

## DREDGE OREGON REACHED COOS BAY EARLY THIS MORNING

Loses Smokestacks While Outside the Bar This Morning.

OPERATIONS WILL START IN TEN DAYS

Only Mishap Occurred Just Before Entrance to the Bay Early Today.

The dredge Oregon in tow of the tugs Columbia and Astoria crossed in over the Coos Bay bar at 11 o'clock this morning and an hour later was moored to the North Bend city dock where it will remain pending the beginning of the improvement of the channel in a week or ten days. The trip down the coast was made without a mishap and they arrived off the bar early yesterday but the swells made the bar too rough to permit entrance. The Astoria and the Columbia which met them up the coast anchored beyond the jetty where the Astoria remained with it until this morning. About 6 o'clock this morning, the sea near the bar became very choppy, causing the dredge to pitch badly and resulting in the heavy steel smokestacks toppling off. Owing to their weight and the fact that they fell clear of the deck, they immediately sank in the deep water.

### Barge to Come.

The accident will necessitate the ordering of new smokestacks from Portland, but this was done by telegraph this morning and it is hoped that the new smokestacks can be brought down with the barge which is lying at Astoria. The pipe for carrying the dredgings is on the barge. It is believed the barge will be towed down by the Breakwater or Alliance. If not, the tug will be sent up for it. Capt. Starkey is in charge of the dredge and will have a crew of about ten to help him operate it.

A number of Marshfield business men met the Astoria with the dredge as they crossed in this morning, going down with Dr. J. T. McCormac in the Dixie. Among those who made the trip with Dr. McCormac were: I. S. Kaufman, Henry Sengstacken, Col. Wm. Grimes, Col. Holabird, the Rev. Father E. Donnelly, C. J. Millis and W. S. McFarland. Unless there are unexpected delays, the dredging will start in about ten days. First the dredge will go over the entire channel and cut off the recently formed barriers and as soon as this completed will begin the systematic widening and deepening of the channel.

## DROPS DEAD AT COQUILLE

FATHER OF WM. COX OF MARSHFIELD, AND MRS. CHAS. WICKHAM SUCCUMBS TO AGITATION OVER LAWSUIT.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 21.—Mr. Cox, the aged father of Wm. Cox of Marshfield, and Mrs. Chas. Wickham of Coquille, dropped dead at the Wickham home here Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cox had been in poor health for some time and had become agitated over his son's suit for damages from the local railroad for injuries sustained in an accident a few months ago. Mr. Cox showed a keen interest in the case while the jury was out and a moment after he heard the verdict, dropped dead of heart failure. Mr. Cox was recently brought to Coquille from his home near Roseburg.

Mr. Cox was awarded \$1,000 by the jury. He sued for \$30,000, claiming that he had been permanently disabled by the accident which, he alleged, was due to the company's negligence. The jury was out about twelve hours.

## SCHOOL OPENS HERE TODAY

Enrollment in Marshfield First Day Is 449 Against 423 Last Year.

The Marshfield public schools opened this morning with a slightly increased attendance over the maximum enrollment of last year. The total enrollment this morning was 449 against 423 last year and of course the enrollment this year will be augmented considerably within the next ten days owing to a number of pupils not being ready to start this morning. Some of the rooms are pretty well crowded, but it is believed that temporary accommodations can be provided for all until the new high school building is completed about January 1st.

The corps of teachers this year is as follows: First B, Mrs. Wilbur; First A, Miss Sebolt; Second, Miss Alice McCormac; Third B, Miss Eddy; Third A, Miss Chapman; Fourth, Miss Stenholm; Fifth, Miss Landreth; Sixth, Mrs. Rood; Seventh, Miss Kathleen Bennett; Eighth, Miss Lyon.

Supt. Golden, Principal Ferguson and Miss Tiffany will have charge of the High School classes until the change is made to the new building when new instructors will probably be added.

### Traffic Law.

Parents are liable to arrest and punishment by fine and imprisonment if they do not send their children to school throughout the school year. The law was changed by the last legislature, and many do not know that it is much more drastic than it was formerly.

Parents guardians and others having control of children are charged with the duty of sending every child between the ages of 6 and 14, and all between 14 and 16 who are not regularly engaged in any useful employment, to school. Children who are physically unfit must exhibit to the truant officer a certificate of a competent physician.

The penalty imposed on parents for neglecting to send their children to school is a fine of \$5 to \$25; 2 to 10 days in the city or county jail, or both fine and jail sentence.

Teachers, principals and all school officers are charged by the new law under penalty of a fine, with reporting to the truant officer all information they have regarding any violation of the school law, and all cases of children who do not attend school. Teachers who fail to obey the law in these respects may be fined from \$5 to \$20 for each offense.

