

OUR LITTLE PORTAGE.

What a Saving Has Been The Result of That State Work.

FACTS WHICH SPEAK VOLUMES.

Is It Any Wonder That People Become Restive Waiting For Locks?

WITH THE CASCADE CANAL OPEN

A Portage Then Around The Dalles Would do as Much For The Upper River Regions.

From The Independent.]

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 21.—At the last session of the legislature, sixty thousand dollars was appropriated for a railroad portage on the Oregon side of the Columbia around the Cascades. With \$55,000 of that sum, a narrow gauge road was built over the government reservation on the outside of the canal and locks. This expenditure includes the equipment of the road with the locomotive, passenger car, box cars for freight, and the purchase of terminal grounds. The length of the road is 5/8 of a mile. The property of course belongs to the state, that will carry freight for any one who offers it. The freight rate at present is forty cents per ton. This little portage railway made it possible for competing transportation companies to be established and live on the Columbia. One company, The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation company was organized in 1891 and was a candidate for traffic later in the same year. On the opening of the 1892 season a fierce rivalry sprang up between the new company and the U. P. R. steamboat line. Fares were put and maintained at \$2 one way or \$3 for the round trip from Portland to The Dalles by the D. P. & A. N. Co. The monopoly put passenger fares down to half a dollar over the same route. This imposition continued for a time when the old line tied up its boats and left the river in possession of the new company.

What Effect on Freight Rates? The old rate on wheat from The Dalles to Portland was \$5 per ton; afterward it was lowered to \$4, then again to \$3.40. Now the river tariff is \$2.20, of which forty cents, as before stated, goes to the state for transportation across the portage at the Cascades, leaving \$1.80 per ton for the boat. The rate for horses in car load lots for a 30-foot car, into which sixteen horses can be placed, was \$35. The new car rate is \$28.50 for a 30-foot car. By the river, in lots of fourteen to twenty, the rate is \$1.25 each. For lots over twenty the rate is \$1 each. The tariff by rail on a single horse is \$9. The boat carries it for \$2. On the car a shipper pays \$13.50 for a farm wagon set up. On the boat he covers the same distance for \$6. An emigrant to the Inland Empire on the cars will pay for his wagon, team and self \$32.70, but he can go on the boat for \$12. Before the state built its portage road there was an arbitrary rate of \$10 per ton on wool, now the same service costs \$4 per ton, a clear saving of \$6 per ton. The clip, stored at The Dalles warehouses this year, is estimated at 6,250,000 pounds, equal to 3,125 tons, which at the lower freight rates puts \$18,750 into the pockets of the wool dealers. The estimate of wheat stored in The Dalles is 1,500,000 bushels, or 45,000 tons. The gain there is \$54,000. In these two principal industries there are saved to the Wasco county farmers in one season \$72,750, a sum much larger than the cost of the little railroad that has been the means of such a saving.

Is It Any Wonder

That the people living east of the Cascade mountains both in Washington and Oregon are restive over the delays in completing the locks at the Cascades? When these locks are finished the rates will be even lower than by the present arrangement since the forty cents portage will be removed as well as expense of handling the freight twice. Of course when the locks are opened, the state railroad may be abandoned. These advantages are enjoyed only by Wasco county and that part of Washington whose outlet is by Dalles city, for there are other obstructions in the river, the dalles of the Columbia and Celilo falls. Unfortunately the same kind of a portage road there will not bring the same advantages to the shipper, because the expense of the two

extra handlings of freight is such that the railroad can starve out any opposition that could be organized. With locks at the Cascades, though, conditions will be favorable for a portage road to Celilo. What is really needed from The Dalles to Celilo is either a canal or a ship railway, that when a boat is once loaded its freight need not be touched till it arrives at Astoria. It will come, for that vast area between the Cascade and Rocky mountains will soon have a voice that will be heard as far east as the Atlantic seaboard.

Current Topics.

Judge Danaoh of New York holds that a native of Burmah, being neither a white alien nor an alien of African descent, cannot be naturalized and admitted to become a citizen of the United States.

