

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO PURIFY CAMPAIGN.

Corrupt Practices Act Restricts Candidates' Acts.

Salem.—The adoption of the corrupt practices act by the people at the election June 1 will make the next political campaign a vastly different one from those which have been seen in Oregon in the last few years.

For one thing, the advertising plan of making a campaign, which Senator Bourne made popular in Oregon, will be less extensively used in the future. Two features of the corrupt practices act will tend to accomplish this end—one a limitation on expenditures, and the other a requirement that paid advertising be so marked. Undoubtedly the measure will have a salutary effect in purifying elections, though some of its provisions seem unnecessarily severe.

Publicity in the matter of campaign expenditures is one of the most important requirements of the law, and hereafter it will be necessary for candidates and party managers to keep an account of all expenses and file it within 15 days after the primary or general election, showing contributions to campaign funds and the purposes for which all money was spent. Candidates are permitted to use one page of a pamphlet to be issued by the state for the purpose of giving the voters information concerning them, each candidate to pay for the space occupied, and in excess of that each candidate may spend in a primary campaign 15 per cent of one year's salary, and in a general campaign 10 per cent of one year's salary, though any candidate may spend as much as \$100 if the percentage should be less than that. A candidate for governor will hereafter be limited to an expenditure of \$750 in a primary campaign and \$500 in a general campaign.

Posse Chases Horse-thieves.

Baker City.—In the country south of Huntington officers are chasing a band of horse-thieves, who have been practicing in Malheur county. It is claimed the thieves are headed for Baker county, with the probable hope of being able to reach a transcontinental railroad and get out of Oregon. In the last few weeks many reports have been received of horse-stealing, and there is a rumor that the gang set up from Malheur some time ago and later pardoned by Governor Chamberlain has completed a new organization, and is operating in the same manner they were a few years ago, when the taxpayers of eastern Oregon spent much money and effort to capture them.

Reject Dam Bids.

Klamath Falls.—The secretary of the interior has rejected the bids on the Clear lake dam, a part of the Klamath irrigation project, on account of the high figures, together with the fact that land owners in that section have still five per cent more land to sign up to bring the total up to the required 80 per cent. The two bids submitted were by Mahoney Bros., of San Francisco, \$115,770, and Maney Bros., of Winnemucca, \$188,980. The government may readvertise for bids, or do the work by force account.

Will Show Canby Berries.

Oregon City.—The Canby Strawberry Growers' association has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: R. S. Coe, president; Charles Roth, vice-president; C. N. Wait, secretary; S. B. Reese, treasurer. The association expects to distribute 10,000 pieces of advertising matter at the coming rose show in Oregon City, June 12 and 13, and on the last day of the rose show the berries that are on exhibition will be given to the Rose Society to be sold. Many exhibits by Canby growers are promised.

Bronco Bucking for Condon.

Condon.—Condon will celebrate the Fourth of July in old-fashioned style, and a committee was appointed to solicit funds for the carrying on of the festivities. It is planned to hold a market day in connection with the celebration, just as has been held in Pendleton and The Dalles. Bronco-bucking contests and baseball will form a part of the programme, while a number of carnival features will also be added.

Four Graduate at Woodburn.

Woodburn.—The commencement exercises of the Woodburn high school graduating class were held in the Methodist Episcopal church, of this city, last week. The church, beautifully decorated, was filled with friends of education. The address to the class was made by Charles V. Galloway, of Salem. The diplomas were presented by Colonel J. M. Poorman, of the board of directors. It is the first high school graduating class in Woodburn.

Monmouth Wants Freight Depot.

Salem.—The Oregon railroad commission has ordered that a hearing be had at Monmouth, June 15, at 1:30 P. M., on the question of a Southern Pacific freight depot.

Open Bids for Building Sites.

Washington.—The supervising architect has announced that bids will be opened July 16 for public building sites 130x135 feet at Albany and La Grande and 140x140 feet at Pendleton.

CITIZENS TAKE INITIATIVE.

Plan Bonds to Raise Money to Improve Siuslaw Bar.

Eugene.—The citizens of the Siuslaw valley, on the coast of Lane county, are becoming tired waiting for the government to improve the bar at the mouth of the Siuslaw river so vessels can pass out or in without delay, and a plan is being discussed to raise funds for the undertaking in another way. It is proposed to bond that part of the county lying west of the Coast range of mountains for 30 or 40 years, and use the money thus raised in building jetties at the mouth of the river. It is thought by the promoters of the scheme that \$100,000 could be raised easily in this way, and that with this sum considerable start could be made toward constructing the jetty. It is hoped by the time this sum is expended the national government would be ready to take up the work and push it to completion. To meet the interest on the bonds each year, it is proposed to collect a toll of perhaps 25 cents per thousand feet on the lumber and a proportionate sum on other articles exported from the towns at the mouth of the river. Later a sinking fund could be raised in the same way to pay off the bonds when they become due. In this way the expense of building the jetty would be borne by the industries directly benefited by the work.

