

BIG PROPERTY LOSS

Six-Foot Wall of Water Rushes Down Grand River.

SEVEN DEAD AND EIGHT MISSING

Heavy Rains and Melting Snow in Mountains Turn Missouri Valley into Vast Sea.

Kansas City, July 8.—Swollen by unprecedented rain and by melting snows from the Rocky mountains, the rivers of the Lower Missouri valley are out of their banks, causing damage in many parts of Missouri and Kansas. The results of the flood up to a late hour tonight were as follows:

Train No. 5, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, which left Kansas City at 9:25 a. m. for Denver, left the track at Pomona, Kan. Of the 10 coaches which made up the train, a baggage and three day coaches left the track and slid into 18 feet of water.

A telephone message from Pomona, Kan., at midnight said the four-year old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Rose, of Chicago, had been drowned in the wreck. Three hundred other persons who had taken refuge on top of the unaffected coaches were rescued by boats and quartered at nearby farmhouses.

Pomona is almost completely inundated, the Marias des Cygnes river at that point being three miles wide. A relief train was sent from Ottawa tonight with food and other supplies for the passengers, who were said to have climbed on top of the coaches for refuge from the rising waters.

In Kansas City the situation is threatening. In the bottoms in the western section where are located the stockyards, wholesale warehouses and manufacturing plants, the waters from the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers are lapping the danger line. Pattensburg, a town in Missouri 50 miles north of Kansas City, is ten feet under water, and its 1,500 inhabitants are in dire straits. Fifty rowboats were put on a special train at Kansas City this morning and hurried to the scene. Later reports say that the marooned citizens were all removed to higher ground without loss of life, but that the property damage will be tremendous.

At Chillicothe, Mo., on the Grand river, six men were swept from a bridge this afternoon and were seen floating down the stream. Whether they reached shore or not was not learned.

The bridge was carried out when a great wall of water six feet high swept down both forks of the Grand river and joined at Utica, continuing after that as one great flood. The water spread out all over the bottom lands and did great damage to farms and crops in its path.

The water overwhelmed the railroad tracks, blocking traffic absolutely, and brought out the first day on South through Madras, and it was understood at that time that a very good line had been secured. Recently, however, there have been rumors of negotiations for the purchase of the Oregon Trunk Line survey, and Harriman engineers are now in the field going over that line. If this investigation should demonstrate the superiority of the Willow Creek route it is not improbable that the Oregon Trunk survey will be purchased and adopted. While the right-of-way has already been purchased outright for the Trout Creek line, the amount of money spent for that is a very small item, if the Willow Creek route is found to be easier to operate and cheaper to maintain. The Trout Creek route necessitates two high bridges, one across Trout Creek and the other over Willow Creek at this place, both of which would be avoided by the line up Willow Creek canyon, and this alone might be sufficient to turn the scale in favor of that route. The purchase of the Oregon Trunk Line survey would also dispose of the conflicts between the two lines at other points along the Deschutes River, which makes it

probable that the Harriman Cruz, Mexico, was brought here today by the steamer Columbia. The crew reported that two days before their departure a large party of American surveyors went into camp near the city. The mission of the party was not learned, but it was rumored in Salina Cruz that plans were being laid for a new railroad enterprise in which American capital was interested.

Calvin is Doing Nicely. San Francisco, July 8.—The condition of E. E. Calvin, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday, is reported to be entirely satisfactory.

YIELD NEAR RECORD.

Northwest Wheat Crop Now Placed at 55,000,000 Bushels.

Portland, July 9.—Estimates compiled from data received from more than 850 of the principal wheat stations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, indicate the 1909 wheat yield for the three states to be approximately 55,000,000 bushels, compared with 40,000,000 bushels last year, 60,000,000 bushels in 1907, and a five-year average of 48,500,000.

Of the three states, Idaho has the best crop, with Washington showing up exceedingly well, while Oregon, especially in the river counties, suffered from dry weather to such an extent that the damage could not all be repaired by the late rains.