There is no foundation for the reports that the democrats of the state of Nebraska have decided to support the Weaver electors. On the contrary, when the matter was proposed, it was overwhelmingly negated. Democratic leaders say they hope to carry the state.

Cleve and Steve have a new song. It is called, "Tammany has ratified." The chorus runs: "Tammany has ratified because Tammany is satisfied. And Tammany is satisfied because its wishes have been gratified. Tammany is running the machine for Cleveland."

Sockless Jerry Simpson's alarm at boax threats against his life shows to what extent the man is swayed by hallucinations. A short time ago Ignatius Donnelly gave it out that his life was in danger. Both men are entirely safe. They are really not a tenth so important as they think themselves.

It is queer how mild and charitable a man is when he gets in the presence of cold type and feels that what he says over his own name he must stand responsible for. This makes cowards out of some of the bravest men on "God's Green earth." But it has one favorable effect. It brings a man to realize that he doesn't know half as much about the faults of other men as he does about those of himself.

A Winnipeg dispatch today states that Rev. E. Young, a Methodist missionary in the far north for several years, was sent for by an aged dying Indian some time ago, who confessed that he accompanied one of the Sir John Franklin relief expeditions to the northern seas. Supplies became very low, and there was danger of starvation. Before Dr. Irving returned the commander sent this Indian and another across an island to look on the other side. They crossed, and discovered in the distance three masts rising out of the ice. They were nearly exhausted, and knowing that if they told the commander of their discovery he would go to the place, decided that it would be better not to tell him, for they feared the starvation of the entire party in the event of the delay. Accordingly they returned and reported having found nothing. The next day the expedition started to return. The Indian is certain that the masts belonged to one of Franklin's vessels.

Guests of the City.

Chicago News. When Gov. Burleigh of Maine shakes hands in Chicago with Gov. Markham of California and the two stroll away for a chat with some governor from the gulf states or from the northwestern wheat belt, they will be very likely to admit to each other in confidence that this meeting in their official capacity a great many miles away from home is a piquant experience. This city is already bristling with rulers of commonwealths. They are, we confess, a well-behaved and mild-mannered set of gentlemen. They look, too, as if they knew a lot. But wait. When the chief justice of the United States and the associate justices come frolicking into the city today, with the members of the cabinet in tow, these wise-looking governors will find pretty severe competition. It is a question whether a well-fed governor or a cabinet officer can carry off the palm for looking wise. Federal authority and the dignity of a sovereign state are two very solemn things. But what's the odds? Chicago is proud to welcome them all and knows they are good fellows. We trust they are not going in for dignity this trip, but for plenty of fun.

Private Iama Case.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—The trial of Colonel Hawkins, Lieutenant-Colonel Streeter and Sergeant Grim, of the Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, for hanging Private Iams up by the thumbs, shaving his hair and drumming him out of Homestead for calling for three cheers for the man who tried to murder H. C. Frick, of the Carnegie company, began this morning. The court overruled the point of the defense that the court had no jurisdiction over the case, and after a jury was secured a recess was taken.

LAIID AWAY TO REST

From the White House to the Grave—A Sorrowful Journey.

THE HYMN: "LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT."

Mrs. Harrison's Favorite Since the Funeral of Mrs. Sec. Tracy.

CLOSED THE SIMPLE SERVICE.

Numerous and Beautiful Floral Offerings—An Episcopal Feature Touchingly Added.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Harrison took place in the East room of the White house yesterday morning, Revs. Hamlin and Bartlett officiating; they were very simple, but beautiful and impressive services. At the head and foot of the casket stood large palms, reaching almost to the ceiling; other palms stood in the embrasures of the windows and other points about the room, this being about the only change from the ordinary appearance from the room except the floral offerings which were very numerous and beautiful. They were so many of them as to give the appearance of the casket resting lightly on them as a pedestal.

