PORTAGE IS IN USE

Saves Farmers Five Cents a Bushel on Wheat.

BUSINESS IS PROMISING

When Shippers Become Familiar With Rates the Road Will Have All the Traffic It Can Carry.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—That the operation of the Portage Road from The Dalles to Celilo has resulted in an increase of 5 cents a bushel to wheat-growing farmers, who were able to reach the Portage Road, is the report made by Superintendent L. S. Cook, to the Portage Railway Commission today. Not all the wheat that brought the increased price was shipped over the Portage Road, however, for Mr. Cook says that the O. R. & N. Co. has met the cut brought about by the operation of the state's railroad and farmers have profited in that way.

The O. R. & N. met the cut by absorbing drayage at Arlington and by other means and thereby secured much of the shipping. Only 18,139 sacks of wheat went over the Portage Road during November, but more could have been secured by seeking contracts and more will be secured when the shippers become familiar with the rates and when boats are running regularly and frequently so as to give prompt service. The outlook for business for the Portage Road is good. In his report to the commission Mr. Cook says:

In regard to future business, I am in receipt of a letter from J. S. Cochran, who has the steamer Telephone, that he expects to have a connection on the upper river, as soon as arrangements can be made or a boat built. Captain E. W. Spencer went over the upper-river route recently and states that he will build a boat to connect with his boat on the lower river. The Northern Pacific Railway Company, I understand, has the steamer Hanford engaged to do hauling both from Wallula and Celilo for camps on the north bank of the Columbia. Camps are now being established as fast as possible, and in the early Spring the company expects to have some 5000 or 6000 men employed. We should get a good share of their hauling of supplies, they owning the Regulator line below us and all shipments coming from Portland would naturally come via their own boat line.

The Government contractors are beginning to mix concrete now and will have some 25,000 barrels of cement, which have been promised to our line. They will also need some 400 or 450 cars of sand from Riparia and Wallula, which we get a switching charge upon. Merchandise has not started to move freely. Inquiries are being made daily regarding rates and connections with the boats, and, take it altogether, the prospects for future business is very bright. In fact, if the business shows up that appears in sight, it will be all or more than we will be able to take care of, with the present facilities for getting it up over the incline at Big Eddy.

The wheat business, amounting to 18,139 sacks the past month, should have been doubled or trebled had proper steps been taken to corral it or contract for it at the reduced rate that was put in. It is my understanding that the ranchers realized at least an advance of 5 cents per bushel to them on account of the Portage being able to handle the business. This, in the aggregate, amounts to a large item.

The O. R. & N. Co. appears to have met the cut in one way or another by absorbing drayage at Arlington and reductions in other ways, and contracted for the grain before the Mountain Gem got down to do the hauling. It is estimated that there is some 20,000 more sacks to move that lies tributary that we should secure.

The expense of operating the road during the month of November was about $850. The receipts were $431.59. The receipts will be greatly increased with the larger amount of business, without a corresponding increase in expense. The receipts by classes of business were as follows:

Grain, 18,139 sacks	$360.08
Passengers, 36	9.00
Carloads, 18	76.00
Merchandise, 60,530 pounds	6.51
Total	$431.59

Improvements have been made on the road as experience shows the need and the line will be in condition to handle traffic expeditiously. Improvements will be made on the incline at Big Eddy to facilitate the handling of freight and save time.

FIND BUSINESS HAS BEEN GOOD

Lumber Manufacturers' Agency Holds Its Annual Meeting.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the directors of the Lumber Manufacturers' Agency was held at their offices in this city this afternoon, at which time all the business of the past year was carefully gone over and found to be entirely satisfactory in all respects. All the former members signed anew the contract for 1906. From the applications for membership, that of the Stillwater Lumber Company, of Little Falls, Wash., was approved, and the company elected. The following officers were then elected:

F. B. Hubbard, of the Eastern Railway & Lumber Company, president; T. F. Palms, of the Walworth & Neville Manufacturing Company, vice-president; C. A. Doty, of the Doty Lumber & Shingle Company, secretary; C. S. Gilchrist, of the Salzer Valley Lumber Company, treasurer.

George E. Birge, the present manager, was re-elected to the same position for the ensuing year. Arrangements were also made with all their former Eastern representatives for the coming year, as well as with the A. C. Dutton Lumber Company, of Springfield, Mass. A. C. Dutton was present.

