

HARRIMAN MAN LOOKS FOR COAL

Expert Is Investigating Every Coal Prospect of Merit in Oregon.

FUEL SUPPLIES SHORT

O. R. & N. Will Provide Transportation Facilities for Heppner Coal Fields When Owners Agree to Mine 250 Tons a Day.

Facing a serious shortage in coal supplies, the Harriman lines in this territory are investigating every known coal prospect of merit within the state.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems, has made the statement that it will be the policy of the Harriman interests to encourage in every possible way the development by private interests of the coal lands of the Western states reached by the Harriman lines.

The Union Pacific lines will be forced to secure coal from private mine owners. The law passed by the last Congress forces railroads out of the coal business.

"To show how eager we are to get coal," said General Manager O'Brien yesterday, "we have already contracted for 30,000 tons of Arizona coal, delivered in the river during the next few months. The price of this will average \$10 per ton."

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GREAT SCARCITY OF SLABWOOD

Dealers Find It Profitable to Sell It Fast as Cut.

That slabwood will be more scarce in the city this winter than it was last is the opinion of the dealers in this commodity, for very little slabwood is being laid by to dry.

The slabwood is being sold as fast as it is cut, with the exception perhaps of that which is dumped into gulches to fill them up.

The coal situation, however, is better. Large quantities are coming in from Australia and Japan, and local mines are getting out larger quantities than they have for eight months or a year, according to the statements of local dealers.

"Sixty thousand tons of coal are headed this way every day," said A. L. Stephens yesterday. "Eighteen cargoes are on the way, and one is unloading at the dock. The coal is coming in now from the State of Washington at the rate of from 5 to 8 cars every day. Besides the coal to be shipped to Portland before the winter season sets in quite an amount will be sent to Eastern Oregon. Last year only 20,000 tons of coal came into Portland, so that three times as much should satisfy the demand."

"I do not think, however, that the price of coal will be any less than it is now, in fact I believe it will remain at about the same figure all winter. Teno coal now sells for \$7.50, Washington anthracite for \$8 and the Spruce Knob for \$10."

"There will not be very much dry slabwood this winter," said M. C. Banfield yesterday. "We are not laying by any to season, but we are laying by when it pays us better to sell it green. We are furnishing wood at the present time just as fast as the mills turn it out, and are buried with business. If we have a very hard winter there will probably be a shortage."

"Will this be as bad as it was last winter?" was asked.

"Large quantities of coal are coming into town from various points. This will have a tendency to relieve the shortage of fuel. We will have some coal to sell soon, but I cannot tell you what the price is, for we have not yet figured that out."

"We are selling slabwood, green, sawed, for \$3 a load now. The dry wood is \$4 a load. We are paying more at the mill now for our wood than we did last winter. That is the reason the price is higher."

Some fir and ash is being brought in by retail wood dealers of the city, and the price remains practically the same that it has all summer.

VISITS PRESIDENT JOSSLYN

General Manager of D. & R. G. Friend of Local Railway Men.

A. C. Ridgeway, general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, with headquarters at Denver, Colo., after spending a few days in Portland with his wife and two daughters, left yesterday in his private car, intending to return East over the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. Ridgeway is an old friend of and formerly worked with President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, on the Denver & Rio Grande, but the two had not met for 15 years. They had a pleasant reunion and visit in this city.

surpasses that of Colorado and he is much impressed with the possibilities of this section.

DELAYED BY TUNNEL WORK

Knapperton Extension of Ilwaco Road Is Nearing Completion.

General Manager O'Brien of the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, says the new Knapperton extension of the Ilwaco Railroad Company will be completed within the next 60 days.

A long tunnel of nearly 500 feet under the headland upon which Fort Columbia is stationed will delay the completion of the work more than any other feature of the construction. About 250 feet of the portals of the tunnels have been driven so far.

Laying New Car Tracks.

