

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LA GRANDE RAISES \$3,300.

Sum Subscribed in a Few Minutes to Broom the Town.

La Grande—This city went on record tonight as heartily in favor of assuming all the germs of boost possible when it subscribed in a few minutes the sum of \$3,300, and in addition secured a membership subscription of 125 to a reorganized commercial club at \$1 each.

Not satisfied with raising that amount for boosting, the meeting passed a resolution to canvass the city so thoroughly tomorrow morning that the figures will be brought up to \$6,000 for the year, and a committee was appointed to do this.

This sudden burst of enthusiasm, backed up by financial support, was primed and shot off through the efforts of Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, who this afternoon raised \$600 at Elgin for the same purpose. He goes to Union and Cove tomorrow.

Oregon Will Still Raise Hops.

Salem—The very low prices that have ruled in the hop market for the last few years have not caused many Oregon hop growers to go out of business. Perhaps 2500 or 3000 acres have been plowed up in the entire state, but enough yards are left, under favorable conditions, to produce a crop as large, if not larger, than that of 1907. Cultivation is being neglected or postponed in some sections, but in others the growers are taking the best care of their yards. The proportion of the matured crop that will be picked will depend on how money matters can be arranged in the summer. A good many of the small growers are going ahead with their work in the hope that something will happen before picking time to raise the market to a higher level, when they will be able to borrow money on their crops. The prospect is a gloomy one, however, and it looks now as if the big crop Oregon is growing will only make the market worse.

Saloon Issue in Marion.

Salem—County Clerk R. D. Allen today completed checking upon the signatures on the Marion County local option petition and found the petition to be in due form and signed by several hundred more voters than the law requires. The saloon question will therefore be submitted to the voters of Marion county June 1. As there will be no fight on any of the county offices and there is no interest in any of the state contests except that for senator, it is certain that the saloon question will be the center of much attention.

Eugene Coming to Fiesta.

Eugene—The Eugene Commercial Club tonight decided to have Eugene represented at the Portland Rose Carnival in June by 148 men in march and drill. Each man will wear a white serge suit, white shoes and hat and carry a lemon-yellow and green umbrella bearing the words, "Eugene, Lane County." A special excursion will be run from Eugene and a great crowd will attend the carnival.

Free Delivery for Grants Pass.

Grants Pass—Grants Pass may soon have a free delivery system. Postmaster Donnell gives figures showing the receipts for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1908, to be over \$11,000. This is an increase of \$2000 over last year's business. The city council has under consideration an ordinance outlining the numbering of houses. This increase can only be justified by the increase in the population.

Eugene Will Own Water Plant.

Eugene—At a municipal election Saturday the proposition to purchase the Willamette Valley Company's waterworks carried by 635 to 125, and the proposition to vote \$300,000 bonds for a municipal water plant carried by 567 to 171. The bonds were voted at several previous elections, but each time the election was declared illegal on account of technicalities.

McMinnville Studies Esperanto.

McMinnville—An Esperanto Club has been formed in this city with six charter members, for the study of the new universal language. J. C. Cooper is president, Arthur McPhillips secretary, Kate Lantz treasurer, and Rev. C. F. Swander, instructor. Meetings will be held weekly.

Track Laid to Dorris.

Klamath Falls—Track laying was completed on the California North-eastern to Dorris yesterday. This new town is just south of the Oregon line and 11 miles from the steamboat landing on the Klamath river. Regular train service will be established May 1.

Market Last Year's Wheat.

Bend—Freighters are very busy now hauling wheat from the Madras country. There was a quantity of wheat left on hand last fall when the bad roads put a stop to hauling, but it will all be hauled to the Shaniko market this spring.

MUST SPRAY ORCHARDS.

Fruit Commission, Reid Will Make Owners Obey Law.

Oregon City—J. H. Reid, of Milwaukie, fruit commissioner for the First Oregon District, has announced his intention of cleaning up the pest-afflicted orchards of Clackamas county, along the tracks of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company and the Southern Pacific Company, and will hold a conference with County Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis and District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, for the purpose of carefully laying plans to force the owners of diseased orchards to either spray their trees or cut them down.

"Marion and Yamhill counties have obeyed the law," said Mr. Reid, "and it is up to Clackamas to do the same. It is a strong and forceful argument that hundreds and perhaps thousands of homeseekers come from the east through California, and, after traveling through the southern portion of Oregon and then through Lane, Linn and Marion counties, come to Clackamas and here are confronted by the spectacle of scale-infested trees, hundred of acres of them, absolutely of no value to the owners or to any one else."

COMPLAINS OF RATES.

