, J. V. Yaden, Gus Jones, C. Nark, W. R. Bentley and A. W. Dingley of Klamath Falls; Edward Mills, B. L. Davis, G. F. Beard, G. W. Harrison, K. G. Dunn, San Francisco; L. C. Austin, E. A. Wood and J. W. Newhart of Dunsmuir; H. E. Pries, A. E. Pickford and C. H. Cooper of Weed; Antone Fennis and Klamath Realty company of McCloud; J. F. McGuire and J. T. Billingsley of Mt. Hebron; W. Peterson of Oakland, Cal.

Another Plan That Failed

While waiting on a railway platform a traveler noticed a stranger who he thought would probably be of service to him.

"Are you going by this train?" he asked the man. "I am." "Have you any luggage?" "No." "Well, sir, can you do me a favor? It won't cost you anything. You see, I've an excess of luggage, and the officials will make me pay extra. You can get the surplus passed on your ticket and it will save me money. Do you see?" "Yes, I see; but I haven't any ticket." "But I thought you were going by this train?" "So I am; I'm one of the company's detectives."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

No Relief to Him

"When you are angry," said the man of gentle instincts, "stop and count a hundred."

"A hundred," echoed Mr. Serious Barker. "If I could stop at a hundred counting up my wife's millinery bills I wouldn't be angry."—Washington Star.

Local Option

"You say that local option has been of great benefit to this section of the country?"

"Yes, sir," answered Colonel Stillwell. "As soon as a lot of us citizens realized how far anybody would have to go for a drink we organized a good roads movement."—Washington Star.

BEEN BEFORE COURTS FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS

Judgment Satisfied in Settlement of Estate of W. H. Mills, Who Died in 1891

The famous old Warren H. Mills estate case has finally been settled after being nearly twenty years in the courts of Klamath county and the states of Oregon and California. There has been many phases of the case before the courts, but the final settlement was reached Thursday in the judgment rendered by Judge Nolan in the case of Talkington et al. vs. Sam C. Traynor et al. The plaintiffs were represented by Webster Holmes of Tillamook City.

Talkington et al. were the owners of the claim of the late Col. Knight against the estate, which was some time since allowed in a decision by the Circuit Court, and the suit was against the administrator of the estate Sam C. Traynor and his bondsmen, J. W. Hamaker, S. C. Hamaker and J. F. Adams. The defendant S. C. Hamaker, not appearing, the court allowed judgment in the sum of \$3,426.91. The judgment was satisfied and settled by the heirs of the J. W. Hamaker estate.

It was some time in the year of 1891 that W. H. Mills died, and since that time there have been at least five administrators of the estate. F. H. Mills was the first, and was followed by J. W. Hamaker, John F. Miller, J. C. Rutenic and Sam C. Traynor. During this time cases bearing on the settlement of the estate have been decided in the county, circuit and United States Federal court, so many times that it would take days to count them. In addition to this the case has been decided by the Supreme Court five times.

Up to Date

Jason—This old sofa hasn't changed much since we have been courting on it for the last six years.

Cynthia—Well, Jason, in one way it is more modern.

Jason—Modern? How so?

Cynthia—Why, it is wireless.—Chicago News.

Explaining to Jones

"I say, Jones, dine with me at the house tonight, will you?"

"Certainly, with pleasure. Will your wife expect me?"

"No; that's the beauty of it. We had a quarrel this morning, and I want to make her mad."—Peekskill Palladium.

The Usual Custom

Contributor—I should like to leave these poems with your editor. What is the usual procedure? I haven't done any magazine work before.

Office boy—Well, the usual custom is to leave 'em, 'nd call back in a day or so—and git 'em.—Human Life.

His Preference

"Are you fond of looking at the stars?" asked Miss Boston, turning to her companion between the acts at a Broadway theater.

"Well, yes," answered the engaging young man, "but as a rule the chorus is good enough for me."—Lippincott's.

One Recommendation

The Customer—Can you recommend these complexion powders?

The Chemist—Well, madam, I can't say that they will wash like the natural complexion, but they won't rub off on a coat sleeve!—Sketch.

SURVEY MAPS ARE FILED BY THE OREGON TRUNK

It is Now Certain That Hill Is After the Immense Timber Tonnage of This County

The application for the right of way for the Oregon Trunk railroad so far as surveyed was filed in the Lakeview land office on Monday of this week. The maps show only that part of the proposed right of way in this district on the lower part of The Dalles district lying in Crook county, the other part having been filed in The Dalles office.