During the remainder of the present month, considerable new track will be laid by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on city streets. Work will be started in a few days on Belmont street. Thirty-fourth street. Heavy rails will be laid and Belgian blocks put down between the rails and for a distance on each side of the tracks. This street is now being repaved. Union avenue between Burnside street and Holladay avenue will be improved in the same manner. Track has been laid and the laying of stone blocks will be begun within a few days.

JUDGE LOWELL NOT IN RACE

PENDLETON MAN PUTS ASIDE SENATORIAL ASPIRATIONS.

Believes That With Many Candidates in Field Senator Fulton Would Be Nominated.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, in all probability will not enter the Senatorial race. Unless conditions change materially and other withdraw who are about to enter, Judge Lowell's name will not be on the ticket when it is submitted to the voters at the primaries next Spring.

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BULLETS FINISH LIAISON

Man Shoots Mistress and Fatally Wounds Himself.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—Thomas H. Chapman, aged 39 years, an expert accountant, late this afternoon, shot and fatally wounded the woman with whom he had lived for 10 years, and then turning the revolver upon himself blew off the top of his head.

Chapman came from Detroit. Only today it was made known that he was not married to the woman. She was Barbara Hayward, of Sacramento, Cal., but it is stated that she has been married to Raymond Wise, also of Sacramento.

According to the dying statement made to officers, Chapman met the woman at Battle Creek, Mich., where she was training for a nurse.

JAMESTOWN RATES.

The Canadian Pacific is making very low rates to Eastern points around Jamestown Exposition. A choice of routes is offered, with stopovers going and returning.

CUTS SHORT HIS STAY IN OREGON

Secretary Wilson Postpones Visit to Forest Reserves of This State.

ALARM FOR HIS HEALTH

Hardships Endured in Mountains of Washington Result in Threatened Attack of Pneumonia Which Hastens His Departure.

BY ARTHUR GREENE.

The greatest glory that befell James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, during his brief stay in Portland was an automobile ride, in the course of which he beheld the things whereof he boasted. The Secretary, by rights and a strict adherence to the advice of his physicians, is in no condition for jaunts of any kind. He came near an attack of pneumonia during his brief visit to the Rose City, and it was only because the sick or ailing, he bravely departed for San Francisco last night, in company with his son and secretary, Jasper Wilson, having decided to indefinitely postpone his tour of inspection of the Oregon forest reserves.

Vigorous at 72.

Secretary Wilson originally intended to go to the Cascade forest reserve, and perhaps others in Oregon, but he contracted a severe cold in the mountains of Western Washington, and deemed the rough trips to the woods so hazardous that he canceled his engagements. At 72 years of age, the Secretary is still a very active and vigorous man. Lowell's name will not be on the ticket when it is submitted to the voters at the primaries next Spring.

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Aided Rice Culture.

He told some very interesting facts, among them, for instance, that since the Department of Agriculture induced the planters along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico to go into the business of raising rice, the United States has come to produce a large part of the rice of the world.

"Do you know," said he, "that with the improved machinery used in the planting, cultivation and harvesting of rice on the Gulf Coast one American produces as much rice as 400 Chinese coolies? That seems preposterous and I hesitate to say it for fear I shall be accused of being a wild romancer. It is the truth however as we have shown conclusively by the reports of our agents who have investigated the matter. We have nothing to fear from the Yellow Peril, so far as agriculture is concerned. The Japanese and Chinese are making some headway in copying our methods of farming but they in no wise approach us and will never do so. Our applied brains as utilized in the growing of crops put us beyond the reach of successful competition from the Orientals."

The Secretary's hobby, if he can be charged with having one, is sugar beets, or beet sugar, as you may choose. He is the daddy of the sugar-beet industry in America or at least the stepfather for when he came into his present position ten years ago the entire United States produced but 25,000 tons of beet sugar annually. Last year we placed on the market of the world 250,000 tons which by way of increase is in the language of our leading educators, "going some."

