



CANAL PLAN TO GET BOOST.

Peninsula Commercial Bodies Meet at Olympia.

Olympia, Wash., May 12.—Plans for pushing construction of the proposed canal from Olympia to Grays Harbor to a final shorter route from Puget Sound to the ocean will be outlined here tomorrow at a meeting of southwest Washington commercial delegates called by the Olympia chamber of commerce. An appropriation for surveying the canal was inserted in the last rivers and harbors bill by Senator Wesley L. Jones, subject to the approval of Colonel C. L. Sturdevant of the U. S. engineering headquarters at Seattle.

Tomorrow's meeting is designed to organize a comprehensive showing of the commercial value of the proposed canal, much of which has already been assembled by the Olympia chamber of commerce. It is expected that representatives from Tacoma, Elma, Montesano, Aberdeen and Hoquiam will participate.

Included in the main canal proposition is another project to connect Willapa harbor and the Columbia by an inside waterway.

Fast Mail is Promised.

Washington, May 12.—Inauguration of air mail service between Chicago and Cleveland Thursday will advance delivery of mail bearing air-mail stamps at Cleveland and Boston by 16 hours and at Albany, N. Y., and New York City and Springfield, Mass., by six hours, Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger announced today.

White Way is Wanted.

Chehalis, Wash., May 12.—A fine system of street lighting for Chehalis main business district may result following plans set afoot at today's Citizens club luncheon.

A committee from the club will work jointly with Manager Schoel of the local light company. Unsightly poles will be removed and light standards from the street curbs contemplated with plenty of light would make a white way in Chehalis that would add greatly to the attractiveness of the city. Payment for installation would be by establishing local improvement districts.

RECOGNITION COMES LATE.

Mexican Minister to France, Long Ignored, Gets Notice.

Paris, May 11. Alberto J. Pani, Mexican minister to France, today said he had been notified that he might present his credentials at the French foreign office on May 13. This notice came the minister said, at the moment the Mexican press was announcing his departure for Spain.

The Mexican government issued a statement April 23 saying Senator Pani had presented credentials as minister to France since December of last year, but although he had been in Paris for a long period he had been unable to present his credentials to the French government. In view of this, it was added, President Carranza had ordered that Senator Pani, together with the legation corps, to proceed from France to Spain, there to await instruction.

Sugar Expert Wanted; Salary \$6000.

Honolulu, T. H., April 30.—The territory of Hawaii is looking for a man who knows something about sugar. It wants to pay him a salary of \$500 a month. Sugar plantation managers are scarce at that figure, as most of them receive salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 a year. The territorial government has a new berth of sugar expert who will advise home-owners on how to grow, how to plant and how to market cane. But the question now—where is the man for the job.

Ouster of Aliens Sought.

San Francisco, May 12.—A movement to terminate the leaseholds of all except white tenants in California and to open these lands and vast reclaimed territory to white settlers, particularly returned soldiers, has been started by the Fourteen Counties Protective association of northern and central California, it was announced here today by John S. Partridge, attorney for the organization. Every effort will be made to have the land-leasing scheme of the organization, involving 1,750,000 acres, include only white persons eligible to citizenship.

SAILING FETE IS RECALLED.

Robert Gray First Person to Cross Columbia River Bar.

Vancouver, Wash., May 11.—Today is the 127th anniversary of the first crossing of the Columbia bar by Robert Gray, American seaman sailing with Captain Meares, commanding an English vessel. The trip had been tried several times, but the cross currents had baffled every attempt until Gray succeeded in making it in a small boat.

The first steamer to ply the Pacific ocean, in 1836, had her paddle wheels installed at the government dock in this city. She came around the Horn with her wheels in her hold.

The ship operated on the Pacific coast and Puget sound until the last of the past century when she was wrecked.

Supreme Justice in Court for Speeding.

Olympia, Wash., May 12.—Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Mackintosh, of the Washington state bench, was hailed into justice of the peace court here Saturday on a charge of speeding along the Pacific highway at the rate of 40 miles an hour and of coming down the main street of Olympia at better than 30 miles an hour. Officer Peterson, who made the arrest, did not recognize the judge and brought him into court, where Justice of the Peace Crosby released him on his own recognizance. The hearing will be held May 22. Officer Peterson says the judge tried to talk him out of it, but he brought him in anyway.

Flour Rise Unnecessary.

New York, May 12.—There has been no real reason for the advance of flour in America, Julius Barnes, United States wheat director, told Mrs. Eva J. Snow of Wellfleet, Mass., in a letter made public today in which he answered her plea for relief from increasing cost of food necessities.