## KILLED THREE; HANGED TODAY

Albert Filey Pays For Triple Murder With His Life In Missouri.

(By Associated Press.) KINGSTON, Mo., Sept. 21.—Albert Filey, a triple murderer, was hanged here today. He killed his wife, his brother and his baby at their farm a year ago.

### BEEF FOR NAVY.

English War Department Places Contract For Meat.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 21.—The British War office has placed with a Chicago firm a large contract for American beef. The admiralty is negotiating to contract for the navy.

Read the Times' Want Ads.

## UNITE TO STAMP OUT THE PLAGUE

Constabulary Ordered Into Manila to Aid In Preventing Spread of Cholera—Public Meetings Ordered Discontinued.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, P. I., Sept. 21.—The civil commission has decided to order two hundred members of the constabulary into the city to assist the health inspectors in their campaign against the plague. It was decided to discourage gatherings of people and to refuse permits for fiestas or other celebrations.

## "BLUE LAWS" FOR PORTLAND

District Attorney Cameron Orders Police to Strictly Enforce Regulations and All Frivolity May Be Barred.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—District Attorney George J. Cameron has addressed a communication to the chief of police calling upon the latter to strictly enforce the Sunday closing laws beginning next Sunday.

## READING HOME IS DYNAMITED

Members of Joseph Gauster's Family Have Narrow Escape In Explosion.

(By Associated Press.) READING, Pa., Sept. 21.—The home of Joseph Gauster was partially destroyed by dynamite last night and the members of the family thrown out of bed but not injured. The shock was felt for blocks, and many windows were broken. Several weeks ago an anonymous letter of warning was received by him. The home police have had several under surveillance ever since. There is no clue.

### BRITISH CONSUL HERE.

James Laidlaw of Portland, Visits Coos Bay Today.

James Laidlaw, the British consul at Portland, arrived on the Alliance today to look over the Coos Bay country with a view of appointing a vice-consul for this section. Mr. Laidlaw was tired after his ocean trip down today. He will be entertained by J. W. Bennett and others while here.

### SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Myrtle Point Family Jar Adjusted by Parties Involved.

The Carter-Clinton case at Myrtle Point, which involved charges of assault as a result of a family jar, the two parties being related, has been adjusted out of court. It was referred to the grand jury by the Myrtle Point justice of the peace and was to have come up at this session of the circuit court at Coquille. It is understood that Mr. Carter agreed to pay the Clinton family \$250 if they would drop the charges and refuse to prosecute the case, and it is said that this was the basis on which it was settled.

### GET MENACING LETTERS.

Roseburg Business Men Accused of Violating Sunday Law.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 21.—That it is the belief of some parties that several Roseburg business men are not observing the Sunday-closing law recently put into effect in this city is evidenced by the fact that letters were received by several of the business men and proprietors of soft drink establishments this morning warning them to cease the violations of this law.

Beiser send this paper to a friend.

### GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVE.

Precautionary Steps Taken to Curb Plague.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—The government authorities are taking extraordinary precautions for suppressing the cholera outbreak in the Philippines and for preventing the spread of cholera to Russian ports where immigrants leave for this country. The Russian emigrants are to be detained at the port of departure for five days in accordance with the quarantine rules before leaving for this country.

Governor General Smith of the Philippines, reports thirty-five new cases in Manila up to 6 o'clock this afternoon. The cold rains may result in additional cases.

## HOOD RIVER APPLES SOLD

New York Firm Pays \$80,000 For Eighty Cars of Winter Fruit From There.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 21.—An apple sale involving in the neighborhood of \$90,000 took place when J. H. Steinhart, of the firm of Steinhart & Kelly, of New York City, contracted for 80 cars of winter varieties with the Hood River Apple-growers' Union.

The sale is said by Mr. Steinhart and officers of the union to be the biggest and most important one that has taken place on the coast this year and also to be the first outright sale of winter fruit that has been made in the Northwest for 1908. So far what few sales have been made have been on the consignment basis, and the shipments have been small ones.

The terms of the Hood River union's sale are f. o. b. net at Hood River and includes all the Newtown Pippins, Arkansas Blacks, Northern Spies, 4 1/2-tier Spitzenbergs, 4 1/2-tier Baldwins, five cars of 4-tier Baldwins and two cars of Jonathans.

## NEW AEROPLANE RECORD MADE

Wilbur Wright Remains In Air An Hour and a Half Today.

(By Associated Press.) LEMANS, France, Sept. 21.—Wilbur Wright in his aeroplane here today remained in the air one hour 31 minutes and 25 seconds. This is the world's record.

warning them to cease the violations of this law.