Another achievement of the Secretary's was the introduction into this country of macaroni wheat to which he has been devoted most faithfully for nearly a decade. This is a Russian product and it came to be imported because James Wilson took notice of the high and dry prairies of the plains states and sought a grain that would grow without reference to Oregon mist or the activities of the rain-makers. He sent a man to Europe to find a wheat that would mature perfectly with ten inches of rainfall. Ten inches is about one-fifth of the moisture that falls at the corner of Third and Morrison in the course of a year. A wheat that makes good in inches of wet must have its nerve and that's what Mr. Secretary Wilson wanted. This Russian article filled the bill exactly and now as a consequence the macaroni wheat is the principal crop of many sections of the buffalo-grass districts.

There are so many things for which the farmers rise up and call Secretary Wilson blessed that it would require a strong man a day to enumerate them all. The paramount one is that the Iowa statesman has taken from the records in Assessor Sigler's office and constitute a reliable index to Portland's growth and prosperity.

The following table shows the extent to which the land values of several prominent business blocks have increased during past few years:

Table with 3 columns: Block Name, 1907 Value, 1906 Value, 1905 Value. Includes Marquam block, Menno block, Pittcock block, Meier & Frank, Chamber of Commerce, Woodward & Clark, King building, Quarter block S. E. corner Sixth and Washington, Alsbek building, Oregonian building, Wells-Fargo building, Imperial hotel, Columbia building, Elks building, Oregon hotel.

The improvements on these properties have been assessed for 1907 as follows: Marquam, \$24,000; Meier & Frank, \$9,000; Chamber of Commerce, \$39,000; Woodward & Clark, \$52,000; Olds, Wortman & King, \$40,000; quarter block Sixth and Washington, \$23,500; Alsbek building, \$27,000; Oregonian building, \$28,000; Wells-Fargo building, \$19,000. The assessment was made March 1, last, and accounts for the low figure at which the Wells-Fargo building is rated. At that time the structure was not completed.

For 1907 other buildings are assessed as follows: Dekum, \$30,000; improvements, \$14,000; Swetland building, \$165,000 and \$30,000, incomplete when assessment was made; Buchanan building, \$110,000 and \$24,000, incomplete when assessment was made; Imperial hotel, \$10,000 and \$7,000; Columbia building, \$70,000 and \$75,000; Elks building, \$115,000 and \$90,000; Oregon hotel, \$115,000 and \$65,000.

VALUATIONS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

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VISITS THE OLD WORLD

Father L. P. Desmarais Tells of Trip to Far East.

Father L. P. Desmarais, formerly of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Portland, is making a tour of the United States during his Summer vacation, and was in this city yesterday. On his way to this Coast Father Desmarais visited Yellowstone National Park, which he says has the grandest scenery in the world. The scenery of the entire West, he asserts, is so far above that of Europe that it is not to be compared with it, although this fact is not generally known in the Eastern states, with the result that many tourists go to Switzerland before they have seen their own country.

Father Desmarais recently returned from a trip to Europe, during which he visited Rome. He had a personal conference with His Holiness, Pope Pius X, receiving from him a letter, the contents of which Father Desmarais will not divulge.

"In Europe you will hardly ever see a drunkard on the streets," said the priest yesterday. "In fact, in all the time that I was on the continent I did not see a man who appeared to be under the influence of drink. The reason for this is not that the European cities do not have their saloons. It is merely that they do not carry the liquor system to excess as we do in this country. A man there will go into a saloon, take a drink and go on his way, while in America when a man wants a drink he doesn't like to take it alone and asks a friend or friends to take one with him. When several have treated the man perhaps he gets a little drunk, and very likely is drunk. Another thing in favor of saloons on the continent is that no gambling is carried on in connection with them."

"The city of Lower Egypt and every city of importance in Palestine from Jerusalem to Damascus. In the house in Damascus where St. Paul was born and consecrated Bishop I said mass."