The question of a Coast lumber exhibit at Minneapolis, which has been up before the Coast associations for some time, was thoroughly discussed and unanimously indorsed by the members.

ATTACK MADE BY POSTAL CARD

Names of Law and Order People Attached to Statements.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A political sensation has been caused here by the sending through the postoffice of a lot of postal cards, on which scurrilous attacks were made on nominees and others of the citizens' party. Signed to the statements were the names of the executive committee of the law and order party. Part of the postal cards were held and will be forwarded to Washington for an investigation because of alleged violation of the postal laws.

No statement has, so far, come from the law and order people. They neither deny nor admit the charge.

Lawrence Is Elected Mayor.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Lafayette Lawrence, nominee on the People's ticket, was elected Mayor, defeating Maurice A. Langhorn by a vote of 175 to 167. A. S. Cory was re-elected Treasurer; Robert Fechtner and George Geissler, of the People's ticket, won for two years' seats in the Council. W. E. Bishop, of the Citizens' ticket, was re-elected Attorney. Dr. George H. Dow, Citizens' candidate for Health Officer, was re-elected. On the Chehalis ticket, A. Donahoe was elected Councilman-at-Large. A. C. St. John, of the Chehalis ticket, is the third Councilman elected for two years. Other candidates for the Council received votes as follows:

People's ticket—S. A. Phillips, 112.

Citizens' ticket—S. Hartman, 91; G. R. Walker, 93; J. P. Dever, 68.

Chehalis ticket—T. L. Devereese, 120; John West, 105.

Salary of City Attorney Raised.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the City Council tonight, an ordinance was passed increasing the salary of the City Attorney from $60 to $100 a month. Mayor Lindstrom presented a message recommending the creation of a City Engineer's office, the increase of the Treasurer's salary from $50 to $100 a month, and making him the receiver of all moneys, and the increase of the Street Superintendent's salary from $70 to $80 a month. Some of the changes will meet with strong opposition from taxpayers.

One Ticket at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The election passed off here in a very quiet manner and as there was no opposition to the Citizens' ticket all the candidates had an easy time. Following are the officers:

Mayor, A. J. Cole; Clerk, Val. Heath; Treasurer, J. E. Stout; Health Officer, J. L. Myers; Councilmen for two years, A. P. Leonard, C. A. Werley, H. J. Hubler; Councilman-at-Large, C. A. Coulter.

MORE MONEY FOR STATE

PLANS OF THE WASHINGTON TAX COMMISSION.

Revenue to Come From Filing of Civil Actions and From Recording of Deeds.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The State Tax Commission is preparing for presentation to the next Legislature a revenue-producing measure which will increase the cost of filing civil actions at law from $4 to $5 and dispense with the present law of permitting the inauguration of such actions by service of summons without the filing of a complaint in the clerk's office.

The fee of $4 now collected upon the filing of a civil action goes to the County Treasury. It is argued by the Tax Commission that inasmuch as the state assists in the payment of the Superior Court Judges to the amount of $44,000 annually, part of the fees should go to the state treasury for the benefit of the general fund. It is the intention to have the extra $1.00 as provided for in the bill go to the state.

The Tax Commission's plan of requiring suits to be instituted by filing complaint before service of summons is made would not only shut out a large number of actions brought for pernicious purposes, but would bring a revenue to both county and state from many actions that otherwise would have proceeded no further than the service of summons.

In this or a similar bill the Tax Commission also proposes to present to the Legislature for its consideration a measure requiring County Auditors to collect a fee for the state for the filing of each instrument presented to him for recording. Many thousands of deeds, bills of sale and similar documents are now filed for record in each county annually for which county fees are collected.

The Tax Commission proposes that upon the filing of each of such instruments a fee of from 10 to 25 cents shall be paid to the state, the money to be remitted by the County Auditor to the State Treasurer. It is hoped to add many thousands of dollars to the state's revenues by this method without placing any additional burdens upon the tax-paying property.

JAPS HELD FOR KIDNAPING

Kept Young Married Woman a Captive and Threatened Her.

