

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TRADE RAISED \$3,300.

described in a Few Minutes to Blom the Town.

made—This city went on tonight as heartily in favor of the germ of boost when it subscribed in a few days the sum of \$3,300, and in addition a membership subscription of 125 to a reorganized club at \$1 each.

satisfied with raising that for boosting, the meeting resolution to canvass the thoroughly tomorrow morning the figures will be brought out for the year, and a committee appointed to do this.

udden burst of enthusiasm, by financial support, was shot off through the efforts of Richardson, manager of Commercial Club, who had raised \$600 at Elgin some purpose. He goes to Cove tomorrow.

Will Still Raise Hops.

The very low prices that in the hop market for the years have not caused many growers to go out of business. 2500 or 3000 acres plowed up in the entire enough yards are left, unable conditions, to produce a large, if not larger, than 1907. Cultivation is being or postponed in some sections others the growers are best care of their yards. portion of the matured crop be picked will depend on matters can be arranged later. A good many of the weavers are going ahead with in the hope that some- happen before picking else the market to a higher they will be able to bony on their crops. The pros- gloomy one, however, and it as if the big crop Oregon will only make the mar-

Issue in Marion.

County Clerk R. D. Allen tosted checking upon the signa- Marion County local option- found the petition to be in and signed by several hundred than the law requires. The petition will therefore be sub- the voters of Marion county. As there will be no fight on a county offices and there is in any of the state contests for senator, it is certain saloon question will be the much attention.

are Coming to Fiesta.

The Eugene Commercial light decided to have Eu- presented at the Portland trial in June by 34 men in ad drill. Each man will white serge suit, white shoes and carry a lemon-yellow umbrella bearing the Eugene, Lane County. A reception will be run from and a great crowd will at- carnival.

Delivery for Grants Pass.

Pass—Grants Pass may a free delivery system. Dr. Donnell gives figures the receipts for the fiscal year April 1, 1908, to be over This is an increase of per last year's business. The ell has under consideration ince outlining the number- sses. This increase can justified by the increase in ation.

Will Own Water Plant.

At a municipal election the proposition to purchase lamette Valley Company's ka carried by 635 to 125, proposition to vote \$300,000 a municipal water plant of \$67 to 171. The bonds ed at several previous elec- each time the election was illegal on account of tech-

ville Studies Esperanto.

An Esperanto Club formed in this city with six members, for the study of universal language. J. C. president, Arthur McPhill- tary, Kate Lantz treasurer, C. P. Swander, instructor. Will be held weekly.

Track Laid to Dorris.

th Falls—Track laying was of the California North- Dorris yesterday. This new south of the Oregon line miles from the steamboat on the Klamath river. Reg- service will be established

Market Last Year's Wheat.

Freighters are very busy lling wheat from the Madras There was a quantity of ft on hand last fall when the is put a stop to hauling, but is to be hauled to the Shaniko this spring.

MUST SPRAY ORCHARDS.

Fruit Commissioners Held Will Make Owners Obey Law.

Oregon City—J. H. Reid, of Mil- waukee, fruit commissioner for the First Oregon District, has announced his intention of cleaning up the pest- afflicted orchards of Clackamas county, along the tracks of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Com- pany, and will hold a conference with County Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis and District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, for the purpose of carefully laying plans to force the owners of diseased orchards to either spray their trees or cut them down.

"Marion and Yamhill counties have obeyed the law," said Mr. Reid, "and it is up to Clackamas to do the same. It is a strong and forceful argument that hundreds and perhaps thousands of homeseekers come from the east through California, and, after traveling through the southern portion of Oregon and then through Lane, Linn and Marion counties, come to Clackamas and here are confronted by the spectacle of scale-in- fested trees, hundred of acres of them, absolutely of no value to the owners or to any one else."

COMPLAINS OF RATES.

Eugene Mill Finds Railroad Tariffs Have Doubled

Salem—J. M. Shelley, of Eugene, manager of the Eugene Mill & Elevator Co., has protested against a recent raise of nearly 100 per cent in certain local freight rates in that part of the state. He encloses a shipping receipt showing that he pays a rate of 23 cents per 100 pounds on wheat and oats from Eugene to Yoncalla, 44 miles, which rate, he says, is excessive, unjust and unrea- sonable. Prior to January 1, 1907, the rate was 14 cents. The rate for a little long- er distance, as, for instance, from Eugene to Roseburg, is now 31 cents, whereas the former rate was 15 cents. This is an increase of over 100 per cent. The railroad commission will investi- gate.

