

# News of the Northwest Country

## General Improvement of the Inland Empire Recorded.

**PORTLAND, Aug. 19.**—The Gales Creek Logging company has been organized by the Crosser, Watzek and Gates lumber interests of Portland to log under contract with the American Land and Timber company of Duluth a tract of approximately 11,000 acres on Gales creek, in Washington county.

The timber, which is on the Gales Creek & Wilson River railroad, now owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, contains about 500,000,000 board feet. The tract surrounds the town of Asgaard, the present terminus of the railway.

No indication of the amount of money involved in the transaction was given out by A. R. Watzek in announcing the deal. Watzek said the date of operations was uncertain.

Officers of the new company are: D. E. Stewart, president; E. C. Crosser, vice-president; A. R. Watzek, secretary; G. W. Gates, treasurer; Philip L. Ray, assistant secretary.

### Dikes Give Deep Channel.

**PORTLAND, Aug. 19.**—Dikes constructed at Henric bar on the lower Columbia river, the last of five being built there last year, have exerted such a current influence that for the full length of the former dredged area, which measures approximately 19,000 feet, not less than 20 feet of mean lower low water is available today. That means no dredging will be required there this season.

Two of the dikes were built in 1917 and two in 1918, being located two on either side of the channel, while the fifth was placed on the Oregon shore midway between the others.

The structures were built by the corps of engineers, United States army and Major Richard Park, in charge of the second district, pointed out that the result were in line with that attained at the entrance to the Columbia river through the building of the north and south jetties.

In starting a dike a bucket dredging gear is used to dig into the bank of the river for a short distance fixed. The piling are driven usually not less than six inches apart, but at times the interval varied up to about nine inches. They are "staggered" so that a timber is made fast between them and at the base of the piling, on the riverbed, rock and gravel are placed.

Spacing between the piling permits the water to pass through, but checks the current. When the dikes in a defined area are completed material is dredged from the channel and deposited on each side, between the dikes, so the effect is to narrow the flow of deep water.

### Rush Building; Demand Heavy.

**WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 19.**—Demand for living quarters continues to equal or exceed the supply, although 140 new homes were built during the first six months of 1922. Rents will not decline materially. Office and store rentals will also not decline, although 1000 feet of new business frontage has been built this year or is under construction on Wenatchee and Mission avenues and the downtown side streets.

Persons desiring office and store space have offered owners of buildings under construction a premium for it. One man offered an owner of a building now going up \$1000 bonus for preference on a lease on a corner ground floor store room.

Despite the rapid increase of houses and the fact that applications for 109 families are on file, rents continue higher. Figuring \$10 monthly per \$100 of investment, a \$4000 house should rent for \$40 a month, according to dealers, but actually does rent for from \$50 to \$70 a month. Two thousand dollar houses are renting for \$40 a month.

W. R. Powell, member of the city council, says 800 families live in shacks and tents. In the E. S. Russell tent colony there are 52 families. South Mission street, South Chelan, South Methow, South Walker, Ferry, Cascade and the tent streets east of Chelan avenue and in the south end of town are dotted with tents and small temporary dwellings.

### Brownsville Roads Improved.

**BROWNVILLE, Aug. 19.**—Roads leading to Brownsville are receiving considerable improvement this summer. On Market road No. 11 crushed rock from the Saddle Butte quarry is being laid on a five-mile stretch, and this will join with gravel surfacing laid last season. This road is in the Ash Swale district, between Albany and Brownsville. Graders and trucks have also been at work on the Brownsville-Harrisburg road, where crushed rock and gravel are being hauled. This is known as market road No. 15. The Brownsville-Harrisburg road is connected with the Pacific highway by market road No. 13, and grading for improvement is going on there.

### Plan \$50,000 Dormitory.

**SALEM, Aug. 19.**—Sailem Indian school is soon to have a new dormitory to cost \$50,000, and to accommodate between 150 and 200 boys. The school officers have been looking almost every day for the arrival of the call for bids on the new structure. They hope to have the work begun in time for the building to be completed before winter sets in.