Among the early arrivals were ex-Secretary Blaine, wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. In the Green room, adjoining the East room, the boys of the choir of St. John's Episcopal church were stationed. The reason for adding this Episcopal feature to a Presbyterian service is touching. At the funeral of Mrs. Secretary Tracy, two years ago, Mrs. Harrison was so much struck by the singing by the Episcopal choir of the hymn "Lead, kindly Light," that she caused it to be sung in the White house nearly every Sunday since. Because it was so dear to her, it was decided to have it sung by the boys of St. John's choir, and it was the closing piece of the simple service. The undertaker then entered and removed the flowers from around the casket. The body-bearers, selected from among the house servants, took their places, and, preceded by the clergymen and honorary pall-bearers, bore the body to a hearse standing under the porte cochere with two black horses attached; then, followed by carriages conveying members of the party to accompany the remains to Indianapolis, the cortege moved out and passed slowly to the Pennsylvania depot, where the casket was transferred to the car, together with the floral tributes. The accompanying party then took seats in the train, and at 11:40 the train pulled out on its sorrowful journey. The remains were received at Indianapolis with as little ceremony as possible, and the last sad rites were devoid of display, in deference to the wishes of the president.

A Fighting Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—It turns out that the report is true that there was a fight in the jury room yesterday between Jurymen Coy and Cohn in the Bruner case. Coy questioned Cohn's sincerity. The latter called Coy a liar and then the men came to blows. They battled several minutes before the other ten jurors succeeded in separating them, after which harmony was fully restored. The jury was taken to the city hall, expecting to be discharged. In this they were disappointed, for they were again sent into the jury-room. There no balloting was done, but an indignation meeting was held. A memorial to Judge Wallace, stating that an agreement was an impossibility and asking for their discharge, was drawn up, and was presented yesterday afternoon, and the jury dismissed.

The Reading Voters.

Record. The heavy registration both in New York city and state is surprising in view of oft repeated comment upon the surface—that the tar-ra boom-deay vein has been worked out, and that they have been doing a great deal of quiet reading and thinking while the spell-binders have been shouting to empty benches. This is favorable for the republicans, as a majority of the reading voters are of that faith.

Eleven Passengers Drowned.

LISBON, Oct. 28.—A ferryboat capsized in the river Douro, throwing all the passengers into the water. Eleven were drowned.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Champion Wheat Grower—Moument Talked of—Other Notes.

Oregonians sometimes kick because Oregon is not represented at the Chicago fair. The Bowers dredge, the biggest card there, was manufactured in Portland by Maj. Jas. Lotan.

A young lady of Deer lodge has been chosen for the model for the silver statue of Montana, which is to be on exhibition at Chicago next year. She is a native of Oregon, and is said to be possessed of striking beauty.

Cattle men will be glad to hear that they may avail themselves of the privilege of shipping cattle into Kootenai free of duty for breeding purposes. This will be on completion of the reclamation scheme largely taken advantage of.

The Guard says that Mr. Geo. Belshaw of Lane county has received an offer of \$200 for his display of wheat made at the Salem fair and Portland exposition, by gentlemen who wish to send the display to Chicago. Mr. Belshaw is the champion wheat grower of the world.

An effort is being made to raise by subscriptions from the masters of vessels arriving at Astoria a sufficient sum to erect a monument to the memory of the captain and crew of the ship Strathblaine, who perished when that vessel was wrecked on the coast north of the Columbia, a year ago. The heroism of the captain who threw away his own chance of life in favor of a passenger is recalled in a memorial. A suitable monument erected over their lonely and neglected graves on the shore of the ocean will not only keep their memories fresh, but inspire deeds of heroism in others.

Mr. Bixby has stepped down and out of the Wasco News. His successor is Mr. Jas. W. Arnswothy, who says: "We are thoroughly acquainted with the resources and advantages as well as the wants and needs of Sherman county, having lived in the county in the past. We fully realize the necessity of holding the vast advantages of the county before the eyes of the public, and the necessity of a wide awake paper to assist in this work, so with the co-operation of the people we shall endeavor to make the News the leading paper in the Inland Empire, and devoted purely to the interests of the people and the upbuilding of Sherman county generally."