As shown by the maps the survey follows the Deschutes river up to a point some twelve or fifteen miles east of Crescent lake, where it goes up the east fork of the river. It passes near Rosland, entering Klamath county near the northeast corner of section 2 in township 23 south of range 9 east, being about five miles southwest of Rosland. It runs in a southerly direction, passing to the west of the Walker range of mountains, and ends at a point on the south line of section 28, township 27 south of range east. This point is practically 66 miles due north of Klamath Falls and eight miles from the north line of the Klamath Indian reservation. The survey practically parallels that of the Oregon Eastern, being but a quarter of a mile east of the latter at the end of the former's survey, in 27-8.

There is no longer any doubt that the objective point of the Hill railroad through the Deschutes country is the great soft pine region of Klamath county, and that Klamath Falls is to be the terminus until the road is to be pushed on to San Francisco.

Beginning nearly four years ago with the acquisition of the Klamath Lake railroad, extending from Thrall to Pokegama, and some 30,000 acres of timber land that has been brought into the holdings of that company by Hervey Lindley, the Weyerhaeuser Timber company has bought other holdings of the Jenny creek plateau and throughout the choicest belt of the great Klamath forest until the holdings of the big syndicate now approximate 150,000 acres. This represents the investment of several millions of capital by this company.

Shevlin & Carpenter, heavy operators, have recently made extensive purchases. The Deschutes Lumber company, which is formed by Alpena, Mich., men; the rocky Lumber company of Minneapolis; the Hixon Lumber company, S. O. Johnson and G. H. Gilchrist have secured holdings aggregating about 200,000 acres.

The coming of these timber men to this section of Oregon is recognized by those in touch with the facts as the first advance of Hill interests in this territory. Confident of the speedy revival of business following the disturbance in the Autumn of 1907, these associated timber men, all in close touch with the Hill railroad interests, sought to take advantage of the existing depressed condition of the lumber market and demand for timber, thereby driving many good bargains in taking over holdings of the best yellow pine timber. It seems this was done with an understanding that the Hill roads would build a branch as soon as necessary to bid for the traffic to its natural outlet in markets of Middle West and Mississippi valley states. The market demand is rapidly being stimulated in the country east of the Rocky mountains by bumper crops of wheat and

corn, and the roads will make an effort to meet the necessities of the occasion with rates that will place lumber in that territory.

It is noted by a man well informed on the railroad situation that the first advent of Hill embargoes to prepare the way for building the North Bank road into Portland was the selection of the site for a great saw mill on the peninsula near St. John by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, which it afterwards developed as done in the interests of the railroad. Therefore, it is pointed out, the entrance of the greatest timber combination in the country to the lumber industry of this section means that it is the forerunner of the Hill railroad, which will claim a large share of the traffic that will be developed by the plants of the timber men.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

The United States, Germany and Great Britain produce four-fifths of the world's supply of pig iron.

Over \$19,000,000 worth of gold was produced in Alaska last year, to less than \$1,000,000 worth of other minerals.

A wealthy English automobile enthusiast uses a seismograph to register the jolts imparted to his car by rough roads.

Although the winters of Montreal are noted for their severity, that city is 350 miles nearer the equator than London.

The Shoshone irrigation dam in Northern Wyoming, which will be 210 feet high, will be the highest masonry dam in the world.

During the whole of last year London's famous clock, "Big Ben," never varied more than four seconds from the correct time.

Although aluminum can be welded to other metals with a blow torch, two pieces of aluminum cannot be joined in that manner.

A steel canal, within a few feet of a mile in length, twenty feet wide and twelve feet deep, has been built to distribute water in connection with a Nile irrigation project in Egypt.

The largest relief map in the world is on exhibition at London. It represents Uganda and surrounding country to a total of 401,583 square miles, and covers 2,079 square feet.

A new space and fuel saving cooking utensil, patented by an Ohio man, contains three receptacles which may be placed within a single holder, covering but a single range opening.

A Kentuckian claims to save much time for brick layers by his recently patented trowel, which carries a hopper from which the mortar is fed automatically in a smooth, clear stream.

An Italian army officer claims to have perfected a wave power motor with which he lights his home and decomposes water so as to obtain hydrogen and oxygen in commercial quantities.

Sincere Praise

Poet—Did she think my sonnet was good?

Friend—She must have. She didn't believe you wrote it.—Kansas City Journal.

Hubby's Big Head

Mrs. Youngwife—I'd like a hat for my husband, please.

Clerk—What size, madam?

Mrs. Youngwife—Dear me, I've forgotten the size, but he wears a fifteen collar, so he would take a twenty or twenty-two hat, wouldn't he?—Boston Transcript.

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For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

Miss Marie McMillan, who has been visiting in Portland the past month, returned home Thursday evening.

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