"We have protected the domestic supply, without jeopardy," he declared, "and mills and dealers are beginning to realize this and recover their business sanity."

"As for the future," he continued, "there is everything of encouragement, without promising anything radical."

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

55 Cases of Smallpox Listed; Warning Given.

Portland, May 11.—Fifty-five cases of smallpox were charted at the city health bureau up to noon today. The epidemic is neither abating nor increasing, according to City Health Officer Parrish. Strict warning has been issued to physicians and the public in general to view all skin eruptions with suspicion, and to determine definitely whether such are the effect of smallpox.

"Many cases have been credited to stomach trouble, grippe and influenza that were actually smallpox in a mild form," said Dr. Parrish. "The result is that the sufferers have been allowed to remain in contact with others, and the disease has gained prevalence. Unless more care is taken by physicians in watching out for this disease, prosecutions will follow."

Larger Production Goal.

Bend, Or., May 13.—With the intention of converting logged-off lands into valuable range for livestock, R. A. Ward of this city, formerly county agriculturist, is starting a series of experiments which have as their main features, fencing to afford protection from grazing, and seeding to supplement the natural forage vegetation.

English rye grass, sheep fescue, orchard grass, and tall oat grass will be seeded to aid the native bunch grass growth.

"Flu" Attacks 11 in Family.

Marsfield, Or., May 12.—The influenza attacked the Alfred Miller family residing near Bagnell's ferry, Curry county, and 11 members were ill practically at one time. The situation became so grave a Bandon physician was summoned, who stayed with the family until those members who did not die were out of danger.

Mrs. Walter Custer and Frank Hog, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, died.

Dynamite Cap Injuries Boy of 8.

Grants Pass, Or., May 10.—To Clinton Marion Smith, the 8-year-old son of C. A. Smith of this city, was given a dynamite cap at school by a playmate yesterday, and when the lad reached home at noon he immediately attempted to fire of the cap with a lighted match. The cap exploded and the lad lost the tip of thumb and forefinger of left hand. There were numerous particles of metal embedded in his face and legs. No permanent injury except the loss of finger tips resulted.

Cottage Grove Carpenter Suffers Unusual Accident.

Cottage Grove, Or., May 17.—Charles Bales sustained injuries in an odd accident Thursday that may result in the loss of the left eye. He was doing some carpenter work on a chicken coop for William Haupt when his hammer glanced off a nail and the nail struck his face, breaking his glasses, several pieces of the glass entering the eye. He went to Eugene to consult a specialist.

Tombstone Stolen From Salesroom.

Eugene, Or., May 11.—For many years E. C. Lake, a Eugene marble worker, has had no door to his salesroom, as he thought no one would steal tombstones. Yesterday he reported to the police that a headstone had been stolen. It was a stone without marking, and Mr. Lake said he believed the person who took it is preparing for the future decoration of his own grave.

Flour Mill to Open in Eugene.

Eugene, Or., May 13.—A new flour mill will begin operations in Eugene early this week. Charles W. Starr, for 20 years head miller for the Eugene Mill & Elevator company, and Charles Warnock of this city have established a 50-barrel plant and have it about ready for operation.

Norway Seeks Indemnity.

London, May 11.—A wireless dispatch from Christiania states that the foreign minister has sent a request to the peace conference at Paris seeking an indemnity from Germany for Norwegian vessels sunk by the Germans.

MARINES TO GO

TO FRANCE.

Those Who Re-enlist Now to Be Sent Overseas at Once.

Portland, May 12.—In accordance with telegraphic orders received yesterday from Washington the Portland marine corps recruiting officials now promise war veterans a speedy trip to France, with assurance of return not later than this fall. The call is for ex-marines.

All who re-enlist will be transferred direct from Portland to the overseas depot at Quantico, Va., for immediate transport overseas. It is stipulated that such recruits will be discharged at their own request and returned to this country before next winter. The marine recruiting station, Panama building, is ready to give detailed information with reference to the re-enlistment plan.

Lincoln for Roosevelt Highway.

Newport, Or., May 11.—Lincoln county is waking up to the advantages of the proposed Roosevelt highway along the Pacific coast. B. F. Jones addressed a special meeting of Newport citizens last night on the subject at a meeting presided over by Carl Davis in which he not only explained the highway, but also the irrigation projects in Eastern Oregon. A straw vote was taken afterwards and everybody voted "yes" for the adoption of both measures.—Oregonian

Half Million Fire at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, Wash., May 10.—Fire of mysterious origin last night destroyed a 4000-ton twin screw wooden steamer hull in an advanced stage of construction, with adjoining ways, shed and dock, at the Gray's Harbor Motorship corporation shipyard here. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

A favorable wind, driving the flames and smoke over the harbor, appears to have been all that saved from destruction the entire plant with three uncompleted hulls and seven vessels moored at its docks. The fire was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock under a dock, and at the same time another blaze under the machine shop docks appeared. The latter was extinguished by employees.