Ready to Strike Oil

Monmouth—The complete outfit for boring an oil well on the Whiteaker farm, three miles north of Monmouth has arrived and is being unloaded and placed on the site for the well. The indications for oil veins in this vicinity have attracted the attention of experts for several years past, and much interest among the landowners is taken in the outcome of this work, which is backed by ample capital for a thorough test.

Fruit Nipped in Douglas

Roseburg—Douglas County fruitgrow- ers are much concerned as to the extent of the damage caused by last night's frost. From some sections the report comes that the pears, peaches, cherries and other early fruits will be a total loss while in other sections the growers are as yet unable to say just how much damage they have suffered from this severe frost.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 84c per bushel; red Russian, 82c; blue- stem, 87c; valley, 85c.
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50@27 per ton; gray, \$26.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50 per ton; middlings, \$27.50; shorts, country, \$27.50; city, \$27; wheat and barley chop, \$27.50.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordi- nary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Butter—Extras, 27½c per pound; fancy 26c; choice, 25c; store, 16½c.
Eggs—Loss and commission off, 16½@17c per dozen.
Cheese—Fancy cream twins, 15½c per pound; cream brick, 20c; Swiss blk., 20c; Limburger, 22½c.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13c per lb.; fancy hens, 14@14½c; roosters, old, 8c; fryers, lb., 20c; broilers, lb., 22½@25c; dressed poultry per pound, 1c higher.
Potatoes—Select, selling price, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55c; Clackamas, buying price, 55c per hundred; new California, 5@5½c per pound; sweet, 5½c per pound.
Onions—Job price, \$4.75@5 per hundred; buying price, \$4.25@4.50 per hundred; garlic, 15c per pound.
Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.
Fresh Fruits—Oranges, \$2.50@3 per box; lemons, \$2.75@3.50.
Cattle—Best steers, \$4.75@5; medium, \$4.25@4.75; common, \$3.50@4; cows, best, \$3.75@4; common, \$3.25@3.75; calves, \$4@4.50.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$6@6.50; ewes, \$5@5.50; spring lambs, nomi- nal.
Hogs—Best, \$6@6.25; medium, \$5.75@6; feeders, \$5.25@5.50.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6c per pound; olds, 1@1½c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 12@15c, ac- cording to quality.
Mohair—Choice, 20@20½c per pound.

BANKER ROSS CONVICTED.

Guilty of Appropriating State Money to Private Use.

Salem, Ore., April 24.—Guilty of converting to his own use \$288,000 of state school lands, was the verdict rendered against J. Thorburn Ross by a Marion county jury yesterday afternoon. The jury was out an hour and ten minutes.

From what can be learned it ap- pears that the jury took four ballots the first showing nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

Sentence will be imposed by Judge Burnett on Monday morning. The penalty provided by law is impris- onment in the penitentiary for from one to fifteen years and by fine of double the amount of the defalcation.

The case will, of course, be ap- pealed to the supreme court, when the case will be tried practically anew, for the defense objected to nearly all the evidence, saved exceptions, and questioned the ruling of the trial court on all points of law that go to the foundation of the case.

Attorney McCamant declined to discuss the verdict, but was very plainly deeply disappointed.

TRY TO KILL GRAFTER.

Ex-Supervisor Gallagher Blown Up by Bomb

Oakland, Cal., April 24.—What is believed by the police to have been an attempt to assassinate James L. Gallagher, one of the main witnesses for the prosecution in the San Fran- cisco graft cases, was made shortly after 7 o'clock tonight at the home of William H. Schenck, Gallagher's brother-in-law, East Twentieth street and Nineteenth avenue, East Oak- land, when a huge bomb placed on the porch exploded and tore away the whole front of the house. Gallag- her was up stairs with his wife at the time, and Mr. Schenck was in a rear room with his wife and four children and Dr. Guy Brown.

All escaped but one boy, who was hit in the neck by a flying missile.

That none was killed was little short of a miracle. Gallagher's hat was pierced by a splinter, and taken away as a souvenir. The house was completely wrecked. The report was heard all over Oakland and many windows in the neighborhood were broken. A post belonging to the porch was hurled 100 feet away.

Valuable clues to the perpetrators of the crime were gained today through the finding of a silk handker- chief in which it is supposed the infernal machine was wrapped.

In a search of the debris this morn- ing detectives located some wire and fuse and caps, which would indicate, according to Chief Wilson, that a bomb of some sort had been used.

Honey Had Warned Him.

