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OPEN RIVER

Active Work Being Done to Secure Aid from Congress.

PARAMOUNT QUESTION IN THE NORTHWEST

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Will Join Hands for Its Accomplishment.

The rivers and harbors committee of congress will not be permitted to overlook the open river question in framing their new appropriation bill this winter. The people of the Columbia basin are strenuously at work with petitions, and memorials bringing every possible aid to bear in impressing the committee with the importance of the open river project. The Lewiston Commercial club continues its good work by printing and circulating a pamphlet showing the paramount importance of the construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal. The pamphlet abstracts from the editorials of newspapers published in the Columbia river basin the sentiment that "The construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal is paramount in importance to the deepening of the channel for ocean vessels from Portland to the sea."

Portland yields the point and chamber of commerce of that city has issued a pamphlet, "Lewiston to Portland by water in 1905." The resolutions contain this important declaration: "We hold river improvement to be the paramount question in the Pacific northwest at this time and to it we pledge the support, without reservation or qualification of the Oregon congressional delegation and the commercial interests of the city of Portland."

The Lewiston commercial club met Tuesday evening and acting in harmony with the Portland resolution adopted the following:

Resolved, by the Governing Board of the Lewiston Commercial Club of Lewiston, Idaho, that we approve the plan of improvement recommended by Capt. W. W. Harts (Document No. 228, House of Representatives, 56 Congress, 2d Ses.) for removal of obstructions in the Columbia river at The Dalles and Celilo, and we demand that Congress set aside the required amount of money in one appropriation; that work be begun at once and carried on without interruption, to the end that steamers may be able to run between Portland and Lewiston without breaking cargo, by 1905, or an earlier date, if practicable; also that as a temporary relief the building of a portage railway between The Dalles and Celilo be undertaken as an incident of the main undertaking and for the double purpose of carrying on the work of constructing the canal and of affording transportation during the progress of such construction; also that reasonable appropriations be made for the improvement of Columbia and Snake rivers between The Dalles and Celilo and the head of navigation on Snake river, and,

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, properly authenticated, shall be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, with the request that they bring the subject of improving the upper Columbia and Snake rivers to the attention of Congress without delay, and that they give to the improvement projects their united support.

Stall Feed Best.

Hank Trimble is stall feeding about 1000 head of beef cattle at his ranch in Tammany this winter. The cattle are choice grades of Hereford and Durham stock and are being fattened for sale in the eastern markets. Mr. Trimble's entire barley crop, some 60,000, will be used this season for stall feeding cattle.

About 400 head of the choicest will be shipped in February. These are 4 year old steers and will average 1400 to 1500 pounds. Mr. Trimble is demonstrating the fact that though the ranges are broken up there is still money in the cattle business and a good method to market grain when prices do not justify a direct sale to the grain dealers.

WATER IN NORTHWEST

Great Artesian Basin Discovered in Southern Idaho.

The steady increase in the use of irrigation in parts of the west, and the success which has attended its practice, have naturally led to a close inspection of large tracts of land which are now desert wastes, in the hope that they may also be brought under cultivation. Many thousand of acres of desert land in the arid sections are remarkably fertile and capable of furnishing homes for large populations which may become centers of thriving industries if only water, their great need and absolute necessity, can be procured. The small annual rainfall and the still more serious lack of rain during the critical crop growing months, have kept these lands as poor pastures or even barren deserts. Fortunately the arid sections are seamed by numerous lofty, forest clad and often snow capped mountain ranges from which flow the purest streams. Thus the streams and rivers, and the underground or artesian well waters where they exist, have become the pivotal factors on which rest the agricultural development of immense sections of the west; their waters must be brought to the land before it can be productive.

In view of these facts the investigations of two parties, among others, of the United States Geological Survey, which were engaged in studying the water sources of the northwest, will be of interest. Professor Israel C. Russell, who has been working on the great lava covered section of southern Idaho, reports the discovery of an artesian basin over a hundred miles in length, whose western limit, though undetermined, lies in the vicinity of Nampa and Caldwell near the Oregon border. The land which can be supplied with water from the basin lies along the Snake river and in Bruneau valley, a tributary to the Snake on the south.

Several flowing wells exist in this locality already and there are indications of artesian water also near Shoshone. In connection with his investigations Professor Russell collected a large amount of information relative to the agricultural and timber resources of the region which are considerable.

The other party, under F. H. Newell, the chief of the division of hydrography of the geological survey, made an extended reconnaissance of northern Oregon with reference to the water supply of that section. They penetrated into the wilderness of central Oregon along and to the head of the Deschutes river and turning to the eastward skirted the northern portion of the great Harney and Malheur deserts into which the mountain ranges to the north send many streams. The party was much impressed by the opportunities of development in central and eastern Oregon.

Solemn Truth.

Drink and the gang drinks with you, swear off and go it alone for the bar-room bum who drinks your rum has a querulous thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad, so long as their stomachs are fed. Steal if you get a million for then you can furnish bail; it's the big thief who gets out on leave, while the little one goes to jail. Advertise and the dollars will come, quit and they fail to arrive; for how are men who have money to spend going to know you are still alive?

Land Office News.

On Tuesday the local land office did the largest business of the year in the way of receipts and proofs. Twelve timber and stone proofs were made, two homestead proofs, two homestead filings and one contest. The day netted \$4975.50 for receipts on final proofs. Last Saturday nine timber and stone proofs were made and the receipts were about \$3750. The present fiscal year will show the largest business ever done in the Lewiston office. Homestead proofs on the reservation and timber proofs on pine lands will swell the receipts to a new highwater mark. The largest clerical force ever employed in the office is now kept very busy with rapid increase of business.