INCREASE PENDLETON PLANT.

Wisconsin Company Negotiating for Woolen Mills.

Pendleton.—Agents of the Racine woolen mills, of Racine, Wisconsin, are here looking over the Pendleton woolen mills with a view of purchasing them and making them a part of the great Racine industry. It is proposed to employ at least 200 men and women in the plant and to increase the capacity by more than three times and make it the biggest woolen mill in the northwest. Pendleton, being on a main line of transportation and in the heart of the sheep district, has been selected as the most favorable location for the branch of the Racine industry.

If purchased the mill will be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of high grade Indian robes, blankets and similar lines of goods.

Auto Fever at Baker City.

Baker City.—The automobile fever has struck this city squarely, and in the last week four carloads of touring cars have been unloaded and sold to people here and in this vicinity. The old stage line to Halfway, Baker county, has installed automobiles, and in the future the six-horse team and old Concord stage will only be seen when the roads are exceedingly muddy.

Young Chosen at Milton.

Milton.—J. E. Young, recently principal of Moore's school, in this valley, has been appointed principal of the Milton school. The directors had previously engaged R. J. Davies, but this week he notified the trustees of his refusal of the position. Mr. Davis will teach at Nyasse, Ore.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 90c per bushel; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed, \$25.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50 per ton; gray, \$27.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$26 per ton; middlings, \$30.50; shorts, country, \$28.50; city, \$28.50; wheat and barley chop, \$27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$18.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa, meal, \$20.

Dressed Meats—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7½c; ordinary, 6c; heavy, 5c; mutton, fancy, 8@9c.

Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.

Eggs—Candled, 19½@20c per dozen; uncandled, 19c per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@12c per pound; fancy hens, 12@12½c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 20c; broilers, 22½c; ducks, old, 17@18c; spring, 20@22½c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@19c.

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

Potatoes—Old, Oregon, choice, 70@80c per hundred.

Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 15@17c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; apricots, \$1.50 per crate.

Onions—California red, \$1.65@1.75 per sack; Bermudas, \$2 per crate; garlic, 15@20c per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per cwt.; beans, 11@12c per lb.; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 box; egg plant, 20c per lb.; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6½c per pound; olds, 2@3c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 10@12½c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per lb. Casaca Bark—3½@4c per lb.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED.

Entire State of Montana a Vast Waste of Water.

Helena, Mont., June 5.—With the greatest rainfall in 28 years, Montana is experiencing the most complete demoralization of railroad traffic since the first train crossed the Rocky Mountains in this state.

Thousands of passengers are marooned. Six persons are reported drowned; railroad tracks are washed out in every direction. Land slides are reported on the Great Northern near Kalispell and the rivers are rapidly rising. This is the situation briefly summed up:

The property damage to railroads will run into the thousands and many of the big mountain trestles are endangered. There is, as yet, no prospect of a let-up in the downpour. Last night's precipitation is estimated at more than two inches.

It is believed that at least six persons have lost their lives as a result of the high water.

Nine Northern Pacific trains which were held up in the eastern part of the state since last Sunday arrived yesterday and left over the Great Northern tracks. These trains are now stalled at Great Falls, Havre and other points in Northern Montana. On the east of Helena the Great Northern tracks are washed out near Basin and both the morning and evening trains from Butte are held up there.

West of Garrison the tracks were washed out several days ago and no trains have been able to get through for a week. This cuts off all means of transportation to the coast, since the Great Northern trains cannot get through from the north.

One of the leading theatrical companies is held up in Helena now and the probabilities are it will have to remain here a week. The company has cancelled all its dates for several days ahead.

SHOOTS AT DREYFUS.

Military Journalist Seeks Revenge for Insult to French Army.

Paris, June 5.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon yesterday, when the president of France, the premier and a host of ministers of state were taking their departure, Louis Anthemo Gregoris, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point-blank at Major Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won.

Men distinguished in all walks of life filled the Pantheon and, when the shots rang out, there was great excitement in fear that the president had been assassinated, but even the attempt on the life of Major Dreyfus created a profound impression. Soldiers speedily surrounded Gregoris and he was taken to jail, bruised and bleeding, with his clothes almost torn from his back.