San Francisco, April 24.—"The prosecution will certainly make a most thorough investigation of the dastardly attempt to kill one of the most important witnesses for the state in the bribery graft cases," said Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney this morning to the Associated Press representative.

Mr. Heney refused to state whether or not he had any evidence pointing to the perpetrators.

"I am satisfied that it was not the work of a fanatic or crank," de- clared the Assistant District Attor- ney. "Neither did the attempt upon Gallagher's life surprise me. I warned him more than three months ago that if he was not careful 'they would get him,' and at the time urged him to move from Oakland, telling him his home might be blown up. Aside from this I have nothing to say at present."

Tornado in Nebraska.

Paris, Neb., April 24.—About 6 o'clock this afternoon a tornado de- stroyed the eastern portion of De- port, a town 20 miles southeast of Paris, killing W. R. Isbell, a drug- gist, and wounding several others. The Isbell family was at supper when the storm came.

Practically all the residences on the east side of town were destroyed, at least 25 or 30 being scattered over the country in fragments.

Revive Coaching in England.

London, April 24.—Alfred G. Van- derbilt, whose effort to revive inter- est in coaching in England has been so sympathetically received, left London this morning on a series of trial trips over the Brighton road. He was accompanied by a small party of friends. A big crowd assembled out- side the hotel, where the start was made, and gave the American a hearty send-off, while the police stop- ped traffic in Piccadilly in order to al- low the coach to gain a free passage. Mr. Vanderbilt will make his first regular trip on May 4.

Machinists Strike.

Marshalltown, Ia., April 24.—Machinists in the various shops of the Iowa Central railway struck today, together with helpers and appren- tices. A reduction of 4 cents an hour in the wage schedule caused the strike.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Saturday, April 25

Washington, April 25.—Another day was spent by the senate in considering the amendment to the naval appropria- tion bill, but a vote was not reached at the close of the discussion, which was participated in by a dozen senators. Hale secured an agreement for a vote before adjournment on Monday.

A canvass of the senate made during the day indicated that the four-ship program will be defeated and that the debate has changed several votes. Much of the discussion today was devoted to the improbability of war being forced upon the United States. Beveridge and Piles were sharply criticised by Ald- rich, Perkins and McCumber for their statements of yesterday, and several heated colloquies occurred. Beveridge will reply on Monday.

Washington, April 25.—The actual in- vestigation of the wood-pulp and print- paper question, involving in prospect an examination into the affairs of the paper trust to determine whether or not it is as alleged by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association a combination in restraint of trade and maintaining a monopoly of the print-paper supply in the United States, was begun today by the select committee appointed by Speaker Cannon, whose chairman is Rep- resentative James R. Mann, of Illinois, and the other members of which are Bannon of Ohio, Stafford of Kentucky, Bannon of Ohio, Stafford of Wisconsin, Simms of Tennessee and Ryan of New York.

Friday, April 24

Washington, April 24.—Argu- ments in favor of the president's pro- gram for four battleships consumed most of the session of the senate to- day. Piles, of Washington, opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section, as war clouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Am- ericans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific.

This, he declared, was a measure of peace, and not of war. He came, he said, from the section of the country that must be the storm center of any conflict in the Pacific ocean. The people of the Pacific were in favor of four battleships. He sent to the vice president's desk a statement of a vote of 162 editors attending a meeting in New York, which he said showed 126 in favor of the four bat- tleships and the president's policy for naval expansion.

While he had never been one of those who feared war, it should not be denied, he said, that there was on the Pacific coast a peculiar condi- tion, and the time was coming when the people of this country would have to face that condition. The Pa- cific coast, he added, had by its op- portunities attracted many Asiatics, who had been reared in a different way from the people of the United States. There was a possibility of a clash between these people and those of the Pacific coast.

Washington, April 24.—The busi- ness of the house proceeded today at a rapid gait, despite the fact that the democrats forced six rollcalls. Over 1000 pension bills were put through, the largest batch of the session.

A bill was passed providing for the protection of life on navigable waters during regattas and marine parades. There also was discussed at length the Harbison resolution demanding the report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the cause of fluctua- tions in cotton. The vote on that measure will be taken tomorrow.

Thursday, April 23

Washington, April 23.—After one of the hardest fought legislative bat- tles of this session, the house of rep- resentatives, late this afternoon by a vote of 247 to 8, passed the Fulton land-grant resolution without amend- ment. Prior to the vote on final passage, Fordney's amendment was voted down, 43 to 227. The resolu- tion will go to the president by the end of the week and will promptly be signed by him.

