

# PORTLAND IS WELL PLEASED

## Battleship Fleet Will Steam Up the Columbia and the Willamette.

### PROTESTS HAD EFFECT

#### Naval Officials Learn That Columbia Is Deep Enough to Float the Big Battleships.

(Oregonian.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 10.—The battleship fleet, or part of it, will visit Portland during its stay on the Pacific coast, if Admiral Evans, commanding the fleet, believes it is safe and advisable to send the ships up the Columbia. If some officials of the Navy Department could have their way, none of the battleships would go to Portland, but since President Roosevelt has taken an interest in the demands of Portland, the Navy Department has changed its attitude and will now withdraw all objection to the trip, leaving the matter entirely in the hands of Admiral Evans, that is, provided the President does not go so far as specifically order the ships to Portland.

Senator Bourne wrote to the President a few days ago asking him to see that Portland was properly recognized while the battleship fleet is on the Pacific coast. He pointed out that there is adequate depth of channel, both on the bar and in the river, dwelt upon the advantages of sending the ships into a fresh water harbor and expressed the opinion that the fleet could go to Portland without incurring the slightest risk.

The President promptly communicated with the Navy Department and it was today decided by the Department that a visit to Portland could be made if Admiral Evans deemed it advisable after reaching the coast. The Department takes the position that it should not issue arbitrary orders governing the movement of this fleet, save as to the main objective points. It is said by naval authorities that the depth of water on the bar and in the Columbia river varies with the seasons and it is impossible for them to tell at this time what depth will be found at the time the fleet reaches the Pacific coast. Therefore they suggest the advisability of allowing Admiral Evans to use his discretion, and, if he believes the battleships can be safely sent to Portland, to send such of them as he deems wise, allowing them to stay for such length of time as he may decide is proper.

When it was first decided to send the fleet to the Pacific, the Navy Department did not intend to send any of the battleships to Portland. Some officers held the opinion that there was not sufficient depth of water on the bar or in the channel; others who believed there was an adequate channel held that it would be dangerous to send such heavy vessels to Portland, arguing that battleships are not as readily piloted as lighter craft. They furthermore thought it would be risky to send those expensive ships across the bar. But when their attitude became known, protests piled up in the Department from all members of the Congressional delegation and from Portland commercial bodies and figures showing the channel depth absolutely refuted the charge that there was not sufficient water to guarantee the safety of the fleet. These figures did not agree with some figures in the Department, because the Navy returns were not up to date. Now that it has been demonstrated that there is adequate channel depth and since the President has shown his interest in Portland, the Department has no further objection to sending battleships up the Columbia, provided Admiral Evans is willing to assume the responsibility.

The only possible objection to sending the ships to Portland would be lack of water, and it has been demonstrated that there is no ground for such objection. If the Navy Department had been satisfied on this point, it would have so stated to the President and would have officially recommended against sending the battleships to Portland. Its action, of course, leaves the whole question open until the fleet reaches the Pacific, but before he sails, Admiral Evans will have a conference with the President, and it is to be presumed he will receive an intimation that he should send at least a part of his fleet to Portland, unless there should be a change of conditions which would make the trip inadvisable.

In all probability the President will endorse the new attitude of the

Navy Department and leave the matter in the hands of Admiral Evans, but, if he adopts this course, it is equally probable that he will let the commanding officer understand that Portland shall not be overlooked.

—Hibbard, our groceryman, will have Economy jars in stock today. His large shipment on the way will be here in a day or so.

## FARMERS ARE MAKING AN EXCELLENT SHOWING

### Chamber of Commerce Room Almost Filled With Exhibits.—Coffelt Shows 18 Kind of Apples.

You should visit the Chamber of Commerce fruit and vegetable exhibit if you would learn what prodigious things can be grown right at your door. We have all heard of the richness of the Coos county bottom lands, and as well of the producing qualities of the bench lands and even the soil on the hills. To be convinced of these claims, it is only necessary for one to view the hundreds of fine specimens the farmers have put on display at the Chamber of Commerce.

Yesterday was a red letter day for the arrival of exhibits. E. J. Coffelt brought in a display that would set the usual county fair showing to shame. He has eighteen varieties of apples and four varieties of pears on exhibition. Mr. Coffelt is a Coos River farmer and his enterprise in this exhibit shows he knows something about the fruit growing business. This, showing is by far the most surprising of the contest, since all the fruit which Mr. Coffelt brought in was grown on the bench lands and the hills. The following is a list of the varieties he brought: Apples—Wealthy, Salome, Red Gravenstein, Northern Spy, King, Seek-no-further, Arkansas Black, Spitzenberg, Pound Sweet, Rhode Island Greening, Ben Davis, Gravenstein, Canada Russet, Winter Banana, Fall Pipin, Baldwin, Coos River Beauty, Seekless Pound; Pears—Onion, Bartlett, Kieffer, Flemish Beauty.