ASTORIA, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The preliminary examination of Shiyokichi Miki, the Japanese arrested a few days ago on the charge of kidnaping Tane Hori, a Japanese girl, was held in Justice Goodman's court this afternoon. It resulted in Miki and another Japanese named Ubashi Tanaka being held under $250 bonds to await the action of the Circuit Court on the charge of kipnaping, while Jentaro Hori, husband of the girl, was held under similar bonds on the charge of attempting to force his wife to enter a house of prostitution.

The testimony showed that Miki and Tanaka had threatened to kill the girl if she did not go with them to Portland, and, after enticing her away from the house where she was working, had kept her locked up for nearly two days. Hori, the husband, it appears, was a party to the scheme, and had been paid $250 to release his claim to the girl.

Court Orders Name on Ticket.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A writ of mandamus issued from the Circuit Court was served on City Auditor Anderson today directing him to place the name of Jens H. Hansen on the ticket at the coming city election as a candidate for Police Commissioner for a term of two years.

UNANIMOUS CHOICE FOR MAYOR OF CENTRALIA.

Charles S. Gilchrist.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Charles S. Gilchrist, who was unanimously elected Mayor of Centralia today, is a prominent young business man of Centralia. He has been cashier in the State Bank of Centralia since its inception years ago and is well known all over the western part of the state. Mr. Gilchrist was the only person nominated for the office. He is known to favor a project that will come up next year, that of sewering the City of Centralia.

GRAIN HAS RELAPSE

Victim of Prineville Town Marshal in Critical Condition.

SPEECH IS INCOHERENT

General Sentiment of the Town Condemns Brutal Assault Made by the Officer on Inoffensive Young Rancher.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Wilford J. Crain, the victim of the unprovoked assault of Town Marshal R. G. Harrington, is still confined to the home of his father-in-law, John S. Watkins, and is in a serious condition. Though guarded in strictest secrecy by his physician, Dr. Belknap, it is reported that Crain has had a relapse and is now no better than he was several days after the attack, and his relatives, given temporary hope, have grown once more justly alarmed over his condition.

Dr. Belknap, the physician, has stated to inquirers that the injuries to Crain were not of a necessarily serious nature and that his skull was not fractured. He, however, has issued orders that no one shall be allowed to see the patient and has forbidden him to leave the house, even in the event of his being able.

Crain's condition was thought to have improved for a time, as he had yesterday gained the partial use of his paralyzed leg, but it is reported by those who have been at the Watkins home that this advantage was but temporary and that at the present time the limb is as useless as a short time after the assault.

The victim has not yet recovered the use of his speech and talks continually in an incoherent manner. He has not been able to give his version of the assault and unless he recovers the use of his now paralyzed tongue no one will ever know the exact circumstances leading up to the attack.

The general sentiment of Prineville is against Harrington and his brutal deed. It was this sentiment that forced the Sheriff to place Harrington under arrest after Lytle, Crain's uncle had sworn to a complaint against him. The authorities were loth to take action but were forced to do so by the general attitude of the citizens. From this circumstance it may be argued that Harrington will be held to the Circuit Court by the grand jury when his case is considered, thought the prevailing belief seems to be that even in the event of a trial no conviction could be had by any Crook County jury.

MUST GO TO THE PENITENTIARY

Reform School Not for Boys Over 17 Years of Age.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Two youthful burglars convicted in Yakima County, were committed to the Reform School without authority of law and their commitments are void, according to advice given the superintendent of the school by the Attorney-General today.

The boys were 17 years old and therefore beyond the legal age limit at which children may be admitted to the institution. The Attorney-General advises that the two boys, Charles Haskins and Joseph Anderson, be not discharged, but be held with a view to having them returned to Yakima County and committed to the Penitentiary.

In the same opinion the Attorney-General holds that three boys under the legal age limit, who have been committed by the Juvenile Court, provided for by the Legislature of 1905, were legally committed. The question involved was the right of the Juvenile Court to select the Reform School as the "suitable institution" to which the law provides youthful offenders may be committed.

FRANCHISE BILL IS LOST

OREGON CITY COUNCIL CANNOT PASS OVER VETO.

Straight Changes His Mind and Votes to Sustain the Mayor's Action.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's freight franchise ordinance was finally disposed of by the Oregon City Council tonight, when, by a vote of 5 to 4, it failed to pass over the veto of Mayor Sommer. A further defection among the supporters of the franchise resulted when Straight, who voted for the ordinance when it was enacted, tonight voted against the measure.

