

CANADIANS FAVOR OREGON PRODUCTS

British Columbia Market Gardeners Complain of Competition From States.

GOVERNMENT HELP SOUGHT

With Prices of Land and Wages High, Farmers Suggest Trial of Indentured Labor and Labeling of Foreign Supplies.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 3.—(Special.)—Standing out in the mass of evidence submitted to the Royal Agricultural Commission, now making investigations on Vancouver, is the testimony of British Columbia market gardeners that Oregon and Washington eggs, fruit and vegetables and driving the market farmers of British Columbia out of their own markets in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. Councillor Henry Pentman, of Stevenson, told the commission that after following market gardening with profit in Ontario for over 20 years he emigrated to British Columbia four years ago to continue the same industry in the West. Conditions are absolutely prohibitive. He was not able to sell his produce at all, though the quantity of it was small. The commission tapped the American importers as those upon whom the responsibility should fall for the ills of the British Columbia market gardening industry. They sent in such a large amount of produce and at such prices that the local growers whose investment necessarily is considerably higher, had to fight a losing battle. The result was tons and tons of fruit and vegetables going to waste in the fields of the province.

Discrimination is charged. Competition from the American side in eggs was alluded to by W. T. Walker, who alleged that 25 cents a dozen for strictly fresh eggs, even when the retail price soared to 75 and 80 cents. The wholesalers of Vancouver at such times secured large quantities of Washington and Oregon eggs, which were laid down in Vancouver for 35 to 40 cents a dozen, and sold there for 50 cents, discriminating against the local henneries, said to yield a really first-class product.

Mr. Walker suggested that this could be remedied if the provincial government would require all imported eggs to be stamped with the date on which they were laid. The place of origin as "Washington" would be even better than the date stamp thought several of the commissioners, who observed that if "Washington" was placed on eggs a natural prejudice against buying them would be created in the purchaser, whereas the mere date of laying would only tend to hurt the local producers for their waste of making the importers date their eggs correctly and the Washington people might postdate their product.

Conditions Declared Prohibitive. The cost of land and the wages of labor were declared to be so high that the local producers can't compete with the American product. It was shown that land could be cleared for \$50 a month and board and hay and grain growers testified that they paid 25 cents an hour, frequently employing Hindu and Chinese labor. Two hundred dollars an acre for hay land and \$500 an acre for dairy land were the top notch prices which a man could pay on Lulu Island and make a profit. R. L. Chaldicott, a hay and grain grower testified. At present, however, the real estate price was around \$1000 an acre. At a forced sale, a man owning acreage in the vicinity of the carline could realize \$500 an acre, he thought.

E. W. Neel, from the Cowichan Cramery Association, said he had given up dairying because it did not pay, chiefly on account of high labor and he suggested indentured labor as the best remedy and falling that assisted passages to agricultural laborers. He thought the duty on eggs not high enough and that on machinery too high. In South Africa, he said, home-grown produce is carried at half rates by the state railways. Mr. Neel thought that land could be cleared at the best price of government-owned machinery.

Indentured Labor Favored. Of the 25 speakers who appeared before the commission at its meeting in Duncan, 18 were in favor of indentured labor. Seymour Green's solution of the labor problem was a co-operation between the provincial government and the imperial authorities to arrange for the training of boys under the poor laws of England in agriculture and shipping them out to the colonies under government supervision and with further training in the colonies, he said, they would make first-class laborers and settlers.

QUINABY BOOSTERS ACTIVE

Improvement Club Takes Up Social Development of District.

QUINABY, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—A booster club has been organized at Quinaby to be known as the Quinaby Improvement Club and has for its object the improvement of the town and territory adjacent, with special attention to the improvement of roads, buildings and social life.

Plans are considered for debates, spelling matches and other forms of amusement. The first work of the organization will be to secure a new depot to replace the present shed used as such by the Oregon Electric and which has long been inadequate.

The officers elected are: E. S. Rogers, president; John Jonsburg, vice-president; O. M. Yeager, secretary; William Wease, treasurer; F. M. Lick, Alex Harold and Brown Penny, standing ways and means committee.

