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TO THROW OPEN CENTRAL OREGON LAND

After an exhaustive hearing and the showing of indisputable facts before the commissioner of the general land office it is now a matter of official record at Washington that the supposed desert lands of central Oregon will produce profitable crops of grain and that the country will support a railroad, says the Oregon Daily Journal. The railroad builders of the country are expected to take notice, and no longer to permit the largest area in the United States now without transportation facilities to continue for another year without a railroad giving central Oregon an outlet to Portland.

Will Open Vast Area.

As a result of decisions made by the interior department affecting projects of the Harney Valley Improvement company and the Pacific Livestock company the government will this year throw open to homestead settlement about 55,000 acres of good valley lands in Harney county.

The commissioner of the general land office has completed a review of the case of the Pacific Livestock company vs. the Harney Valley Improvement company, and the result is in effect a victory for the livestock company, as it declares the proposed irrigation plan of the Harney Valley Improvement company to be impracticable, and decides that a large part of the lands applied for are non-desert lands.

The lands in question lie in townships 22, 23 and 24 south of range 32 east, in the jurisdiction of the land office at Burns. The Harney Valley Improvement company proposed to irrigate the lands and applied to the state for a segregation under the Carey act.

The Pacific Livestock company opposed the application, and contended that the lands were capable of producing good crops without irrigation, and also that there was not sufficient water available in the Silvers river to properly irrigate the lands in mid-summer.

The department heard evidence of experts in irrigation and geological formation, also farmers who are raising good crops on unirrigated lands in the vicinity. The state's application in behalf of the Harney Valley Improvement company is refused and the lands will be thrown open to homestead entry.

It was shown by testimony of James Mayberry, special agent of the interior department, that on certain tracts he found moist soil within three inches of the surface; that on all the tracts classed as non-desert he found luxuriant growth of sagebrush and rye grasses that in some instances resembled fields of growing grain. On land owned by an individual and surrounded by the lands of the proposed irrigation tract, he found hay yielding several tons per acre; that on some of the lands that had been fenced and kept free from stock grazing, profitable crops of small grain were being grown without irrigation.

Will Produce Good Crops.

Further evidence in support of the theory of Oregon boosters that central Oregon will support a railroad was furnished by farmers in the country around Burns. Jasper Davis testified that he had resided in Harney county 22 years; that on some of the land located less than two miles from the segregation applied for and in the same kind of soil he is growing every

year good crops of oats, rye and other small grain without irrigation; that he had been over most of the ground in question and that in his opinion it would produce profitable crops of grain without irrigation.

Similar testimony was given by H. C. Lewis, Sam Nickel, Joel Sturtevant, and Julian Byrd, all residents of the same region. The register of the land office had been rejecting applications of homesteaders who wished to settle on the lands.

Summing up the evidence the commissioner of the general land office held that the lands are non-desert in character, and that if unfed by grazing animals they can be made to produce profitable crops of grain.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Populists Meet in St. Louis Tomorrow to Name Presidential Ticket.

St. Louis, April 1.—St. Louis will have the honor of entertaining the first national political convention of the 1908 campaign, the national session of the people's party opening here tomorrow. Scores of prominent populists arrived today and the hotel lobbies are filled with talking and gesticulating delegates. Unlike most political conventions, lawyers are in a minority among the delegates, the larger portion of whom are farmers and men engaged in small business.

The convention will be called to order tomorrow in the Olympic theater. Official headquarters have been established at the St. James Hotel. It is expected that more than a thousand delegates will be in the city when the convention opens.

A lively discussion of the probable candidates for the presidency is in progress among the delegates today, among those mentioned being Bryan, Watson, Hearst and La Follette. Nebraska's delegation is instructed for Bryan, and several other state delegations apparently favor the Nebraskaan. Thomas Watson of Georgia, has hundreds of admirers and his chances of again being selected to head the populist ticket are apparently very good. There is much talk of the nomination of Senator Robert La Follette of Wisconsin, with the understanding that he would be endorsed by the national convention of the Independence league. It is unlikely that such action will be taken, however, as it is stated on good authority that La Follette would refuse the honor.

