

DEPARTMENT MAY SHIFT TO SEATTLE

Army Headquarters, It is Expected, Will Be Transferred From Fort Vancouver.

OFFICERS FAVOR CHANGE

Staff at Washington Known to Have Matter Under Consideration, but Congressman Ellis Hopes to Stave Off Move.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 7.—Representative Ellis has learned that the general staff of the Army is seriously considering removal of the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia from Vancouver to Seattle.

General Bell, chief of staff, with whom he has talked, says that, in view of the growing importance of Army posts in Alaska and the large shipments of supplies to those posts, the headquarters should be more centrally located than at present, and personally he believes they should go to Seattle.

Ellis is planning further conferences with General Bell and the Secretary of War in the hope of preventing removal, but said today the outlook was very discouraging. Indeed, it is pretty well determined that the headquarters shall go to Seattle, though no order to that effect has yet been issued.

SCHISM STARTS TO SPREAD

Filipino Methodists Withdraw From Regular Body.

MANILA, March 8.—Nicholas Zamora, the Filipino preacher who has caused a split in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Manila and has planned the organization of the Evangelical Methodist Church of the Philippines, surrounded his credentials today to the regular church and began the formation of an organized body. He is followed by at least 100 members of his former congregation.

The Presbyterian organization in the Islands is not affected by the new movement, although it is reported that the dissenting Methodists are trying to create a division in that church also.

FALLING OFF IN TRADE

Both Imports and Exports Show Decrease for January.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—In January there was a falling off of about \$50,000,000 in the total value in the country's exports as compared with those of January, 1908, while for the seven months ending with January the total exports amounted to \$1,931,719,933, against \$1,189,899,553 in the corresponding seven months of the present fiscal year, a falling off of \$157,000,000.

One cause of the falling off is found in our export trade in raw cotton. The average value of cotton exports in January, 1908, was 11.7 cents per pound and in January, 1909, 9.4 cents per pound.

SILVER NOTES PROPOSED

British Newspaper Suggests Plan for Raising Needed Cash.

ALLAHABAD, British India, March 7.—The Allahabad Pioneer makes the curious statement that a project is under consideration to meet the British budget requirements for old age pensions by issuing the amount of the deficit in the shape of silver notes. The Pioneer adds that the United States is considering a similar project and comments on the appreciation of the price of silver which would result from this and the consequent restoration of the value of the rupee.

TARIFF ISSUE STIRS PARIS

Debate in French Senate Promises to Be Heated.

PARIS, March 7.—The debate on the proposed revision of the tariff of 1892, which has aroused a storm of opposition at home and abroad, will be opened in the Senate this week and promises to be hot and protracted. The situation is analogous to that in Germany, following the impetus given agriculture by the adoption of a protective system.

ROOSEVELT LIVES QUIETLY

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in vogue, for with the new Administration come the terms "The President's auto car" and "The President's chauffeur." Automobiles will be almost the exclusive method of locomotion of President Taft and his family. The White House automobiles will have the right of way throughout the District of Columbia and will know no speed limit.

Two splendid new machines already have been purchased with the \$12,000 appropriated by Congress and Mr. Taft has given them a thorough trial. One is a big touring car with detachable top and painted in dark green. This will be most used by the President. The other is a limousine body painted black and was purchased for the use of Mrs. Taft.

FAIRBANKS BECOMES LAWYER

Vice-President Private Citizen After Twelve Years in Public Life.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7.—After 12 years of public life, ex-Vice-President Fair-

banks returned to his home here today from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks received many friends at their home. Concerning the new Administration, Mr. Fairbanks said: "The new Administration starts with every assurance of success. The President was wise in calling Congress in extra session at the earliest practicable date, so that tariff revision might be effected speedily."

ROOT FOR NEW YORK LEADER

Platt Says Roosevelt Will Retire From Political Field.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Elliott Root will be the Republican leader of New York, according to a statement credited to ex-Senator T. C. Platt, who has just returned from Washington. "Elliott Root will head the Republican organization because of donating the Senatorial seat," Mr. Platt is quoted as having said. "His powers are only less than those of the President, and he and President Taft are the only men in the country who are not controlled by the President."

ROOSEVELT HELPED GERMANS

Newspaper Says He Has Done Much to Cement Friendship.

BERLIN, March 7.—The North German Gazette, in its weekly political review, after paying ex-President Roosevelt glowing tribute as one of the greatest statesmen the United States ever has produced, says: "The German standpoint, the development which German-American relations have assumed since President Roosevelt ever remembered with satisfaction the tradition of friendship, which has ever marked the relations of the two countries, and the new security during the past seven years."

ROOSEVELT STEWARD IS OUT

Destinies of Kitchen Will Be Guided by Woman Housekeeper.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mrs. W. H. Taft has abolished the position of White House steward and will conduct her domestic arrangements through a woman housekeeper.

