

PROGRESS ON CANAL

Commission Has Expended More Than \$48,000,000.

BESIDES ORIGINAL PURCHASE

Commission Believes Hired Instead of Contract Labor Best for Construction of Canal.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Full details of the work done on the Panama canal during the fiscal year 1907...

Aside from the \$50,000,000 paid to the French company and to Panama, an aggregate of \$48,285,110 has been expended by the government...

There is no reference in the report to the proposition which has been brought forward to extend the width of the locks to 110 feet...

The commission has fully decided upon the method of filling and emptying the locks and the number and type of gates...

WILL MEET AT ST. LOUIS.

Populist Party Sets Date for Next Convention April 2.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—After protracted balloting and consideration of the merits of all cities, the national committee of the People's party...

Besides disposing of the convention matter the committeemen prepared an address to the voters of the country...

READY TO PAY CASH AGAIN.

Western Banks Encourage Chicago to Begin Movement.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Direct reports to the Chicago clearing house from hundreds of Western cities...

Practically all of the letters, it was announced, expressed a willingness to co-operate with the Chicago bankers...

Imitates Early Day Rush.

Helena, Nov. 28.—No little excitement exists in the vicinity of Bozeman over the discovery of considerable gold in the placer diggings...

Big Storm on Black Sea.

Constantinople, Nov. 28.—According to reports received here, the recent storms on the Black sea have resulted in terrible suffering and great loss of life...

Japan Makes Promise to Canada.

Tokio, Nov. 28.—Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian postmaster general and labor commissioner, had a conference...

COURT SUSPENDS LAW.

Railroads Again Attack State Rights in Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 29.—Judge Thomas Jones, of the United States District court, late today granted a restraining order...

The court suspended the laws temporarily for an investigation of the allegations made in the bills that they are confiscatory and unusual...

SHIPPERS MUST MAKE GOOD

Interstate Commission Wants Evidence to Support Complaints.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark sharply rebuked the dilatory tactics of shippers...

"The time will come when the commission will not tolerate such indifference," said Mr. Clark. "We are continually confronted with just such a situation."

SHAW PLACES RESPONSIBILITY

Declares West Has Lost Confidence in the East.

New York, Nov. 29.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, president of the Carnegie Trust company, returned to New York yesterday from Chicago...

"The bankers of Western cities have no love now for the bankers of New York. They had placed their money on deposit here, but when they asked for it they were refused."

DRAW WHITES TO COAST.

Panama Canal Will Bring Desirable Immigrants and Check Asiatics.

New York, Nov. 29.—William B. Wheeler, of San Francisco, one of the special commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt...

"The completion of the Panama canal and the consequent influx of European immigration through direct steamship routes, which will inevitably be established, will solve the Asiatic problem in California and the Pacific coast."

"Now this must not be viewed with alarm by the forces of labor on the Pacific coast. These newly-arrived aliens will be of the desirable class, and their presence will aid in the future upbuilding of California and the Pacific coast states rather than retard it."

Soon Ready to Negotiate.

Tokio, Nov. 29.—R. Lemieux, Canadian postmaster general and commissioner of labor, who is on a mission concerning immigration, had an audience today and lunched with the emperor at the palace...

Turned Over to Uncle Sam.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29.—The steamer Tosa Maru arrived tonight from Yokohama, and as was done on the arrival of the Kumeric recently, local immigration officers forced all Japanese ticketed to this port with passports made out for United States points to proceed direct to Seattle...

Train Seized by Tramps.

Fresno, Cal., Nov. 29.—Sixty tramps seized a Southern Pacific train at Mendota, where the railway crosses the river, and compelled the train crew to give them a ride to Fresno...

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GIVE SPECIAL SHORT COURSES

Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairying and Other Subjects at Corvallis.

Corvallis—Arrangements are being perfected at the Oregon Agricultural college for a two weeks' winter course in general agriculture; a six weeks' course in horticulture...

The two weeks' course in general agricultural lectures, demonstrations and practicals by members of the agricultural faculty. Arrangements have also been made for lectures by such as: E. T. Judd, Salem; J. R. Shepard, Salem; W. K. Newell, Gaston; Fred Groner, Hillsboro; A. H. Carson, Grants Pass; H. M. Williamson, Portland; M. O. Lonsdale, Lafayette; C. A. Lea, Portland; E. H. Shepard, Hood River, and others.

Complete the Roundup.

Weston—The stockmen of the Weston county have completed their annual fall roundup, which has been the most successful in recent years. Cattle have come out of the mountains in fine condition, and they have left the ranges knee deep in grass because of the favorable rulings of the forest reserve officials.

