

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAY LOSE WATER.

North Powder Company Has Prior Right Over Farmers.

Baker City—That the ranchers in some portions of the North Powder country are to suffer the loss of water at this important time of the year is evident if the order goes into effect that was made by the North Powder M. & M. company, which owns and operates the flouring mill at that station.

The company has prior water rights, but in the past has had a surplus of water. It was decided to divide the water with ranchers who would put land in cultivation, the division to continue until any time it was found necessary to have the whole supply for milling purposes. Crops have been planted and the desert soil responded admirably to the tiller's efforts.

Now, however, the water supply is short, and the milling company was forced to order all water belonging to their water right to be turned into the canal that feeds the mill supply.

The hardship that will be worked on those who have spent their time and work in cultivating lands that were watered by the mill's surplus will probably be hard. According to the opinion of many, however, there was nothing else for the mill to do in order to protect its business.

THE STATE FAIR.

Thousands of Dollars Being Spent to Make It Successful.

Salem—For the state fair in 1907 the Southern Pacific railroad handled 215 carloads of stock and exhibits. This year, while the fair is yet more than six weeks away, 219 cars have been ordered for hauling exhibits and stock. Many favorable conditions are working together harmoniously for a great fair at Salem next month.

Several thousand dollars have been expended in enlarging the permanent exhibit building. The grand stand has been enlarged so that it will accommodate one-third more people. Men have been at work on the grounds for some weeks preparing them for the fair. The shrubbery and grass is being cared for and skeletons for decoration purposes are being erected. All preparations are starting early.

A feature that will greatly assist to make the state fair this year of more worth and value will be the co-operation of the Portland Country club, which is offering attractive purses for the livestock exhibitions and races.

Indians Are Contented.

Pendleton—During the past 12 months the sum of \$125,000 has been paid to the 1,000 Indians of the Umatilla reservation. This amount has been paid in sums varying from \$10 per capita per month to \$500 each. Every man, woman and child has received in the neighborhood of \$125 each. All of this vast sum has been spent directly in the channels of trade in Pendleton and is one of the chief sources of business for the merchants of the city. But little dissatisfaction is found among the Indians, and the reservation is now in better condition than for years.

Summer Normal Draws Teachers.

Brownsville—Many teachers, lecturers and ministers from this section are taking advantage of the summer normal school conducted by the Albany college. The attendance is very large. Hereafter this will probably be one of the drawing cards for Albany college. Teachers are in attendance from Marion, Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Linn and other nearby counties. Lane county especially is proving its loyalty toward the church college by a good attendance. For the summer school the college has secured the services of some of the best educators in the United States.

Eugene Company to Irrigate.

Eugene—The Bingham Land company of this city intends to irrigate 300 acres of farming land which it owns in the McKenzie valley about 20 miles east of Eugene. The company has filed notice of appropriation with the county clerk of 200 miners' inches of the waters of Forest creek for irrigation and power purposes. The ditch to convey the water to the land will be four feet wide at the bottom and three feet deep.

Enlarge College Campus.

Salem—State Superintendent Ackerman has returned from Corvallis, and states that options have been secured on land in the vicinity of the Agricultural college that will add about 15 acres to the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college. It is expected that at the meeting of the board of regents at Portland on August 13 orders will be given to buy the land on which options have been secured.

Reporter of Supreme Court.

Salem—Frank A. Turner, a Salem attorney, has been appointed Supreme court reporter to succeed Judge R. G. Morrow, who resigned. Judge Morrow had been reporter for the Oregon Supreme court 16 years and had issued more reports than all his eight predecessors combined.

Names W. to ways Men.

Salem—J. N. Teal and Peter Loggie, of Mr. Sheld, have been appointed by the governor to represent Oregon at the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Waterway convention at Chicago October 7.

BUILD BIG SMELTER.

Eastern Capitalists Will Do This if County Builds Bridges.

Salem—The County Commissioners' court at their last meeting heard the petition of Mining Engineer Gadsden, representing Eastern capitalists, for the appropriation of \$2,000 for the building of five bridges across the Santiam river, to make the Gold Creek copper mines accessible. In return for this investment, Mr. Gadsden guarantees the erection of a smelter with a capacity of 100 tons per day.

It is expected that the opening up of these mines and the building of the smelter will result in the location of a refinery in this city. The Gold Creek mines are located on the head waters of the Santiam in the extreme Eastern part of Marion county.

A number of leading citizens appeared before the court and argued in favor of the \$2,000 appropriation.

Enlarge Salem Hatchery.

University of Oregon, Eugene—According to reports received here, the state salmon hatchery up the McKenzie river will not be abandoned, but extended, and arrangements will be made this fall so that trout as well as salmon can be hatched. The citizens of Eugene will provide the money for the importation of trout eggs from the East. It was rumored some time ago that the hatchery would be abandoned, but it is evident from a letter of the state fish commissioner that great improvements will be made in the establishment.

Display Douglas Fruits.

Roseburg—The contract for the horticultural exhibit building to be erected on the depot grounds, was awarded to Contractor F. F. Patterson. Construction work will begin in a few days. The building is to be mainly of plate glass, making an excellent display pavilion. Booster Zuercher has already started on a collecting tour for native exhibits of fruits and vegetables, so that the tourist may see what is raised in Douglas county.

Realizes Good Prices on Horses.

Drewsey—I. M. Davis, one of the principal business men of this place, is home after an absence of several weeks in Pendleton and other railroad points. Mr. Davis took a number of horses over the mountains. He says they stood the trip remarkably well. He realized from \$100 to \$150 for single drivers.

Bible University Begins Next Month.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The Eugene Bible university, the leading ministerial school of the Christian church west of the Rocky mountains, will open September 22. About 100 students are expected to enroll. The faculty consists of seven instructors, headed by President E. C. Sanderson.

