

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

DYNAMO WRECKS MILL.

Ten-Ton Fly Wheel Leaps Hundreds of Feet.

Hood River.—Failure of the governing machinery to work on the big dynamo of the Oregon Lumber company at its power plant at Dec caused the electric generator to run away and wreck the plant. Part of the 10-ton flywheel which exploded was blown across the river several hundred feet. The accident put 150 men out of employment.

Although many men were employed in the vicinity of the accident, no one was injured, the electrician escaping by being absent from the building. The plant cost the company \$50,000 and was the first electric power plant to be used in operating a sawmill on the coast. The accident is a doubly expensive one to the company, as in addition to the loss by damage to the power plant it is expected that the big mill, which was cutting from 150,000 to 200,000 feet of lumber a day, will have to remain idle a month before repairs can be made.

Electrical experts have been sent for and everything will be done to push the installation of new machinery at once.

Get Water From McKenzie.

Eugene.—The McKenzie Valley Irrigation & Power company has elected the following officers: J. A. Young, president; N. Needham, vice president; H. Phellaplace, secretary, and W. A. Platt, treasurer. Engineer McArthur will start the preliminary survey for the proposed irrigation canal at once. The water will be taken from the west side of the McKenzie near Hendricks' ferry. At this point the river is walled with solid rock, which will have to be blasted out. The canal will furnish water to irrigate the farms between the McKenzie and Willamette rivers west of Springfield.

Big Irrigation Project.

La Grande.—At a meeting held to discuss methods and devise plans for the promotion of the big irrigation project that is now the source of great interest in this valley, committees were appointed to cover the entire valley in a canvass for subscriptions. A considerable portion of the amount necessary to assure success in the undertaking has already been subscribed and there is but little doubt that within a few weeks the project will be well under way.

Break New Law.

Salem.—A large number of state of ficers and employes were surprised to learn that they have violated the new corrupt practices act by contributing to campaign funds. The act was adopted by the people last June and its terms were published both before and after election. Moreover, copies of that and all other acts submitted were mailed to all registered voters. But public officers overlooked or forgot the provisions forbidding them to make contributions and many of them have "dug up" all ready in this campaign.

Will Have Summer Home.

Marshfield.—Bishop Seading, of the Western Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, who has been visiting in Coos Bay, has decided to establish a summer home at Bandon. He has purchased two lots and has given the contract for erecting a residence. He will spend four months of each year at his Bandon home doing missionary work on the coast between Bandon and Gold Beach and will reside in Portland the other eight months of the year.

Eccles at La Grande.

La Grande.—David Eccles, the sugar magnate, spent one day last week at La Grande, and in company with F. S. Bramwell, one of his local lieutenants, made a trip from Austin, the present terminus of the Sumpter Valley railroad, through Harney county. It is given out that the trip was made to inspect a proposed route for an extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad to connect the O. R. & N. with the Goulet transcontinental line.

Take Ten Fruit Prizes.

Grants Pass.—Josephine county fruit-growers are highly pleased over receiving the news from the fair in Medford that this county had taken ten prizes upon apples out of an exhibit of eleven varieties, seven of which were first premiums. Of this last class the following are Spitzenberg, Baldwin, Rome Beauty, Arkansas Black, King, Lawyer and Ben Davis. It is also reported that first prize was awarded for best display of Tokay grapes.

Headquarters at Pilot Rock.

Pendleton.—Pilot Rock is to be headquarters for the Armour company's feeding in eastern Oregon, according to plans announced that the big packing firm had purchased ground for feeding quarters in that thriving village. Good transportation, an immense production of grain and hay and the abundance of livestock ranged upon the hills are the causes for the projecting of the new enterprise.

Scores of Men Put to Work.

Oregon City.—After a shutdown of six weeks, the four paper machines in Mill C, of the Willamette Pulp & Paper company, have been started, providing employment to scores of men who have been idle. The machines were in need of extensive repairs and the water has been low, so that the power from the falls was insufficient.

Sends Nine to College.

Hood River.—Hood River this year will send nine high school graduates to the higher educational institutions of the state.

RECLAIMING ARID LAND.

Irrigation for 60 Acres of Klamath Foothill Land.

