

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TRIAL IS INDEFINITE.

Hermann Case is Postponed Again by Agreement of Attorneys.

Portland—Once again the trial of Binger Hermann, indicted in connection with the Oregon land frauds, has been postponed and this time indefinitely, or at least until the attorneys in the case come together at some indefinite time and decide upon a date for trial. The date set for the Hermann trial was November 9, but owing to the absence of Judge Hunt, before whom many of the trials had been held, and because Francis J. Heney, who was expected to conduct the prosecution of the case could not come, an agreement has been reached among the attorneys to postpone the trial until such time as Judge Hunt could come to Portland and Heney was through with the trial of Ruef in San Francisco.

Ex-United States Senator John M. Gearin, Hermann's attorney, was in court when Attorney Becker, on behalf of the government, made his statement and agreed to the postponement. The Williamson case and the application of John H. Hall, ex-United States attorney, will also be postponed. This means that Binger Hermann will not be tried during 1908.

Water for Burns.

Burns—The well drilling outfit of Swain & Smith has arrived at Burns and will go to work next week drilling for water one and a half miles from town, at a spring that now flows 1,000 gallons per hour. The spring is 110 feet higher than the main part of town and has been examined closely by an expert on underground sources of water supply. The water finds its way through a crevice in bed rock and it is thought by the party who made the examination that if the bed rock is penetrated a bountiful supply will be found. The water is absolutely pure and six degrees warmer than other springs in the same range, indicating that it is of a sub-artesian nature.

State Has Good Law.

Salem—That the compulsory education law and the eighth grade diploma law have been beneficial in keeping children in school is the unanimous testimony of school superintendents in the various counties of Oregon. Their statements in this regard are included in their special report to Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman regarding the general condition of educational affairs. Not one of the superintendents suggested a single amendment to the compulsory education law, so it seems probable that Oregon has one of the most effective statutes of the kind in the United States.

Change in Observers.

Roseburg—The local United States weather bureau office will change observers about November 1. Thomas Gibson, who has been in charge of this office for the past 18 years will be transferred to Portland to take a position in the office of E. A. Beales, chief of the bureau for this district. Mr. Gibson will be succeeded by William Bell, who was in charge of this station at the time Thomas Gibson took charge, March 27, 1890. One year before that date the office was in charge of William Brumfield, he having relieved William Bell, who had been in charge from 1888 to 1889.

Klamath Train Service.

Klamath Falls—A daylight schedule in and out of Klamath Falls went into effect Sunday, October 25, and traffic conditions are much improved. Connection is made at Weed with train No. 13 from the north and No. 14 from the south. The California Northeastern train leaves Weed at 2 a. m., arriving at Klamath Falls at 4:30 p. m. Leaving Klamath Falls at 7:30 a. m., passengers reach Weed at 5 p. m. This is the best schedule Klamath Falls has ever had.

Horses for Philippines.

Klamath Falls—Eighty horses for use in the United States cavalry were shipped from Klamath county this week to Seattle, where they will be loaded on transports and taken to the Philippine islands. An army inspector of horses has been at the J. Frank Adams ranch in Merrill for a week past, testing horses, and the 80 selected average 1,100 pounds and are said to be the finest lot of horses ever shipped out of Klamath county.

Huckleberries Plentiful.

Klamath Falls—There were picked on Huckleberry mountain this season 40,000 gallons of huckleberries, according to the estimate of W. F. Arant, superintendent of Crater lake national park. As many more were picked from the Lake of the Woods patch, and it is said not more than half were gathered.

Drill for Oil at Coos.

Marshfield—Frank O'Day, an oil man, who recently visited Coos bay, is expected here within two weeks with machinery to drill for oil. It has been known for some time past that there was oil around Coos bay, and during the past summer a number of investigations along that line have been made.

Start Digging Potato Crop.

Weston—The frosts of the last few nights have set potato raisers to work digging the tubers, of which hundreds of acres are grown on the mountain-sides near here. How the crop will turn out can not be told. The prospects are for a short crop of good quality.

PLAN INSTRUCTION TRAIN.

Southern Pacific to Run Through Willamette Valley in November.

