

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

To the people of the State of Oregon:—In compliance with an honored custom, and in accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States, I, S. F. Chadwick, Governor of Oregon, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 29th day of November, A. D. 1877, to be observed by the people of the Commonwealth as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon our favored State during the year; for the abundant harvests that our fields have borne, for the plenty that fills our homes, for the general prosperity and health that we enjoy, and for the beneficent Providence that has preserved our borders from the threatened desolation of a savage war.

And I do earnestly recommend that the people of the State on that day lay aside their usual employments and assemble themselves together in their accustomed places of public worship, to give fitting testimony of their gratitude to the Father of all for the tender mercy with which he has overshadowed us.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed at the Executive Office, in the City of Salem this first day of November, A. D. 1877.

S. F. CHADWICK,

Secretary of State.

Bills Introduced by Senator Mitchell.

Among the bills introduced into the Senate of the United States by Senator Mitchell are the following:

Authorizing the construction of a light-house at the mouth of the Umpqua River, on the Pacific Ocean, coast of Oregon, and that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Authorizing the construction of a first-class light-house on Tillamook head, Oregon, and that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Authorizing the construction of range lights on San Juan Island, at the mouth of the Columbia River, and that the sum of \$20,000 be appropriated.

Making a further appropriation of \$300,000 for the purpose of continuing the construction of canal and locks at the Cascades of the Columbia River in the State of Oregon.

To enable bona fide settlers upon the public lands of the United States to locate upon and purchase a tract of timber land not exceeding forty acres to each settler.

By postmasters at smaller offices sale of stamps has in many instances been carried on merely as a matter of traffic, to a large extent. The law allows to postmasters of this class large percentage on sales; and though it doesn't intend that stamps shall be sold by postmasters beyond the range of their offices, in order that they may get the profits, yet it does not prohibit the practice. Senator Edmunds, therefore, has introduced a bill to stop this abuse.

It provides that no stamps nor stamped envelopes shall be sold otherwise than as called for in the regular course of official business, at their face value and for cash on delivery. Also that violation of this law be met with the same penalty as that prescribed for embezzlement of public funds.

State Elections.

Elections were held in the following States on the 6th inst.: Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Louisiana, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Republicans have carried Massachusetts by 15,000 majority, Minnesota by 15,000, Illinois by 10,000, Wisconsin by 5,000, Nebraska by 10,000, Connecticut by 1,000, and have carried the legislature of New York.

The Democrats have carried the State of New York by 15,000, New Jersey by 12,000, Pennsylvania by 9,000 and all the Southern States that held elections on that day.

TOWN OFFICIALS.—The following town officers were chosen at the election held in Ashland last week: Trustees J. H. Chitwood, James Thornton, H. C. Hill, C. K. Klam and M. Baum; Recorder A. V. Gillette; Marshal, Eugene Walrad; Treasurer J. D. Fosselman.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Walla Walla county pays six dollars a week for board of prisoners. W. B. Lasswell, of Canyon City, accidentally broke one of his legs recently.

The Statesman has seen a lot of potatoes, five of which weigh twenty-two pounds.

The warehouses at Turner's Station are crowded to their full capacity with wheat.

The city Fathers of Seattle, have granted the delinquent tax payers of that city an extension of time.

Fort Boise is now garrisoned with nearly 100 men, and is supplied with a good park of artillery.

It is ascertained that the grades on the route from Port Orford are easy, and a railroad could be built at slight cost.

The Boise Statesman urges the establishment of a military post in Lemhi county, Idaho, on the upper Salmon river.

Isler and Reynolds, who were convicted of larceny in Umatilla county, made their escape from jail on the 31st ult.

A Chinaman was caught by a gravel train near Tacoma last Saturday and one of his feet was run over and cut off.

J. M. Giles came to Walla Walla a few days ago with \$500. Next morning he had but fifteen cents; but the thief he knows not.

Paul Koener, who shot Thomas Powers in a Seattle saloon a short time since, has been adjudged insane, and sent to the Territorial Asylum.

The Governor remitted the bond which had been forfeited by a young man named Anderson, of Linn county, upon the petition of the citizens of Albany.

People living on Smith river, Douglas county, have petitioned for a postoffice, asking that it be established at John Cowan's and it be called Sulphur Springs.

A. A. Bonney, of Wasco, bought a merino buck at the state fair from which he has since sheared a fleece weighing forty-nine pounds. The cost of the animal was \$150.

Rev. H. K. Hines of Eastern Oregon, has gone to New York on business connected with church matters, and while there will look out for the interest of the Blue Mountain University.

L. F. Holman, who was imprisoned at Walla Walla for shooting his wife escaped from jail some days ago. He dodged out through a door that had been left ajar, leaped over the wall and slid out.

Last week a purse containing about \$300 was stolen from Samuel Price, of Wasco, who lives between lower Deschutes bridge and John Day's river. George Daniels, who had been cooking for Price, is supposed to be the thief, and has vanished.

