

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## FRUIT PROSPECTS GOOD.

### Umpqua Valley Fruit Men in Good Spirits.

Roseburg.—The report of President H. N. Cobb, of the Douglas County Fruit Growers' association, shows the fruit crop in the Umpqua valley will be very good this year. The strawberry crop is good, and the berries are coming in pretty fast now. The peach crop is fair, and the last frost was a detriment in only a very few sections. The pear crop is fair. Apples will be good. The prune crop will also be good, as only a few of the small sections of the county were late enough to be caught by the frost. The cherry crop is good. All kinds of berries are excellent. The crop in general was not damaged to any noticeable extent, and the fruit growers are greatly pleased to note that this section, while it was reported to have been damaged by the late frost, will be as good or even better than last year, and will be first in the market with all kinds of berries and cherries. Many large shipments of berries will be made to Portland the latter part of the week. Several small shipments have already been made. The local markets will be supplied with home-grown fruits of all kinds from now on.

### Brownsville Adds Vehicle Factory.

Brownsville.—Brownsville has a new manufacturing enterprise. W. J. Moore, a hardware dealer of the north side, has put in a wagon and vehicle plant. He will make a specialty of wagons and wheelbarrows. Several men and boys will be employed. The plant will be running in a short time. It will be a credit to the city. Brownsville has many manufacturing, but the citizens are after more. It is doubtful if any other city in the state of like size can boast of as many automobiles as are owned here.

### Teacher to Visit Europe.

Salem.—Miss Ida M. Case, instructor in grammar, literature, English and rhetoric at the Ashland normal, has been selected by the executive committee of the board of normal school regents to take part this year in the annual tour for teachers conducted by the national civic federation. Each year the federation sends 500 teachers to Great Britain and Ireland for the purpose of observing methods in those countries. The school boards recommend the teachers, and the list is made up from those recommended.

### Corvallis Cannery Completed.

Corvallis.—The Corvallis cannery is complete, and has been accepted by the cannery company. It is a thoroughly up-to-date plant, well equipped, and ready for business. L. W. Gill, of Wisconsin, a man of ten years' experience, has been engaged as "processor," and is already on hand. W. K. Taylor, manager of the plant, reports that he has a sufficient quantity of tomatoes contracted for the season's run, and all together the prospect is bright for a successful season for the new enterprise.

### Commission Remedies Extortion.

Salem.—Acknowledgments of material assistance rendered by the state railroad commission are coming to Secretary George Goodall daily. The most recent instance is that of the Blue Mountain Fruit & Produce company, of Cove, overcharged \$33 by the O. R. & N. and \$255 by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, both of which overcharges were refunded by the railroads through the offices of the Oregon state railroad commission.

### Excursion to See Fleet.

Salem.—An effort is being made by the Salem board of trade to have an excursion train run from Salem to Newport at the time the Atlantic fleet will pass Yaquina bay on its northern trip. The train will also carry all who wish to go to the coast to see the fleet from the valley towns along the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads. It is expected that arrangements will be completed for the excursion within the next ten days.

### Asparagus at Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—J. D. Carroll, of the Henly ranch, has brought in the first asparagus of the season raised in Klamath county. This section produces asparagus of the finest quality, and Mr. Carroll has been demonstrating what can be done here. Several farmers are planting celery this year on quite an extensive scale, as no section on the coast can rival Klamath for celery.

### Cherry Fair at The Dalles.

The Dalles.—The mid-summer meeting of the State Horticultural society and cherry fair will be held at The Dalles, June 30 to July 2, inclusive. Prizes will be offered for various exhibits of cherries, and there will be a programme each day. R. H. Webber, A. F. Lake, and G. E. Saunders, the committee, are now busily engaged in making the arrangements.

### Fine Float from Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—Money has been appropriated by the Klamath chamber of Commerce for the \$600 float that will represent Klamath county at the Rose Festival in June, and a float is promised that will be the equal of any in the parade.

## COUNTIES TO EXHIBIT.

### Oregon Commission Asks Active Co-operation of All.

Portland.—County judges and commissioners of all the counties of Oregon, as well as all the commercial organizations of the state have been sent a letter by the Oregon-Alaska-Yukon-Pacific commission in which the commissioners ask for co-operation in making Oregon's exhibit at the Seattle show the greatest state exhibition at next year's big exposition.

The commissioners set forth that Oregon will have the most complete state building at the fair, and that the co-operation of the officials in securing thorough and attractive exhibits of Oregon's resources will be imperative. The letter which has been sent by the commission through President Wehrung is in part as follows:

"The expense to your county in collecting such an exhibit will not be large. Get a live man to take hold of the work and push it, bearing in mind that it is quality not quantity that is wanted. After you have gathered your exhibit we will transport it to Seattle, install and maintain it without further expense to your county; we will also place an attendant in charge, and will keep in close touch with you during the fair, so that your county will get all the benefit possible in the way of advertising, etc.