The burned vessel was one of the last contracted for by the motorship corporation for the Emergency Fleet corporation. A force of caulkers was to have begun work on it within a few days.

U. S. Balloon May Cross Ocean Also.

St. Jones, N. F., May 12.—A landing party from the United States cruiser Chicago to begin to prepare a stretch of cricket field in Qudiville valley as a landing place and mooring grounds for the navy dirigible C-5, which is to make a test cruise here from Cape May this week.

Anchors have been installed about 250 feet apart to provide a mooring. The airship will be anchored in the open, removed only by a little more than its length from the comparatively tiny Martinsyde plane in which the British aviators Bannham and Morgan plan their flight across the Atlantic.

Whether the big gas bag will be started overseas after the arrival here will not be decided until she lands. The British flyers are facing continued delay because of low atmospheric pressure conditions over the Atlantic.

Belgium Protests Flag.

Paris, Friday May 9.—Belgium has protested to the entente allied powers against the proposed use by the German republic of a red, yellow and black flag, which is almost identical with that of Belgium.

Eight-Hour Day Adopted.

New York, May 12.—Charles P. Bruch, general manager of the Postal Telegraph system, announced here today that effective June 1 the eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime had been adopted for all the system's employees in 51 large and small cities in the United States.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

May 12.—As constructive measures tending to increase industrial development in the state, Oregon can do nothing better than pass the Roosevelt Highway measure and the State guarantee of interest on drainage and irrigation project measures. Neither of them costs the tax payer anything.

Portland bank clearings for April show an increase of 25 per cent over the same month last year and increase in building construction of 162 per cent over April of last year.

Portland—Columbia River Shipbuilding Corp. builds 8800-ton steel ship in 27 days flat establishing record for U. S.

California man seeking Willamette Valley fruit orchards.

Astoria—Work to be resumed at McEachern Shipyards. 9 vessels to be launched at once.

Roseburg—Prune Growers to form corporation capitalized at \$100,000. Milton will pave 4 blocks of Main street.

Riddle—138-acre farm east of here sells for \$8900.

The Dalles—Hotel Albert to be rebuilt.

2560 acres land in Deschutes and Jefferson counties open to homestead May 27.

Work started on highway between Echo and Stanfield.

Echo—1,000,000 lbs. wool sold to Boston dealers May 1.

Cottage Grove—Lorane road project first to be started this spring.

Roseburg—1st building for new box factory nearing completion.

Lane county mills get orders for 500,000 Douglas railroad ties worth \$378,000.

Pendleton—320 acres land in Greasewood county sells for \$65,250.

Brownsville to pave main streets.

As the dry season approaches extra precautions should be taken to prevent hazards in both city and country.

Roseburg—Wolf Creek to Grave creek portion of Pacific Highway to be widened.

Roseburg—Medford-Butte Falls Ry. to resume operations immediately.

Champoeg—389.78 acres sold here for \$29,000.

3000 acres and cattle in Grant county sold for \$160,000.

Medford—Ranch of 109 acres sells for \$30,000.

Pendleton—3,000,000 lbs. wool brings from 30 to 52 cents at sale.

Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles are all undertaking great constructive harbor improvements to gain for this coast its share of the world trade and their Chamber of Commerce are working day and night to this end.

Myrtle Point—Roseburg highway soon to undergo extensive improvements.

Monmouth—Highway work in Polk county to start soon.

Reedsport—Work to begin at once on \$12,000 store building.

Bend—39 building permits issued during April.

Echo—40-acre farm between here and Stanfield sold for \$10,000.

Astoria plant receives big order to make 60 propeller wheels for foreign shipment.

Construction work is needed everywhere and if begun now will make business for our great employing industries such as lumbering and mining which will enable them to maintain their payroll during this uncertain period, until world markets are again established and business is normal. Build now should be our slogan.

Strahorn road favored. Klamath Falls has faith and promises assistance.

Instead of helping the situation, strikes at this time simply drive the cost of living a notch higher and create unemployment by making cost of hiring labor prohibitive.

Allies Demand Ex-Kaiser.

Paris, May 11.—The Temps publishes a note from the Dutch legation at Paris declaring that the demand for the extradition of the former emperor has reached Holland.

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