LOEB STAYED TO PACK UP

Will Take Charge of New York Customs House on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—William Loeb, Jr., who was named by President Taft as collector of the Port of New York, will leave Washington tomorrow to take charge of the Customs House on Tuesday. Mr. Loeb has been detailed here superintending the removal of some of Mr. Roosevelt's personal effects and their shipment to Oyster Bay.

NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE

IDENTIFIED BY VICTIM, TEXAS MOB APPLIES TORCH.

ROCKWALL, Texas, March 7.—After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who attacked her Friday morning, Anderson Ellis was taken from Rockwall County Jail here today and burned at stake driven into the earth and burned to death in the presence of about 1000 persons.

Earlier in the evening Will Clark, a white man, was killed when his father, Andrew Clark, refused to allow a posse to search his premises on the assumption that Ellis was concealed there. The burning occurred in the public square.

Mrs. McKinney went into her back yard early Friday morning and was seized by Ellis. She fought desperately and the negro, running away, called that he would murder her should she tell of the attack. The alarm spread quickly and scores of men joined in the chase. Ellis finally was surrounded at a farmhouse. He made a desperate attempt to escape, but was captured at the expense without effect and being wounded twice.

When it became known that Ellis was held in the County Jail a crowd of men overpowered the jailer, took his keys, brought out the negro and tied him to an oak tree. Cordwood saturated with kerosene was piled about him and upon his refusal to make a statement, beyond admitting his guilt in the presence of Mrs. McKinney, who fully identified him as her assailant, the torch was applied.

MUCH-WANTED MAN FOUND

Will Jordan, Long Sought by Authorities, Caught at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Will Jordan, who is said to be wanted in New York on several charges, including the murder of a policeman, jailbreaking on Ellis Island, forging and bringing young women from France in violation of the immigration laws, was captured here last night by Secret Service officers and local detectives.

Jordan, whom the police declare to be a dangerous man, was arrested while sitting at a table in a small restaurant. The Federal authorities have been searching for him for six months. He will leave for New York Tuesday in custody of Secret Service men.

OIL STRUCK IN WYOMING

Commercial Quantities at Fort Washakie, North of Lander.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 7.—Reports received from Fort Washakie, north of Lander, are to the effect that a producing well of black asphaltum oil was opened up last night on the Indian reservation by the Washakie Hydrocarbon Mining Company, operated by Russell Thorpe and Gould Dine of Omaha; E. J. Uehlin, of Chicago, and J. K. Moore, of Wyoming.

Although considerable prospecting has been done in this vicinity this is the first oil found in commercial quantities. Great excitement prevails.

Phases of Industrial Growth in the Pacific Northwest

TROUBLE SEEN, WORK TO CONTINUE

Reclamation Service to Carry Out Klamath Project With All Speed.

SETTLERS PLEDGE FAITH

Assure Interior Department They Will Comply With Terms of Trust Deeds Now Misunderstanding Has Been Removed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Owing to the resignation of the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association in assuring the Secretary of the Interior that every effort would be exerted to bring about complete compliance on the part of the landowners with the terms of their trust deeds to the Government, it is expected that the work planned for this year by the Reclamation Service will be carried forward as soon as weather conditions permit.

History of negotiations between the association and the Secretary of the Interior have just become public property. The credit or discrediting of the association is not to be mentioned in the letter forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, in which the board declared the price fixed for the water charges was not in accordance with the understanding of landowners at the time contracts were signed, and therefore the board did not believe collections could be enforced.

This brought a response from the Secretary asking whether the association meant to renege its contract, and the reply was that the association, through its attorney, Richard Groves Smith, attorney for the association, who was sent to Washington to confer with the Secretary of the Interior, it was in the interim between the letter from the Secretary and sending of the attorney to Washington, without any definite reply to the letter of the Secretary, the association had decided to discontinue work was ordered.

Both Sides Got Together. Thereafter the directors advised with landowners, and in order to correct the impression of the association, adopted a resolution giving assurance of making every proper effort to discharge its duties, devolving upon the organization, the whole action was not based upon the assumption that the landowners could not pay \$20 per acre for water but because the trust deeds and contracts were signed after having the postmaster statement from the Reclamation Service, and other officers of that branch of the Government service, that the cost "would not be less than \$10 nor more than \$20 per acre."

While these statements were made verbally at a meeting of Klamath County citizens, there was no record of such pledge in the Department of the Interior at Washington. When the matter came to the attention of the Secretary, that no official record confirmed the understanding of the landowners, it presented a new aspect to the directors of the association except to give the department assurance of hearty co-operation in fulfillment of all requirements of the law.

Acres Less; Cost More. This controversy has to a great extent cleared the situation concerning the change in price per acre and other facts being upon the ground. The first estimate was for irrigation of 235,000 acres, but as shown by the recent report, this was reduced to 165,000 acres. This reduction was brought about by excluding the "dry lake" lands which would have covered 18,000 acres, which would have been irrigated by the same water along the Klamath River, probably about 10,000 acres; the bed of Klamath Lake, aggregating about 70,000 acres. The first estimate, based upon 235,000 acres, at \$18.00 an acre, was almost as great in total cost as the cost for irrigating 165,000 acres at \$30 per acre. The cost of the headgates, canals, and main distributing system is almost as great for the smaller as for the larger project, which in a measure accounts for the greater cost.