Eugene Mill Finds Railroad Tariffs Have Doubled

Salem—J. M. Shelley, of Eugene, manager of the Eugene Mill & Elevator Co., has protested against a recent raise of nearly 100 per cent in certain local freight rates in that part of the state. He encloses a shipping receipt showing that he pays a rate of 23 cents per 100 pounds on wheat and oats from Eugene to Yoncalla, 44 miles, which rate, he says, is excessive, unjust and unreasonable. Prior to January 1, 1907, the rate was 14 cents. The rate for a little longer distance, as, for instance, from Eugene to Roseburg, is now 31 cents, whereas the former rate was 15 cents. This is an increase of over 100 per cent. The railroad commission will investigate.

Ready to Strike Oil.

Monmouth—The complete outfit for boring an oil well on the Whiteaker farm, three miles north of Monmouth has arrived and is being unloaded and placed on the site for the well. The indications for oil veins in this vicinity have attracted the attention of experts for several years past, and much interest among the landowners is taken in the outcome of this work, which is backed by ample capital for a thorough test.

Fruit Nipped in Douglas.

Roseburg—Douglas County fruitgrowers are much concerned as to the extent of the damage caused by last night's frost. From some sections the report comes that the pears, peaches, cherries and other early fruits will be a total loss while in other sections the growers are as yet unable to say just how much damage they have suffered from this severe frost.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, \$4c per bushel; red Russian, \$2c; blue-stem, \$7c; valley, \$5c.

Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50@27 per ton; gray, \$26.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50 per ton; middlings, \$27.50; shorts, country, \$27.50; city, \$27; wheat and barley chop, \$27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Butter—Extras, 27½¢ per pound; fancy 26¢; choice, 25¢; store, 16½¢.

Eggs—Loss and commission off, 16½¢@17¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Fancy cream twins, 15½¢ per pound; cream brick, 20¢; Swiss blk., 20¢; Limburger, 22½¢.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13¢ per lb.; fancy hens, 14@14½¢; roosters, old, 8¢; fryers, lb., 20¢; broilers, lb., 22½¢@25¢; dressed poultry per pound, 1c higher.

Potatoes—Select, selling price, 70¢ per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 45¢ per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55¢; Clackamas, buying price, 55¢ per hundred; new California, 5@5½¢ per pound; sweet, 5½¢ per pound.

Onions—Job price, \$4.75@5 per hundred; buying price, \$4.25@4.50 per hundred; garlic, 15¢ per pound.

Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.

Fresh Fruits—Oranges, \$2.50@3 per box; lemons, \$2.75@3.50.

Cattle—Best steers, \$4.75@5; medium, \$4.25@4.75; common, \$3.50@4; cows, best, \$3.75@4; common, \$3.25@3.75; calves, \$4@4.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$6@6.50; ewes, \$5@5.50; spring lambs, nominal.

Hogs—Best, \$6@6.25; medium, \$5.75@6; feeders, \$5.25@5.50.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6¢ per pound; olds, 1@1½¢ per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 12@15¢, according to quality.

Mohair—Choice, 20@20½¢ per pound.

BANKER ROSS CONVICTED.

Guilty of Appropriating State Money to Private Use.

Salem, Ore., April 24.—Guilty of converting to his own use \$288,000 of state school lands, was the verdict rendered against J. Thorburn Ross by a Marion county jury yesterday afternoon. The jury was out an hour and ten minutes.

From what can be learned it appears that the jury took four ballots the first showing nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

Sentence will be imposed by Judge Burnett on Monday morning. The penalty provided by law is imprisonment in the penitentiary for from one to fifteen years and by fine of double the amount of the defalcation.

The ease will, of course, be appealed to the supreme court, when the case will be tried practically anew, for the defense objected to nearly all the evidence, saved exceptions, and questioned the ruling of the trial court on all points of law that go to the foundation of the case.

Attorney McCamant declined to discuss the verdict, but was very plainly deeply disappointed.

TRY TO KILL GRAFTER.

Ex-Supervisor Gallagher Blown Up by Bomb

Oakland, Cal., April 24.—What is believed by the police to have been an attempt to assassinate James L. Gallagher, one of the main witnesses for the prosecution in the San Francisco graft cases, was made shortly after 7 o'clock tonight at the home of William H. Schenck, Gallagher's brother-in-law, East Twentieth street and Nineteenth avenue, East Oakland, when a huge bomb placed on the porch exploded and tore away the whole front of the house. Gallagher was up stairs with his wife at the time, and Mr. Schenck was in a rear room with his wife and four children and Dr. Guy Brown.

All escaped but one boy, who was hit in the neck by a flying missile. That none was killed was little short of a miracle. Gallagher's hat was pierced by a splinter, and taken away as a souvenir. The house was completely wrecked. The report was heard all over Oakland and many windows in the neighborhood were broken. A post belonging to the porch was hurled 100 feet away.