J. J. Klinkenbeard & Sons, of Coos River, brought down some tremendous sized vegetables, among these being carrots of large size and fine growth, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, several varieties of squash, tomatoes, onions, potatoes. One particularly interesting exhibit in this collection was a squash vine with four squashes, weighing in the aggregate 110 pounds.

L. D. Smith brought beets seven inches in diameter, turnips ten, bean pods ten inches in length.

Jesse Smith had Gravenstein apples, carrots, squashes and potatoes.

John Porter, of Allegany, had four samples of the Wolf River apple which caused much comment.

Peter Scott, the Marshfield gardener, had celery which looked like a corn stalk.

Even the Ten Mile people are not to be left out in the contest, and J. S. Roberts is here with a fine exhibit of Gravensteins.

C. Enegren, of Coos River, sent down Gravenstein apples, crab apples and potatoes.

A box of onions weighing 15 pounds was placed on exhibition by Capt. Harris. They were raised by T. M. Boone on a plot of ground which produced on 280 square feet, 340 pounds. At this rate an acre would produce 52,360 pounds. At the price onions are now selling in Portland, 2 1/4 cents per pound, an acre of the Sumner land would yield \$1,172 worth of onions.

Secretary Lyon is finding his room getting more and more curtailed and is figuring already on turning the whole space over to the exhibit.

—The Pioneer grocery has Economy jars today. Their shipment from Wadhams & Kerr Bros., of Portland, will arrive on the next steamer.

## LIQUOR LAW CATCHES SEVERAL EUGENE MEN

### Are Released on \$250 Bail—Trials Begin in Circuit Court Next Tuesday.

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 13.—The following men were arrested here today for alleged violation of the local option law: Elmer Renshaw, of the Smeede Bar; Jake Berger, Charles Mayhew and Geo. Lill, all of whom conduct soft drink resorts.

Two arrests were made at Marcola for violations of the law and other offenses. The men were released on bail of \$250 each, and their trials will begin next Tuesday and extend over Thursday.

**Pettibone In Hospital.**  
Boise, Sept. 13.—George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the assassination of Steunenberg, was taken to a hospital today for an operation. He is in a critical condition and no further prosecution of the case will occur at present.

# LOBSTERS FOR PACIFIC COAST

## Will Plant Atlantic Shellfish in the Waters of the Pacific.

### WILL MAKE ANOTHER TRIAL

#### First Attempts Unsuccessful, But Government Will Persevere.

Another attempt will be made this month to plant the common lobster of the North Atlantic coast—the homarus Americanus of the scientists—in Pacific waters.

Five attempts have already been made, most of them in conjunction with the California State Fish Commission, to transplant the lobster to the Western coast of the United States in localities ranging from Puget Sound to Monterey bay, but as far as known, the attempts have been failures, although it is possible that there may be limited numbers of the crustaceans alive and multiplying in Monterey Bay, San Francisco Bay and off the northern and northwest coast. Inasmuch as the fishermen of the Pacific do not use any implements akin to the lobster pots of the lobster fishermen, they are not in a position to take lobsters except by merest accident.

The lobster is found on the eastern coast from Delaware north, and it is supposed that he is absent from southern waters because the temperature gets too warm for him. There is a lobster on the southern coast and on the Atlantic coast of Europe which is akin to the lobster or crayfish, known to the piscatorial craft as the California spiny or rock lobster, and scientifically as the panullus interruptus. In fact it is not related to the Eastern lobster.

The Fish Commission possesses specially constructed cars for the transportation of fish, and it is one of these cars that has been selected for the transportation of lobsters intended to stock Pacific waters. The lobsters chosen will probably be secured off the Maine or Massachusetts coast, and will be carefully transported to Puget Sound, where this experiment is to be made.

It seems unlikely that any of the lobsters will be diverted to California, unless the State Fish Commission is able to prevail on the Government body in Washington to permit another trial to be made in California waters, and as the belief seems pretty well founded that cool water is necessary for the success of the planting, California may have to give up hope of adding a new food fish to its already long and excellent list.

