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NORTHWEST NEWS

Corvallis Schools.
The enrollment in the Corvallis public schools is 526, about thirty more than at this time last year.

Down from the Mines.
President W. H. Standish of the Great Northern Development Company will be in the city in the morning on a business trip. He has just come out from the Blue river mines where he recently started the Huntington mill on the company's property. On account of having to wait for some of his belts and other things the mill only got a run of ten days, but it did the work and is satisfactory, so much so that there is talk of ordering another one and a crusher. He brought out with him the recent cleanup, which will be shown in a street window tomorrow. The directors will meet in Eugene this week and order a second dividend.—Albany Herald.

Chittam Tree Planting.
It seems that the chittam tree is to take first place among the California shade trees, especially for city use, on account of its growing its roots practically near the surface, and thereby not interfering with the sewers. Lane society parties have orders from several California cities for several thousand chittam slips of this year's growth. Dr. Brown also proposes to plant a couple of thousand slips on a place he owns west of Eugene.—Eugene Guard.

Roadwork Changes at Roseburg.
Extensive improvements in the Southern Pacific yards in this city continue without abatement. During the past week a modern twelve-inch stand pipe for supplying engines with water was put in place and the big water tank moved over opposite the commodious new bunkers. A good sized force of men is employed laying the concrete foundation for the new brick roundhouse and this work is already well advanced. This structure is to be equipped with all the modern conveniences and one or two laties and other fixtures are to be installed here for the repair of engines and cars, thus obviating the necessity of sending them to the Portland shops for that purpose.

In order to provide an adequate water supply for their own well in the bored near the roundhouse right away. Machinery for boring this well has already arrived here. It is believed that a sufficient flow of water for the purpose for which it is needed can be reached at a depth of a few hundred feet, and if so it will obviate the shortage that has existed during the past two summer seasons.

The establishment of an immense sink tank here has already been announced and the work of its erection will doubtless follow the completion of the new roundhouse. Then the locomotives will be converted into oil burners as rapidly as they can be spared and sent to the shops for that purpose.—Roseburg Review.

Honey in the Cliffs.
Several deposits of wild honey will be taken from the cliffs along Birch creek in the vicinity of Pilot Rock this fall. For years swarms of wild bees which escaped from their owners in various days on Birch creek have made deposits of honey at different places along the creek and several enormous finds have been made by settlers at different times.

This fall several especially large deposits are said to have been located, and as soon as the weather is suitable attempts will be made to secure it. The wild honey so far found along the creek is of excellent quality, as the wild bees are not confined to alfalfa or clover alone, but roam at will over the country, selecting only such flowers as they like, and the flavor of the wild honey is said to be even better than the excellent honey produced by Birch creek farmers in large quantities.—Pendleton E. O.

Lemon and Vanilla Tax.
Under the scope of the ruling made recently by the commissioner of internal revenue, growers will be compelled to pay regular government liquor tax of 425 annually on the sale of vanilla and lemon extracts. The general prin-

ciple will probably be laid down that a dealer selling any liquid containing alcohol in sufficient quantities to make possible its use as a beverage, will be subject to the tax.

Any medicine of which alcohol is a component part, but which can be used only as a medicine, will be exempt. Just what medicines and drugs will be excluded in the taxable list is not yet known, though an analysis is now being made of all the various compounds.

It is stated that the percentage of alcohol in vanilla and lemon extracts is large and that these extracts are sold largely to Indians, who buy them for the use as alcoholic beverages.

The order becomes effective December 1. It is not a prohibition measure, but it is said to arise from the fact that the liquor in the guise of the medicine and extracts affected are purchased largely in prohibition towns and states.—Walla Walla Statesman.

Potato Famine Threatened.
The cold snap found a good many potatoes unprotected in the field from which they were dug and the probability is that the sudden appearance of Jack Froze may tend to stiffen the spud market.—Pilot Rock Record.

