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The salmon pack is short over one million cases, says the San Francisco Call, and that packers in the early part of the season expecting a large run and heavy pack sold futures at very low prices, and are now unable to fill their contracts.

It is thought by many who claim to be versed in political affairs in Washington and Idaho that the republicans are likely to carry both of those states. It is hoped that these vigorous, thriving states may array themselves in the party of progression and sound money.

At Nancy, France, a soldier has been court-martialed and sentenced to three months imprisonment and a fine of five hundred francs for shouting "Vive Zola!" If this had been done in Spain it would not seem strange, but in republican France it shocks the nerves, and is strong evidence that liberty has been outraged under the semblance of law.

Congressman Tongue has returned from his Alaska trip and is devoting his time to his extensive law practice until December when he will go to Washington and again assume his congressional duties. He will be a zealous supporter of the Vaquino appropriation, and he believes that he will be able to accomplish more the coming session than heretofore for the varied interests of Oregon.

The Oregonian and the Astorian are each laboring very hard to settle the transportation problem. The Astorian claims that the Oregonian misrepresents the facts, while the Oregonian claims that the Astorian misconceives the facts, and thus reasoning from false premises the fabric builded thereon by the Astorian are without substantial foundation and its reasoning not pertinent to the issue. The Astorian ably champions the cause of its own city as the natural place for the loading of all outward-bound cargoes of Oregon and Washington cereals, while the Oregonian quite as ably quotes with evident satisfaction the advantages of the metropolis of the Northwest, its large tonnage, the facilities and the dispatch with which the grain fleets are loaded. If the discussion is not allowed to drift into channels entirely foreign to the question at issue both localities will be benefited.

SHOULD BE AMENDED.

There has been money and time enough wasted upon the roads in the Willamette valley to have made paved highways of every road if it had been properly and judiciously expended.

The road tax should be reduced to one-half or one-third what it is now, then collected, like other taxes, in money, and paid over to the county treasurer to be kept in a separate fund.

The county surveyor should make maps of all roads, cross-section them, showing kind of ground, whether to be filled or cut made, and file these maps, together with the results of the cross-sectioning, with the county clerk for the use of the county court. Each bridge, culvert and grade or cut should be marked on the maps. Then the county court should take up road-making in a scientific manner by having the county surveyor prepare plans and specifications for each piece of road to be repaired or made new, for the guidance of the court and others interested.

When the court decides upon how much road it desires built, advertise for bids, to be built in the manner prescribed in the plans and specifications, awarding the contract to the lowest bidder who could give bonds in such amount as the court might name, but in no instance less than double the amount to be paid for the work. Pay for the work as it progresses upon the estimates furnished by the county surveyor, always retaining 20 percent of the entire amount until the work is completed, before making final payment, the county court and county surveyor to visit the work, examine and measure same and if not fully up to the specifications compel completion. When fully completed as per specifications certified by the surveyor, make final payment.

With a road law embodying the features above rudely sketched there would be produced a regular method of making roads, and more could be accomplished with \$1000 intelligently expended under such a law than could be under the expenditure of \$5000 under the present slipshod manner of road-making now in vogue.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

It is passing strange that while our ambassador at Berlin continually wires the state department at Washington that Germany is friendly to our nation, she should keep a fleet of five or six war vessels at Manila, which have caused considerable annoyance to Admiral Dewey, and when Manila was about to surrender, one of Germany's war vessels aided Captain-general Augustin to escape. This act would seem to be in direct violation of the neutrality laws recognized by all nations, and sets at naught her protestations of friendship and impartial neutrality. The proper thing for our government to do is to demand and get satisfaction for this outrage to our national honor. If the facts are true, as stated in the press dispatches, Germany's action in taking Augustin away was such a breach of etiquette that it should be called a casus belli, and the German government compelled to make suitable reparation to the United States.

Should Keep the Philippines.

Captain Heath, of the Oregon volunteers, now at Manila, has a three and a half column letter in the Telephone Register, and being formerly one of the publishers of that paper, and by that source well known in Oregon, his letter is quite interesting. His concluding sentence follows, and the sentiments expressed are those of most every one on this coast. "If the people of the United States surrender the territory conquered, they are foolish. With Hawaii, the Ladrones, the Carolines and the Philippines in our possession, we control the Pacific ocean as a military proposition and drive a wedge into the trade of the Orient that in time will split the continent and tumble the proceeds into the pockets of the energetic American. These islands have been in the control of Spain for over 300 years, and are not as well developed as the Grande Ronde reservation. The island of Guam, for instance, is suitable for a coaling station for warships and fast passenger and trading ships, and is situated as a most convenient point in the line of trade. Out of this soil several million dollars can be taken annually. Under Spain it is worthless except to enrich not to exceed six Spanish officials. A visit to these islands will show more than words their possibilities, and it is a crime to say to Spain 'Take them back.' Keep what we take, is the verdict of the 3000 men in this expedition. Let us hope for the sake of American progress that the islands will never revert to Spain."