There is now some doubt about Hon. D. P. Thompson becoming the successor of Hon. Sol. Hirsch as minister to Turkey. In answer to a question on the subject, Mr. Thompson said: "My indorsement for the place was made more than a year ago, and since that time nothing further has been said or done about the matter, to my knowledge. I have not had a word of conversation with Mr. Mitchell on this subject, and but a few words with Mr. Dolph since then, and nothing since Mr. Hirsch resigned. I do not know how the report that I would receive the appointment started; but I presume one of the senators or Mr. Herrmann has said that this indorsement had been placed on file with the secretary of state. However, this was, as I said, more than a year ago." Mr. Thompsons family will arrive in New York today from Europe.

The Mormon Temple.

Judge (Dennison, who has just returned from an eastern trip, was obliged to give up his visit to Denver last week. When he reached Durango he found a snow storm had set in, in which was so severe that he could not proceed further, the snow being three or four feet deep on the railroad track between that point and Denver. He remained in and about Durango for about a week, and then returned home, stopping off at Salt Lake city last Sunday, where he attended services in the tabernacle. There was an immense throng of people in the building. The services were very interesting. There were over 300 people in the choir and they have one of the finest organs in the United States. The magnificent temple on the adjoining block is completed so far as the outside is concerned, but it is not yet finished inside and the grounds are not completed. It is surrounded by a stone wall three feet thick and twelve feet high. It is expected that within six months the temple will be ready for use at a cost of \$2,000,000.

A Salmon Producer.

Robert D. Hume is the only salmon canneryman on the Pacific coast who carries on his business legitimately. He raises the fish, as a man would fruit, before canning them. No matter what may come, Bob proposes to have a crop of salmon annually. His latest proposed enterprise is the establishment of a hatchery at the Huntley place, opposite the mouth of Lobeter creek on Rogue river, recently purchased by him. This, with the hatchery he proposes to establish in Josephine county, and his present hatchery at Gold Beach, ought to fill Rogue river with salmon.

DEADLY EXPLOSION.

What Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Glycerine Can do on a Bang.

GEORGE SONTAG NOW ON TRIAL.

The Court Declined to Order That Engineer Lewis Take the Stand.

TRAIN COLLISION ON A BRIDGE.

All Go Down in a Pile Together—Snow Storm in Russia—Europeans in Dahomey.

LIMA, O., Oct. 29.—Fifteen hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine belonging to the high explosive company let go yesterday morning two miles west of town. The shock was terrific, and was felt twenty miles. Buildings shook like leaves, and many windows were broken. Three men were killed, two others are missing, and probably their bodies are in the wreck. Three men were injured, one fatally, and a servant girl in a farmhouse 1,800 feet away, which was wrecked by the force of the explosion. A farmhouse nearly a mile away was shattered, and plate glass three miles distant, broken.

Trial of George Sontag.

FRESNO, Oct. 29.—The prosecution rested in the Sontag case last night, after taking testimony relative to the whereabouts of Evans and Sontag on the night preceding the train robbery. Attorney Caldwell for the defendant asked that the prosecution be ordered to put W. Lewis on the stand, as he had been subpoenaed as a witness, and was a freeman on the train the night of the robbery. The court declined to make the order. The opening statement for the defense will be made this afternoon.

A Collision on a Bridge.

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 29.—A terrific collision between two Big Four freight trains occurred yesterday morning on the Wabash river bridge here. The shock broke the bridge and piled the two engines and a dozen cars, several loaded with livestock, into the water beneath. Engineer Westry Allison, of the east-bound train, lies dead beneath his engine. The two trainmen were hurt.

The Dahomeyan Army.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—A dispatch from Lagos says several Europeans have been observed in the Dahomeyan army. Col. Dodds, the French commander, offers a reward of 2,000 francs for each one captured.

Heavy Snow Storm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.—A very heavy snow storm is prevailing in Russia. In many places the ground is covered to a depth of five feet. Railway traffic is interrupted in every direction.

Indian Citizenship.