Record by Land Board.

Salem—Loans amounting to \$40,500 were made by the land board at its monthly meeting held last week. This is the largest sum that has been loaned out by the land board in a great many years. The loans were uniform at 6 per cent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 93c; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 93c; valley, 89c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25.25; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa m-al, \$20.

Fruits—Cherries, 30¢ per pound; peaches, 65¢ per box; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 per box; plums, 40¢ per crate; grapes, \$1.25 per 1.50 per crate; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1.10 per 1.15.

Potatoes—90¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5¢ per pound.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.50 per 3 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crates, 1/2¢ per pound additional; casabas, \$2.50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5¢ per pound; cabbage, 20¢ per 2 1/2¢ per pound; corn, 25¢ per 30¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; eggplant, 10¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 15¢ per dozen; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 6¢ per pound; peppers, 80¢ per 10¢ per pound; radishes, 12 1/2¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; tomatoes, 50¢ per crate; celery, 90¢ per 81¢ per dozen; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen.

Butter—Extras, 27 1/2¢ per pound; fancy, 25¢; choice, 20¢; store, 18¢.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 25¢ per dozen; firsts, 23¢ per 24¢; seconds, 21¢ per 22¢; thirds, 15¢ per 20¢; Eastern, 23¢ per 24¢.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 110¢ per 11 1/2¢ per pound; fancy hens, 120¢ per 12 1/2¢; roosters, 80¢ per 9¢; spring, 14¢; ducks, old, 80¢ per 9¢; spring, 100¢ per 11¢; geese, old, 8¢; goslings, 100¢ per 11¢; turkeys, old, 180¢ per 19¢; young, 20¢.

Veal—Extra, 80¢ per 8 1/2¢ per pound; ordinary, 70¢ per 7 1/2¢; heavy, 5¢.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢; large, 5¢.

Mutton—Fancy, 80¢ per pound, Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2¢ per 5¢ per pound; olds, 20¢ per 2 1/2¢; contracts, 90¢ per 10.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 100¢ per 16 1/2¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 150¢ per 15 1/2¢; mc-hair, choice, 180¢ per 18 1/2¢.

FIRES IN IDAHO.

Kootenai Falls Prey to Flames and Sand Point is Threatened.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—A Sand Point, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review says:

With the wind blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai wiped out, it seems that no power can save Sand Point. At 6 o'clock last evening a small forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and the town of 300 inhabitants was burned to the ground.

The Humbird Lumber company has a \$200,000 mill at Kootenai, which burned to the ground, and which was only partly insured. At present the fire is within 2,000 feet of the Panhandle smelter, which seems doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here, and are being cared for by citizens. AW of them lost their belongings.

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It was impossible at midnight to learn the extent of the damage by fire at Sand Point. The telegraph wires are down and connection is lost with the regular telephone line, but the operator of the Independent Telephone office at Sand Point, states that Sand Point is in no immediate danger. The town of Kootenai was burned, but the big mill of the Humbird company was saved.

Reports are conflicting regarding the smelter at Ponderay, near Sand Point, one report declaring that it was burned while the other states that the forest fire was near but the smelter was still safe.

THOUSANDS PERISH.

South China Scene of Desolation Following Typhoon.

Hongkong, Aug. 12.—In a report issued today from the headquarters of the government relief station it is stated that advices from Southern China give details of appalling conditions among the victims of the recent typhoon, which laid waste an immense territory along the coast and killed thousands of natives.

The report says that more than 1,500,000 refugees are at the point of death from exposure and starvation, and that many thousands have succumbed since the disaster.

The tales of hardship and destitution are pitiful in the extreme. Scores of refugees in all quarters are without shelter of any kind, forced to spend days and nights huddled together like stormbound sheep. In some districts there is only sufficient food to supply one meal a day. More terrible are the conditions in other localities, where there is absolutely no food, and the people are dying by the hundreds. The dead are piled in heaps, no burial being possible.

MEXICANS USE TORTURE.

Tear Out Americans' Nails to Secure Names of Confederates.

Pittsburg, Aug. 12.—Police officials here have received news of the torturing of William Moffatt and Edward Maloney, who were arrested recently in Mexico City on a charge of robbing a bank messenger. Moffatt and Maloney, the police here say, were well known to them before leaving for Mexico.

Two companions escaped the officers when the Pittsburgers were arrested and the Mexican police demanded their names. Refusing to betray their companions, the men allege that they were strapped by the wrists to the bars of their cells, while the officials with forceps tore the nails from their hands. Unable to bear the agony, the men gave the names of their companions.

"I suppose," said Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough today, "if it were not for the record of the men, their torture would mean international complications."

Allege Yankee Roads Allied.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12.—Reports received here today that railroad lines in the United States, particularly the New York Central line, are furnishing strikebreakers to the Canadian Pacific and supplying equipment which the Canadian road is unable to repair in its crippled machine shops, have greatly agitated the strikers. The officials of the union declared today that if this report is found to be true, sympathetic strikers will be declared on all roads furnishing men and equipment to the Canadian Pacific.

Up Goes Price of Apples.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—The fifth annual convention of the American Apple-growers' association opened here today with more than 100 apple growers attending. Of importance to the public is the prediction of officers and delegates to the convention that apples this year will sell from \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel on the trees and that before the season ends they will be selling at \$7 with \$10 a barrel for choice ones.

Tornado in North Dakota.

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 12.—A tornado struck Mandan last evening and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000. One boy was picked up by the wind and carried three blocks. The roof of the Inter-Ocean hotel was loosened and crashed into the dining-room. The Dollar hotel was unroofed. Houses were tipped over and many windows shattered, but no fatalities occurred.

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