Coming Events.

- State convention of Washington Republicans, Tacoma, Sept. 21. Oregon Industrial Exposition, Portland, Sept. 22 to Oct. 22. Walla Walla Fruit Fair, Oct. 4 to 15. Spokane Fruit Fair, Oct. 4 to 15. Campmeeting and Quarterly Conference of the Radical United Brethren, Pine Grove, Douglas county, September 8 to 17. Intermountain State Fair, Boise, Idaho, October 3 to 8. Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, McMinnville, September 13. Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion, Medford, September 12 to 16. Washington State Fair, North Yakima, Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 22 to 30. Newberg, Or., Fair, October 18 to 21. Opening of medical department of Willamette University, Salem, October 3. Drain, Or., Normal School opens September 12. Fall term University of Oregon begins September 19. Oregon Agricultural College—Entrance examinations, September 20; matriculation, September 21; fall term begins, September 22; winter term begins, January 3, 1899; spring term begins, April 6, 1899. Monmouth, Or., Normal School—Examinations begin September 14; fall term begins September 20. Tacoma Carnival, September 20 to 26. Race meeting at Enterprise, Or., September 15, 16 and 17. Fair of East-tern Ore. on Agricultural Association, first district, Union, October 10. Willamette University, Salem, reopens September 13.

The Winchester Arms Company, Broadway, New York, has in one of its windows an excellent profile of Uncle Sam made by bullet holes in a white card 28x36 inches. A letter attached tells that the outlines were made by a cowboy of San Antonio, Texas, with a 22 calibre rifle at a range of 20 feet. Printer's Ink.

A Yankee has discovered a new process of making butter by forcing wind into the milk. Like most great inventions it came about accidentally by holding a silver spoon in a creamery.

At Camp Merriam.

H. L. Holgate, writing to the GAZETTE under date of Sept. 3, says: "We are well housed now, our tents being pitched on cement-covered ground, and we have a floor in each tent, but measles, etc., still seem to hold forth, and two men were today sent to the division hospital. Twenty Oregonians are now there, mumps, measles, and malaria being the prevailing disorders. 'We linger here,' he says, 'and no one seems to have any substantially founded idea as to our ultimate fate. Our expectations have proved mirages, and it is almost impossible to again incite hope in the hearts of the Oregon recruits. 'There is so little of interest to write that an extremely lively letter is out of the question. One thing, however, that Corvallisites might be interested in knowing is that the Oregonians are going to play the Tennessee soldiers a game of football in a few days. Edwards, Brady, Don, and Pat Kelly will probably play. Our lieutenants—we have regular army officers now for a change—who are enthusiastic footballists, and one of two of them will play.'"

Mr. Holgate's whole letter, most of which is of a personal character, there is nothing to warrant the inference that the boys have any serious complaints to make of their officers or on account of their quarters, equipment or food. As proof of this statement, Mr. Holgate says: "We have been very all the time, i. e., fine men personally, very sociable and agreeable. The camp is orderly and there is very little excitement on the taps. Our most startling topic of conversation is the infrequency and slowness of payday." Of course the boys are eagerly disappointed at not being ordered to Manila and there is no thrill, no lively anticipation in their present condition. Under the circumstances there would be something almost heroic about being mustered out.

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George W. Brown has gone to DuPar to take charge of the public school at that place.

Mrs. L. S. Buoy closed a four-months' term of school at Foster, and returned home Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Horner and children, of Corvallis, are visiting with Mrs. Horner's father, Elijah Skipton. Judson Weed has enlarged his store building, and will put in a stock of dry goods and hardware.

Western Oregon Crop Report.

The grain crop is practically out of the way. Some threshing is still to be done, but the bulk of the crop is in storehouses. Work is now centered in hopfields and orchards. The Bartlett pear crop has been gathered, and it is reported to be very large. Prune drying has commenced and is being actively pushed in all sections. The prune crop is so large, that there are not sufficient dryers to handle it. Some are making prune brandy. The apple crop is maturing; it, likewise, is very large. Melons of all kinds are plentiful. Beans are being harvested. Sorghum and sweet potatoes continue growing. Corn is not filling well. Pasturage is good and cattle are in fine condition.