Major Dreyfus was not seriously injured. A bullet entered his forearm, but did not injure the bone. At a late hour the official statement was made that his condition was very favorable and that no complications were feared.

With regard to the reasons for Gregoris' act, the opinion prevails in Paris that there is much truth in his avowal that he was driven to the deed by the appeals to hatred with which the anti-Semitic papers have been filled since the government resolved to place the body of Zola in the Pantheon.

PLANS TO HONOR FLEET.

Festivities in Auckland Will Continue Four Days.

Auckland, N. S. W., June 5.—Festivities to last over four days have been arranged for the entertainment of the men of the American battleship fleet and the governor of New Zealand, all the federal officials, the mayors and the municipal authorities are to participate in the welcome. On the arrival of the fleet August 8 there will be an official reception and a review of the volunteers, to be followed by a dinner to the admirals and officers of the fleet in the evening.

A municipal welcome will be given the following day and will include a reception by the mayor of Auckland. August 12 and 13 will be devoted to a visit to Rotraqua Lake, where there will be entertainments by the Maoris.

The governor will entertain the visitors August 14 and this function will be attended by the members of the legislature.

Police Protect Money.

New York, June 5.—A New York, New Haven & Hartford train carrying eight Adams Express company cars, one of which contained \$150,000 in cash, collided with a switch engine in the Bronx yesterday, smashing both engines and derailing the cars. A dense crowd collected about the scene of the wreck, and the reserves were called out to protect the money, which was loose on the floor of the car. The police formed a line about the wrecked cars and held back the crowd until the money could be removed to a place of safety.

Typhoon Off Australia.

London, June 5.—A typhoon off the west coast of Australia is believed to have wrecked 40 boats and killed at least 275 sailors. The meager reports received here concerning the supposed sea tragedy say that the boats comprise the great pearl fishing fleet.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEST BOAT WITH TORPEDO.

Demon of Destruction Will be Sent Against Monitor Florida.

Washington, June 9.—Sacrificed for the benefit of naval construction, the monitor Florida, shot two weeks ago with the heaviest naval gun, will, on Saturday, June 13, be punctured beneath her waterline armor by the most powerful American Whitehead torpedo.

The first demonstration was to test the respective strength of armor plate and explosive shell, also to show the effectiveness of a new design of fighting mast. The torpedo is to be sent into the Florida that it may be definitely known whether a water-tight bulkhead, specially constructed within her, designed with all the most modern ideas of construction, can be depended upon to save a ship from destruction against this dangerous method of attack.

Secretary Metcalf has invited Secretary Taft to witness the test.

Emergency May Not Arise.

Washington, June 6.—Treasury officials declared today, after a study of the new currency law, there is nothing in the measure which says that clearing house certificates are illegal. They also express the opinion that not a dollar of the authorized emergency currency will ever be issued. Should an emergency arise, they think that clearing house certificates instead of highly taxed emergency currency would be resorted to again. The treasury department is arranging for \$500,000,000 in emergency circulation notes in blank for any bank which might apply for them under the regulations.

Fulton Leaves for Chicago.

Washington, June 3.—Senator Fulton will leave today for Chicago and remain to attend the national convention. Representative Hawley left for home this afternoon. Senator Fulton yesterday called at the reclamation service bureau to urge them to expedite work on the Klamath irrigation project. They had allotted only \$400,000 to be used this year. Senator Fulton asked for \$750,000. Director Newell gave him reasonable assurance that the latter amount would be set aside after July 1, when new funds become available.

New Postage Rates.

Washington, June 6.—Uncle Sam can write to John Bull more frequently next fall, for after October 1 it will cost but 2 cents for each letter instead of 5. Announcement was made today at the office of the postmaster general that an agreement has been perfected by which the letter rate between the United States, England, Ireland and Scotland will be reduced from 5 cents to 2 cents. The charge will mean a saving of much money, as the trans-Atlantic mails have been increasing rapidly in volume.

Will Send More Marines.

Washington, June 5.—Publication of the United Press dispatch telling of the critical condition of affairs in the republic of Panama, aroused great interest here, and it was announced today that 200 additional marines have been ordered sent to the isthmus at once, with orders to protect American property and help keep order at the coming election. It is also planned to detail on the isthmus a large body of sailors being transferred to and from the Atlantic fleet if conditions do not improve before the election.

Held as a Filibuster.

Washington, June 6.—Complying with the request of the state department, the minister of foreign affairs of Honduras has ordered the arrest of F. G. Bailey, former president of the Export Shipping company, of New Jersey, and the detention of the steamer Goldsborough and her cargo. This information came to the department in a dispatch from Minister Dodge at San Salvador, dated Wednesday.

Plague is Still Raging.