Some of the poor yields in Oregon have been offset in the totals by an increased acreage in new territory. The most noticeable increase of this nature is along the Wallowa extension of the O. R. & N.

Another locality in which new acreage will aid in swelling the totals is the Haystack and Bakeoven country, where there is an increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage, with the yield about 10 per cent better than last year. Sherman county is somewhat spotted, and early in the season the outlook was poor. Rains in the latter part of June helped, however, and there will be a material increase over last year's output. Conditions in Wasco are similar to those in Sherman county.

Umatilla, the banner wheat county of the state, is not coming up to its usual standard. The light lands suffered by the dry weather early in the season, and the showers that came later were not general throughout the county.

Along the Arlington branch of the O. R. & N. the crop is light until Condon is reached. Around Condon, however, the outlook is far from gloomy. With the exception of about 20,000 acres, which have been taken by weeds, there will be a pretty fair yield.

Morrow county is not quite so good as Gilliam, but there, as elsewhere in the river counties, some very short stalks of wheat are turning out well filled heads.

Union county has an excellent crop and 40-bushel yields will not be uncommon around Elgin and Summerville.

The Willamette valley has ceased to be a figure in the export wheat market, but the yield is an important factor in the milling business.

Washington reports are uniformly good. Walla Walla, with its never-failing foothill land, promises an output of 4,500,000 bushels. Barley is also turning out well in this county, and has made some inroads on the wheat acreage.

Columbia and Garfield counties are both expected to turn off record yields of wheat and barley. This region was favored with rain at a time when the river counties in Oregon were missed.

Whitman, the banner wheat county of all the Northwest, gives excellent promise of breaking records. The acreage is large and the crop conditions are far above the average. Estimates run from 9,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, the latter figure being an all-time record for the county.

You are invited to attend these services:

- B. F. W. PITMAN, Pastor.
 - MENNONITE SERVICES
 - MADRAS—July 11, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in Free Methodist Church.
 - OPAL PRAIRIE—Every Sunday, except July 11, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in Opal Prairie Church. Union Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m.
 - JUNIPER BUTTE School House—Every Sunday, except July 11, at 2 p. m. Union Sunday school every Sunday at 2 p. m.
 - MOUNTAIN VIEW School House—First and third Sunday of each month at 4:30 p. m. Second Sunday school every Sunday 3:30 p. m.
- All are cordially invited to these services. ARTHUR and MINA CREASEY, Pastors.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—Portland property for a wheat ranch.—O. A. GRAHAM, 2684 Cleveland Avenue, Portland, Oregon. j15 4t

For Sale (MAN OR WOMAN)

A 320-acre South African Veteran Bounty Land Certificate.

Issued by the Department of the Interior, Government of Canada, under the Volunteer Bounty Act, 1908. Good for 320 of any Dominion Land open for entry in Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba. Any person over the age of 18 years, Man or Woman, can acquire this land with this Certificate without farther charge. For immediate sale, \$800. Write or wire.

Latah county will probably harvest nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Nez Perce and Idaho counties will have from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels.

Save Trees From Flames.

San Diego, Cal., July 9.—The La Jolla grove of Torrey pines, said to be the only grove of those trees in Southern California, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire today. Occupants of a passing automobile noticed that the underbrush in the grove was burning and hastened to La Jolla for help. A party of fire fighters was summoned quickly to the scene. After several hours of hard work the flames were extinguished.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

OREGON MEN TO SPOKANE.

Strong Delegation to Attend National Irrigation Congress.