"FRAT" STUDENTS OUSTED

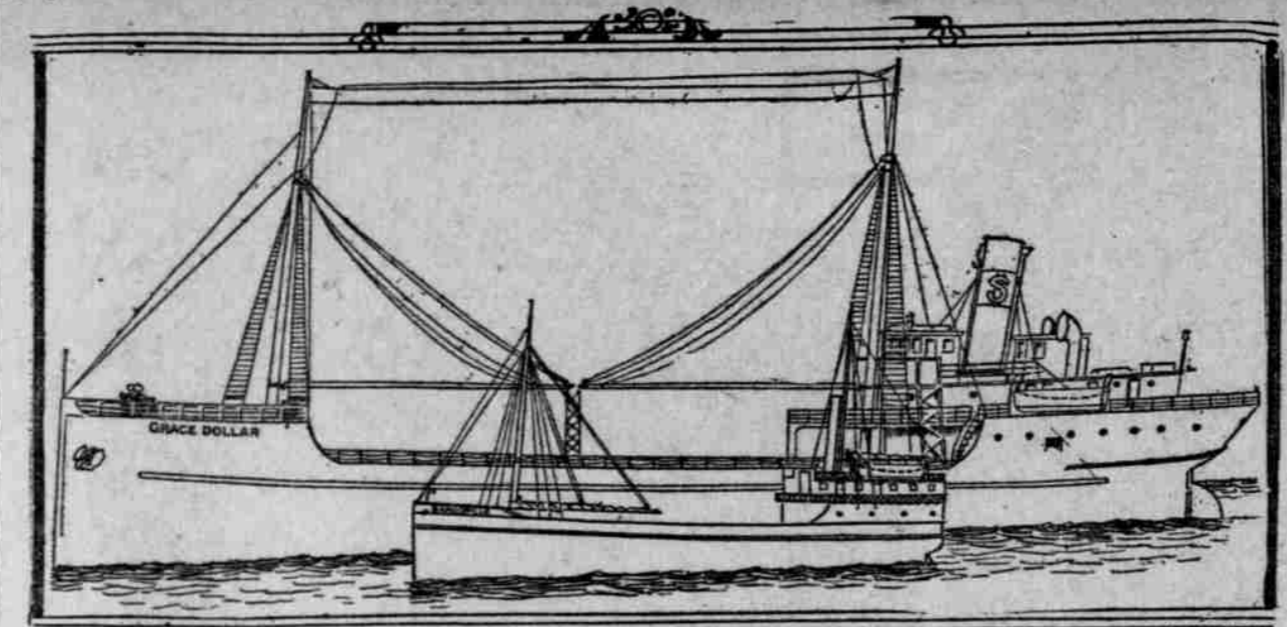
Seattle School Board Takes Drastic Action in 12 Cases.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 3.—The School Board last night expelled 12 members of two forbidden Greek letter fraternities for refusing to turn in the charters of their organizations.

In one case the members refused to disband, and in the other case they reorganized as a club. The state law forbids high school fraternities.

Lewis County Roads Attract. CHEHALIS, Wash., May 3.—County Engineer C. T. Jordan and Commissioner Louis Larson, of Kittitas County, accompanied by John Conboy, of Seattle,

COQUILLE PORT COMMISSION ADVOCATES AND DRAWING ILLUSTRATING IMPROVEMENT EFFECTS



AUSTRIA'S ACT ALARMS

MOVE INDICATES INTENT TO ENTER ALBANIA.

State of Minor Siege Declared in Bosnia and Herzegovina Whose People Favor Montenegrins.

VIENNA, May 3.—While it is officially declared that the international situation practically is without change, alarm has been aroused by the proclamation of a minor state of siege in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is regarded as an indication that Austria is preparing for military operations to restore order throughout Albania. As the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina sympathize with the Montenegrins, it has been deemed advisable to take precautionary measures to prevent Slav outbreaks.

ITALY WANTS INTACT ALBANIA

Army Corps May Be Sent to Avlona to Put Down Disorder.

ROME, May 3.—No special agreements exist between Austria and Italy regarding Albania. Both countries are sincerely desirous that the union of the powers be preserved in connection with the Balkan trouble, and are aiming only to insure the autonomy and liberty of Albania. There have been reports that Italy and Austria were seeking either the partition of Albania or its division into two zones under their respective influence.