Heaviest Taxpayer in Boise.
The total rate of taxation for property owners within the city and school district will be \$4.31 on each \$100, where as it was \$4.40 last year. The heaviest taxpayer in the county, city or school district will be John B. Brondbent, as in previous years. His property this year has been assessed at \$339,000, and at the total rate of \$4.31 he will be compelled to pay the sum of \$14,600 as his portion of the revenues of the state, county, city and school district. This, of course, does not include his payments of sprinkling, sewer and other special assessments.—Boise Statesman.

R. E. Company Grows Wheat.
According to a statement made by R. E. Groscup, assistant general counsel for the Northern Pacific, that company made a unique record in growing enough wheat on the right of way of the branch road from Walla Walla to Tracy up Mill creek to pay the entire interest on the bonded debt of the road and leave a surplus.

The road is one that was constructed years ago by D. S. Baker from Walla Walla to Dudley, and subsequently passed into the hands of the O. R. & N. Some time afterward it was sold by the O. R. & N. to the Mill Creek Railway Company, a corporation formed by Charles F. Van De Water and Lester S. Wilson, local employees of the O. R. & N., an Joseph Merchant. It recently passed into the hands of the Northern Pacific, when the deal was made whereby the O. R. & N. got control of the Turner branch from Dayton.

According to the story that is printed in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the fact that the right of way was through some of the best wheat land in Walla Walla county suggested to the railroad officials that it might pay to crop the land. This was done and Groscup says that the return from the wheat crop was sufficient to more than keep up the interest on the road's bonds.

Threshers Work Full Time.
When the weather is permissible threshers in the northern part of Walla Walla county are running full time in an endeavor to save all the grain possible. For a time it was thought that a good percentage of the grain in that vicinity would be a total loss, but as soon as the rain stopped work was commenced.

It is estimated that from two to three hundred bushels of each grain are lost by reason that the grain in the top of the stacks sprouted and this part has to be thrown away. When the grain was stacked this fall considerable care was taken to build the stacks right, and to this reason is assigned the fact that a lot more of the grain is not a total loss.

million dollars. In Whitman county and Latah county, Idaho, there is estimated to be nearly a million bushels of wheat unthreshed.

The most remarkable feature about this failure is that most of the farmers who lost by the storm were those who own their own threshing machines and who, instead of seeing that their own crops were safely housed, devoted their time to threshing for their neighbors. One farmer ran his machine fifty-seven days and now has 200 acres of wheat a total loss.

Most of the farmers are buying stock hogs to feed the spoiled grain to and hope to make some money out of the damaged wheat in this way. Others will feed large bands of sheep during the winter and prepare them for coast markets.

It is thought that next year those who own threshing machines will finish their own grain early in the season and then attend to their neighbors.—Pendleton E. O.

Preparing for Thanksgiving.
Thieves last night stole from the farm of C. W. Walker, on R. P. D. 8, ten young turkeys, four teen turkeys and one old gobbler, fifteen in all, sometime before 12 and 1 o'clock. The thieves were tracked to the main road towards Albany, where the trail was lost.—Albany Democrat.

To New Mexico.
Mr. and Alfred Coolidge passed through this city this morning en route to New Mexico where they will remain during the winter hoping that the climate will benefit Mrs. Coolidge's health. Mrs. Coolidge is a sister of J. W. Scriber. Mr. Coolidge is the manager and one of the principal stockholders of the Traders' National bank of Spokane.—La Grande Observer.

Gold Receipts at Seattle.
Approximately \$365,000 in gold bullion received yesterday at the United States assay office brings the total for October up to \$3,583,506, figures subject to some increase when the assay is completed and a more exact return made. On October 1 the office had taken in approximately \$14,000,000 during the calendar year, and the estimate was made that the remaining three months would show an additional \$3,000,000.

Not only has the estimated \$3,000,000 already been received, but there is said to be a large quantity of gold in transit from the Tanana and Nome. Dawson is expected to make shipments all winter.—Seattle P. I.