Dr. Withycombe three years ago saw at the Corvallis experimental station some wheat that looked well. The name of the variety is beryle. He got a pint for trial. It was planted, and 2 1/2 bushels of equally good appearing grain harvested. An acre was then sown and seed enough for 19 acres secured. These nineteen acres have just been harvested, producing 600 bushels of wheat, a remarkable yield for this season. Dr. Withycombe thinks had the heads been well filled as was promised in the early season, he would have harvested 45 and 50 bushels per acre from the same ground. The wheat is a large white variety much resembling the old fall wheat that was so popular here a score of years ago only the grains are larger. Dr. Withycombe thinks much of the variety and wishes that the farmers of the country could see the way clear to keep the whole lot here for seed. Hillsboro Independent.

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MT. VIEW NEWS.

Farmers are busy hauling grain off. The health of the neighborhood is very good.

Born—To the wife of George Brown, a son. Mother doing well.

"Kansas Padding" it seems, will keep intruding on others until he gets into trouble of some kind. W. H. Mathews, of Soap Creek, says that O. Martin has obstructed the public highway, and he wishes the county court to do something about the matter; says Martin objects to him leaving the gates open, which has placed across the road and is a nuisance.

On the first day of the month the China pheasant thought war was again declared, as they got it from all sides. The boom of the shotgun could be heard from morn until late at night.

'Tis now the city sportsman, With festive comrades three, Doth spend the day in shooting At a 'china in a tree. They lie themselves home at twilight, Without a single one, While country gamins whistles, "Johnny, get your gun."

PHILOMATH ITEMS.

Miss Gertie Sheak returned from Portland Thursday.

Hop picking began in the fields last Monday.

H. M. Fink has built an addition to his residence.

Miss Ella Jones returned to Portland Wednesday.

W. H. Jones has moved into the property of J. J. Bryan.

Rev. J. R. Parker and wife have gone to Huntington, Indiana.

Elder Parker baptized five children by sprinkling Sunday morning.

Miss Myrtle Foster, of Tillamook, is visiting relatives in the city.

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KINGS VALLEY ITEMS.

Quite a number of families from the valley went to Independence to pick hops.

Ex Judge Chenoweth, who has been on the sick list, is improving at present.

Mr. Hale moved his family to Albany Monday. Our loss is Albany's gain.

A good many of the native Americans from the Siletz are picking hops at Allen's and Bump's yards.

Mr. Bump has gone into the mercantile business. He has put up a new building near the old band hall, and put in goods to supply his hop pickers with what they need.

All of the hop growers have commenced picking their hops except in the Townsend yard, where they will begin on Thursday. The hops are much better this year than usual.

Mr. Hale's sale last Saturday was fairly attended. The farming implements sold very well. Poultry sold rather low, considering that they were pure blood. Highest paid for cows was \$60. Mr. Hale thought it sold low.

The turkey killers are abroad in the land, from what one of the neighbors saw along the road a few days ago, counting six turkey heads, which had evidently been separated from the bodies by human hands ringing them.

An Indian family by the name of Logan came to pick hops at the Allen yard, bringing a son with them about sixteen years old, who was in the last stage of consumption. Soon after reaching here he took suddenly worse and died. They returned to their home to bury him.

MORE ANON.

MONROE NEWS.

Hop picking began this week at the J. M. Herron yard.

Mrs. G. F. Rounds left Saturday for a two months' stay in the East.

Threshing will soon be over in this end of the county. Only a few crops remain.

Mrs. E. H. Belknap gave an afternoon tea to some of her friends one day last week.

After a weeks' visit with friends Mrs. A. C. Guthrie has returned to her home in Philomath.

Miss Hattie Storr, of Ritzville, Wash., is on an extended visit with friends and relatives at this place.

Mrs. W. C. Belknap and children will, the measles permitting, return to their home in Corvallis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts, of Modesto, Cal., are here on a visit to relatives and friends. They are old-time residents, and will remain a month or more. At present they

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Farmers, Attention. The Southern Pacific has decided to make the extremely low rate of one fare for the round trip to the Oregon State Fair September 22 to 30, 1898, from any point in Oregon to their lines. There were hundreds of campers last year. Take your summer vacation and camp at the fair and see a grand exhibit of what Oregon can raise. One fare going and returning home. Truth wears well. People have learned that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are reliable little pills for regulating the bowels, curing constipation and sick headache. They don't gripe. Graham & Wells. Five job printing at GAZETTE office.

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