If the Montenegrins persist in refusing to evacuate Scutari, and the Albanian conference is unable to find a collective means for coercing Montenegro, Austria will undertake to drive them out, as Austria is the power most directly interested. David Pasha continues to occupy Avlona, where there has been much disorder and bloodshed. Italy may be obliged to take military measures to re-establish order there. Preparations are complete to dispatch a whole army corps at a moment's notice to Avlona, although it is believed a smaller contingent will be sufficient to carry out the plan.

TACOMA MEN ARE COMING

Architects From Sound City to Exhibit Here in June.

TACOMA, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—Architects of Tacoma will be represented at the third annual exhibition of the Architectural League of the Pacific Coast, which will be held in Portland June 2 to 21, inclusive, under the auspices of the Portland Architectural Club. It is known that three of the leading local firms have filed entry slips. They are Heath & Gove, Frederick Heath, of this firm, being architect for the Tacoma School Board; Dugan & Lewis, and Woodroffe & Constable. Other architectural firms have been planning to send exhibits and the local club expects five others, besides the firms named, will have displays of pictures and plans at the Portland show.

TEXAS GIRL MONEY MODEL

Miss James' Picture to Be in Center of Group on Currency.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Miss Evelina James, of San Antonio, Tex., an art student here, is receiving the congratulations of her friends, as she is the girl whose portrait is likely to become more popular than any other in every American home, as it will appear exclusively on Uncle Sam's paper money. It was recently selected by a committee of Congress as the central feminine figure of a decorative group on the reverse side of the new currency.

WILLAPA RACE WARMING

O. W. R. & N. Crews Arrive and Milwaukee Move Predicted.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—The arrival last night at Willapa of two crews of O. W. R. & N. is expected to lead to the belief that the O. W. R. & N. and the Milwaukee will construct separate lines to Willapa Harbor and that a lively race will be on between these two rival roads for first entrance into Willapa Harbor and whatever advantage this might give the line to be operating first.

Inheritance Tax \$15,383.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—The Washington State Tax Commission collected \$15,383 in inheritance taxes during the month of April. The appraised value of the estates upon which this amount was levied was \$1,628,731. Thus approximately 1 per cent of the appraised valuation is collectible as inheritance tax, though there is no fixed rate upon which taxes are calculated, the heir and the nature of the estate determining the rate of taxation.

PORT BODY LIKELY

Petitions for Election at Bandon Eagerly Signed.

BANDON, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Petitions calling for a special election upon the question of the Coquille River Port Commission are eagerly being signed. The Bandon Commercial Club, led by G. T. Threadgold, has for the past four months been agitating the organization of this commission. Mr. Threadgold directed the drawing of a map of the lower watershed of the Coquille River, extending from Coquille City to the mouth of the river at Bandon, which would be affected by the Commission.

SHIPPING SHOWS INCREASE

Commerce Club of Coquille River Town Seeks to Provide Tax to Improve Channel and Accommodate Big Ships.

Promoters of the movement are expecting that a 10-mill tax may be voted. In this way sufficient funds would be secured to finance many needed improvements on the river and on the bar. By deepening the channel at the bar some two or three feet, vessels drawing 16 feet of water could enter with safety. E. E. Johnson, president of the Randolph and Lyon-Johnson's lumber mills, and the Seeley-Anderson Logging Camps, says that the mills cannot ship their product in as large quantities and as often as the business demands. The Grace Dollar, a 240-foot steel steamer, and which is the largest boat that has yet come across the Coquille River bar, cannot carry out her full capacity by 50,000 feet. This boat is making regular trips into Bandon harbor. Bandon's shipping interests have increased two-fold during the last two years. Last year 1,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped, and this year this amount likely will be doubled, since there are more steamers on the run. Within three days this week 1,275,000 feet went out.

Balky Bear Refuses to Be Led by Captors.

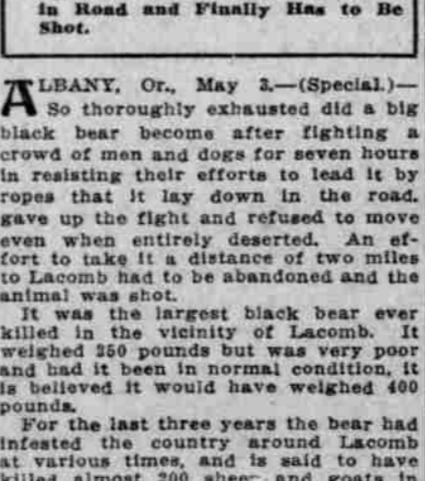
Big Black Bruin Which Long Ravaged Lacombe Country Lies Down in Road and Finally Has to Be Shot.