Valuable clues to the perpetrators of the crime were gained today through the finding of a silk handkerchief in which it is supposed the infernal machine was wrapped.

In a search of the debris this morning detectives located some wire and fuse and caps, which would indicate, according to Chief Wilson, that a bomb of some sort had been used.

Heney Had Warned Him.

San Francisco, April 24.—"The prosecution will certainly make a most thorough investigation of the dastardly attempt to kill one of the most important witnesses for the state in the bribery graft cases," said Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney this morning to the Associated Press representative.

Mr. Heney refused to state whether or not he had any evidence pointing to the perpetrators. "I am satisfied that it was not the work of a fanatic or crank," declared the Assistant District Attorney. "Neither did the attempt upon Gallagher's life surprise me. I warned him more than three months ago that if he was not careful 'they would get him,' and at the time urged him to move from Oakland, telling him his home might be blown up. Aside from this I have nothing to say at present."

Tornado in Nebraska.

Paris, Neb., April 24.—About 6 o'clock this afternoon a tornado destroyed the eastern portion of Deport, a town 20 miles southeast of Paris, killing W. R. Isbell, a druggist, and wounding several others. The Isbell family was at supper when the storm came.

Practically all the residences on the east side of town were destroyed, at least 25 or 30 being scattered over the country in fragments.

Oak Grove, a town east of Clarks-ville, on the Texas & Pacific railroad, is reported almost destroyed, many houses being demolished, but without fatalities as far as learned. The path of the storm was several hundred yards wide.

Revive Coaching in England.

London, April 24.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt, whose effort to revive interest in coaching in England has been so sympathetically received, left London this morning on a series of trial trips over the Brighton road. He was accompanied by a small party of friends. A big crowd assembled outside the hotel, where the start was made, and gave the American a hearty send-off, while the police stopped traffic in Piccadilly in order to allow the coach to gain a free passage. Mr. Vanderbilt will make his first regular trip on May 4.

Machinists Strike.

Marshalltown, Ia., April 24.—Machinists in the various shops of the Iowa Central railway struck today, together with helpers and apprentices. A reduction of 4 cents an hour in the wage schedule caused the strike.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Saturday, April 25

Washington, April 25.—Another day was spent by the senate in considering the amendment to the naval appropriation bill, but a vote was not reached at the close of the discussion, which was participated in by a dozen senators. Hale secured an agreement for a vote before adjournment on Monday.

A canvass of the senate made during the day indicated that the four-ship program will be defeated and that the debate has changed several votes. Much of the discussion today was devoted to the improbability of war being forced upon the United States. Beveridge and Piles were sharply criticised by Aldrich, Perkins and McCumber for their statements of yesterday, and several heated colloquies occurred. Beveridge will reply on Monday.

Washington, April 25.—The actual investigation of the wood-pulp and print-paper question, involving in prospect an examination into the affairs of the paper trust to determine whether or not it is as alleged by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association a combination in restraint of trade and maintaining a monopoly of the print-paper supply in the United States, was begun today by the select committee appointed by Speaker Cannon, whose chairman is Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois, and the other members of which are Bannan of Ohio, Stafford of Kentucky, Bannan of Ohio, Stafford of Wisconsin, Simms of Tennessee and Ryan of New York.

Friday, April 24

Washington, April 24.—Arguments in favor of the president's program for four battleships consumed most of the session of the senate today. Piles, of Washington, opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section, as war clouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Americans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific.

This, he declared, was a measure of peace, and not of war. He came, he said, from the section of the country that must be the storm center of any conflict in the Pacific ocean. The people of the Pacific were in favor of four battleships. He sent to the vice president's desk a statement of a vote of 162 editors attending a meeting in New York, which he said showed 126 in favor of the four battleships and the president's policy for naval expansion.

While he had never been one of those who feared war, it should not be denied, he said, that there was on the Pacific coast a peculiar condition, and the time was coming when the people of this country would have to face that condition. The Pacific coast, he added, had by its opportunities attracted many Asiatics, who had been reared in a different way from the people of the United States. There was a possibility of a clash between these people and those of the Pacific coast.

Washington, April 24.—The business of the house proceeded today at a rapid gait, despite the fact that the democrats forced six rollcalls. Over 1000 pension bills were put through, the largest batch of the session.

A bill was passed providing for the protection of life on navigable waters during regattas and marine parades. There also was discussed at length the Burleson resolution demanding the report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the cause of fluctuations in cotton. The vote on that measure will be taken tomorrow.