Salem—Governor Frank W. Benson has appointed the delegates who will attend the National Irrigation congress in Spokane representative of the state of Oregon. In a few days five more will be appointed by C. N. McArthur, speaker of the late house, and five more will be appointed by Jay Bowerman, president of the late senate. Following are the delegates named by Governor Benson:

Professor P. L. Campbell, of Eugene, president of the University of Oregon; D. W. J. Kerr, of Corvallis, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. W. Fulton, former United States senator; J. N. Teal, F. S. Stanley, E. B. Piper, John T. Whistler, Tom Richardson, R. M. Breerton, C. E. Merrick, Joseph B. Knapp, all of Portland; Jay Bowerman, Condon; John H. Lewis, Salem; H. L. Holgate, Bonanza; Francis M. Saxton, A. V. Swift, John L. Rand, Baker City; W. J. Furnish, Gilbert W. Phelps, Pendleton; S. D. Peterson, Milton; Walter M. Pierce, W. J. Snodgrass, La Grande; Clyde T. Hockett, Enterprise; Malcolm A. Moody, The Dalles; E. T. Early, Hood River; F. H. Hopkins, Central Point; J. D. Heard, Jacksonville; Dan P. Ras, Jacksonville; H. A. Brattain, Paisley; A. T. Buxton, W. A. Williams, Forest Grove; H. V. Gates, Dallas; H. A. Randa, Oregon City; Drew Barnum, Moro; Will R. King, Ontario; R. N. Donnelly, Richmond; John Ellis, Frank White, Klamath Falls; H. C. Levens, Burns; F. E. Waite, Sutherlin, and George E. Davis, Canyon City.

The list of delegates probably presents the strongest selection ever made in this state by a chief executive to attend any convention. It is composed of leading men in all walks of life and all of them take a keen interest in the science of irrigation. Every one of them has promised to attend the congress.

MUCH WHEAT SHIPPED.

Portland Ships More Than the Puget Sound Ports.

Portland—During the cereal year, ending June 30, Portland shipped in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 more bushels of wheat than was sent from Puget sound, while from there not quite 1,000,000 more barrels of flour was sent out.

The wheat shipments to Europe from here were 6,182,778 bushels, while those from Puget sound were 4,154,481 bushels; to the orient, South America and Africa, Portland shipped no wheat, Puget sound sending out 315,285 bushels. California wheat shipments from here were 2,932,861 bushels and from the sound 2,032,492 bushels were shipped. Wheat from Portland to Mexico was 165,257 bushels and from Puget sound to Mexico it was 203,578 bushels.

During the year just completed Portland shipped the following amount of flour: To the orient and Hawaii, 542,333 barrels; Europe, 15,000 barrels; California, 295,716 barrels. In the same order are the shipments of flour from Puget sound ports: Orient, 909,333 barrels; South America, 109,847 barrels; Europe, 23,581 barrels; California, 278,556 barrels, and to Mexico, 100 barrels. The grand total for the year, 1908-1909, being 26,811,259 bushels of wheat from here and the sound.

The Portland barley shipments for the season are 822,509 bushels.

New Buildings for Indians.

Klamath Falls—Superintendent H. Wilson, in making preparations to begin a campaign of improvements. During the past week several contractors have visited the agency to bid for the construction of the modern school building which is to be erected during the summer. Bids will not be opened for several days. Work is to be begun shortly in the large gymnasium. Mr. Wilson says that the Indians should be given the exercise possible and with an end in view he will endeavor to give the gymnasium roomy and equipped with a view to making it attractive. The school grounds are to be improved and many of the old buildings razed.

Dam Has No Fish Ladder.

Hills City—Anglers and others residing in this vicinity complain that thousands of salmon in the Santiam river are unable to reach the natural spawning ground above this city because the Lumber company maintains a dam without a fish ladder. As nearly as any one in the vicinity is connected some way with the lumber company a formal complaint has ever been made. The condition, however, is deplorable.

Baker Courthouse Done.

Baker City—The County court has accepted the new courthouse from C. A. Gray & Son, of Portland, who were contractors for the interior work. The building is now completed and awaits the arrival of the new office furniture. It has cost Baker county less than the \$120,000 appropriated.

Asylum Improvements Awarded.

Salem—The asylum board has awarded the contract for improvements at the asylum farm to Dennison & McLaren, of Salem, for \$6,790. A new amusement hall will be built, the kitchen enlarged, the main building roofed and the dining room repaired.