Immediately thereafter steps will be taken to initiate suit against the Oregon & California Railroad Com- pany to secure forfeiture of the un- sold portion of its grant. For the time being, it is understood, no pro- ceedings will be undertaken against lumber companies and other pur- chasers from the railroad.

Washington, April 23.—As the senate was about to conclude consid- eration of the naval appropriation bill today, Senator Piles, of Wash- ington, proposed an amendment in- creasing from two to four the num- ber of new battleships to be author- ized.

A spirited debate occurred on the amendment for the restriction of the purchase of materials for the con- struction of the battleships and sub- marine boats to those of domestic manufacture.

Amendments to remove that res- triction from the bill were defeat- ed, Hale estimating that since the in- vestigation of the steel trust some years ago the price of steel armor had been reduced from \$550 and \$600 per ton to \$416 per ton.

fact to senate leaders today is re-

garded as responsible for the an- nouncement by Hale that he would propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 toward the construction of those ships.

The president stated his position on this point with unusual emphasis and suddenness today, upon learning that the bill as passed by the house was simply a "paper" provision for naval increase. Authorization of the ships was made, but no money carried to make the provision effective. Such legislation as this, the president made known to his numerous con- gressional callers, was a travesty as to effectiveness, as well as bearing all the earmarks of legislative leg- erdemain intended to make ridicu- lous his campaign for the greater navy.

That the president's quick and vigorous action is to be effective is evidenced by the action of Chairman Hale, of the senate naval committee. In announcing that at the proper time he will propose the \$7,000,000 amendment.

Tuesday, April 21.

Washington, April 21.—Against a united democracy, which denied the sincerity of the republican majority, the house today, by a vote of 184 to 110, passed Speaker Cannon's resolu- tion providing for an investigation of the paper trust and, in pursuance of its provisions, the speaker an- nounced as the committee of six who will conduct the investigation Mann (Ill.), Miller (Kan.), Stafford (Wis.) Bannon (O.), Sims (Tenn.) and Ryan (N. Y.).

Fitzgerald created laughter by re- ferring to the speaker as "the whole business" in the house. He said that he had told some people, who had written him about wood pulp, not to waste their time on the white house, as the president had in a degree re- cently lost his influence with the house.

"We will stand by the president to the last ditch," he humorously re- marked, "and I expect we and the president will go into the last ditch together."

The McCall campaign publicity bill today was unanimously recommend- ed to the house for passage by the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress. Though introduced by a republican, it had the undivided sup- port of the democratic members of the committee, and of national pub- licity law association.

Washington, April 21.—The re- ported purpose of the president to send the fleet of battleships now on the Pacific coast around the world, was the basis of a discussion in the senate today when the naval appropria- tion bill was taken up for con- sideration.

Defending the policy of sending the fleet of battleships to the Pacific ocean, Senator Lodge said great good is already resulting from the long cruise and it is teaching the fleet how to maintain itself away from shipyards, by making repairs through its own mechanics on board.

Inquiry into Paper Trust.

Washington, April 24.—A defilate step was taken today toward a solu- tion of the wood pulp and newspaper cost question in the introduction by Speaker Cannon of a resolution for the appointment of a select commit- tee of six members to investigate and obtain all possible information as to the reasons for the increased price of white paper "to the end that needful legislation may be enacted."

The resolution, which was referred to the committee on rules, of which the speaker is chairman, empowers the committee to sit in Washington or elsewhere during sessions of the house and the recess of congress and confers the usual authority of sub- pena, the administration of oaths, etc.

Increase Widows' Pensions.

Washington, April 24.—Conferees on the widows' pension bill reached an agreement today by adopting the bill practically in the form as passed by the house. It increases from \$8 to \$12 per month the pensions of widows of soldiers of the Mexican, Indian and Civil wars, and will in- crease the pension list about \$12,000,000.

Seeks National Registration.

Washington, April 24.—Senator Curtis today introduced a bill to re- quire corporations organized under federal or state charters to register with the department of commerce and labor and secure a permit there- from before attempting to transact business in a state or territory other than that in which it is organized.

Arbitration With Spain.

Washington, April 24.—A general arbitration treaty between the United States and Spain was signed today. It is understood that the treaty fol- lows the lines of the general arbitra- tion treaties already signed be- tween this and several of the Euro- pean governments.

Millions for District of Columbia.

Washington, April 20.—The Dis- trict of Columbia appropriation bill was reported to the senate today. It carries \$11,494,887, an increase of \$1,934,388 over the amount of the bill as it was passed by the house.