The last experiment made on the Pacific Coast was in 1906. The lobsters were transported very successfully, a large portion remaining alive to the end of the journey, and they were planted in various localities with great hopes that they would live and multiply. Afterward it was reported on several occasions that specimens had been taken or had been seen in shallow water, but it cannot be stated positively that the observers were sure of their ground.

#### Lobsters Will Grow Here.

In spite of this, Dr. Smith says that the Commissioners are fully persuaded that the Eastern lobster can be grown on the Pacific Coast, and consequently the shipment will be made in September after the moulting season is over. There is a strong disposition to favor Maine as the ground from which to recruit the specimens for the experiment. The lobsters, to the number of 1,000 or 1,200 will be shipped in a refrigerator car with the most elaborate preparations for their comfort. There will be several attendants to look out for their welfare.

Many of the lobsters will have spawn attached to them, and it is expected that millions of young will be liberated by them soon after they reach their destination. The lobsters will be packed in wet rock weed, which will be sprinkled occasionally, perhaps every two or three days with sea water. They will be kept at a temperature of about 35 or 40 degrees, and on frequent examination during the trip those that die will be thrown out.

The first attempt to colonize lobsters in the Pacific was in 1873. It was a joint State and Government effort, and the shipment was in charge of Livingston Stone. The shipment consisted of 162 lobsters and some fish. At Omaha only forty lobsters remained alive, and soon after leaving there the car was wrecked, thus ending that expedition.

In 1874 another attempt was made

under the auspices of the California Fish Commission. That time only four out of 150 lobsters reached the Coast alive. Two were planted in the Great Salt Lake. The lobsters were packed in straw and sponges, kept wet and cool by occasional doses of sea water.

The third attempt was made in 1879, when 22 female lobsters with eggs attached, were shipped in three large tanks of sea water in a baggage car. All lived but one, and they were planted near the Bonita Lighthouse off San Francisco. No males accompanying this shipment, it is not thought that the colony long survived.

## PRESS AGENT FOR DRESSMAKERS TALKS

### Plan is to Make Stout Women Look Like Toothpicks or Hopvine Poles.

New York, Sept. 13.—Curves will be unfashionable and hips impossible in winter styles for women, according to Miss Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the Dressmakers' Protective Association of America, in demonstrating new gowns at the first session of the annual meeting in Masonic Temple last night.

"The stylish figure," Miss White declared, "will be one without hips, a straight-line figure. It is all in the corset."

Nor will there be any fleshy women—at least, none that are well dressed. Miss White, who rejoices in 220 pounds, a gain of 20 since the last convention, declares she is not fat, and says there is no need of anyone else so appearing unless she is lazy and wants to so appear.

Miss White said well-dressed women on winter afternoons will wear demi-tailored skirts of gray, lavender, reddish purple and light blue, black coats, waists of net embroidered in the color of the skirt, with partly mushroom hats trimmed with orchids, morning-glories and roses.

—Overalls, all sizes, at Prentiss & Co.'s. Central Hotel.

#### New Business In North Bend.

North Bend is now sporting a real, genuine bootblacking stand. It is in front of the Eagle saloon. Some of the boys are ungenerous enough to say that Fred Johnson's bootblenders are getting too fat and he intends exercising them at the stand. The facts in the case are that Mr. J. F. Stout is fixing up a first-class stand.

#### Ten Cents Each For Rats.

San Francisco, September 12.—The board of health today decided to surprise Mexican camp at cussed methods of eradication of the plague and offered a bounty of ten cents for every rat caught in the city and county of San Francisco. They directed that no quarantine be established upon any building or dwelling from which a plague patient had been removed except for a brief period for fumigating. The object of the order is to prevent foolish scares and remove the temptation for inmates to avoid close detention.

—Haviland China at Prentiss & Co.'s. Central Hotel.

#### Discards His Crutches.

Mr. F. E. Monroe, of the Bayside Paint Co., at North Bend, has discarded his crutches and is now using only a cane and sometimes goes without that. His injuries were not as severe as at first thought.

#### Failed to Fix Blame.

Quebec, Sept. 12.—The coroner's jury today rendered a verdict that it could not state the reason of the fall of the Quebec bridge, but declared that according to evidence adduced, all necessary precautions had been taken.

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## LADIES DRIVE NAILS TONIGHT FOR A PRIZE OF \$5.00.

Tonight the ladies engage in a nail-driving contest at the Masonic Opera House for a prize of \$5.00. This is one of the most exciting contests, and always creates a great amount of fun. A dozen ladies will compete for the prize. The lady who drives six nails into the wood first

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