BUILD TO SIUSLAW.

Holding Company Will Back Eugene & Western in New Road.

Eugene—The Eugene-Siuslaw railroad, which has long been talked of, appears now to soon be a reality. The proposition to build the road has reached a point where the promoters of the enterprise feel that the building of the line is a certainty. The Lane County Asset company, which was organized in Eugene last winter for the purpose of promoting the line, will be the holding company for the Eugene & Western Railway company, which was incorporated a few weeks ago to build the road. Offices have been opened here and operations will be directed by the asset company.

It is the intention to offer for sale to the people of Eugene and vicinity at least \$150,000 of the stock of the Lane County Asset company, the funds to be used in building the first section of 20 miles of the road. When this has been accomplished it is proposed to turn all the assets over to the Eugene & Western Railway company, issuing stockholders the same amount of stock in the railroad company as they have paid for in the asset company and to issue and sell the bonds of the railway company for the purpose of completing the road to Florence.

Calf Costs Ten Thousand.

Klamath Falls—It took the jury just 25 minutes to find a verdict for the defendant in the Kelley-Arant damage suit, last of the cases resulting from the criminal prosecution of Jay Arant, who was indicted for the larceny of a calf more than two years ago. Arant was twice tried on a charge of larceny, the first trial resulting in a disagreement, while the second acquitted him. Three cases resulted over the ownership of the calf. The calf involved in the litigation was worth approximately \$10. The money expended in litigation will aggregate close to \$10,000, and of this amount the taxpayers of the county will be forced to pay not less than \$6,000.

Summer School at Albany.

Albany—The Albany college summer school began with an enrollment of 43 pupils. President H. M. Crooks and County Superintendent Jackson are in charge of the work, assisted by Professor L. A. Wiley, of Portland, and Professor Torbet, of Albany college. All branches of public school work, as well as teachers' review and Bible study are being taught. President Crooks reports that the attendance will reach the 100 mark.

Surveying for New Road.

Marshfield—Chief Engineer H. Wilson, of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railroad, who has been making preliminary surveys, reports that in a few days the first 12 miles will have been surveyed. The preliminary work of finding a grade through the mountains has been carried on in a thorough manner, and the engineer is pleased with the result so far. It is hoped to finish the survey work before fall.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

- Wheat—Bluestem, milling, \$1.30; club, \$1.18@1.20; valley, \$1.17.
- Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton.
- Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@40.50 per ton.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$26.50 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$29@32; chop, \$24@30; rolled barley, \$34@35.
- Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$17@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@23; mixed, \$16@20.
- Grain Bags—5¢ each.
- Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; strawberries, \$1.75@2 per crate; cherries, 3¢@10¢ per pound; gooseberries, 4¢@5¢; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; currants, 7¢ per pound; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.50; black caps, \$1.75@2.
- Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2¼@2½¢ per pound.
- Vegetables—Asparagus, 75¢@1.00 per dozen; beans, 8¢; lettuce, head, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 12¢@15¢; peas, 4¢@5¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen.
- Butter—City creamery, extra, 26¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 25¢@26¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.
- Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 25¢ per dozen.
- Poultry—Hens, 12¢@13¢; springs, 16¢@18¢; roosters, 8¢@9¢; ducks, young, 12¢@13¢; geese, young, 9¢@10¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.
- Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound.
- Veal—Extras, 8¢@8½¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢; heavy, 6¢.
- Hops—1909 contracts, 16¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 11¢@12¢; 1907 crop, 7¢; 1906 crop, 4¢.
- Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; valley, fine, 25¢; coarse, 21¢@22¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢.
- Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.
- Hogs—Best, \$8@8.15; fair to good, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.
- Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.75@4; spring lambs, \$4.75@5.25.

MOURNED BY ALL.

News of Cushman's Death Shock to Friends in Congress.