Following the reading of Mayor Sommer's veto message, Koerner moved that the veto be sustained, but the motion was defeated by a vote of 5 to 4. Kelly, seconded by Justin, then offered a motion that the ordinance be passed over the Mayor's veto. This vote resulted 5 for to 4 against, but since the Oregon City charter, in order to pass an ordinance over the Mayor's veto, requires a two-thirds vote of the nine members constituting the Council, the ordinance was declared defeated. The vote was:

Ayes—Brandt, Chapman, Justin, Kelly, Mason.

Noes—Knapp, Koerner, Straight, Williams.

The bill of City Attorney Griffith for $200 for preparing the franchise ordinance and defending the members of the Council in the two injunction suits brought to restrain the passage of the ordinance, was referred to the finance committee.

Ordinances were passed levying a 2-mill tax for street improvements and a tax of 5 mills for general municipal purposes for the year 1906. An extension of time of 90 days, or until March 30, next, was granted the Southern Pacific Company to complete the extensive improvements it is performing in this city.

T. L. Charman was elected a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners to succeed Joseph Koerner, resigned. The vote cast at Monday's city election was canvassed and the successful candidates with their majorities were found to be: Mayor, E. G. Caufield, 308; Treasurer, Jack R. Caufield, 65; Councilmen—First Ward, William Andresen, 89; Second Ward, three-year term, E. P. Rands, 193; two-year term, W. R. Logus (no opposition), 216; Third Ward, Joseph N. Harrington (no opposition), 116.

JURY WOULD NOT CONVICT.

Sunday-Closing Case at Castle Rock Is Lost on Trial.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The good citizenship committee lost the first Sunday-closing case, which was brought to trial today. The case was against E. Mansell, a confectioner, and was called about 9:30 this morning. At about 3 P. M. it went to the jury and in a few minutes a verdict was brought in of not guilty. Two witnesses testified that the defendant sold goods Sunday, November 19, one of them the purchaser himself. The defense did not deny it and offered no evidence to the contrary, yet the jury decided he was not guilty.

MAIN ISSUE IS NOT TOUCHED

Eaton Contracts Are Brought Before the Supreme Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The case growing out of the noted H. H. Eaton contracts, in King County, whereby Eaton was to receive half of all escheated estate, amounting to a fortune, for services in acting as special attorney for the county in settling such estates, was reversed by the Supreme Court today.

The decision, while it in effect dismisses the proceeding brought by R. O. Reed, under which the lower court enjoined the payment of $7600 in warrants issued to Eaton, does not pass upon the legality of the contract or of these or other warrants issued under such contracts. The Supreme Court simply holds that there was a defect in the parties defendant in this particular case, in that the present holders of the warrants were not made parties to the action and that the court, therefore, had no jurisdiction over the persons or the warrants.

RIDE ON CRATER LAKE ROAD

MEDFORD STOCKHOLDERS ACCOMPANIED BY FRIENDS.

Citizens of Eagle Point, the Present Terminus, Turn Out to Greet First Passenger Train.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The first official trip of the officers and stockholders of the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad, accompanied by a few of their friends, was made this afternoon in a special. The trip was made as far as Eagle Point, at present the terminus of the road, where the delegation was met by the citizens of Eagle Point and cordially welcomed. Speeches were made by D. H. Miller, W. I. Vawter, John Olwell, of Medford, and responded to by John R. Cook, of Eagle Point. H. E. Lounsberry, traveling freight agent of the Southern Pacific, also spoke of railroad progress in Oregon.

The Crater Lake railroad has been built entirely by Medford capital, A. A. Davis, the wealthy flouring mill man of this city, being the originator and prime mover in the enterprise. The stockholders were much pleased with the roadbed, it having been built for heavy traffic. This railroad not only opens up a rich agricultural country, but the largest and best timber country in the United States.

While the inspection party was visiting the little town of Eagle Point, the school children were given a ride on the first passenger train run over the new road.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

William G. Minier.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—W. G. Minier, a pioneer of 1845, died at his home at Scott's Mills, Or., November 29. He was married to M. J. Adair, December 24, 1863. His living children are: Mrs. M. V. Corby, Elmer W. Minier, Mrs. E. M. Heinz, Herbert A. Minier and Walter B. Minier.