"The commission is also having printed a 96-page booklet on the resources of Oregon, which will be distributed during the exposition. Two pages of this booklet will be devoted to each county. We also intend to show by moving pictures the farms, orchards, livestock, timber, mountains, streams and everything of interest in each county.

"We must have your help and co-operation in the gathering of your exhibit. If we were compelled to buy these exhibits the state would have to double its present appropriation, but with your assistance we hope to carry out our present plans without asking for any further appropriation."

### Klamath Canal Holds Water.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county land holders will pay but \$1.50 an acre for water again this year. It is expected that 10,000 acres will be signed under the temporary arrangement, and if more is signed the rate will be reduced, as it is intended to charge only for maintenance and operation. Next year the regular rates will prevail. Water is now flowing in the main canal, and out very little trouble has been experienced with the breaking of banks. They have settled during the past season, and the squirrels have done but slight damage.

### Railroad Doings at Dorris.

Klamath Falls.—The depot on the California Northeastern railroad at Dorris is now in course of construction. Newcomers are arriving in Dorris at the rate of 30 and 40 a day, and it is a common occurrence for many to be unable to find accommodations at night. A large force is at work just over the hill from Dorris, and every indication points to the completion of the road in a few months.

### Rains Help Growth.

Brownsville.—Warm rains have fallen in this vicinity for several days. They have been a boon to farmers, as the earth was getting dry. This section will produce good crops now without any more rain, although more will be welcome a month later. Strawberries are getting ripe, and roses are blooming.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Select, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, 55c; Clackamas, 55c per hundred; sweet, 5½c per pound.  
Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$3@3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$2 per cwt.; beans, wax, 12½@13½c per pound; head lettuce, 35c per dozen; celery, 85c @ \$1 per dozen; artichokes, 50c per dozen; asparagus, 7@8c per pound; egg plant, 25@30c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 6@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; spinach, 85c per crate.  
Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; red Russian, 86½c; bluestem, 91c; valley, 89c.

Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28 per ton; gray, \$27.  
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, 24c per pound; fancy, 23c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.  
Eggs—18½c per dozen.  
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13@14c per pound; fancy hens, 14½@15c; roosters, old, 9c; fryers, dozen, \$4; broilers, doz., \$4.50@5; dressed poultry, per lb., 1c higher; ducks, 16@17c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 17@18c; dressed, 19@20c.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6½c per pound; olds, 1@1½c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 10@12½c.  
Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per lb.

## SECURE BIG HAUL.

### Robbers in New Mexico Get \$35,000 Intended for Miners.

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Pursued by men and bloodhounds, three robbers with \$35,000 of loot in their possession, are fleeing through the rugged mountain passes north of French, a little station 89 miles from East Las Vegas, N. M., on the Santa Fe railroad, in an effort to escape the clutches of the law.

At French, late last evening, they broke down the doors of the depot, bound and gagged the station agent and special guard, blew open the safe, took the money and rode away, leaving their victims helpless.

A tramp wandered into the station half an hour later, released the almost unconscious men and gave the alarm. The news of the daring robbery was wired to every town in the neighborhood of French, and a special train bearing 30 deputies and 50 horses left East Las Vegas in half an hour, hot on the trail of the fleeing robbers. A special with four men left Dawson also, and a message was sent to the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe for bloodhounds, which were brought through as fast as a special engine and car could carry them.

The stolen money was sent from Albuquerque to pay the coal miners at Dawson, N. M.

## TAFT GETS OREGON.

### Ohioan Is Endorsed by State Republican Convention.

Portland, May 15.—Two republican parties, or factions, fought in yesterday's republican conventions, the one Fulton, the other Bourne. This showed the party is not yet harmonized, though the two factions pledged support to the ticket.

The Fulton men had things all their own way, and ruled with an iron hand. They gave their rivals nothing and took away from them everything. The Taft power, overwhelmingly strong in Oregon, was in their hold, and they used it to shut out their opponents.

The delegates, alternates and electors chosen were:

Delegates to national convention—At large—C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop; George H. Williams, of Multnomah; A. N. Gilbert, of Marion; C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas.

First congressional district—Ralph E. Williams, of Polk; C. A. Schilbrede, of Coos.  
Second congressional district—Dr. H. W. Coe, of Multnomah; Asa B. Thompson, of Umatilla.

Alternates—At large—J. H. Brown, of Portland; W. A. Williams, of Forest Grove; A. L. Tetu, of Portland; H. C. Kinney, of Grants Pass.