Washington, July 7.—News that Francis W. Cushman, representative from Washington, had passed away in New York yesterday morning, came as a great shock to his host of friends in both branches of congress. Morning papers contained dispatches announcing he had successfully passed his crisis and was on the road to recovery. It was not until the members of congress reached the capitol that they heard of his death, and even then word spread slowly among the members, for the house was not in session.

In conformity with Mrs. Cushman's wish, there will be no congressional escort appointed to accompany the remains to Tacoma, but the body will be taken across the continent by a representative of the sergeant-at-arms of the house, who went to New York this morning. The house will not meet until Thursday. At that time Cushman's death will be announced, and adjournment probably be taken out of respect to his memory.

Senator Piles, who was with Mr. Cushman when the end came, returned to Washington last evening. He said Mr. Cushman passed away peacefully, being unconscious during his last hours. Heroic treatment was resorted to as soon as Mr. Cushman's condition took a turn for the worse, but he was so weakened that he did not respond to treatment. He sank steadily through the night and breathed his last at two minutes past 5 yesterday morning.

HOLDS UP BANK.

Heavily Armed Bandit Works in Broad Daylight.

Everett, Wash., July 7.—A lone robber held up Assistant Cashier E. C. Olson, of the Bank of Commerce, shortly before the bank closed yesterday afternoon, wounded Cashier J. L. Lyan and escaped with a few hundred dollars.

He fled on a bicycle to the north end of the city, then turned toward the waterfront. Here his pursuers found the satchel in which he carried his money. It contained only \$15. Deputies and citizens are searching for the man. Bloodhounds have been secured. When the robber entered the bank he thrust two revolvers into Olson's face and commanding him to throw up his hands, laid down one gun and seized all the money he could reach and placed it in his satchel. He paid no attention to the few customers in the bank.

Cashier Lyan was in the rear end of the building. He ran down an alleyway and entered by the front door to take the robber by surprise and grappled with him. The robber shot three times, one bullet passing through Lyan's jaw and neck, making a serious wound. The robber then fled, with both Lyan and Olson shouting at him. That was shot off and it is believed he was slightly wounded. He is supposed to have had a bicycle hidden in the vicinity, for he was next seen riding furiously north on one. He was seen by hundreds of people, but before armed citizens and officers took up the chase in automobiles he disappeared.

New Machine for Flying.

Victoria, B. C., July 7.—An airship which, the inventor asserts, will right itself within a few feet when started upside down and will fly from Victoria to San Francisco in less than five hours, has been built by A. W. Gibson, a Scotch engineer. The inventor proposes to make his first flight from Victoria to the Seattle exposition and has offered to wager \$1,000 that he can go the distance in half an hour. The airship embodies entirely new principles and is propelled by an engine weighing 222 pounds.

New York Tax Roll Out.

New York, July 7.—Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage are each assessed as possessing \$5,000,000 worth of personal property in New York City, on the rolls presented to the board of aldermen today. John D. Rockefeller's personal assessment is \$2,600,000, and that of seven members of the Vanderbilt family aggregates \$1,340,000. J. Pierpont Morgan is down for \$440,000, while the late H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller are each assessed \$300,000.

Gunnison Bore Finished.

Montrose, Colo., July 7.—The last round of shots in the East heading for the Gunnison irrigation tunnel was fired at 5:30 o'clock this evening. A few minutes later workmen from the two headings shook hands through the opening. The tunnel is six miles long and has been under construction four years and a half. This project has been carried out by the Federal Reclamation bureau at a cost of \$3,500,000. It will furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres of land.

Hill to Invade Canada.

Helena, Mont., July 7.—There was filed with the secretary of state today an official resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, showing its purpose to construct a branch line from Poplar, Valley county to the Canadian border, a distance of 80 miles. The inference is that the line will be extended further north, tapping the grain fields of Saskatchewan, thus invading the Canadian Pacific territory.

Use Cannon at Oil Fire.

