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The first good run of salmon in the Columbia took place Saturday.

The city of North Yakima boasts of having 150 autos.

The thermometer registered 105 at Vale last week.

Saloon screens in Spokane have been removed.

Palouse farmers are receiving \$1.25 per hundred for barley. Most of it is going to Portland.

A number of counties in Washington are preparing to submit the local option law to the voters.

Yields in the vicinity of Weston are reported to be averaging 40 bushels to the acre.

F. B. DeGuire, a pioneer of the state of 1854, died at Silverton this week, at the age of 91.

pany's plant is for sale. It was built three years ago at a cost of \$14,000 and has an indebtedness of \$9,000. It has only run one season.

Nearly all of the chorus girls of Spokane have registered to file on land. They say they would like to teach the little bird how to sing.

A newspaper man in Walla Walla, was held up Sunday evening and relieved of 55 cents. The craft is wondering where he got the 55.

The Walla Walla Canning company's oil well is being sunk at Dufer, Oregon. A depth of 1400 feet has already been reached and the drill is still working.

Senator H. M. Teller, who served longer in congress than any other western man, is in Spokane. He is of the opinion that Aldrich will practically have his way in tariff matters.

Every day there is something doing on the irrigation project. Things are moving much faster than these large undertakings usually do. Some of these mornings in the near future we will wake up and find a string of teams at work on the valley canals.

A resident of Seattle in writing to the Observer states that the Bing cherries in the Union county exhibit were pronounced by thousands who view them, as the finest cherries ever seen in the metropolis of our sister state.

Have you ever driven over the new macadam road which the county has just completed. It costs something to build highways like this, but when once built we have something to show for the money. If this system had been adopted 20 years ago we would not had a poor road in the county. Every new country has to go through this period, and now that we have started on permanent road roads, the demand will extend gradually all over the county.

Representative Ellis asked the Director of the Geological Survey to make an investigation of the oil fields of Eastern Oregon to determine the extent of the oil deposits and the

now in Colorado, but when he concludes his work there in the late summer he will be sent to Oregon to make a preliminary investigation, to be followed by detailed study later.

The entire Northwest is proud of the showing made at the Seattle fair. One and all who have visited it have nothing but the highest words of praise for the exhibit, the courteous treatment from all connected with it and the hospitality of the people of Seattle in general. This means much for the entire Northwest. Thousands of pleased eastern people means that tens of thousands of people will come west as a direct result of being pleased with the fair and the entire country in general.

There is no question but what the great majority of the people are with President Taft in his tariff fight. Some day this changing of tariff schedules will be taken away from congress, where the tariff is subject to being amended by shrewd legislators. For instance each section of the country tries to secure either free trade or protection according to its actual conditions irrespective of the greatest good to the greatest number of people. The tariff is practically no longer a political issue. Some of our industries and products require protection. The government must of necessity to a certain extent raise many millions of dollars of revenue from this source and must continue to do so until other measures are sought. In time large sums of revenue will be derived either through an income tax or a tax on the gross or net earnings of the corporations or both.

The Republicans may call it protection but when completed about as much revenue will be derived as if the Democrats were in power, and would pass a tariff bill for revenue. A tariff commission has been suggested for many years and it does look as though a commission composed of men of large experience whose object would be to adjust the tariff along purely business lines, would remove much of the present long weary months of fear that always precedes any congress that attempts to change tariff schedules, that necessarily demoralizes business during period of uncertainty.

MILLIONS FOR CHARITY.

Rockefeller Has New Donation Plans to Carry Out.

NEW YORK, July 27.—That J. D. Rockefeller is preparing to distribute parts of millions to charity is intimated by those who claim to know something about his plans. The money is said to be given directly to the poor through certain Rockefeller channels and will be handled by a company duly incorporated.

Just what method will be followed is unascertained, but it is said the money will be given out right to the needy, and little be handled as loans.

SEATTLE MAN DIES.

Succumbs to Heart Disease—Shipped Home Tonight.

Chris Furhburg, who arrived at Hot Lake last Friday morning, died at the sanatorium this morning of heart failure. The body was brought to La Grande by Henry & Carr, and will be shipped to Seattle tonight. Mr. Furhburg was accompanied by a friend, John Welch, who will return with the body. The deceased leaves two brothers and a sister in Seattle. He was a member of the Foresters at Los Angeles, California.

CLAIM DIGGERS MAY BE FIRST

JONES WANTS HAY TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION.

Wants Washington to Ratify Income Tax Amendment.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Senator Jones has written a letter to Governor Hay urging him to exert his influence towards having a special session of the legislature to ratify the proposed amendment to the constitution making it possible to impose an income tax. He thinks if the Washington legislature takes action, the present session, the state will have the honor of being the first to adopt the plan.

IS PROSECUTING WITNESS.

Mrs. Sutton Placed on New Position in Naval Hearing Today.

ANNAPOLIS, July 27.—Officers and soldiers present at the time of the death of Lieutenant James Sutton, of Oregon, were placed in position of the defendants at the court inquiry into Sutton's death by the Judge Advocate, who also ruled that Mrs. Sutton, the mother, must assume the position of prosecuting witness. He then postponed further hearing until next week, when Lieutenant Utley, one of the duly designated defendants, will arrive. The ruling was made when a letter written by Mrs. Sutton, and sent to the navy department, requesting an inquiry, was introduced as evidence.

POSTMASTER ROBBED.

Relieved of a Bag Containing Government Papers and Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Held up at the point of a gun on a street corner, early today, A. A. Liljsett, the postmaster for Alcatraz Island, was relieved of a sealed bag of government papers and one hundred dollars in gold. He received such a beating that he was forced to go to the hospital.

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