

SPEAKS FOR OREGON

Mr. Corbett Writes Letter to Secretary of War.

SUPERIOR CLAIMS FOR ATTENTION

Urges Consideration of This Port and State in the Matter of Army Supplies and Transports.

LONG BEACH, Wash., July 27.—The attention taken in Portland to get proper consideration for the War Department in the matter of Army supplies and transports has engaged the attention of Hon. E. W. Corbett, who is spending his vacation at the seaside. He takes a lively interest in the matter, though he is not an escapee from the state examination, but Secretary Root the following letter on the subject:

"Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, Washington—My Dear Mr. Root: Owing to the fact that this port is being somewhat ignored in the fitting out and loading of transports, and while we concede that the department may be acting according to the best of its ability, I wish to call your attention at this time to the fact that the country immediately tributary to Portland is peculiarly adapted to the raising of timothy hay, the best available for horses, and for shipment to the Orient.

"The extensive farming community tributary to Portland raises the finest and heaviest oats in the neighborhood of 40 pounds to the bushel (and this year we have especially large and excellent crops of this hay and oats) whereas the best in the Eastern States weigh from 30 to 35 pounds per bushel. The peculiarity of the climate here for the production of these excellent supplies for the Army should, therefore, require your consideration as a large amount of hay and grain is purchased in this market and sent by rail to Seattle for shipment to the Orient at a rail expense in the neighborhood of 25 cents, therefore it would seem that quite a saving would be made by loading the transports here.

"The success in fitting out the Lennox here, I believe, was perfectly satisfactory to the department, and she has continued to run between here and the Philippine Islands with animals and fodder.

"It seems to us that other ships might be loaded at this point to the satisfaction of the Government, and the great satisfaction of this community. We do not believe that the department would intentionally discriminate against Portland and the State of Oregon, and we are sure of its loyal support to the Government by its voice and by its support in men in time of war.

"Kindly give this matter your careful consideration and give such directions as you may think advantageous to the Government, if you find upon examination that it is not detrimental to her interests. Yours very sincerely,

"E. W. CORBETT.

THREATENED HIS LIFE.

Charles Herbert Said to Have Had Designs Upon Paddy Lynch.

ASTORIA, July 27.—Charles Herbert, the sailor boarding-house runner, was arrested today on a charge of having threatened to kill Paddy Lynch, who has been in the employ of Lynch for the past year, and a few days ago was discharged. It is alleged that Herbert made such statements to Lynch that he would not live two weeks. Herbert heard of the warrant having been sworn out, and attempted to make his escape from the city. He was arrested on the tug Samson.

Wolf & Zwickler have engaged the tug Astoria, from Gray's Harbor, to assist in making the highship of the sands at Kenzie Head. The tug is now here, and will, tomorrow, tow around to the scene of the work a barge loaded with anchors and steel cables.

The log raft that was built at Stella by J. A. Fastabend for the Robertson Raft Company, arrived down the river this afternoon. The raft will be taken to San Francisco by the tug Tatosoh, of Puget Sound, and Rescue, of San Francisco.

Supplemental articles of incorporation of the Wisconsin Central Mining Company were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The object of the company is work mines, and also to acquire and sell real estate, etc. The capital stock is \$100,000, and the incorporators are: W. H. Copeland, J. E. Ferguson, D. M. Sturges, and J. Marshall. The company owns several claims near Sumpter that will be developed at once.

The dredging and capping of the piling for the quarantine station wharf was completed this evening, and the planking can be finished in three or four days. Work on the buildings will be commenced in a few days.

FOUND VALUABLE FOSSILS.

College Investigators Find John Day Valley Rich.

BERKELEY, Cal., July 27.—Discoveries of paleontological material are reported in a recent letter to President Wheeler, dated Monday, Oct. 7, from Professor John C. Merriam, who is at the head of the expedition sent to the John Day fossil fields in Eastern Oregon by the University of California. It says in part:

"So far we have been operating in the northern range of the Blue Mountains. Among our specimens are quite a number of fine skulls, some of which are the best that have been found here. One of our most interesting finds is a new geological formation, which is a very important feature of this region, both geologically and paleontologically.

Collections are also being made by this expedition for the University of Michigan, one of the chief seats of paleontological learning in the old world.

NO REVENUE STAMPS NECESSARY.

Question of Recording Incorporation Articles by County Auditor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 27.—The Attorney-General has rendered an opinion in reference to affixing revenue stamps on articles of incorporation filed with the County Auditor. The question arose out of the refusal of the Whitman County Auditor to file a copy of a record of incorporation on the ground that the necessary revenue stamps were not affixed. The certificate of incorporation was then returned to the State Secretary's office, together with 20 cents, and a request to affix and cancel the revenue stamps there. Chief Clerk Alding was directed to advise the president of stamping state certificates in his department, and appealed

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