The historic old Brewer hall, named after David Brewer, for so many years practical mainstay of the school, is to be removed, and the new dormitory erected in its place.

### New Hospital at Everett.

**EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 19.**—The board of trustees of the Everett General hospital, to be built here, last Tuesday authorized A. H. B. Jordan to let the contract for the structure, an 80-bed hospital to cost from \$250,000 to \$275,000. Of this sum \$150,000 has been raised by popular subscriptions and a site purchased. The building is to cost more than expected as it has been decided to add another story to increase its capacity. To help make up this deficit, members of the trustee board personally subscribed an additional \$52,000.

### Expand Grain Storage.

**DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 19.**—Workmen yesterday completed the construction of three additional grain storage tanks at the Big Bend Milling company plant in this city. The new tanks have a capacity of 30,000 bushels, giving the mill a total storage capacity now of 52,000 bushels, which will obviate the necessity for storing grain in neighboring warehouses and handling it several times. Work on installing additional machinery in the mill has begun and will be completed within two weeks, giving the mill a flour capacity of 175 barrels a day.

### Plan Wider Channel.

**ASTORIA, Aug. 19.**—Presenting an urgent request that the channel of the Sappanion river from the Columbia river to Warrenton be further improved, a delegation of Warrenton citizens and officials appeared before the Port of Astoria commission last week.

The commission concurred in the opinion that the improvement must be made, but declined to take hasty action. It, however, directed its engineers to prepare plans and estimates of the improvement on a permanent basis.

### Water Plant Extensions.

Water plant extensions to cost \$285,875 are called for in the 1923 budget estimate of the Spokane water system, as completed Friday by Superintendent of Water Alex. Lindsay and approved by Mayor Fleming. As the South Side is the chief beneficiary this year, the North Side will receive attention next year, when it is planned to erect a new re-enforced concrete reservoir on the high ground northeast of the city at a cost of \$140,000 for structure, site and connecting supply mains.

### Pendleton Mills Leased.

**PENDLETON, Aug. 19.**—H. W. Collins has closed a lease on the Pendleton roller mills, owned by the Spokane flour mills, and the oldest flouring plant in Pendleton will be operated with the Collins flour mills. The capacity of the Collins mill is 1000 barrels daily and the old plant will run about 500 barrels daily. Both plants will be operating soon to manufacture export flour. The Collins mill has been running at full capacity for some time.

### \$1,500,000 Highway Bonds.

**SALEM, Aug. 19.**—Bids for the construction of 54.2 miles of highway, five bridges and for the sale of \$1,500,000 state high bonds will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland August 29. The highway construction will be in Harney, Umatilla, Lake, Hood River, Washington and Yamhill counties and the bridges will be in Lincoln, Linn, Gilliam, Yamhill, and Baker counties.

### Erect \$1,000,000 Elk Hotel.

**SEATTLE, Aug. 19.**—An up-to-date 300-room hotel is included in plans for a \$1,000,000 addition to the present Elks' club building here, announced today. The addition will be erected on the lot adjoining the present building and will occupy the site of the old Lincoln hotel. The auditorium in the new building is to have a seating capacity of more than 3000. Its size is made necessary by the big membership of the Seattle lodge, in excess of 6500.

### Sites Offered to Yeomen.

**ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 19.**—Choice of three sites in Grays Harbor county, on near Montesano and the other two near Elma, has been offered through the agency of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen for a proposed children's home to cost \$100,000. An inspection committee is expected to arrive here next month. Over 300 sites have been offered in various parts of the United States.

### Insects Use Tools.

In intelligence the insect world ranks next to humankind. Two naturalists tell of seeing a wasp closing a hole in the ground leading to a food cache by tamping the earth with a small pebble it had seized in its mandibles. Heretofore man was supposed to be the only tool user. Out at Grays Harbor, Wash., bandit wild bees have invaded the tame hives and carried away the honey to their hives in the forest. They have stolen more than one-third of the domestic honey produced in this district. Insect civilization seems right up-to-date.

## Deuces Wild in the Wild Waves



Caliber cards—they float. Hence, water polo. Also, Herman, Marie Grandall, Dorothy Grandall and Marie Oles (right) show how it is played in a swimming pool at Washington.