Corvallis—What is said to be the most pretentious train of its kind ever operated over any railroad in the United States will be run by the Southern Pacific company through the Willamette valley, starting the first week in November. It will be a demonstration train that will show the latest methods in dairying, agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. The train will consist of seven or eight cars and will be accompanied by the officials of the railroad company. Professor Withycombe, director of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis, will deliver lectures at the various towns visited, and other professors from the Oregon Agricultural college will also accompany the train and give practical instruction to the farmers, dairymen and fruitgrowers.

Although the Harriman lines in this state have only recently taken up the work of educating the people of the rural districts to improve their products and increase their output the railroads have gone into it extensively. The train to be run next month promises to be the very latest development of the idea.

One car in the train will be devoted to agricultural exhibits and demonstrations, another to horticulture, a third to dairying and livestock. One car will have a number of model dairy cows for exhibition and practical demonstrations, with milking machines, cream separators and other appliances of modern dairy methods will be given. A model stall will be shown for the benefit of dairymen and owners of livestock. In another car practical demonstrations will be given in packing fruit.

The train will be out eight days and during that time the following cities will be visited, a stop of about two hours being made at each place: Hillsboro, Forest Grove, North Yamhill, Sheridan, Dallas, Independence, Wellsdale, Albany, Shedd, Junction City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Brownsville, Jefferson, Salem, Gervais, Woodburn, West Stayton, Silverton, Hubbard and Aurora.

Tax Money Comes Easier.

Pendleton—Sheriff Taylor has collected and turned over to the county treasurer \$67,000 more in taxes this year than last, according to the report just completed by Deputy Sheriff Funk. Although the sum of money handled was much greater, the errors made in the office were much less than for the preceding year. The errors only amounted to \$8.19. A total of \$328,716.48 has been turned over to the treasurer, while only a little over \$15,000 remains to be classed as delinquent.

Record Price for Pears.

Medford—The highest price yet realized this year for Rogue River valley pears was reached during the present week, when Comice pears brought \$6.60 per box. The price received is \$2.20 less than received last year, but when the conditions of the markets are taken into consideration the growers feel satisfied with the result. There are less than five cars remaining to be shipped from this valley, the balance being of the Winter Nellis variety.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93¢/94¢; club, 89¢; five, 89¢; red Russian, 86¢; 40-fold, 90¢; valley, 90¢.

Barley—Feed, \$26.60/26.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50/28.50; brewing, \$26.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.00/31.50 per ton; gray, \$30.00/30.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50/17.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$14; alfalfa meal, \$19.

Fruit—Apples, 60¢/62 per box; peaches, 60¢/75¢ per box; pears, 75¢/81.25 per box; grapes, 75¢/81.25 per crate; Concord, 12¢/15¢ per half basket; huckleberries, 9¢/10¢ per pound; quinces, \$1.00/1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.25 per box; casabas, 25¢ per pound.

Potatoes—80¢/90¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 26¢/28¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, 85¢; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; beans, 10¢ per pound; cabbage, 13¢ per pound; cauliflower, 75¢/81 per dozen; celery, 40¢/75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$2 per box; egg plant, \$2 per crate; lettuce, 75¢/81 per crate; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 10¢ per pound; peppers, \$1.75/2 per box; pumpkins, 16¢/18¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; sprouts, 10¢ per pound; squash, 13¢ per pound; tomatoes, 40¢/50¢.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 35¢/36¢; fancy outside creamery, 32¢/33¢ per pound; store, 17¢/20¢.

Eggs—Oregon selects, 38¢/40¢; Eastern, 27¢/32¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢/15¢ per pound; spring, 14¢/15¢; ducks, old, 12¢/13¢; young, 14¢/15¢; geese, old, 8¢/9¢; young, 9¢/10¢; turkeys, 16¢/18¢.

Veal—Extra, 8¢/9¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢/7½¢; heavy, 5¢.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; large, 5½¢/6¢.

Hops—Oregon, 1908, 7¢/8¢ per pound; 1907, 3¢/4¢; 1906, 1¢/1½¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10¢/14¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢/16¢; mohair, choice, 18¢ per pound.