First district—Frank Ira White, of Klamath Falls; E. D. Cusick, of Albany.

Second district—J. R. Gault, of Burns; J. W. Kelly, of Portland.

Presidential electors—R. R. Butler, of Gilliam; A. C. Masters, of Douglas; J. D. Lee, of Multnomah; Frank J. Miller, of Linn.

## FEAR A PLOT.

### Government Orders Strangers Kept Out of Engine Rooms.

San Francisco, May 15.—A special order has been issued by Admiral Thomas directed to the fleet captains directing them to take every precaution to prevent any strangers from gaining access to the engine or fire rooms of their ships.

The issuance of the order has caused a great deal of comment among the officers of the fleet, as a general order is already in force prohibiting strangers from visiting the engine rooms.

That the government is in possession of information directly connected with the issuance of the order is the general belief of the officers. A feature of the fleet's visit to this port which has passed without notice until the present order was issued is the fact that not a single Japanese has been aboard one of the ships since the arrival of the fleet here.

Taken in connection with today's order, the sentiment is openly expressed by a number of the officers that the leaders of the local Japanese colony, knowing that the government was in possession of information leading to the belief that an attempt might be made to injure some of the ships, advised their countrymen to keep away from the ships.

No information concerning the issuance of the order except that it is a natural precautionary measure is given out from the flagship.

## Secretly Saves Money.

Decatur, Ill., May 15.—City authorities were astounded today when City Comptroller Robbins "confessed" that he had been holding out on the city revenues for eight years, and now has \$100,000 in a bank to the credit of the city. No one knew his secret but the mayors who have served in that time. Robbins said he knew the aldermen would spend the money if they had it, and he took it upon himself to save it for a rainy day in the city's affairs, or perhaps for a new city hall. The aldermen, instead of being pleased, are furious.

## Meet Next at Portland.

Boston, May 15.—Having adopted several important resolutions, electing officers and voting to hold the next annual convention at Portland, Or., the eleventh annual convention of the National Retail Grocers' Association adjourned tonight.

# PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

## Monday, May 18.

Washington, May 18.—In the senate today Bulkley of Connecticut, called up his bill for the restoration of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who were discharged without honor by the president because of the Brownsville affray. Bulkley explained that owing to the unavoidable absence of Lodge of Massachusetts and Foraker of Ohio, he would not do more than call attention to his bill. He hoped to again call it up. He said he was satisfied the people of the country did not approve the postponement of action until next December, as agreed upon by the senate. He declared if possible he would secure action during the present session.

Washington, May 18.—The passage of the house today of the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$17,368,672, marked the completion by that body of the last of the great supply measures. The bill was put through under suspension of the rules, with no time allowance for general debate.

The republican leaders in the house, through a majority of the committee on ways and means, today served final notice of "no tariff revision at this session." Representative Clark, of Missouri, moved in the committee an omnibus favorable report on 80 odd tariff reduction and tariff removal bills, mostly introduced in the session by democrats. The motion was defeated by a solid vote of all the republican members of the committee.

## Saturday, May 16.

Washington, May 16.—Practically the whole day in the senate was spent in consideration of the bill concerning forest reserves in the Appalachian and White mountains. It was finally passed, after a speech of nearly two hours' duration by Senator Teller, of Colorado, in opposition. It carries an appropriation of \$5,000,000, and its chances of passing the house at this session are poor.

As a first move to redeem the republican promise of revising the tariff, the senate adopted a resolution authorizing the finance committee to take up the subject of tariff rates and to employ experts to prepare information to assist in the revision of the schedules. The committee is also to report as to legislation, reciprocity or otherwise, necessary to enact in order to secure equitable treatment for American products abroad. The committee will sit during the summer.

Washington, May 16.—The process of cleaning up preparatory to adjournment was continued in the house today. The sundry civil appropriation bill was sent to conference; the conference report on the military academy bill was agreed to; the general deficiency appropriation bill was reported, and the following bills passed: Granting compensation to government employees for injuries in the service and authorization of the continuance of the inland waterways commission.

## Friday, May 15.

Washington, May 15.—The Aldrich currency bill was substituted for the Vreeland bill in the senate today, and the transfer took but little longer than was required in the calling of the roll. The effect is to throw both the senate and house bills into conference. The managers on the part of the senate are Aldrich, Allison, Hale, Daniel and Teller.

The dispatch with which this agreement was reached is a striking example of what can be done in the closing days of a session of congress. A meeting of the senate committee on finance was held in the forenoon, and a decision to amend the house bill by substituting the measure passed by the senate several weeks ago was reached without difficulty. Chairman Aldrich was authorized to make the report, which he did as soon as the bill passed by the house yesterday had been "messaged over."