Ax Threatens Infested Trees.

Klamath Falls—O. A. Stearns, fruit inspector, called a meeting of the fruit growers of this section last week and although the attendance was not large considerable interest was taken in the fight against the various fruit pests. Many orchard owners here pay no attention to their trees, neither grafting, spraying nor otherwise fighting pests, and Mr. Stearns has announced his intention of using the ax on those trees affected by the aphid and whose owners have been repeatedly warned.

Notaries Public Named.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following notaries public: Albert E. Greiner, Holdman, Umatilla county; W. S. Worden, Klamath Falls, Klamath county; H. B. Hendricks, Grants Pass, Josephine county; O. D. Thomlinson, North Powder, Union county; C. Milton Mattoon, 81½ Fifth St., Portland; H. S. McCutchan, 622 Worcester building, Portland; John A. Jeffrey, 33½ Washington St., Portland; Robert Aistrop, 170½ Third St., Portland.

Mileage Books are Printed.

Salem—General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman lines, has notified the State Railroad commission that the new mileage books have been printed and shipped from the East, and will be here in a few days. These are the 2½ cent mileage books agreed upon at a joint meeting of the railroad commissioners, a committee of the T. P. A. and the railroad officials, and will take the place of the scrip books now in use.

Wood Costs State More.

Salem—The state boards opened bids last week for supplying wood to state institutions for next year, the wood to be cut this winter and delivered next summer. Prices are from \$5.50 to \$4.25 for first growth fir, at the asyrium; \$4.35 for first growth fir at the capital, and \$5.25 to \$5.50 for oak. Fir is from 30 to 75 cents a cord higher than last year, and oak \$1 a cord higher. The quantity offered is only half the amount required. Bids were not acted upon.

Electric Line for Wallowa

Enterprise—There is some talk that a party of Walla Walla capitalists will organize an electric railway to be run between Walla Walla and points in the Wallowa valley, and unless the O. R. & N. company complies with the conditions in the right of way deeds, to complete its line of railway within two years from the date of the right of way deed, there is no doubt an electric line will be constructed in the Wallowa valley.

Change in Stock Inspectors.

Pendleton—Dr. R. S. King, of the Federal stock inspection service, who has been here some time, has left the service and will be at Helena in future. Dr. H. L. McDonald, who has been at Montpellier, Idaho, will take Dr. King's place here. All of the men under Dr. McClure are now engaged in range inspection throughout the state. This work will require a large part of the winter.

One Survey Completed.

Klamath Falls.—Engineer Journey, surveying a line of railroad from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, has finished the survey, and the actual distance between the two places was found to be 100 miles and 283 feet. The line intersects the north and south line through Lakeview. It is now expected that the surveying party will go back over the ground and make the line permanent.

GREAT LAKE IS LOWERING.

Vast Area Will Be Added Reclamation Work in Klamath

Klamath Falls—Nature is performing one of the most extensive portions of the reclamation work of the Klamath project, and also one of the most expensive parts included in the estimate, which is the drainage of Tule lake.

Reports received from J. Frank Adams, of Tule lake, brings intelligence that the water of the lake is rapidly falling, and a tremendous whirlpool has formed just off Scorpion point, through which the water is passing with a deafening roar that can be heard a great distance. Below is apparently a great channel underground through which the waters find outlet beneath the Modoc lava bed and thence through the drainage of Fall river to Pitt, and finally on to the ocean through the Sacramento and San Francisco bay.

It has long been held by geologists that Tule lake has an underground outlet, and that Fall river, which bursts from a gushing spring in Modoc county, Cal., is the vent. Last spring the lake water reached a higher level than has ever been known since the country was settled, and bordering farms were inundated. For several days the water has been receding and investigation revealed the new outlet. Should the vent entirely drain the body of the lake, it will add 50,000 acres of irrigable land to the project and at a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people of Klamath basin, as the intended diversion of Lost river will be rendered unnecessary.

Fortunes in Walnuts.

Ashland—The black walnut thrives in the Oregon climate, particularly in Southern Oregon, above almost every other tree and becomes a tree of much commercial value within 20 years. The other day a black walnut was cut on Laurel street in this city that was planted 26 years ago. Its diameter two feet above the ground was two feet. A number of cuts were taken from it to a cabinet shop. It is of fine grain and rich color, equal to any black walnut grown in the Mississippi valley. The cabinet maker in exhibiting this wood, pointing out the annual growth in the cross-section, said: "The young man who will plant 10 acres of black walnut trees here will find that it will make a fortune for him in 25 years."

Forest Supervisor at John Day.