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Woodmen of the World Jubilee—Grand Initiation Last Night.

INITIATION AND BANQUET

One Hundred and Twenty Seven Names Secured—116 Initiated Last Night—\$186,000 Insurance Taken.

Last night's entertainment at the Odd Fellows hall closed the grand jubilee of Woodmen of the World. One hundred and sixteen new members penetrated the forests passed successfully all its dangers were initiated into the rites and mysteries of the order and as full fledged members sat with the banqueting board.

The ceremonies of the meeting closed the successful campaign which the Woodmen of the World inaugurated more than a month ago when under direction of the head camp the local lodge started in to secure 111 new members to celebrate the Woodmen's Jubilee. The high success of the undertaking marks an epoch in the history of fraternal life in Lewiston. One hundred and twenty seven applications were filed and sent to the head camp of these only seven were rejected and 116 were present last evening to receive the obligations and have seats at the grand banquet which closed the jubilee.

Of the new members present two were chosen by ballot to take the initiation. The lot fell to Louis Edwards and Chas. Hendrickson. All others were spectators while these initiates penetrated the forest and learned by experience the lessons of woodcraft. After the initiation all were obligated and the certificates of insurance issued to the new members. The new certificates call for \$186,000 additional insurance carried by the local lodge. Poplar Camp No. 205 has now 230 members and is the banner camp of District No. 22 comprising northern Idaho and part of eastern Washington.

The banquet was spread in the bowling alley hall where seats were provided for 180 guests. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens with festoons of streamers in the lodge colors. Emblems of the order in novel forms added to the effect. The caterers for the banquet were Messrs Bell & Bollinger of the Bollinger House and the menu was particularly appetizing. Elegant menu cards were left at each plate as jubilee souvenirs. Geo. E. Erb, president of the jubilee association, presided as toast master and the following responses were made: "Our Motto," L. L. Haynes; "Women of Woodcraft," P. E. Stookey; "Fraternal Insurance," Daniel Needham; "First Impressions," James R. Babb; "Woodcraft, Its Uses and Abuses," I. N. Smith.

The growth of the order Woodmen of the world is unprecedented in the history of fraternal organizations. By jubilees similar to this thousands have been initiated in the Pacific northwest in the last few months. The insurance feature of the order is one of the best offered among the fraternal organizations.

After a Gusher.

Dowd Brothers of Tammany will begin at once to develop the artesian well now leased to the city to secure the required flow 250 gallons per minute. This well is now 250 feet deep and has a flow of 130 gallons per minute. It has been increasing with every foot since 100 feet was passed. Engineer Russell of the U. S. Geological survey made an investigation of the artesian water at the Dowd wells and gave it as his opinion that the water thus far secured is only from fissures from the main vein. He says that the true artesian flow will be struck at from 600 to 1000 feet and the result will be a gusher. As the depth increases he predicts a continued increase in flow as

the drill cuts into new fissures, but the greatest flow will follow when the true vein is encountered. The apparatus now at the well is of a capacity to drill 1000 feet and the well will be sent down to that depth unless a gusher is obtained sooner.

ORDER GRIDLES THE GLOBE

Only One Country in the World Where the King's Daughters and Sons May Not Be Found.

The silver Maltese cross with the three letters "I. H. N." is so generally worn throughout this land that one seeing it seldom stops to think of its wonderful spread to all parts of the world. It is a fact, however, that there is only one country in all the earth where it has not yet made its way. That is Tibet. It is also interesting to know that in nearly every land where this cross is worn the wearers may read their president's helpful words in an American magazine, The Ladies' Home Journal. Mrs. Bottome's presidency has seen great things come to pass in the history of The King's Daughters and Sons. In the fourteen years of the society's existence it has founded and maintained between three and four hundred helpful institutions. It has built, and help to build, churches, hospitals, asylums, orphanages, kindergartens, nurseries, and homes for the afflicted and homeless. Its unsectarian nature has made great results possible.

Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Order, recently made a transcontinental tour of visitation of the state and provincial branches in this country and Canada. She found everywhere remarkable evidences of growth and strength and the general increase of members indicates an organization of mightier influence for good than could have been dreamed of a few decades back.

City Will Now Appeal.

Judge Steele has overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of J. A. McLean vs. the city of Lewiston, and the city will now take the case on appeal to the supreme court. In the trial of the case the plaintiff secured a verdict of \$2000 damages for injuries sustained from falling through a defective sidewalk.

Advertise for Bonds.

The city council met last night and passed a resolution authorizing the sale for bids for the sale of \$80,000 in bonds for the purpose of constructing a system of water works. The bids will be opened Jan. 29. The call is made for \$80,000 bonds, 80 bonds of \$1,000 each, to run 20 years, with an option for redemption in ten years. The bonds shall be sold not less than par and will draw not to exceed 5 per cent. annually, payable semi-annual installments. A certificate check in the sum of 5 per cent. of amount must accompany the bid. Only 40-day notice was given as the council desired all the time possible to get work on the new system.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

BY H. F. ALPS, U. S. OBSERVER.

U. S. Department of Agriculture—Lewiston, Idaho:		
For week ending Dec. 19	Temperature	Pre- cipitation
	Max	Min
12.....	33	26
13.....	34	24
14.....	40	27
15.....	40	24
16.....	37	24
17.....	33	26
18.....	44	26

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