"Damascus has a population of 250,000, including 50,000 Jews. Of all the cities in the Orient, Damascus is the most typical. It is the same today as it was in the time of Abraham. The freight of the country is still carried on the backs of the camels. It was 2000 years ago, and a caravan of 100 or more of these animals can be seen at almost any time leaving the city for Mesopotamia. All the manufacturing of the city is done by hand, in little shops or bazars along the streets."

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"At Baalbec, in Palestine, I found the most perfectly preserved and interesting ruins I saw in the whole country. Here is to be found the great temple of the sun, built by the Phoenicians, about 2000 B. C. There are no stones in the great pyramids of Cheops in Egypt, or in the great amphitheater at Rome, which will compare with the great granite blocks of the Temple of the Sun. Many of the blocks are 5 1/2 feet long, 12 feet high, and 12 feet thick. At the quarry, 2 1/2 miles from the scene of the ruins, I measured one huge stone block that is 49 1/2 feet long, 13 feet high and 12 feet thick, which had been blocked out but left unfinished."

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THREE-CORNERED TANGLE

Deserting Chinese Sailors Involve America, Germany and China.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The case of the 24 Chinese members of the crew of the German tramp steamer Tolosan, who deserted from that vessel last Friday and have since been in charge of the Federal authorities, has involved this Government, Germany and China in a tangle that will have to be unraveled by the representatives of the three nations in Washington, to whom the matter has been referred.

When the Chinese were taken before United States Commissioner Heacock yesterday on a charge of being illegally in this country, Owyang King, assistant Chinese Consul, said that the men were willing to be deported and would waive their right of appeal if they were returned to China on some vessel other than the Tolosan, on which they had been treated cruelly. The German Consul asked that the prisoners be delivered to him to be placed in the custody of the captain of the Tolosan, in accordance with immigration law and treaties. This request Commissioner Heacock denied and ordered the prisoners deported.

The Chinese Consulate has wired to Washington to prevent the men being taken back on the Tolosan. The German Consul has also wired an appeal from

FREIGHT RATE QUESTION

HEARING BEFORE COMMISSION WILL BE AT RITZVILLE.

Work Has Been Carried on for Year to Secure Data for This Meeting in October.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Before the end of October the State Railroad Commission will begin the hearing upon the question of the reduction of freight rates in the State of Washington, the most important step yet taken by the Commission. The work of ascertaining the cost of construction and reproduction of all railroads in the state, which has been under way for a year past under the direction of H. P. Gillette and his corps of assistants, has been the basis of the contemplated hearing on rates. The attention of the Commission will doubtless first be centered on wheat shipments, although the foundation is laid to attack rates on any or all commodities.

The October hearing is looked upon by the Commission as one of vital interest to both the shippers and the railroads. It will probably last from 30 to 60 days. It is planned to select Ritzville as the place for holding the hearing. The original complaint against wheat rates came from that shipping point. The complaint came in the form of a monster petition, headed with the name of William Cunningham, Sr., and was received by the Commission about two years ago. An investigation and study of the question following the receipt of this complaint is said to have been largely responsible for the determination to go into the question of rates on the present basis.

The three members of the Washington Commission contemplate attending the National Convention of Railway Commissioners, which meets in Washington, D. C., October 2, and on their return expect to find their plans completely matured for the Ritzville hearing.

River Pirates at Astoria. ASTORIA, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—River pirates are again plying their vocation along the Astoria waterfront. Last night a fishing boat and net belonging to Phil McDonough, of Bear Cliff, and operated by J. Jarvey, were stolen from the slip at Fisher's wharf and no trace of the thieves has been found. The boat and net were valued at about \$500.

KISER FOR SOUVENIR PHOTOS. Northwest Scenery—Imperial Hotel.



REAR SEAT, JAMES WILSON, SECRETARY AGRICULTURE; MIDDLE SEAT, GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, OF PORTLAND, AND MILES C. MOORE, OF WALLA WALLA; FRONT SEAT, J. THORNBURN ROSS, OF PORTLAND.