Review. This question will probably be brought home to the extreme west before another presidential campaign is on. The Indians on the Umatilla reservation in Oregon have already received lands in severalty and as soon as the commissioners' report has been approved by the department will be eligible to citizenship. The Nez Percés of Idaho are only behind the Umatillas in that the commissioners have just been appointed and have had no time to make a report upon their case, and the Colvilles, in our own state, are still behind the Nez Percés inasmuch as their lands have not yet been allotted, although this will probably be done before the end of another summer. Many will have no desire to exercise the right of voting, for the advent of the better element only into American politics will bring perplexing questions to be disposed of, and the difficulties would be greatly increased if all the ragged, idle and irresponsible vagabonds chose to assume the full privileges.

Bob Miller's Boomerang.

Col. [Bob Miller's] Pierce-disability scheme turns out to be a veritable boomerang. Instead of damaging the Harrison cause, as intended, it is enrolling beneath the republican banner numerous democrats and third-party men, who prefer honesty of purpose and method to transparent chicanery, and who regard principles as greater than persons. One life-long democrat writes from Pendleton:

Our state committee requests us to vote for Pierce because he is opposed to protection. It overlooks the fact, however, that by supporting him we are virtually indorsing the Omaha platform, upon which he was nominated by the people's party. I am for tariff reform, but I cannot swallow the sub-treasury scheme and other crazes which Mr. Pierce stands pledged to support. I am only one of hundreds of democrats in Umatilla county who will emphatically rebuke the committee's unwarranted action.

In the third-party camp there is palpable uneasiness. So strongly does the Pierce substitution savor of fusion with the democratic leaders that the ex-republican populists are filled with mistrust, and only an unequivocal explanation by Mr. Pierce of his position can allay their suspicion that they are victims of false pretence. Several very prominent and influential members of the people's party have intimated that unless the explanation is made immediately, and to their satisfaction, they will either return to republicanism or refrain from voting. They entered the third party, they say, to assist it in attaining economic ends, and not to be utilized as passive cat's-paws for raking out Cleveland chestnuts.

Wedding Bells.

From the Portland Chronicle.]

At 12:30 on Wednesday last Mr. G. L. Rohr, a prominent and well known young business man of this city, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Lillie Ireland, only daughter of Hon. D. C. Ireland, editor of The Dalles Chronicle. Miss Ireland has spent her whole life in the state of Oregon, and is well and favorably known throughout the state. Her many friends all wish her a pleasant and profitable voyage over the matrimonial sea, and the best of good luck which she so richly deserves. The groom, like the bride, is a native of Oregon, and counts his friends by the score, who enthusiastically congratulate him upon the excellent choice he has made. Only immediate friends of the family were present. Mr. C. L. Ireland, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Hon. D. C. Ireland gave the bride away. Miss Ella Burrows, of Walls Walla, a life long friend, officiated at the organ and the wedding march was delightfully rendered. At the conclusion of the services the happy couple entered carriages in waiting amid hearty congratulations and well wishes from all, and were driven to their future home at 284 College street, west side. The Chronicle has been intimately acquainted with both parties for a number of years and wishes them God-speed, and an abundance of life's choicest pleasures as the pilgrimage down the hill of time is made.

FOSSIL REMARKS.

Boring for Artesian Water—Stock Shipments—The Range.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.]

Fossil, Oct. 28.—A mail route from here to Caleb via Sarvice, is talked of. The new water augur is a subject of much remark and curiosity. Water hasn't been struck yet.

The Gilman, French Co., are gathering and taking off beef cattle very rapidly now.

Jim Gilman formerly of the Gilman, French Co., started for Dallas, Polk Co., where he intends making his home in the future.

Range stock in the immediate vicinity of Fossil, are barely holding their own, while over next the John Day river the grass is fine and stock are picking up. Columbus day was properly celebrated by our citizens with appropriate exercises during the day. The Odd Fellows gave a grand ball at night, and altogether we had a most enjoyable time.

ASON.

The Gale in England.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The gale continues, having increased in violence during the night.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE