

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## PREPARING FOR FAIR.

### More Space Will be Provided for Counties This Year.

Salem.—At a meeting of the building committee of the state fair board the contract was let for enlargement of the grandstand at the fair grounds so that it will accommodate an attendance of 6,000 people. McFarlane, Denison & McLaren, Salem contractors, were awarded the contract for \$3,900.

From the reports that have been received the state fair this year will be one of the grandest in the history of the state. Nearly every county has signified its intention to be on hand with a large exhibit next fall.

The board has already concluded to move the administration offices to another location to make room for additional county exhibits, and the building committee is seriously contemplating the necessity of putting up new structures. Besides the remodeling of the grandstand, a new entrance will be constructed before the fair opens. The members of the building committee who were in session are W. F. Matlock, Frank Lee and F. W. Welch. Mike Wisdom was also in Salem with the committee inspecting the grounds.

The organization of the Portland Country club and Livestock association has been a great factor in bringing better horses to the west this year and will continue to be so in future years. It is therefore expected that the racing feature at the fair this year will be much stronger than in former years. The large purses hung at Portland will attract many drivers and breeders who have never before visited the Pacific Coast. The two fairs, coming one following the other, will enable both to get the full benefit of the exhibitions, which will be the best ever seen on the coast.

## Lower Prices for Wool.

Pendleton.—The second and last wool sales were as follows: William Slusher's clip, 150,000 pounds, sold to Defour for 10½c; D. Goodman's clip, 26,136 pounds, to C. H. Green for 9½c; A. P. Warner, 12,121 pounds, to Kuhn, 10½c; G. W. Ellis, 1,047 pounds, to Green, 12½c; D. W. Chapman, 26,136 pounds, to Green, 9½c; M. P. Pomeroy, 80,230 pounds, to Green, 10½c; Luhr & Sons, 11,401 pounds, to Green, 10c; J. W. Groom, 9,997 pounds, to Green, 11½c; Henderson & Son, 12,139 pounds, to Kuhn, 11½c; Sam Warner, 9,850 pounds, to Green, 12½c; J. M. Pempfill, to Judd, 8½c. There will be but little wool left after this sale. Prices are lower owing to the fact that this wool from the west end of Umatilla county is heavier than that sold May 25.

## Pack Fruit in Brewery.

La Grande.—The Roesch brewery of this city, one of the largest plants of the kind in Eastern Oregon, will be closed July 1 as a result of the prohibition vote at the recent election. Plans are already on foot to convert the brewery into a fruit packing and storage warehouse. It is located convenient to the O. R. & N. depot and is a large and well arranged building and is well adapted to the purpose. Julius Roesch, proprietor of the brewery, is one of the pioneer brewers of the state and has accumulated a fortune here in the business. However, the increasing fruit culture in this vicinity will not allow his building to remain idle long after the prohibition law goes into effect.

## Lake Homesteads in Demand.

Lakeview.—Many land filings are being received at the land office—most of them homesteads. Every piece of land that can be cultivated is being taken under the laws governing this form of entry. Few timber filings are now being received as land of this character is scarce indeed in this district. Occasionally someone finds a quarter section or an 80-acre tract that has been overlooked in the rush, but most of the filings that are being made under this act are on claims that were at first taken under the homestead act.

## Experts at Butteville Grange.

Salem.—Considerable preparation is being made for the horticultural meeting to be held at Butteville under the auspices of Butteville Grange, Saturday, June 20. Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural College, E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, and prominent fruitgrowers will participate. A large attendance is expected.

## Ready to Construct Road.

Astoria.—Not only is the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company making preparations to put a large force of men at work on its road within a short time, but it will begin active construction almost at once on the proposed road from Astoria to Nehalem valley. Sufficient work will be done this year that the line can be completed by next summer.

## Timber Transfers in Clatsop.

Astoria.—Deeds have been filed for record whereby J. E. Wheeler, of Portland, sells to the Jones-Wheeler company 3,092.72 acres of timber land in the southwest portion of Clatsop county, and W. N. Jones, also of Portland, sells to the same company 3,104.72 acres in the same locality. The consideration named is purely nominal.

## DIP ALL MANGY CAYUSES.

### Big Vat Erected for Use by Umatilla Cayuses.

Pendleton.—Every horse in Umatilla county that has the mange must be rounded up and dipped. This is the edict issued by State Veterinarian Kornick, who has been here for a couple of days in conference with Dr. S. W. McClure, head of the federal bureau of animal industry in the northwest. In order to eradicate the mange, which is so prevalent among the hundreds of Indian horses on the reservation, the government inspectors stationed here have just completed arrangements for dipping every cayuse on the Umatilla reservation, whether infected or not.

A great vat has been constructed near the site of the old agency, and for several days the reds have been engaged in the task of rounding up their ponies. County Inspector Bryant started out Tuesday to make a tour of the county, and every white man's horse found to be infected will be taken to the reservation dipping vat and given a bath, the owner being charged the nominal sum of 50 cents. The order on the part of the state veterinarian was issued at the instance of Dr. McClure, who insisted that it was little short of folly to clean up the reservation horses when those of the adjoining ranchers were in many cases just as bad.

## Normals Furnish Teachers.

Salem.—One hundred and eleven teachers will have been graduated from the four normal schools of this state when the normals close this month. Recommendations for the graduation of 102 were made by the executive board of the normal school regents Monday. Nine were graduated from Monmouth in February.

The graduates are divided among the different schools as follows: At Drain 14 will graduate; at Weston 21; at Ashland, 28, and at Monmouth, 39; which, with those who were graduated in February, makes a total of 48 graduates from Monmouth. Monmouth is one of the schools that received no appropriation from the legislature last winter.

## Klamath Should Yield Oil.

Klamath Falls.—A. L. Darrow, cashier of the Fort Sutter National bank of Sacramento, who is heavily interested in Klamath realty, has returned from a 200-mile drive over the Klamath basin and states that indications point strongly to sections of Poe and Langell valleys being great oil producing districts. Mr. Darrow has been in past years connected with the Standard Oil company and speaks from experience. The Klamath Oil company will sink experimental wells this spring.

## Annual Address by Dr. Hart.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The annual address before the graduating class of the University of Oregon will be delivered by Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University. Dr. Hart is a specialist in American history, and is one of the best known historians in the United States. He is a fluent and pleasing speaker.

## PORTLAND MARKET'S.

Wheat—Club, 88@89c per bushel; red Russian, 86@87c; bluestem, 91@92c; valley, 88@89c.

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

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

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

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

Eggs—Oregon, 18@19c per dozen; Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12@12½c; fancy hens, 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, \$1@1.10 per hundred.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$2@2.75 per crate; cherries, \$1@1.40 per box; gooseberries, 6@7c per pound; apricots, \$1@1.50 per crate; blackberries, \$1@1.25 per crate.

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@12½c per pound; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 box; eggplant, 20c pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6c per pound; olds, 2@2½c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 10@12½c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per pound.

Cascara Bark—3½@4½c per pound.

Hogs—Best, \$6@6.25; medium, \$5.75@6; feeders, no demand.

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

Sheep—Best sheared wethers, \$4; mixed, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.

## GERMANY HAS GRAFT.

### Astounding State of Corruption Discovered in Navy Yards.

Berlin, June 15.—How many millions has the German government been swindled out of by the recently discovered embezzlements in the imperial shipyards at Kiel? No one dares even guess. How many of the vessels built and equipped in the yards are to be found to belong to the same class as the battleships built in Russia with wooden pegs instead of steel rivets? No one knows yet, and no one probably ever will.

The discovery that two high officials of the imperial shipyards, and possibly a number of others, have systematically been robbing the government for years has come as a terrible shock to the German people, who are proud of the proverbial honesty of their government officials, and who have always contended that while fraud might be found in America and Russia, all German government officers would always be found to come up to the Roosevelt standard, and be able to show a record as clean as a hound's tooth.

It is impossible to find out at this time how many officials are implicated or suspected; the government even refuses to let it become known how many people are under arrest besides the leaders, Heinrich and Frankenthal. The latter is a multi-millionaire, and it is some consolation to think that he will be able to make good the losses, though this will not heal the wounded German pride.

The kaiser was informed of the affair just as he was about to prepare his speech for the opening of the Maritime exposition here, and was so upset by the news that he found it almost impossible to entertain the King and Queen of Sweden, who were his guests at the time. He has given orders that the whole affair is to be sifted to the bottom, and that all the guilty ones are to be punished, no matter how high their standing.

Rumors to the effect that certain high officials in the navy department have received their share of the stolen funds have so far been found to be unfounded, and are not generally believed.

## SAVE BRITISH BABIES.

### Mrs. Bertrand Russell Conducts Public School for Mothers.

London, June 15.—Hundreds of poor mothers in London are deeply grateful to the Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, who was formerly Mrs. A. Pearsall Smith, of Philadelphia, whose school for mothers in this city has proved a great success. Mrs. Russell commenced her ambitious scheme in a very small way—first there were night classes for mothers who were allowed to bring their children and who were instructed by Dr. Dora Bunting how to properly feed and clothe their little ones. These classes immediately became very popular, but Mrs. Russell, who was often present in person, soon discovered that the mothers themselves were as poorly fed as their babies and to remedy this she changed the night classes to day classes and provided a substantial dinner at a price of 3 cents to those who could afford to pay, while those who could not were fed free of charge.

The mortality of children in England is appalling when compared with that of America, but thanks to the splendid example set by the two Americans, Nathan Strauss and Mrs. Russell, whose experiments have aroused widespread interest and caused many men and women of wealth to come forward with offers of help, the death rate among children less than 18 months of age will undoubtedly go down.

## Takes Terrible Revenge.

Venice, June 15.—A double tragedy recently took place in a traveling circus giving performances at the town of Mestre, a short distance from here. Among the performers were two acrobats, a man Raffaelli and his wife, Emma. A rich man about town had fallen in love with the latter and had begun a liaison with her. Accidently Raffaelli discovered his wife's unfaithfulness and planned a terrible revenge.

While his wife was performing her dangerous acts in the flying trapeze under the roof of the circus tent, Raffaelli suddenly cut the rope which held the trapeze, and the young woman fell down into the sand of the arena, dying. Her lover rushed to her side, and while he was holding her head on his lap kneeling at her side, Raffaelli cleft his head from behind with an ax and then calmly surrendered to the police.

## Slaughter of Innocents.

Paris, June 15.—Owing to the extreme rigor of last winter and the willful destruction of song birds, France is threatened with the extinction of her larks, finches and thrushes. Professor Corelle, of Chambéry, has addressed an appeal to the public, warning them that if farmers, gamekeepers and poachers continue their conduct they will soon have exterminated all the small birds in the country. As proof of the necessity for legislative measures he declares that thousands of larks are killed and sold at 6 cents a dozen.

## Adopts Secret Ballot.

Paris, June 15.—The Chamber of Deputies Saturday adopted an amendment to the voting law which practically puts into effect the secret Australian ballot system. There has been much complaint of the system of marking ballots in public. This has enabled the big land owners and manufacturers and political manipulators to exercise duress on the voters.

# NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

## ALDRICH CALLS MEETINGS.

### Senate Committees on Currency and Finance to Assemble.

Washington, June 11.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance and also of the general currency commission, has called a meeting of the sub-committee appointed to devise a plan of operation for the commission and also a meeting of the sub-committee of the finance committee, which will have under special consideration the tariff question, both of which meetings will take place at the Plaza hotel in New York today. The currency commission will probably be in session for several days, but the understanding here is that the tariff committee will not be held there for so long a time. The tariff committee is authorized under the law to employ government experts in preparing for its work and this meeting is expected to lay out work for them. It is expected Senator Aldrich will go to the currency meeting with a prepared general outline of action.

## MALEVITCH'S VIEWS APPROVED.

### New Russian Ambassador to Tokio Developing Peaceful Relations.

Washington, June 13.—The administration officials unofficially have been made acquainted with the essential features of an important interview recently had by the representatives of a Moscow newspaper with Mr. Malevsky Malevitch, recently appointed Russian ambassador to Tokio, which touches upon Russia's policy in the far east. The views expressed by the ambassador, it is said, meet with the hearty approval of the Russian foreign office. The tenor of Malevsky Malevitch's observations are pleasing also to the administration, and to the diplomatic corps here, as it indicates a desire and intention on the part of the Russian government to develop the peaceful relations established with Japan. The Russian ambassador took the view that with the conclusion of the treaty of commerce the fisheries convention entered into between Russia and Japan during the past year, the peaceful aims of the policy of Russia with regard to Japan have definitely been established.

## Crops Worth Eight Millions.

Washington, June 16.—Crops of 1908 will be worth nearly \$8,000,000,000, according to figures prepared by the department of agriculture. It is expected there will be sufficient funds to move the crops from the farms to tide-water.

In discussing the outlook today, Chief Statistician Clark of the agricultural department, said:

"Indications at the present time are for great crops. For eight years the American farmer has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity and now the ninth promising harvest is practically assured. Never in the history of the United States have there been nine such years of big yields and high prices."

## Hyde-Benson Case Nears End.

Washington, June 12.—The defense in the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases announced yesterday that it had completed its case except the testimony of handwriting experts. It is expected that the case will go to the jury one week from today. Several character witnesses from San Francisco testified for Dimond. Schneider took the stand and testified that with Attorney Zabriskie, who is now dead, he had an interview with Agent Holsinger of the general land office at Tucson, Ariz., and at that time Schneider said he stated the part he had played in securing Oregon land titles for Hyde. Schneider gave the details of several interviews with Holsinger and told of meeting Dimond when he was sent east by Hyde.

## Preparing New Currency.

Washington, June 16.—The department of engraving and printing started to turn out the new notes authorized by the currency act of the last congress. The notes are similar to the old United States bank notes with one exception. Where the inscription "secured by bonds of the United States," appears on the old notes, the following legend appears on the new: "Secured by bonds of the United States and other securities."

The comptroller of the currency estimates that the new issue will be ready for distribution by July 1.

## New Battleships Named

Washington, June 10.—Secretary of the Navy Mearns has announced that the names of the two new battleships authorized by the last congress will be the Florida and the Utah. The next battleship authorized will be named the Wyoming.

## Abandon Fort Keough.

Washington, June 11.—The military reservation at Fort Keogh, Montana, having become useless for military purposes, has been placed under the control of the interior department.

## Miss Roosevelt a Bridesmaid.

Washington, June 11.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt has gone to West Orange, N. J., where she will be a bridesmaid at the marriage of Miss Georgianna Harding Farr and Mr. Fletcher Harper Sibley.

## LIBERIA ASKS FOR HELP.

### Black Republic Says France and Britain Encroach on Territory.

Washington, June 12.—Booker T. Washington called on the President Wednesday and arranged for a conference between the President and Secretary Taft and J. J. Dosen, vice-president of Liberia; G. W. Gibson, ex-president of the republic; James Dunbar, a lawyer of Liberia, and Mr. Washington.

Mr. Washington declined to discuss the subject of his interview, but it was learned that the representatives of Liberia assert that England and France have encroached upon their domain and they wish the moral, if not the active, support of the United States to maintain the integrity of their territory.

## WORK OF TRUST LAWYERS.

### Gompers Condemns Memorial on Integrity of Courts.

Washington, June 10.—Indignantly denying that the American Federation of Labor had attacked the integrity of the courts, state or national, President Gompers of that organization Monday night declared that the Federation would wage a fight in Chicago on the memorial of New Yorkers, asking for an insertion of a plank in the platform of the Republican party, affirming confidence in the integrity and justice of the courts and insisting on preservation of their independence and full constitutional prerogatives. The executive council of the Federation will hold its regular meeting in Chicago during the time the convention is held. Mr. Gompers will leave here Thursday. He declared that most of the signers of the resolution of protest were attorneys or other representatives of great corporations. He said that in Chicago "we will assert our rights, with the hope that the great gathering of Republicans will not be insensible to them."

"I believe in the courts," he added. "Organized labor does. We have not attacked their integrity, but that the right of injunction has been abused no one can deny."

## Government Gets Many Cigars.

Washington, June 10.—The internal revenue department has planned a series of prosecutions for alleged infractions of the internal revenue laws all over the United States. Officers of that department made seizures Thursday at two local drug stores on the ground that they were selling cigars in contravention of the internal revenue laws. The tops of boxes to which the majority of the stamps were affixed have been removed, thereby leaving the packages unprotected by proper stamps. The government contends this is prima facie evidence of the non-payment of the taxes, and cigars not protected by stamps must be declared forfeited to the United States.

## Appoints Board to Inspect Ships.

Washington, June 12.—Secretary of the Navy Mearns has announced the designation of the following board of naval officers to inspect the ships, Shawmut and Tremont, which are to be purchased by the Isthmian canal commission to be used for transportation of supplies from the United States to Panama. Captain Charles T. Perkins, Commander Stacy Potts, Naval Constructor John D. Beuret, Lieutenant-Commander Oscar W. Koestner and Lieutenant Earl T. Jessop. The ships are in Pacific waters.

## "Peaceful Bob" Evans.

Washington, June 13.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans has gone to his summer home at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., where he says he is going to play the part of "peaceful Bob" with the kids and the toy boats on the lake. The ranking rear-admiral of the navy has had much attention since his arrival here from San Francisco after taking the Atlantic fleet around the Horn, and he went away in high good humor.

## Panama Given Warning.

Washington, June 13.—In language that cannot be mistaken, the president and Secretary Taft have notified the Panama government that elections in that republic must be conducted fairly. The circumstances attending this warning were given out for publication as if in preparation for active intervention on the part of the United States by the use of whatever force shall be necessary.

## Dalzell Calls on President.

Washington, June 13.—Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who has been named by the president to serve on a commission for the conservation of the natural resources of the country, called on the president Thursday. Mr. Dalzell will serve on the sub-commission on mineral resources.

## Dayton to Remain.

Washington, June 12.—Although Admiral Dayton will not retire as commanding officer of the Pacific fleet until October, he will give place to Admiral Swinburne, who has been selected to succeed him on August 1. Admiral Swinburne will retire in two years.