John Day—Cy J. Brigham deputy supervisor of the Western division of the Blue mountain forest, has arrived at this place, where his headquarters will be from now on, and is preparing to take up his new duties. The establishment of a supervisor's office here is one of the most important concessions made local stockmen by the bureau of forestry, and it is hoped that most of the causes of friction will disappear under his administration.

Still Threshing in Gilliam.

Condon—A great amount of threshing is still to be done in this county. One crew in Ferry canyon has 25 'ays' work ahead. The farmers are hampered a great deal by the fact that the threshers will take nothing in payment except gold coin, and this is hard to get. The bad weather of the past week has also hindered them in hauling their produce to market, and a large amount of the grain will remain to be hauled in the spring.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c. * Oats—No. white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50. Barley—Feed, \$28.50; brewing, \$30, rolled, \$30@31. Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$14; vetch, \$14. Butter—Fancy creamery, \$30@32½ per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6½c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6½@7c; packers, 6½@7c. Poultry—Average old hens, 12@12½c per pound; mixed chickens, 10@11c; spring chickens, 11@12c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12½@13c; pigeons, \$1.50; squabs, \$2@3. Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37½@40c per dozen. Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; grapes, \$1@1.25 per crate; quinces, 50c@61c per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 90c@1 per dozen; celery, 70@90c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.25@1.35 per box. Onions—\$1.75@2 per box. Potatoes—50@75 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2½@2¾c per pound. Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; olds, 2½@3½c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 18@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 39@30c per pound.

STUDY NEW METHODS.

Peru Sends Men to United States to Gather Information.

Lima, Peru, Nov. 27.—The government of Peru has sent to the United States two graduates of the agricultural school to study the process of cultivating sugar cane in Louisiana, and also the cultivation, fertilizers and methods pursued with cotton and rice, in the proper places for the best results, from the planted seed to the preparation for market.

President Pardo says that for the purposes of making the best use of our ocean wealth, in the proper conduct of the fisheries and curing of fish, he has contracted with a specialist in the United States, who is now studying out islands, coast waters and rivers in all that relates to a scientific solution of methods for securing the best results both for the markets and to provide a cheap food for the people, in the hope to produce thus a new source of wealth for the republic.

This government has also sent to the United States two Peruvian sanitary engineers, who will study in the United States the branch of sanitation, in company with the sanitary engineer who was sent earlier to the isthmus of Panama to study there the sanitary system established by the North Americans.

FAMINE IN ASIA.

Sultan of Turkey Forbids Export of Barley—Crops Fail.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.—Famine threatens a great part of Asia Minor owing to the failure of crops and the greatest distress prevails. The sultan has already issued orders forbidding the export of barley, of which large amounts are annually shipped abroad to foreign firms for brewing purposes. This order, it is expected, will give rise to great complaint from foreigners who have made contracts.

The sultan has also exempted from duty all wheat imported until the end of January, and has given orders for the agricultural bank to distribute seed to the needy farmers.

Winter shows signs of beginning at an unusually early time and heavy rains are hindering autumn sowing. Added to these calamities is the high price of all necessities of life so that it may be said without exaggeration that the prospect for the coming winter is unprecedentedly gloomy.

Want Action on Notices.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Following an agreement between Chicago banks with savings departments which are members of the Clearing House association that 30-day notices by depositors desiring of withdrawing their accounts would be met immediately, letters of notification have been sent out by some of the banks asking that the accounts be withdrawn or the notices canceled without delay. The requests have met with little response. It was learned today that one bank which had received 300 notices of intended withdrawals heard from only 12 of its letters.

Asks League to Give Up.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The city council last night by a unanimous vote asked the Chicago Law and Order league to abandon its campaign against Sunday saloons and let the question be submitted to a vote of citizens at the next election. In the same resolution the aldermen asserted that the Sunday closing law now on the statute books is "obsolete." The resolution was adopted without debate and by a viva voce vote. Officers of the league spent the day in classifying the evidence secured by their volunteer detectives.

Oil for British Warships.

London, Nov. 27.—The sailing of the admiralty owned tank steamer Petroleum for Port Arthur, Texas, marks a new departure in the British navy, as it is the first time that the admiralty has tried the experiment of importing a cargo of oil in its own ships. It is anticipated that the Petroleum is only the forerunner of a small fleet of admiralty owned tankships which will be continually employed in meeting the increasing requirements.

Ashes Fall at Nome.

Nome, Alaska, Nov. 27.—Showers of volcanic ashes are falling in Nome, Teller and Tin City. The snow is noticeably blackened by the ashes. The place of their origin has not yet been fixed. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have been of frequent occurrence in Alaska since last July. Violent shocks of earthquake have been felt at sea and on land snowslides have started as result of earthwaves.