Thursday, April 23

Washington, April 23.—After one of the hardest fought legislative battles of this session, the house of representatives, late this afternoon by a vote of 247 to 8, passed the Fulton land-grant resolution without amendment. Prior to the vote on final passage, Fordney's amendment was voted down, 43 to 227. The resolution will go to the president by the end of the week and will promptly be signed by him.

Immediately thereafter steps will be taken to initiate suit against the Oregon & California Railroad Company to secure forfeiture of the unsold portion of its grant. For the time being, it is understood, no proceedings will be undertaken against lumber companies and other purchasers from the railroad.

Washington, April 23.—As the senate was about to conclude consideration of the naval appropriation bill today, Senator Piles, of Washington, proposed an amendment increasing from two to four the number of new battleships to be authorized.

A spirited debate occurred on the amendment for the restriction of the purchase of materials for the construction of the battleships and submarine boats to those of domestic manufacture.

Amendments to remove that restriction from the bill were defeated, Hale estimating that since the investigation of the steel trust some years ago the price of steel armor had been reduced from \$550 and \$600 per ton to \$416 per ton.

Wednesday, April 22

Washington, April 22.—President Roosevelt will veto the naval appropriation bill, should the senate, as did the house, fail to make any appropriation for the two battleships which are authorized in the measure. The prompt announcement of this

fact to senate leaders today is regarded as responsible for the announcement by Hale that he would propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 toward the construction of those ships.

The president stated his position on this point with unusual emphasis and suddenness today, upon learning that the bill as passed by the house was simply a "paper" provision for naval increase. Authorization of the ships was made, but no money carried to make the provision effective. Such legislation as this, the president made known to his numerous congressional callers, was a travesty as to effectiveness, as well as bearing all the earmarks of legislative legerdemain intended to make ridiculous his campaign for the greater navy.

That the president's quick and vigorous action is to be effective is evidenced by the action of Chairman Hale, of the senate naval committee, in announcing that at the proper time he will propose the \$7,000,000 amendment.

Tuesday, April 21.

Washington, April 21.—Against a united democracy, which denied the sincerity of the republican majority, the house today, by a vote of 184 to 119, passed Speaker Cannon's resolution providing for an investigation of the paper trust and, in pursuance of its provisions, the speaker announced as the committee of six who will conduct the investigation Mann (Ill.), Miller (Kan.), Stafford (Wis.), Bannan (O.), Sims (Tenn.) and Ryan (N. Y.).

Fitzgerald created laughter by referring to the speaker as "the whole business" in the house. He said that he had told some people, who had written him about wood pulp, not to waste their time on the white house, as the president had in a degree recently lost his influence with the house.

"We will stand by the president to the last ditch," he humorously remarked, "and I expect we and the president will go into the last ditch together."

The McCall campaign publicity bill today was unanimously recommended to the house for passage by the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress. Though introduced by a republican, it had the undivided support of the democratic members of the committee, and of national publicity law association.

Washington, April 21.—The reported purpose of the president to send the fleet of battleships now on the Pacific coast around the world, was the basis of a discussion in the senate today when the naval appropriation bill was taken up for consideration.

Defending the policy of sending the fleet of battleships to the Pacific ocean, Senator Lodge said great good is already resulting from the long cruise and it is teaching the fleet how to maintain itself away from shipyards, by making repairs through its own mechanics on board.

Inquiry Into Paper Trust.

Washington, April 24.—A definite step was taken today toward a solution of the wood pulp and newspaper cost question in the introduction by Speaker Cannon of a resolution for the appointment of a select committee of six members to investigate and obtain all possible information as to the reasons for the increased price of white paper "to the end that needful legislation may be enacted."

The resolution, which was referred to the committee on rules; of which the speaker is chairman, empowers the committee to sit in Washington or elsewhere during sessions of the house and the recess of congress and confers the usual authority of subpoena, the administration of oaths, etc.

Increase Widows' Pensions.

Washington, April 24.—Conferees on the widows' pension bill reached an agreement today by adopting the bill practically in the form as passed by the house. It increases from \$8 to \$12 per month the pensions of widows of soldiers of the Mexican, Indian and Civil wars, and will increase the pension list about \$12,000,000.

Seeks National Registration.

Washington, April 24.—Senator Curtis today introduced a bill to require corporations organized under federal or state charters to register with the department of commerce and labor and secure a permit therefrom before attempting to transact business in a state or territory other than that in which it is organized.

Arbitration With Spain.

Washington, April 24.—A general arbitration treaty between the United States and Spain was signed today. It is understood that the treaty follows the lines of the general arbitration treaties already signed between this and several of the European governments.

Millions for District of Columbia

Washington, April 20.—The District of Columbia appropriation bill was reported to the senate today. It carries \$11,494,887, an increase of \$1,934,388 over the amount of the bill as it was passed by the house.