In view of the great increase in the cost of labor, brought about just after the completion of construction work on the Klamath project by the fire at San Francisco and resultant demand for labor, the great rise in cost of material, forage, feed and every article that was required in the work, makes it apparent that the increased cost is not out of proportion with other experiences during the same period. Klamath farmers realize that with the productive power of a wonderful valley, fertile soil and a power of a splendid mountain climate, the increased returns of the land with a sufficient water supply will exceed the cost very much each year. Those landowners who are just establishing themselves on the land, with asparagus, peaches, and other crops, and who are seeded for the first time, and every character of improvements to be made at once, find themselves somewhat burdened, but not more so than would be the case elsewhere in an irrigated district, with similar conditions of home-making.

The first understanding was that the payment on the water right must be made on or before May 1, 1909. When it became known that this was rigorous, and that the first payment was due on the date named but was not to be in default for one year, the provision was deemed wise by most landowners to enable them to accomplish their payment from the produce of the present year without having to sell it ahead of harvesting or pay interest on a loan covering its value.

It is generally regarded as fortunate that the misunderstanding was not allowed to long continue. A better feeling between the landowners and the Reclamation Service will probably be the outcome, as the cost of the water right has been a mooted question and the occasion for misunderstanding, as well as misunderstanding, as that it is one of the lowest priced of Government irrigation projects, with the credit of the Reclamation Service for irrigation of the lands under the canal system, makes it a most attractive section for the homeseeker.

TOWN PREPARES TO GROW

Monmouth Forms Solid, Progressive Commercial Club.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—An organization, composed of

NEW DWELLINGS DENOTE ONTARIO'S GROWTH



HOME OF J. R. BLACKABY, PRESIDENT ONTARIO NATIONAL BANK.



HOME CHARLES E. KENYON, CASHIER FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

the conservative business men and influential citizens of Monmouth, has been formed to be known as the Monmouth Commercial Club. It is thought the time has come when such a club as this can lie quiet no longer. No town in Oregon is situated in a richer country than this now surrounded by a better farming and fruit-raising country. By concerted action, conservative business methods, progressiveness and push, it is thought that Monmouth will be brought to the attention of the outside world.

The Monmouth Normal School has as its President, E. D. Reissler, a man wholly alive and at the same time self-sacrificing that he has won the esteem and love of the whole community and deserves all the credit that can be given him. Grove A. Peterson was elected President of the Monmouth Commercial Club. Mr. Peterson was born in Sierra County, Cal.; afterward became a resident of Portland, and spent twenty years teaching in the public schools of Oregon.

HELIX STARTS LIFE ANEW

Umatilla County Hamlet Prepares for Building Boom.

PENDLETON, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Helix, the little town on the local branch of the Northern Pacific and in the heart of the richest wheat in the county, has taken on a new lease of life. Considered all but dead for a number of years, the coming of Spring will usher in the biggest revival in the town has seen for a long period.

Already plans have been perfected for the erection of a new hotel and several dwellings, while the First National bank will soon announce plans for its new building. This will probably be by far the handsomest and most substantial structure yet erected in this city. At a recent meeting of the bank directors, the capital stock of the institution was increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

LEWISTON PLANTING TREES

Orchardists Will Set 100,000 Trees This Spring.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 7.—(Special.)—One hundred thousand fruit trees will be set out this Spring in the new orchard district adjoining Lewiston. Three gangs are now at work preparing the ground and the tree planting will begin within a few days and continue into April.

Last year 50,000 apple trees were set in this district, the varieties comprising Spizemberg, Yellow Newtown Pippin, Rome Beauty, Wineapple and Jonathan, and this year's planting will comprise the same varieties together with 70,000 peach trees and a smaller quantity of Bartlett peaches and the varieties of peach trees planted will be mostly Elbertas and Early Red Crawfords.

The planting of these trees will increase the orchard area of this district to over 300,000 acres.

ONTARIO 25 YEARS OLD

Many Changes in Style of Architecture Are Noticed.

ONTARIO, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Ontario is a quarter of a century old this year. Construction of the Oregon Short Line reached this point late in 1883, but it was well after the new year before the station was opened. The station has been in progress and a building boom is on. Two large concrete store buildings are in course of construction one by Hugh D. Smith and one by Dorn & Dorn. The Esteb store building, recently badly damaged by fire, has been repaired, and the immense building of the Wool Scouring Company are nearing completion.

TO FEEL GOOD

All the Time eat Pure Food

Grape-Nuts

FOOD builds Brain, Body, and Nerves

"There's a Reason"

LABORERS FILL ABERDEEN

Construction of Grays Harbor Road Attracts Many Workmen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The starting of work on the Grays Harbor branch of the Union Pacific has brought to Grays Harbor many workmen anxious for work and the prospects now are that there will be more laborers in the field than can be taken care of.

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