Some changes were made in the senate bill by the committee, however, and it was necessary to have a new print of it prepared before it could be called up for consideration.

Washington, May 15.—The Vreeland currency bill, as amended by the senate, went to the house at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon, and immediately was called up by Burton of Ohio, who moved to suspend the rules, disagree to the amendments and ask a conference. In the opinion of Williams, the minority leader, the bill as amended by the senate was infinitely worse than the Vreeland bill. He urged his colleagues to vote against the motion to disagree to the senate amendments, saying that, if the motion was lost, the bill would have to go to the banking committee. The motion was carried by a vote of 150 to 103.

## Thursday, May 14.

Washington, May 14.—The great sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying a total of about \$120,000,000, was passed by the senate today. An amendment by Gallinger, appropriating \$6000 to enable the government of Alaska to suppress the liquor traffic among the natives was adopted. This is the last of the large supply bills, and its passage places the senate squarely alongside the house in the consideration of the appropriation bills, and of the entire 14 leaves only the general deficiency and the military academy bills to be considered by either house. A portion of the

session was devoted to consideration of the bill suspending the penalty feature of the commodity clause of the railroad rate bill, but a vote was not taken.

Washington, May 14.—The Vreeland currency bill, agreed upon by the republican caucus, was today put through the house under a special rule by a vote of 184 to 145. Fifteen so-called insurgents of the majority party voted with the democrats, who went on record solidly against the measure.

As soon as the bill reaches the senate Aldrich will call a meeting of the committee on finance to consider it. It is expected the committee will vote unanimously to amend the house measure by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the provisions of the bill which was passed by the senate.

It is not doubted that the senate will approve the action of the committee. The effect of this course would be to send both the Vreeland and Aldrich bills to conference.

## Wednesday, May 13.

Washington, May 13.—Further consideration of the Brownsville affair was today postponed by the senate until December 16 next. This decision was reached after an extended exchange of views among senators. Foraker, after urging the appointment of an early day for voting on his bill, moved that it be taken up next December. After a motion by Culberson of Texas, to vote on the bill next Saturday, was laid on the table, Foraker's motion was adopted by a vote of 62 to 6.

Foraker gave out a statement saying that, while he could not have passed the bill now, he thinks he has insured its passage by the postponement.

Washington, May 13.—One-half of the five-hour session of the house today was spent in roll-calls on the various propositions presented. When the day's work had been concluded, the agricultural and postoffice appropriation bills had been sent to conference, and the following bills passed:

Permitting owners of patents in cases where the government has appropriated inventions to apply to the court of claims for relief; authorizing the entry of tea sweepings when intended to be used in the manufacture of caffeine, and an omnibus bridge bill.

## Tuesday, May 12.

Washington, May 12.—The senate today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying amounts aggregating \$229,072,367. As passed the bill allows \$1 a day expenses for railway postal clerks when away from terminals, which will incur a total expense of about \$1,000,000.

Amendments adopted by the senate provide for weighing the mails annually instead of every four years, and add the Gallinger provision concerning the improvement of the mail service to the Philippines, China, Japan, Australia and South American ports.

Washington, May 12.—After a debate lasting practically the entire session, the house today, by a vote of 136 to 24, agreed to the conference report upon the naval appropriation bill. The insertion of a new provision relating to increase in pay for officers and men of the marine corps and navy drew forth a good deal of criticism of the conferees, who were charged with having taken liberties and with having violated the trust reposed in them by the house. The conferees reached a complete agreement, and the bill now goes to the president.

Considerable interest was manifested on the floor in the announcement that the currency bill would be considered and disposed of Thursday next.

## Build Warship at Navy Yard.

Washington, May 19.—One of the big new battleships authorized by congress in the naval appropriation bill just approved by the president, will be built at the Brooklyn navy yard. Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry issued orders to this effect today. Anticipating action by congress, tentative plans for the construction of the two ships authorized have already been prepared by the bureau of construction and repairs, and in their general lines will follow those laid down in the construction of the 20,000-ton battleships Delaware and North Dakota, now under construction. The remaining ship will be built by contract.

## Pleads for Labor.

Washington, May 19.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today made an argument before a subcommittee of the senate committee on the judiciary on the rights of organized labor in the light of recent decisions of the supreme court of the United States. Addressing his statement to the various bills to amend the Sherman anti-trust law, he contended for freedom of the press and freedom of speech in all respects.

## Test Commodity Clause.

Washington, May 19.—To facilitate a final decision of the constitutionality and construction of the commodities clause of the railroad rate law, it is proposed to institute next month in the name of the United States in the circuit court at Philadelphia a number of suits against certain railroads engaged in interstate transportation of anthracite coal from the mines in Pennsylvania in violation of the commodities clause of the Hepburn act.