USE SMUDGES AT LEWISTON.

Fruit Men Take Steps to Protect Their Crops From Frosts.

The Lewiston-Clarkston valley last night experienced again a temperature low enough to cause the fruit growers generally to light smudges so as to protect against damage by frost. Yesterday morning the temperature dropped down to the freezing point, and many fruit growers in Clarkston used smudges. Yesterday afternoon U. S. Weather Observer Thomas again issued a warning that a frost would be apt to occur, and so last night the fruit growers again prepared the smudges, says the Lewiston Tribune.

Early in the evening Mr. Thomas reported the temperature was dropping quite rapidly. At 9 o'clock it was down to 36 and at 11 o'clock it was 35. At that hour Mr. Thomas stated conditions indicated a temperature before morning reaching 30 and possibly 28. In the more exposed parts of the immediate valley a temperature of 30 at 11 o'clock was reported from the thermometers owned by the fruit growers.

With a temperature ranging from 26 to 30, considering the present state of development of the apricot and peach buds, some damage might result to the fruit and it is for this reason that such keen interest has been taken this year in the matter of smudging.

The low temperature last night and Friday night is the result of a high pressure prevailing in western Oregon, with its center in the vicinity of Eugene. Yesterday it began spreading over the entire northwest.

Political Information.

- * Registration opens for primaries, January 6.
- * Closes for election, April 7.
- * Primary election April 17.
- * Registration reopens, April 21.
- * Closes for election, May 15.
- * General election, June 1.
- * Registration reopens, September 20.
- * Closes for election, October 20.
- * Presidential election, November 3.

TO VISIT ESKIMO TRIBES.

Harvard Professor Will Row Boat 1800 Miles Into Unknown Lands.

His "healthy body and cheerful mind" are the principal equipment to be used by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who is to start in April in a row boat for the arctic circle to learn the ways of Eskimo tribes no white man has ever visited before, says a New York item.

Money he will not require, but will carry a few files, needles and butcher knives as gifts in return for the hospitality which he expects to receive. One rifle, a few fishhooks and nets and a suit of fur clothing will be the signs of the expedition. Mr. Stefansson was formerly an instructor at Harvard university, and his coming expedition is under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History.

The expense incident to getting to the Mackenzie river, where he expects to find his rowboat, is to be advanced by the institution. The museum will publish his report, and, if it is possible to bring them out of the inaccessible country, it will obtain whatever ethnological specimens Mr. Stefansson may gather. The young explorer is of Icelandic birth and speaks the Eskimo language fluently. He will live on the country and what he can trap. He will start late in April from Edmonton, Alberta, and expects to travel 1800 miles in the rowboat.

\$1000 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have offered One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SALEM PRINTER TO RAWHIDE.

Foreman Called to Install Battery of Linotypes at New Mining Town.

The Times-Press at Rawhide, Nevada, wanting a first class machinist to install several linotypes and fast presses sent for J. S. Wyant, for six years foreman of The Capital Journal, to take charge of their plant, says the Salem Capital Journal.

Jerry, as he is familiarly known in printing circles, has been a Salem man for 13 years, and leaves tonight for the great mining city that is springing up out of the sage brush like a golden mushroom over night.

They mean to want talented men down there, for they have already secured John H. Cradlebaugh, and now take one of the best mechanical experts and all-around good men ever connected with a printshop. Mr. Wyant is a member of the Masonic lodge of this city, an ex-president of Capital Typographical union, and the good will of these organizations and of a host of friends goes with him.

He wears a beautiful gold signet ring with the compliments of the Journal office, and best wishes and good luck attend him is the voice of the entire force. His place at the Mergenthaler will be able to handle eight, 10 or 12 pages a day on one machine, a stunt without an equal in Oregon.

TOTALLY BLIND BUT SUCCESSFUL

UMATILLA COUNTY'S BLIND TRAVELING SALESMAN.

C. S. Terpening of Pendleton, Conducts Large Business Although Unable to See—Represents Home Remedy Company and Travels Over All the County Roads and Visits Every Section of Umatilla County—Was Once School Superintendent.