Grander Than the Orange Grove.
At this season of the year Umatilla county resembles the California orange grove in some respects. In the orange groves are found all stages of fruit, from the budding blossom to the golden orange. From the hills between McKay and Birch creeks, one is now presented with a view almost as inspiring. In that sweep of vision may be seen the soft green of the alfalfa meadow, the ripened hay in the stack, the brown wheat fields, the mingled carpet of the distant foothills and the dead stubble by the thousands of acres lying all about. Nature in all her mingled variation is seen at its best. The California orange grove presents no spectacle more inspiring or elevating than this.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Klamath Irrigation Bids.
The date for the opening of the bids for the construction of the first section of the Klamath irrigation project is December 20, 1905, at San Francisco. The specifications provide for the work to be completed within one year from the time of the signing of the contract. This will probably occur about the 1st of January, 1906.

Heavy Freight Business.
Enormous freight trains are now crowding the O. R. N., especially west of Umatilla where the traffic from both the Oregon and Washington divisions passes over the line. On the mountain the business is brisk, but not heavy, although it is increasing with the fall and winter shipments of merchandise which are now beginning to arrive at all eastern Oregon towns.—Pendleton E. O.

Officers Are Out Out.
\$500 Fund May Only Be Used to Pay Good Road Convention Expenses.

In an opinion rendered at the request of Secretary of State Dunbar, yesterday, the attorney general is of the belief that the \$500 set aside by the last legislature to be used in defraying the expenses of the Oregon

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ITS BUSY WEEK

STATE LAND BOARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UPON IMPORTANT LAND BUSINESS.

Have Under Consideration Question of Adoption of New Rules, Regulations and Forms, Governing Reclamation of Arid Lands.

For two days the state land board has been in almost continuous session having under consideration some important questions involving the differences at issue in connection with the arid land transactions of the state, as have arisen between the settlers of the Des Chutes irrigation scheme and the Des Chutes Irrigation and Power Company, and other land matters that come regularly before the board.

Tuesday's session was devoted principally to routine matters of little general interest but the question of the decision of the board upon the De Laitre land sale certificates also came up but definite action was postponed in order to allow the governor more time to examine some papers submitted to him. This involves the question of the cancellation of certificates of sale covering about 80,000 acres of state school land and the board desires to give the matter full consideration before taking definite action.

Monday's session of the board was taken up entirely with the consideration of the Des Chutes matter, in which the settlers have petitioned the board to intervene in their behalf and annul the contract which they have entered into with the irrigating company, on the ground that some of the provisions contained in the documents are so stringent as to deprive them of their rights existing under the statutes of the state, and on the ground that they have been led into making the contract through alleged misrepresentations on the part of the company, which, it is contended, conveyed the impression to them that all of these documents, including the application, contract and release of lien forms, have been approved by the state land board.

Manager J. O. Johnson of the Des Chutes Company, and Attorney W. T. Muir of Portland, represented the company's interest before the board and the matter was gone over thoroughly in order that an understanding might be had as to what the company desired, consistent with the interests of the state, and the protection of the rights of the settlers. The board took the matter under advisement and will draft a new set of rules, regulations and forms, of applications, contracts and releases of lien, and submit them to the consideration of all concerned and to the public generally.

These rules, regulations, etc., will govern the reclamation of arid lands by private corporations operating in this state, but before adoption the board will give the representatives of the irrigating companies and the settlers an opportunity to be heard upon any objections they may have to the proposed system and the whole will be subject to revision as the board may feel impelled to do in its judgment when all sides have been heard and suggestions received.

STATE RESERVE

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Will Invite Proffers of Available Government Land for Which He Will Substitute Base—Locators Must Depend on Legislature for Pay.

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Although no fund is at hand which can be drawn upon by the governor to pay for the location of these lands, a stipulated price per acre, by timber locators, but the governor will invite tenders of land with the understanding that the locator will take his chances of awaiting the favorable action of the legislature in making an appropriation directly covering the expense. It is not known what prices will be asked by the locators for this timber land for the state, but it is thought from 25 to 50 cents per acre will be a fair price. The state land agent, assisted by a reliable timber cruiser, will investigate the status of all lands offered and certify as to their availability for location.

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