Elijah Smith.

ELGIN, Or., Dec. 6.—Elijah Smith, one of Union County's pioneers, died at his home in this city Sunday of pneumonia. Mr. Smith was born in Caloway County, Missouri, 1834, and in 1878 immigrated to Oregon, locating at Elgin, where he has lived since.

Eugene's High School Debaters.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—A try-out was held at the High School last night for the purpose of selecting the debating team of the school for the present season. Superintendent Arnold presided at the meeting, and the judges were Professors Young, Hyde and DeCou, of the University. The following are the successful contestants: F. H. Swift, Ross Chamberlain and Frank Rolfe for the team, with F. H. Pownder as alternate.

MAYOR OF OREGON CITY FOR THIRD TIME.

E. G. Caufield.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—E. G. Caufield, who was yesterday elected Mayor of Oregon City by a majority of 308 votes, is 46 years of age and a native of this city, having been born in 1859. Mr. Caufield's position against the granting of unfair franchises by the City Council in opposition to the expressed desires of a majority of the people was a strong factor in accomplishing his election by a three-to-one vote over his opponent, who represented the interests of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company.

Mr. Caufield's public spirit finds expression through his active participation in the work of the Oregon City Board of Trade, of which he is an aggressive member. He is also cashier of the Bank of Oregon City. This is the third term Mr. Caufield will serve the people of Oregon City as Mayor, having been first elected in 1898 and the following year was elected to a second term to succeed himself.

Chaplain Gilbert Goes to Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A letter was received today from Rev. W. S. Gilbert, of Portland, accepting a call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city.

CURE OF THE INSANE

Good Record Shown at the Oregon Asylum.

SPACE IS VERY CROWDED

Appropriation for an Addition Included in the Omnibus Bill Has Been Held Up by the Referendum.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—An unusually good record in the curing of patients has kept down the number of inmates of the State Insane Asylum and has probably averted congestion at that institution. When the last Legislature met, there was every reason to believe that the construction of a new wing would be absolutely necessary within the ensuing two years. An appropriation for an addition of three wards was made, but the appropriation was included in the omnibus appropriation bill and was held up by the referendum. Construction of new rooms was therefore made impossible.

The usual rate of increase in population at the asylum is 50 per year, and at that rate the institution would have been crowded to the limit before another Legislature could take action. Of late, however, a large number of patients have been discharged, and the total number confined has not grown rapidly.

Should the next Legislature make an appropriation for a new wing, containing three wards, it will be at least two years from the present time before the addition would be ready for occupancy. There is now room for 68 more patients in the men's department and ten in the women's department. Unless, therefore, the present low rate of increase continues, the building will be full before the capacity can be enlarged.

In any event, it will be necessary to transform one of the men's wards into a ward for women, and probably it will be necessary to use some of the men's smoking-rooms for dormitories.

TWO CLAIMED AS HUSBAND

Fletcher Sims Dies as Result of Fall From Automobile.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 6.—J. Fletcher Sims, son of John F. Sims, president of the Western Iron Works, who was injured November 28, by being thrown out of an automobile on his head, died this morning at Providence Hospital.

Two women—Mrs. Blanche Williams, of Alameda, and Mrs. J. F. Sims, of Berkeley—claimed him as husband.

Eighth Grade Examinations.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman has fixed the following dates for eighth grade examinations in the public schools of the State of Oregon during 1906: February 1 and 2, May 17 and 18, June 14 and 15, September 27 and 28.

These examinations must be held in each county during the year and each County Superintendent may select the three of these four dates that suits his county best. Further details regarding the examinations will be announced later. In each instance the examination will occur Thursday and Friday.

Fair Stock to Be Increased.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lewiston Interstate Fair and Racing Association tonight, it was voted to increase the capital stock of the company from $10,000 to $20,000.

The following directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year: C. C. Phillips, J. T. Ray, G. W. Temple, Otto Kettenbach, M. W. Barnett and A. G. Wisner, of Lewiston; F. M. Hinkly and R. B. Hooper, of Clarkston; and J. O'Keefe, of Asotin. The directors will elect officers Saturday night.

St. Paul Officials to Be Invited.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce will take action to the end that officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road be invited to Gray's Harbor to look over its prospects.