ALBANY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—So thoroughly exhausted did a big black bear become after fighting a crowd of men and dogs for seven hours in resisting their efforts to lead it by ropes that it lay down in the road, gave up the fight and refused to move even when entirely deserted. An effort to take it a distance of two miles to Lacombe had to be abandoned and the animal was shot. It was the largest black bear ever killed in the vicinity of Lacombe. It weighed 350 pounds but was very poor and had it been in normal condition, it is believed it would have weighed 400 pounds.

For the last three years the bear had infested the country around Lacombe at various times, and is said to have killed almost 200 sheep, and goats in that vicinity. It killed 35 goats belonging to one man last year and even broke into a barn on the homestead of F. J. Cunningham and carried off a sheep. All these depredations are charged to this one bear for the trap always the same, led to the same part of the mountains after each escapade. These tracks showed the bear to be a very large animal. For the last two years the bear cunningly eluded all hunting parties, but met death soon after beginning this year's depredations. Three sheep disappeared last week from the farm of W. L. Burton, and Burton set a big bear-trap in some timber on his place about one and one-half miles south of Lacombe.

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CHILDREN'S FAIR PLANNED

Reservations Made at The Dalles Point to Extensive Exhibits.

THE DALLES, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—Clyde T. Bonney, County Superintendent of Schools; A. C. Strange, City Superintendent, and Mrs. C. W. Shurtle, of Maupin, Supervisor of Rural Schools, are the committee in charge of the sixth annual Schoolchildren's Industrial Fair, which will be held in The Dalles October 8 to 11.

Every pupil must do the work in preparing his or her exhibit this year, as several localities that have never before made displays have notified the committee that they want space reserved. The committee in charge of the livestock and poultry exhibits report that the large buildings provided for their departments will not be able to accommodate more than what is already provided. Arrangements have been made with the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College to send agricultural lecturers here during the fair.

Chehalis Has Cleaning Day.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—Today was the annual cleanup day

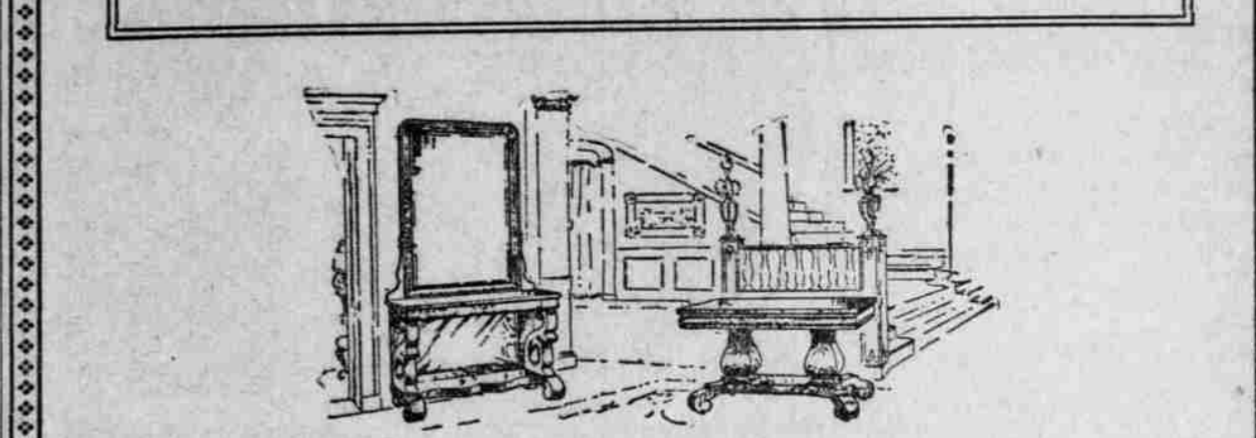
John Carter, who was arrested at Toledo for burglarizing the store of the late Mrs. Snyder, yesterday pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to Monroe for from one to ten years.

Frank Voltas, who fired two shots at "Banjo Bill," a colored man, in a local saloon a week ago, pleaded guilty and was sent to the Walla Walla Penitentiary for from one to ten years.

Attilio Desideri pleaded guilty to assault and got a sentence of not less than three years, nor more than ten in the State Penitentiary.

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