Klamath Falls.—Fred Mellase will put in a pumping plant to irrigate 60 acres of land on the foothills east of this city. This land, with 8,000 other acres, is above the government canal, and is practically worthless, as not a drop of water can be put on it. With irrigation it will be the finest fruit land in the valley, worth over \$200 an acre.

The government has surveyed a ditch through this hill land, to be used after its pumping plant is established. Mr. Mellase will use this survey and later turn his plant over to the government. He will secure electric power from the Moore electric plant.

Eastland Secures Scholarship.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Herbert Eastland, a university graduate of '05, has been granted the full scholarship offered by the University of Oregon medical college in Portland to the graduates of the University of Oregon. Eastland took his major work under Professor Sweeter in the biological department. The scholarship amounts to all the tuition and fees that are charged at the medical school. No decisions have yet been made in regard to the two half scholarships awarded each year.

Revive Malheur Project.

Ontario.—A meeting of the Ontario Commercial club was held recently to take action looking to the revival of the Malheur project. It is known that the reclamation department is now looking for an irrigation project in this state, and that there is money available for that purpose. The Malheur project was considered one of the most feasible in the state of Oregon, and if the matter is brought before the government properly it is thought favorable action will be taken.

Testing Oysters at Coos.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The biological department is gathering statistics from the Coos Bay country with a view to raising oysters for commercial purposes. Professor Sweeter and the members of his department have done considerable work along this line during the summer, and if the statistics obtained prove the raising of oysters is possible and a paying proposition, oyster beds will probably be installed at various points on the coast within the next four years.

Ready to Drill for Oil.

Ontario.—The machinery for the big oil rig of the Ontario Co-Operative Gas & Oil company has arrived. This is the heaviest drilling rig ever shipped to the state of Oregon and is heavier than any rigs used in eastern oil fields. It is used only in the deep fields of California. It is what is known as a heavy Standard Rig and the machinery alone weighs more than 60,000 pounds. In addition to the machinery a carload of 12 1/2-inch pipe casing has been received.

Postal Receipts Increase.

Albany.—Albany postoffice receipts during the past quarter show a big gain over the similar period last year. The receipts for the quarter ending September 30 were \$3313.03, while the same period in 1907 yielded only \$2719.74, a gain of \$593.29.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 88c; 8fc, 88c; red Russian, 86c; 40-fold, 91c; Valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton; gray, \$30@30.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruit—Apples, new, 60c@81.50 per box; peaches, 65@85c per box; pears, 50c@81.25 per box; plums, 50c@81 per box; grapes, 50c@81.25 per crate; Concord, 20@22 1/2c per basket; huckleberries, 9c@10c per lb.; quinces, \$1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10 per barrel; prunes, 2c per lb.

Potatoes—80@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per lb.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; watermelons, 1c per lb.; casabas, \$1.75@2 per doz.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, 85c; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; artichokes, 65c per doz.; beans, 5c@10c per lb.; cabbage, 2@2 1/2c per lb.; cauliflower, 50c@81.25 per doz.; celery, 75@85c per doz.; corn, 90c@81.15 per sack; cucumbers, 15@20c per doz.; egg plant, \$1.25 per crate; lettuce, 75c@81c per box; parsley, 15c per doz.; peas, 6c per lb.; peppers, 8@10c per lb.; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per lb.; radishes, 12 1/2c per doz.; spinach, 2c per lb.; sprouts, 9c per lb.; squash, 1 1/2c per lb.; tomatoes, 50@60c.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 32 1/2@34c; fancy outside creamery, 30@32 1/2c per lb.; store, 18c.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 31@32 1/2c; firsts, 27@30c; seconds, 23@26c; Eastern, 25@28c per doz.

Poultry—Hens, 11@12c per lb.; spring, 11@12c; ducks, old, 12@12 1/2c; spring, 14@15c; geese, old, 9c; young, 10@11c; turkeys, old, 17@18c; young, 20c.

Veal—Extra, 9c per lb.; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 8 1/2c per lb.; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

Hops—Oregon, 1908, 7@7 1/2c per lb.; 1907, 2 1/2@4c; 1906, 1 1/2@1 3/4c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16 1/2c per lb., according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15 1/2c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18 1/2c per lb.

