

COMMITTEE IS ALMOST THROUGH ITS WORK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The commission which was appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the conditions of Liberia has about completed its report. It held a meeting this week for the purpose of going over its voluminous records and putting them in final shape for the submission to Secretary of State Knox, who will in turn transmit them to Congress.

Their report, on which they are now putting on the final touches, is quite extensive and covers practically every phase of Liberian governmental conditions. It will, it is said, have considerable to say about alleged foreign aggressions on the negro republic, and will urge that something practical be done by the United States to extend the commercial relations between the two countries while lending its moral support in a way more marked than has been apparent in the past few years.

The commissioners found that the American negroes originally sent there, their descendants, to the number of 40,000 to 50,000, constitute the ruling class in a population of about 1,500,000 blacks. Civilization in Liberia is still in a primitive state. There are no means of transportation except by hammocks slung over the shoulders of bearers, no sewage or other sanitary conveniences, and not even an ice plant. A cold bottle of beer is not to be found in the whole republic, one of the members of the party reported regretfully, and the drinking water is always at high temperature. Back in the interior, away from Monrovia, the capital, the Liberians expressed their surprise that the Americans talked such good English. The last white man they had seen, they said, used to say "me tink," and this, evidently a German trader, they had taken for an American. That they themselves should make this criticism shows that they still have pride in their memories of the United States and of the language they had learned here.

EUGENE IS TO HAVE LARGE NEW THEATER

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 30.—It was definitely announced today that Eugene is to have a new theater. The building is to be erected by Mrs. M. E. Watson and Julius Goldsmith and is to occupy a part of the space now occupied by the electric theater and the Goldsmith building.

The electric theater being a wooden structure, will be torn down and the new theater plans, together with other improvements, will make it necessary to extend both buildings back to the alley, making a building 44x160 feet.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS OF FISH LAKE SYSTEM

The work on the Fish Lake irrigation project is well under way and is being rapidly pushed toward completion.

The plan is to drain the water of the mountain regions around Four-Mile lake into that lake, to bring it through a canal across the Cascade summit into Fish lake and thence down into the Rogue River valley.

Engineer Irving Worthington has charge of the work and has built a temporary dam ten feet high, storing up 3000 acre feet of water at Fish lake, has surveyed and cleared the site for the seven-mile canal across the Cascades and has built a permanent reservoir at the Four-Mile lake 17 feet high and storing 20,000 acre feet.

Because of the weather the work in the mountains will have to be discontinued for some time, but in a short time work will be begun on enlarging the canal and on the permanent dam at Fish lake. This dam will be 35 feet high, 800 feet long, will have concrete sluiceways, steel headgates and concrete spillway and will store up 11,000 acre feet of water.

Beautiful Pictures at The Savoy.

Tonight at Medford's popular moving picture house will be shown the strongest bill of pictures ever seen in this city. They meet the popular taste in every way, shape and form. "Romantic Italy" a scenic picture of great educational value, shows the world's famous Marmina Falls, one of the most beautiful water falls in the world. Many views of this famous falls in all its great grandeur are shown with wonderful realism. Words cannot describe the beauties of this picture. You must see it. Don't miss it.

"Winning a Widow" and "Miss Jones' Birthday" are two of best comedy pictures on the market. There is a laugh brought forth from every foot of film. The audience last night went into convulsions of mirth. So if you want to enjoy many good laughs see these bunches of joy at "The Savoy" tonight. One dime. Entire change of program tomorrow night.

MAN SHOTS HIS SISTER, BROTHER AND HIMSELF

SOUTH WOODSTOCK, Conn., Sept. 30.—Dr. Armin Brunn, a prominent physician of this city, died today from a bullet in his abdomen fired by his brother Constantine, who suicided after killing Miss Frieda Brunn, a sister living at the physician's home. Brunn entered the house and asked to use the telephone. After asking a number he turned and fired, killing his sister. He then shot his brother Armin and suicided. Central heard all three shots and notified the police. The suicide was a wealthy farmer. No motive was ascribed.

RAILROADS ENTERING INTO PRACTICE OF FORESTRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Realizing the advantage of an assured future timber supply, a number of railroads are adding to their forest holdings and managing their forest properties for the production of a sustained yield of cross-ties for their own roads. The success and economy of preservative treatment now make it possible to use for cross-ties woods that are cheaper and more abundant than the woods of longer life. By their recent purchases of tracts of loblolly pine the railroads are showing their appreciation of this fact. The practice of forestry by the railroads is especially significant in that it includes, in addition to conservative management, the commercial utilization of timbers of lower grade. In a number of cases planting is done, also with a view to tie production, though such planting is usually a subordinate part of the forest policy.