Martinsville, Ill., July 7.—Fire, started by lightning in one of the 85,000 barrel tanks of the Ohio Oil company, was brought under control tonight. The tank was punctured by a cannon shot and most of the oil drained out. This prevented an explosion.

TAFT TO TOUR WEST

Plans for Extensive Trip to Pacific Coast This Fall.

GOING DIRECT TO SEATTLE

Executive Will Visit Portland and Go on South to California and Gulf States.

Washington, July 10.—President Taft today gave an outline of the tentative plans for his trip through the West and South this fall.

The president has abandoned all idea of visiting Alaska this year, largely because Mrs. Taft will not be able to go with him. Upon his arrival here today the president received word from Beverly that Mrs. Taft was improving in health. He feels, however, that she is hardly strong enough to take the long Western trip this year, which will occupy about two months.

As soon as the tariff bill is out of the way the president will leave Washington for Beverly, to remain until September 17, his 52d birthday, when he hopes to begin his Western trip. The president will go directly to Seattle, stopping for brief visits at Spokane, Denver, Salt Lake and Spokane.

After visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, the president will swing down to the Southwest, stopping for a time at Portland, Or., where he will be the guest of Senator Joseph Bourne, and proceeding thence to San Francisco.

Leaving San Francisco, the president will go to Los Angeles, where he will stop for several days with his wife. From Los Angeles the president will go to San Diego and then into Arizona and New Mexico. If the weather is pleasant his arrangements provide Mr. Taft hopes to visit the Yosemite valley before going to Los Angeles.

Coming out of Mexico, the president will stop for a time at El Paso, where he expects to meet President Diaz, of Mexico.

After his stop at El Paso the president will visit San Antonio, where he will inspect Fort Sam Houston, where he was instrumental in building the city. After visiting Austin and Dallas, the president expects to spend several days on the ranch of his brother, C. P. Taft at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Continuing east, the president will stop at Houston and go to New Orleans to attend the meeting of the De Waterways convention. After attending the convention, Mr. Taft will stop for a time in the Bayou country of Louisiana, the land of Evangeline and Arcadia.

From there the president will proceed to Jackson, Miss., thence to Montgomery, Birmingham and New Orleans. From Macon the president will go to Augusta.

Leaving Augusta the president will go to Savannah and thence begin his northward trip to Washington, stopping at Wilmington, N. C., and Richmond, Va.

DAM THREATENS VALLEY

Great Pathfinder Structure Said to be in Perilous Shape.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 10.—Reports received here tonight indicate that conditions at the Pathfinder dam in Idaho said to be the largest in the world, are most serious. The dam is held up by a temporary dike built on gravel foundations. Seventy men are working day and night to strengthen the dike.

The government geologists say has a force of men scattered along the river for more than 100 miles to watch the dam, taking measurements of the river's flow to give indications of sudden rise in the stream.

Preparations have been made to name the dam if the water continues away the temporary dike. Arrangements have also been made warning the people living in the valley below in case of danger.

Man Convicted by Jury.

San Francisco, July 10.—An extradition case with unusual features came up for hearing this afternoon before United States Commissioner Robert Moysen don Amaral, arrested on a department warrant, was accused of a murder committed on one of the islands of the country, was tried and convicted by a jury, and though he had \$50,000 in capital from a tour of the world, he was captured at San Luis Obispo in this state, and now is awaiting an attempt of extradition.

Chinese Honor Traveler.

Pekin, July 10.—Prince Ching, regent of China, today received the news of the return of the Chinese capital from a tour of the world, included in extended visit to the United States. An imperial edict was issued today making Tang Shao Yi, the present vice president of the imperial board, which is being organized, as meaning that his services were recognized by the Chinese government.

To Guard Mexican Border.

El Paso, Tex., July 10.—Dwight Keefe, commissioner general of the United States customs, accompanied by F. W. Keefe, chief inspector for Texas, today left this city today on a tour of inspection of the entire Rio Grande valley preliminary to establishing regulations to prevent smuggling of Chinese across from Mexico.