While the U. S. Marshal of Idaho, was passing the Umatilla Reservation last week with two prisoners, they made their escape. The Indians went in search of them and soon recaptured them. The Marshal presented them with \$50 for their services.

Cayuse Reynolds, who was brought back all the way from Laramie to Umatilla on a charge of horse stealing, and had just been sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, escaped from jail at Pendleton on the 1st. A man named Lawrence slid out with him.

A correspondent of a Puget Sound paper boasts that only 250 miles of the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad are now unconstructed, which is something like the case of the boy who when asked how he was getting on with his task of potato digging answered that he was doing finely; when he finished the row he was on and two more he would have three rows dug.

Arguing in favor of continuing the effort to secure the admission of Washington as a State, the Walla Walla Statesman presents the rapid progress the Territory is making, and claims that there will soon be enough to entitle it to claim admission. The paper referred to estimates the gain of population in the eastern counties at 1,000 a week. It is even said that a hundred a day are going into the Palouse country alone. Whether this estimate is too high or not it is certain that the gain is rapid, and that the population of that part of the Territory east of the mountains will very soon outnumber the population of the Sound and coast counties.

Russian Success.

Almost daily there are proofs and illustrations of the magnitude of the Turkish disaster in the vicinity of Kars, and signs of various sorts that the Turks will not be able to withstand for a long period the tremendous pressure brought to bear against both the general divisions of their empire. It is pretty evident that the position at Plevna, on which the turks have staked all, is being gradually developed. Signs of Russian progress in that quarter are very manifest, while it is constantly becoming more apparent that in Armenia, the Ottoman forces are nearly annihilated, and will be in some straits to hold even the great fortress of Kars and Erzeroum. The London Times, speaking editorially of recent Russian victories in that locality, says they are as memorable for the way in which they were won as for the completeness of the triumph. It is the first example of high military skill shown on either side. The plans of the Russian commander display foresight, and the achievements of his subordinates precision of stroke as unexpected as they were decisive. There was no useless and wasteful bravery, no blundering sacrifice of brave men. By a long series of operations the Turkish army was cut in two, one part dispersed and the other part captured in a way that would have done credit to any of Count Von Moltke's lieutenants in the war of 1879.

War News.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—Mukhtar Pasha telegraphs from Erzeroum Monday: We had an engagement at Deo Boyoun, after which are returned here.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A special dated Constantinople, Tuesday, announces that after some resistance to Russian advances, Mukhtar Pasha finding his position for the defense at Boyun seriously compromised, abandoned it, falling back on Erzeroum and Trebizond. The Russians have occupied Erzeroum.

A special dated Erzeroum, Tuesday noon, contains the following: Mukhtar Pasha desires to stand siege, but the inhabitants object, fearing bombardment. Everybody admits that Monday's fight resulted in a general rout.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A Russian official dispatch contains the following: A squadron of our cavalry has occupied the road from Rehova to Widdin. Kakhova was occupied by 1,500 infantry, part of whom, with the inhabitants, withdrew on the approach of our reconnoitering force. Sunday night General Skobelev pushed on to Brestovee, south of Plevna, threw up batteries there and after violent cannonade, attacked the Turkish positions with infantry. The result of the attack is not stated.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—Many prominent dignitaries have been arrested by order of the grand vizier. It is said a conspiracy on the part of ex-sultan Murad has been discovered.

VIENNA, Nov. 7.—A dispatch states that the sultan has granted Midhat Pasha permission to go to Mitijem.

WASHINGTON, November 6th.—It is said that Senator Wadleigh will be made Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the place of Morton. Mitchell of Oregon, who is acting as chairman, is, according to the usage of the Senate, entitled to the position, but it is understood he prefers to remain a member of the Committee on Railroads, of which he has been Chairman since last Spring. There are many subjects of vital importance to his section usually considered by the committee on Railroads, and though he prefers the Committee on Privileges and Elections in deference to the wishes of a number of his constituents whom he has consulted on the subject.

On Thursday last, Oscar Ballard, of Lebanon, died suddenly in his chair. He has been an invalid for a long time, and had just asked his mother for a spoonful of cider, which being given him, he remarked "that's enough," inclined his head slightly to the right, and instantly expired.

WASHINGTON, November 9th.—

In addition to the features of Mitchell's Northern Pacific Railroad bill already telegraphed, should be mentioned an important provision that all the even numbered sections hitherto withdrawn for the Northern Branch shall be opened to settlement under the pre-emption laws at \$1 25 per acre and for homesteads to the extent of 160 acres for each settler, with the privilege of enlarging former homestead entries of 80 acres to the full amount of 160. Another provision, of great local importance, is a requirement that the road be constructed on the south side of the Columbia river from a point not lower down than Umatilla to Portland, instead of on the north side of the river. Mitchell says he expects that several provisions of the bill will be shortly contested by Eastern interests, but he will oppose its passage unless the company consents to the conditions he thus proposes for what he considers the best interests of the Pacific coast, and especially the people of Oregon. His declaration of the Chairmanship of the Privileges and Elections Committee, in order to remain at the head of the Committee on Railroads, indicates the earnestness of his purposes in this regard.

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