WILL LEAVE ONE PRISON ONLY TO ENTER ANOTHER

SALEM, Or., Sept. 30.—When Joe Kessler is released from the Oregon penitentiary next Friday morning, after completing a one-year sentence for embezzlement by bailee, committed from Portland, he will be greeted by an officer from Indianapolis, Ind., and taken back to the penitentiary of that state to complete an indeterminate sentence of from one to 14 years for grand larceny, having violated the conditions of his parole from that institution March 24, 1902, through the commission of his crime in Oregon. He was sent up from Michigan City, Ind., March 5, 1902, for the larceny of a quantity of jewelry of the aggregate value of \$360. Kessler is a Jew and made application to Governor Benson for a pardon upon the recent Jewish holiday.

HILLCREST HAS SHIPPED FIVE CARS OF COMICE

Three carloads of Comice pears have been shipped by the Hillcrest orchards and two more are being loaded. This ends the fruit of the orchard and all pickers and pickers who worked there are out of a job. The delay in shipping the fruit has been owing to the trouble in getting cars and the difficulty of hauling this kind of weather.

The fruit is of good size, uniform and free from blemishes. The trees bore fine, the five cars of pears being picked from 20 acres of trees.

COUNTY STARTS TO REPAIR THE BEAR CREEK BRIDGE

The county has started to do the much needed work on the Bear creek bridge and the lumber has been hauled for the purpose. The railing around the bridge is to be torn down and replaced by heavier timber and a few other minor repairs are to be made. The work has been needed for some time.

DOES NOT USE COAST COAL, AS IT IS POOR

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 30.—The chamber of commerce, which recently complained to the navy department because Pacific coast coal was not used by the navy, and which further objected to navy coal being shipped to Puget Sound in foreign ships, today received from Mr. Winthrop a letter in which he said that coal mined on the Pacific coast is not suitable for use in the navy; that to ship in American bottoms, or by rail, would increase the transportation cost by \$500,000; that American ships to carry the 170,000 tons consumed by the navy on the coast are not available, and no matter what freight may be paid, no more than one-third of the coal needed could be shipped under an American flag.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Moore—Edward P. Gilchrist New York; J. A. McLeod, D. R. Potts, Glendale; W. A. Healy, Portland; M. J. Fanning, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. L. Bloek, Cleveland; F. T. Osborn, Holland; J. W. Baker, city; L. Y. Fuller, Portland; George L. Brown, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Victor W. Brown, Mary Brown, Pittsburg; W. H. Aoeener, Portland; C. W. McFadden, Duluth; A. D. Thomas, Portland; Lee Hunt, St. Louis; L. M. Lee, Brisebee.

At the Nash—Lilly Brush, Portland; P. B. Gallagher, Milwaukee; Weston Arnold, Peoria; Mathew Joseph, W. J. Ridgway, San Jose; J. K. Kendrick, California; W. P. Bluel, Spokane; A. J. Elmore, Hamilton; C. M. Humebaugh, Ashland; K. P. Hubbard, North Yakima; Thomas Hanson, Portland; J. Hele, Portland; J. S. Rogers, Eileen; L. Knowes, Portland; George Mackabee, Stockton; W. B. McDonald, Oakland; Geo. C. Nichols, San Francisco; C. Row, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Day, White Salmon; J. W. Poole and wife, Akron.

BILLY BOY NEARING DEATH OR CAPTURE

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Sept. 30.—Without food or water and almost surrounded by the pursuing posse, Billy Boy, the Piute Indian who killed his sweetheart's father, also an Indian, and abducted a girl, will probably be captured or killed tonight. The posse was so close they could hear the weary little girl's sobs, but dared not go closer as the youth is a dead shot and is armed with a rifle. The posse is attempting to drive him into the open.

OCTOBER TERM SUPREME COURT OPENS MONDAY

SALEM, Or., Sept. 30.—The October term of the supreme court will open for business on Monday next. On Tuesday there will be an examination of applicants for admission to the bar, of whom there are a number from various parts of the United States.

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OREGON FIRMS SHIP 750 TONS OF PRUNES
ELBERTON, Wash., Sept. 30.—The Elberton prune crop is the heaviest in years. Heretofore the major portion of the crop has been dried in the local driers, but this year it is being taken fresh from the trees and shipped to commission centers in the middle west and Chicago in refrigerator cars, two or three carloads being forwarded daily. Oregon firms have 300 men and women picking and packing the crop, which will be about 750 tons.



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