Washington, June 4.—The American charge d'affaires at Caracas has advised the state department that since May 25, the date of the reopening of the port of La Guayra, there have been seven cases of plague, two of which are known to have been fatal. The governor has caused to be published daily bulletins showing plague conditions. The dispatch also reports one death from the plague at Caracas.

World Trip for Middies.

Washington, June 4.—Of two hundred members of the class at the Annapolis naval academy who will graduate next Friday, 111 have been ordered to report to the Atlantic fleet at San Francisco, July 1. The middies are jubilant over the prospect of the trip to the Far East and home again by way of Suez canal and the Atlantic ocean.

Selects Tokio Commission.

Washington, June 3.—Secretary Root has decided on the personnel of the commission to represent the United States at the Tokio exposition in 1912. The commissioners general will be Francis B. Loomis, former assistant secretary of state; Frederick J. V. Skiff, director of the Field museum, of Chicago, and United States judge for the district of Minnesota.

PUT MARINES ON GUARD.

Uncle Sam to be Sure of Fair Election in Panama.

Washington, June 1.—The Panama presidential campaign, which is to culminate in an election the first week in July, has recently developed "revolutionary tendencies" to such an extent as to cause grave concern and the serious intention to employ severe measures on the part of the American government to insure a fair and honest election, probably the first in the history of Central America. The 500 American marines stationed on the isthmus will be detailed to the election places. As some precincts will need no armed supervision, and others will need several troops, they will be distributed where they will do the most good.

The call for a personal report from Minister Squiers is the result, it is explained, of new developments. At the same time, Mr. Squiers may be asked to explain certain newspaper comments to the effect that he has allowed himself to become enthusiastic in favor of one of the candidates. Mr. Squiers will sail for the United States tomorrow.

Railroads in Fear.

Washington, June 5.—Newspaper hammering of the plan to increase rates has resulted in compelling the railroads to desist therefrom, apparently. The announcement was made at the office of the interstate commerce commission today that the commission had information that new tariffs would be filed July 1. The law compels that new tariffs shall be filed a month in advance of the time new rates are to go into effect. June 1 has passed, and no increased tariffs have been filed, indicating that the plan announced after the trunk line meeting at New York, looking to increased rates beginning July 11, has been abandoned. The shippers' victory in this matter is wholly credited to the newspaper publicity, which has been persistent throughout the country against increases.

Big Drydock for Bremerton.

Washington, June 5.—Revised specifications for the naval drydock to be built at the Bremerton navy yard, on Puget Sound, were completed today by Rear Admiral Holliday, chief of the navy yards bureau. It is expected that the dock will be completed 18 months from July 1, when work is expected to be started. Bids for the construction of the dock have been asked, and it is announced that they will be opened on June 18. The preparations are being carried on with dispatch, and it is not thought that any delay will be permitted. The need of the big navy dock on the Pacific has been made clear by the visit of the Atlantic fleet.

Cuts Short Third Term Talk.

Washington, June 4.—Because President Roosevelt's latest declaration that "no friend of mine" will continue efforts to nominate, the president has written to one of West Virginia's delegates to the Chicago convention for the specific purpose of heading off what appears to be a united effort to revive the Roosevelt sentiment. More than this, the president's friends, echoing his sentiment, say that the president has expressed himself to the contrary on this subject in terms which admit of no uncertainty.

Will Decide After July 1.

Washington, June 9.—It is doubtful if the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases will be rendered much before July 1. Several weeks' work remains to be done, although every effort is being made to expedite these decisions. It is proposed to announce simultaneously the decision in all the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases, as the points involved are practically the same in all.

Inquiry Will be Ordered.

Washington, June 9.—The accident on the armored cruiser Tennessee, in which four men were killed and several injured, was caused by the bursting of a steam pipe while the vessel was off the California coast, and will be thoroughly examined into by a board of investigation appointed by Admiral Sebree. Admiral Sebree has wired a report containing practically the same information as the newspaper dispatches.

Bourne Going to Europe.

Washington, June 4.—Senator Bourne has informed some of his colleagues that he expects to sail for Europe in a short time to join his wife, who is completing a tour around the world. According to these senators, Bourne will sail before the Chicago convention. Several efforts made to locate Bourne and confirm the story were unavailing.

Hopes to Recover Sight.

Washington, June 3.—In the hope that he may recover his sight, Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator of Oklahoma, entered upon a course of treatment today at the Episcopal eye, ear and throat hospital, in this city, under the care of Dr. William Holland Wilmer. Mr. Gore lost his sight in childhood, and but slight hope is held out by the physicians as to his recovery of sight.