## GREAT BRITAIN WANTS GREATER AIR STRENGTH

Future Navy will Take to the Air," says Captain Viscount Curzon in House of Commons at Naval Discussion.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 28. (By Mail)—"The navy of the future must take to the air; otherwise it will be at a hopeless disadvantage," said Captain Viscount Curzon in the House of Commons when the naval estimates came up for discussion. He pointed out that according to the latest figures the navy had only nine fighting airplanes, in contrast with the 86 possessed by the United States navy.

To offset the allegation of Captain Curzon, the air ministry has issued a statement declaring the British navy to be better equipped with airplanes than that of any other power and claiming no fewer than 58 fighting air machines in commission, with a large number of reserves.

George Lambert, a former Civil Lord of the Admiralty, expressed the opinion that the British navy was very inadequately equipped with aircraft. "Can the navy say that from the defensive point of view the money of the taxpayer is being spent to the best advantage?" he asked. "You are going to spend 10,000,000 pounds on two new battleships but it is useless to spend money on capital ships unless you have sufficient aircraft for the ships you already possess."

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy emphasized the great need of strengthening the air fleet. "We are exposed to two great dangers from the air," he said, "massed attacks by fleets of airplanes flying by

night and scattering poison and disease germs on our cities, and having our food supplies cut off by attacks on the trade routes. The two capital ships would be of little use warding off such raiders."

Mr. Amery, financial secretary to the admiralty, answered some questions about recent experimental attacks by airplanes on warships in the channel. According to published sensational reports, he said, the attacks were completely successful, and if made in real warfare would have completely wiped out a considerable portion of the British navy. The manœuvres were not of a wholly novel character, but part of a series of valuable and constructive exercises which have been carried out for some time. It is not true that the airplanes threw out smoke screens. The torpedo-carrying airplanes were sighted 15 minutes before firing their torpedoes. They were under dummy gun-fire.

"There is a great difference between the effect of dummy gun-fire and real gun-fire on the morale and the steadiness of a fleet when at a low altitude at the moment of discharging torpedoes," the speaker continued. "They were attacked by gun-fire in dummy from light cruisers and destroyers. The attack developed under favorable conditions. We could not use real counter-measures. The attack thus developed its full offensive effect, and a number of hits were recorded under the most favorable conditions. I do not know the exact number of hits, but I am informed that from the admiralty staff point of view it was not considered to be at all large, or in any way beyond what was expected."

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## BABIES, OLD MEN IN ACCIDENTS

**NEW YORK, Aug. 19.**—Babies who were too young to realize danger, and old men who couldn't move quickly enough to avoid it, swelled the total of accidental deaths to 5,483 in New York City last year, health department reports reveal. This represents a decrease of 400 from the accidental deaths of 1919.

Only 987 of the victims were females, while 2,496 were males. Even among the infants the death rate for males was by far the higher, probably, according to the health office, because boys-babies often come to grief through inquisitiveness and a natural tendency to seek adventure.

"The most important cause of accidental death from a numerical standpoint is the automobile," the report continues. "Last year 849 persons were killed in this city as the result of automobile accidents. This is equivalent to a ratio of almost 15 per 100,000 of population and represents a net increase of one per 100 since 1919. "We must not lose sight, however, of the fact that the number of fatal street accidents has not kept pace with the increase in the number of vehicles using the streets. If the same ratio between accidents and vehicles obtained today as in previous years, the fatalities would be many times greater, so that in reality a big saving in life has been effected through regulation of traffic and the closing of streets for play during certain hours of the day."

Almost 12 persons per 100,000—numbering 684—died in falls, said the report: 103 from scaffolds and buildings and 138 from fire escapes and

windows. "Certainly this was a needless loss of life," says the health department. "Almost one-third of these deaths occurred among children under five years of age. In other words, among little children who were allowed to play windows. "So out on fire escapes or to lean out of windows." Surely this indicates gross negligence and calls for active propaganda to educate parents not to permit little tots to engage in such hazardous forms of play.

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