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WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON

LITTLE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE STATE...

Lionel Stagger, who became famous around Portland some time ago and who served some time in the penitentiary on account of his proficiency in the art of buncoing, is under arrest at Baltimore charged with bleeding some capitalists on a scheme to establish a home for supernumerated newspaper men.

Horses are being shipped by the carload from Morrow county into Alberta, Canada.

The Linn County Horticultural society has decided to erect a fruit cannery at Albany.

A branch road will be built from Tillamook up Wilson river, 20 miles to McNamer's camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thornberg of Granite have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They are the parents of Grant Thornberg, well known all over the state.

A carload of coal was hauled in wagons across the Columbia river at The Dalles last week on the ice. The coal was for the use of the railroad construction people on the north bank.

"Professor" Spence, teacher of dancing, left Pendleton between two sons and without his hat. The tile was held by some friends whom he owed. This is not all the money that he is said to have owed and he left hurriedly regardless of the invitation of the town marshal for him to remain.

A new dynamo has been installed in the electric light plant at Stayton. A hay famine is on in the Yakima valley in Washington. In a measure this affects the northern counties in this state.

The subject of a canal from Eugene to Corvallis is being agitated. It is argued that the canal will be of great benefit to all the people of both Lane and Benton counties.

The new postoffice building at Corvallis that was contracted for last summer is now complete and the patrons of the office are getting their mail at the new place. It is an elegant pressed brick building.

The county commissioners of Benton county have decided that it is cheaper to care for the poor without a poor farm than with it and they have recently sold the farm to T. Lee Davis of Albany for \$5,400. The average number of people to be kept is only seven.

At an election held last week, Forest Grove has gone "wet" and the "blind pig" curse that has afflicted

the town for so long will be removed. A majority of seven voted for license for saloons.

The Southern Pacific railroad people propose to build a spur from the main line to the coal mines near Medford.

G. F. Elgin wants Rev. E. L. House, Rev. W. H. Heppe, Paul Rader and N. J. Blagen to pay a whiskey bill of \$32.50, numerous soda and lemonade accounts approximating \$6.50, and other things that a temperance detective drinks. Mr. Elgin was private detective for the Oregon Anti-Saloon league. For months he traveled about the state gathering evidence against the saloon men and druggists in local option precincts. Now, as he avers, his whiskey and other bills have not been paid by the league, he brings suit in the west side justice court at Portland against the league and the ministers, members of the board of trustees.

Miss Rena Ellenberg, a student of the normal school at Drain, got in the way of a sled while coasting and had her leg broken. It is feared she may be an invalid for life.

Pearl Willard Ueber and Miss Sophia Wolfe, both of Silverton, were married last Wednesday in the city hall at New York by Mayor McClellan. Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, was the best man and Dr. Louis J. Wolfe was the other official witness. The wedding was the outcome of the safe return of the Peary expedition. Mr. Wolf was surgeon on the trip and the wedding was postponed by the bride until her brother's return.

The Benton county tax levy was 12 mills last year and will be 16 mills this year.

Wiley Ingram, a farmer at Junction City, shot his arm off while hunting ducks the other day. On the same day Miss Lilly Hayes, living three miles from Junction, shot herself in the foot while target shooting.

The L. J. Simpson Lumber company at North Bend has sold its general merchandise store for \$15,000. The stock of hardware was sold to one firm and the groceries to another. It is the intention of Mr. Simpson to discontinue the sale of goods in connection with the lumber business.

About 39 coons have been killed in the vicinity of Knox's butte within the last four or five days. A number were also killed in the Scio neighborhood.

FEEBLE MINDED INSTITUTE

Two Tracts of Land Are Submitted As Eligible For a Site

One hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars will be asked of the present session of the legislature to be used for the purchase of a site and the erection of a series of buildings and for the maintenance of an institution for the care and treatment of the feeble-minded population of the state of Oregon. A bill has already been prepared, at the instigation of the state board of building commissioners, and will be presented to the senate within a few days by Senator J. N. Smith of Marion county.

This is in accordance with the action of the legislative assembly of 1905, which appropriated \$15,000 for the selection of a site for the proposed institution and delegated the responsibility for the selection of the same to the board of building commissioners. Two feasible sites have been selected for the purpose, one located four miles south of this city and consisting of 500 acres, the price averaging \$65 per acre. It is offered by Waters Bros. of this city. The land is 763 acres rolling and level, 135 acres bottom, 660 acres in cultivation, and 60 acres in timber, and first quality agricultural land. The person offering this land also agrees to build and operate an electric car line between the city of Salem and the site offered free of cost to the state, and further agree to have the same in operation within 18 months from the date of purchase.

The other tract in contemplation is composed of the James Coleman, Miller, et al farms, located on the Southern Pacific railroad one and one-half miles from the terminus of the Salem street car line and two and one-half miles south of the capitol building. The total offerings in this tract aggregate about 900 acres, 550 of which are now in cultivation, and remainder in pasture and timber, the price averaging about \$65 per acre, if this quantity is purchased. The land is first quality agricultural land, has considerable timber, and most excellent building sites, with the railroad running through it.

The board of commissioners recommend that \$58,000 be appropriated for the purchase of the site, \$75,000 for the construction of the buildings, and \$20,000 for maintenance from July 1, 1908, the estimated date of completion, to December 31, 1909. The board recommends the cottage system as the best for the care of defectives, which affords provisions for the classification of inmates as to sex and age and also segregate the employe and educational and industrial departments from the living and service departments. It is represented as much more conducive to good health, besides lessening the danger from destruction by fire of a larger amount of property.

The following is the list of buildings, with probable cost, as near as can be estimated, based on the cost of buildings of similar size and construction erected by the state:

Administration building, furnished	\$15,000
Three dormitory buildings, furniture, etc.	37,000
Central dining hall and equipment	6,500
General kitchen, with cooking apparatus	3,500
Central heating and power house	3,500
Laundry building and equipment	3,500
Employe's cottage and furniture	2,500
Bar	2,000
Total	\$75,000

It is estimated that there are 500 persons within the state that are qualified for admission to an institution of this kind, but the board, in a spirit of economy and necessity for retrenchment, concluded to recommend buildings to accommodate one-half that number. The board, however, predicts that the population of the institution will have increased to at least 1000 within two decades. The complement of officers and employes for an institution of this character, large enough to accommodate 200 inmates, aggregate 27, and consist of a superintendent, one warden, one engineer, two supervisors, twelve attendants, two night watches, two cooks, two laundry women, three teachers and one farmer. The estimated cost of water supply, farm implements and machinery, dairy cows, horses, etc., is \$7000.

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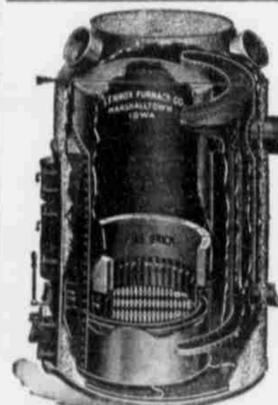
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