Ships Nearly Ready.

New York, Nov. 27.—Notice was served this morning that 700 men would be laid off at the Brooklyn navy yard in a few days. Two hundred and fifty are to be discharged today. The work on the boats for the Pacific cruise is nearly completed.

Population of Brazil.

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 27.—According to the census, just completed, Brazil contains 19,910,646 inhabitants. The Brazilian government has resolved to establish eight naval schools, to fit officers and men for the navy.

Buy Russian Poland.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—A movement to Germanize Prussian Poland has been inaugurated. A bill asking for \$100,000,000 with which to buy out the native land owners has been introduced.

Spain Contracts for Navy.

Glasgow, Nov. 27.—It is announced that local shipbuilders have contracted to furnish Spain with a navy of \$35,000,000.

EXCEEDS AUTHORITY

Federal Court Sets Aside Joint Rate Order.

RULING IS BY JUDGE HANFORD

Finds That Washington Board is Encroaching on Power of Interstate Commerce Law.

Seattle, Nov. 30.—Federal Judge G. H. Hanford yesterday enjoined the Washington State Railway commission, represented by Harry Fairchild, James C. Lawrence and Jesse J. Jones, from compelling the railroads to obey the joint rate order on wheat shipped from Eastern Washington points to Puget sound points.

The decision is based on Judge Hanford's opinion that it is the obvious intention of the commission to divert the wheat traffic of that part of the state east and south of Spokane from Puget sound to Puget sound. The action of the court holds, is an attempt on the part of the commission to encroach upon the power to regulate interstate commerce vested in congress by the constitution of the United States.

The particular portion of the commission's order to which the railroads took exception was that prescribing that the freight charges paid by the shippers in gross was to be divided between the several carriers participating in the service. The hands of the commission, however, are not absolutely tied, for Judge Hanford says injury will be inflicted by the making of the supplemental order apportioning the joint rates.

From Judge Hanford's opinion it would appear that the commission is entitled to prescribe a joint rate in the future provided that the objectionable features of the present order are obviated. "The injunction to be issued," says the court, "will not restrain the railway commission from making such an order. This court will not set aside a joint rate by interlocutory decree or provisional injunction, nor at all, unless upon final hearing it shall be proved to be insufficient and unreasonable."

The jurisdiction of the United States District court, which was questioned by the railroads, is maintained by Judge Hanford.

ASHES COVER THE GROUND.

Nome and Vicinity Buried in Volcanic Eruptive Matter.

Seattle, Nov. 30.—A special to the Morning Times from Nome says Nome and probably the entire Seward peninsula is shrouded in an ash haze and the ground for miles is covered seven inches deep with a fine gritty powder, which is believed to be volcanic ash.

The storm began several days ago, but at first little attention was paid to the freak of nature, as it was expected that it would soon cease. Instead, however, the fall continued, and after a day became so dense as to seriously interfere with outdoor pursuits. Miners coming into town reported that the miles the snow was so impenetrable with the ashes that sledging was almost impossible. Further, the air was so full of ashes that breathing is difficult and the fine powder has sifted into houses and business places to such extent that it is thick on the floors and on everything in the way of goods and household furniture. It is believed that some of the numerous volcanic islands, either between this coast and Siberia, or more probably those islands in the Alaska peninsula, or the Aleutian islands, is again erupting, and that the ash downpour is the result. Serious results are anticipated, but much inconvenience is being caused by the peculiar storm.

Fortify Pearl Harbor.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Prince Jonah K. Kalaniano'ele, delegate to congress from the Hawaiian islands, arrived here today with his wife on the steamer Korea. The prince was detained in his views regarding the immediate policy which he intends to advocate regarding the treatment of the islands by the United States government. He said that the first thing which he intended, as Hawaiian delegate, to urge upon congress, was the pressing necessity for strongly fortifying Pearl harbor and strengthening it as a naval base.

Meat Growing Cheaper.

New York, Nov. 30.—Prices of nearly all grades of meat were reported by local dealers yesterday to be dropping rapidly in this market, consequent upon the decrease in the cost of cattle from Western packing house centers. Except for the very best grades, beef is to 5 cents a pound less than a month ago. Mutton and lamb are from 2 to 5 cents lower. Pork, corned beef and similar products are 3 cents lower than a short time ago.

Court to Enforce Order.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 30.—The only development of the day in the junction suits of the railroad industry against the state laws is the commission swearing in of deputies by the United States marshal. It is given out that the court is determined that there shall be most absolute observance of the orders. It is anticipated here that the suits will be disobeyed, as a test case.