EVAQUATE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Roosevelt's Order is Taken to Mean Confidence in Jap Professions.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—Although the American fleet has left here for Manila and China, the impression created by the attitude of the people of the United States toward the Japanese is still a matter of comment by the Japanese and vernacular press.

A report from Washington to the effect that President Roosevelt had ordered the Pacific fleet to proceed to the Atlantic ocean to participate in the spring maneuvers, thus temporarily evacuating the Pacific ocean, has created a profound impression here. The newspapers all comment on this action as an indication that the American people have confidence in the sincerity of the protestations of friendship on the part of Japan.

The proposed conference of the powers interested in the Pacific ocean to discuss the oriental question is gaining in popular favor. Every newspaper in the empire favors the proposed conference, and it is likely that some official action will be taken soon. The tender Yankton left Yokohama today for Manila. She stayed behind for repairs of damage done by the storm encountered by the fleet on the way here from Manila.

SHOOTING IS LIMITED.

What Roosevelt is Free to Kill on East African Hunt.

London, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt not having signified his intention of asking special privileges for his hunting trip in British East Africa through diplomatic channels, it is supposed that he will take out an ordinary 50-pound (\$250) license from the colonial office. This, however, has not yet been applied for, though it is always usual to demand such licenses several months in advance. Under them each hunter is limited to 60 animals, except in cases of lions, leopards, crocodiles and others, which are considered undesirable, of which he may shoot as many as he wishes.

As set forth in the new licenses, the president may kill "two elephants, two rhinoceri, ten hippopotami, 21 antelopes, two buffaloes, two earth hogs, two earth wolves, ten chevrotains, two monkeys, two marabou storks, two ostriches, two egrets and one chimpanzee." Giraffes, wild asses, secretary birds and a number of other species are forbidden to any nimrod not armed with special privileges.

WILL RENEW WAR.

Anti-Gambling League Still Wants to Reform Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.—Undaunted by its defeat at the polls at the city election last Saturday, the Anti-Gambling league today held a meeting and made plans for carrying the fight to drive gambling out of Nevada to every city in the state. Committees were appointed to organize clubs in every county where efforts will be made to secure a popular vote on the question.

The league here intends to get out another petition asking for another ordinance and special election about three months hence. Attributing its defeat to the proximity of the general election and business conditions, it believes a vote at that time will bring a good majority in favor of closing gambling in Reno. The league voted to keep its hands off politics, for this year at least, and no effort will be made to have the candidates declare themselves before the coming election.

Fear Boat Has Capsized.

San Diego, Oct. 27.—Arrangements were being made at Fort Rosecrans late last night to send out a boat to look for four members of the Twenty-eighth Coast artillery and an army mechanic from San Francisco. The five men left for the Coronado islands yesterday morning on a fishing cruise expecting to return last night. They have not been seen since. They are Corporal Reynolds and Privates Blanchard, Wyckoff and Crosby and Mechanic Hughes.

Limit Invitations to 400.

Amoy, China, Oct. 28.—As a precaution against any disturbances during the visit here of the second squadron of the American fleet, invitations to the Chinese reception to the fleet have been limited in number to 400. Many foreigners of bad character are assembling here, but no foreigners will be admitted to the grounds where the receptions are to be held, without a pass from the consular representatives of his country. Invitations to the Foo Chow students and naval cadets have been withdrawn.

Prince Henry Up in Airship.

Friedrichshafen, Oct. 28.—Prince Henry of Prussia today made an ascension in the reconstructed Zeppelin airship. The count says the new dirigible is much better than the one that was lost during the attempt to make a flight lasting 24 hours. A great crowd gathered to see the air monster rise with the prince aboard. The ascension was entirely successful and the balloon with Captain Mische as pilot started in the direction of Eberlingen.

To Use 5,000 Idle Cars.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—The Pennsylvania railroad is clearing the Petersburg branch, of the middle division, of all the freight cars which have been stored there since last winter, numbering about 5,000. The cars are being taken out to handle the increased freight traffic. About three miles of track are being cleared each day.

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