Umatilla county boasts of the only blind man in eastern Oregon who personally conducts an active and extensive outdoor business and who is making a success of it in every way. C. S. Terpening of this city, who is totally blind, is salesman for a home remedy company of Minnesota, and drives over every road in Umatilla county at all seasons of the year, making regular visits to every section of the county.

He is not only a highly successful salesman, but he is a teacher and student of exceptional ability and before coming to Umatilla county was school superintendent of Columbia county, Washington, having served successfully in that capacity.

He employs a boy to drive for him, but he personally conducts his sales, keeps his accounts and transacts the business which amounts to several thousand dollars per year.

A correspondent writing from Dayton to the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, says of Mr. Terpening's services as county superintendent of Columbia county:

A blind man acting as county superintendent of schools, a position which requires not only education, but a good pair of eyes, is an occurrence seldom heard of. Yet it remains for the dusty records of Columbia county to tell the tale of competence and capacity found in a man entirely blind, who served with credit to the county for an entire term.

C. S. Terpening was elected county superintendent in 1892, taking office in 1893. He served until 1895, two full years, and during all the time the duties of the office were performed without hitch or delay. He visited the schools of the county personally, graded papers, attended to correspondence, conducted institutes, settled disputes, changed boundaries of districts and performed duties which fell to his lot.

Much of the work he did by his own efforts, but whenever eyes were needed he saw through those of a faithful wife, who for many years had been the only light he had known in the world.

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BOON FOR WALLA WALLA.

O. R. & N. Grants Tourists Special Privileges of Going Over Branch Lines.

Walla Walla, March 31.—An order issued by the O. R. & N. company, which will mean a great deal to this city in view of the spring and summer immigration movement, has just been made public by William McMurray, general passenger agent of that company. By this new order, all passengers coming west on special tickets will be permitted to come through Walla Walla whether or not their tickets read that way. The order follows and is self-explanatory:

Coupons of nine months and special occasion Pacific coast excursion tickets sold at Colorado points and points east and south thereof, or sold at Pacific coast terminals to Colorado and beyond, reading in either direction, will be honored via Walla Walla; Westbound—From Pendleton to Walla Walla via direct line, thence to Umatilla via Walla Walla.

Eastbound—From Umatilla to Walla Walla via Walla Walla, thence direct to Pendleton.

Coupons of similar tickets reading between Spokane and Portland will be honored via Walla Walla and Pendleton and coupons between Huntington and Spokane and Portland and Spokane will be honored via Walla Walla and Walla Walla.

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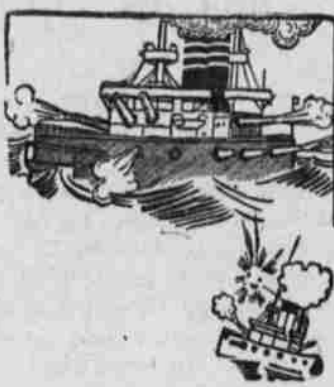
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Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, as trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of John C. Cumming, bankrupt, will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at 2 o'clock p. m., on April 7th, 1908, at the front door of the Weston store in the town of Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon, all of the personal property and effects belonging to the estate of the said John C. Cumming, bankrupt, as shown by the inventory and appraisal thereof, the same being a lot of goods, wares and merchandise in said store and a lot of open accounts, claims and notes claimed to be owing to the said bankrupt by sundry parties; a description of said goods and said notes and accounts can be seen at the office of Mr. Thomas Fitz Gerald, Referee in Bankruptcy, in Pendleton Savings Bank building, in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon; all sales to be made subject to confirmation by the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

Dated March 26, 1908.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT FATS.

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As a matter of fact, Cotton Seed Oil is quite as palatable and wholesome as Olive Oil, and this fact has been recognized by The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, in the manufacture of their famous cooking fat—COTTOLENE. As the name implies, COTTOLENE is made from Cotton Seed Oil, and it is not only purer and far more healthful than lard, but more economical as well.