TURKEY APPEALS TO POWERS.

Willing to Yield to Conference, but Wants Bulgaria Disciplined.

Constantinople, Oct. 7.—The council of ministers held a long session yesterday morning to consider the action of Bulgaria in declaring her independence of Turkey at Tirnovo. It was decided that it was impossible to accept any proceedings that violated existing treaties and that Turkey should address a circular note to the powers pointing out the necessity of taking measures to enforce respect for the treaty of Berlin.

Replying to the terms sent to the Turkish government by Prince Ferdinand, in which he said in declaring the independence of Bulgaria he had been compelled to express the voice of the nation and expressed the hope that the friendly relations between the two countries would continue, Turkey says she has invited the powers to confer on the situation and as her rights are guaranteed by the powers she will look to them for their defense. The Yemal Gazette, the organ of the grand vizier, said yesterday:

"We are ready to defend our rights with all our strength. As the action of Bulgaria is not only directed against us, but against all the powers we should ask the powers to defend their interests and protect the provisions of the treaty of Berlin."

According to this same journal, Austria-Hungary has informed the powers of her intention of withdrawing her troops from the Sanjak of Novibazar.

WORK FOR WEST.

Nineteenth Session of Trans-Mississippi Congress Opens.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Assembled to promote the common interests of nearly a score of states comprising the west, several hundred delegates in attendance upon the opening session of the Nineteenth Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress yesterday listened to gratifying assurances of co-operation and support from the national administration, from the representative of 20 republics of the western continent, who are interested in the pending deliberations, from the two leading candidates for the presidency of the United States and from the leading citizens of the states and territories comprising their own organizations.

Reserving for the succeeding days of the congress the spirited debates promised on the conservation of natural resources and kindred topics, the visitors yesterday basked in the warmth of a welcome extended by practically every official representative of the state and city honored by their coming, and in the afternoon received with enthusiastic delight the official assurances of two speakers who promised a splendid fulfillment of western hopes and western ideals.

Not the least striking feature of the session was the astonishment expressed by delegates who witnessed for the first time the rapid rebuilding of the San Francisco, a dozen speakers declared that the marvelous restoration of the city destroyed less than three years ago would prove the inspiration of the congress.

BLAME ON CAPTAINS.

Tugboats Found Responsible for Loss of Star of Bengal.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Federal investigation into the loss of the bark Star of Bengal with 111 lives on Coronation island, September 20, has resulted in the filing of direct charges of responsibility for the tragedy against Captain Patrick Hamilton, of the tug Kavaak, and Captain Farrar, of the Hattie Gage.

Supervising Inspector Birmingham has not yet decided whether these charges will be tried here, at Seattle or Juneau, Alaska. In the event that the accused skippers are found guilty as charged, information will be filed with the United States attorney in Alaska, and they will be brought before a grand jury on a felony charge.

Captain Nicholas Wagner, master of the Star of Bengal; Victor Johnson, his first mate, and two of the seamen who testified at the investigation, made to ascertain Captain Wagner's responsibility for the loss of the bark, made a statement under oath yesterday to the United States officials in which they charge Captains Hamilton and Farrar with cowardice and neglect in deserting the bark when she was in a critical position.

Cruiser Gets Service.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—With flags and pennants flying and the band playing in honor of a gala occasion, the United States cruiser Colorado was yesterday the scene of a notable gathering incident to the presentation of a silver service, valued at \$10,000, donated by the people of the state whose name the warship bears.

The presentation speech was made by Attorney-General W. H. Dickson of Colorado and the acceptance was by Captain E. B. Underwood of the Colorado.

Typhoon in Philippines.

Manila, Oct. 7.—Word received yesterday from the artillery post camp at Stensenburg, 60 miles from here, says the whole post was destroyed by the typhoon of Sunday night. Nothing is left but the foundations of the buildings. No reports of casualties have been received. Other posts throughout the islands are believed to have been badly damaged also and it is feared some of them have been wiped out. Damage to wires has made communication practically impossible.

Castro Reported Ill.

Willemstad, Oct. 7.—It is reported here from Venezuela that President Castro is seriously ill and that the government of Venezuela probably soon will have to be turned over to the vice-president of the republic.

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