The letters were typewritten and signed "League." One of the letters had a picture of a jail drawn in one corner. The identity of the "League" is unknown, but a rigid investigation will be made, as some of the letters were very threatening in character.

PIANO STUDIO of Louis H. Boll, First Trust and Savings Bank building. Winter term now open.

## E. H. HARRIMAN'S EXPERT ON COOS BAY TO SECURE DATA

## HITCHCOCK TO KEEP PLACE

Chairman of Republican Campaign Not to Be Supplanted Despite Reports.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Stories to the effect that there has been a change or is to be a change in the management of the Republican national campaign appear to be without the slightest foundation. The Associated Press has caused inquiries made at every place that could be expected to supply reliable information on the subject, and it is declared that the campaign is being conducted along the lines originally planned, and that the program will be continued without alteration.

Apparently, the stories that there would be a change in the management of the campaign and that Hitchcock would be subordinate in authority although remaining nominally the head of the committee originated from the statement that Senator Crane would visit the western headquarters in this city and to the fact that he has been in communication with W. H. Taft at Cincinnati. The truth is that Crane came to Chicago at the request of Hitchcock to discuss the financial end of the campaign. Money is coming in slowly from the west and middle west. There has been considerable criticism that the campaign has not shown sufficient action. Hitchcock and his advisers have worked out a plan and say it would be ammunition wasted to make campaigns in states where the local quarrels have overshadowed the national campaign and it so happens in states that are regarded as doubtful that these conflicts were being carried on.

Hitchcock refuses to be ruffled by the criticism of his conduct of the campaign.

### WILL PUSH WORK.

Republicans Str Committee To Greater Activity.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 21.—It is reiterated here today that the calling of the executive and advisory committees of the Republican national committee into greater activity meant simply that the committees would arise to a greater amount of work to be done for which they were called into existence. Mr. Taft again emphasized that he has no criticism to make of Hitchcock, but regards the work done by the national chairman as efficient and effective.

## HEAVY FIRE LOSS IN PARIS

Several Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed In French Capital.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, France, Sept. 21.—Contrary to current reports, the post-office was not destroyed in the fire yesterday which consumed the central telephone building and adjoining property. The loss will amount to several million dollars.

Mrs. Elrod received a select line of ladies' cloaks and suits today. Ladies should call and see them before trying elsewhere.

Help your friend, lodge or school to win one of The Times voting contest prizes.

Col. W. H. Holabird Arrives to Secure Statistics On Probable Business.

WILL DETERMINE BUILDING OF LINE

Local Committee Will Aid In Gathering Information Needed For Report.

Col. W. H. Holabird of San Francisco, is on Coos Bay for the purpose of securing data on the probable freight business in and out of Coos Bay to furnish to E. H. Harriman who will use it to determine when he will build the Drain-Coos Bay line. Col. Holabird comes as Mr. Harriman's special representative, his visit being the result of the promise made by Mr. Harriman to Dr. E. Mingus, Col. Wm. Grimes and J. E. Oren, the Coos Bay committee who visited the magnate a few weeks ago. He will remain as long as is necessary to gather the data required.

This morning, as soon as Col. Holabird had presented his letter of introduction to Dr. E. Mingus, the statistical committee recently appointed by the Chamber of Commerce arranged to hasten the work of gathering the data required. This committee consists of Dr. E. Mingus, J. E. Oren, Col. Wm. Grimes, F. S. Dow, L. J. Simpson and Peter Loggie. They have arranged to engage assistance in gathering this data and Mr. Brown of Marshfield, and J. H. Diers of North Bend, who are pretty familiar with the resources of traffic around here, will at once begin to gather the data. At a meeting of the committee Friday night, it was decided to arrange to secure the services of Mr. Diers if possible. Mr. Reed of the Umpqua, has promised Peter Loggie to furnish data concerning the probable business of the lower Umpqua valley.

Of course, the data to be collected now by Col. Holabird will be merely as to the tonnage. As soon as these are secured, a freight rate expert will go over them and figure the business in dollars and cents and then the two reports of tonnage and freight receipts will be referred to Mr. Harriman who will pass on it. If he is satisfied that the income from the probable freight and passenger business will be sufficient to pay four per cent on the \$5,000,000 which he claims it will cost to construct the seventy-nine miles of road between Drain and Coos Bay, he will submit the matter to his board of directors and secure their sanction to ordering the construction of the line. This will probably take between two and three months.

While here, Col. Holabird will be the guest of C. J. Millis, the general manager of the local interests of E. H. Harriman.

### Send Out Sheets.

In order to make the data as accurate as possible, the committee has decided to furnish all business men in the Coos Bay country blanks on which to furnish the committee the figures showing their shipments for the past two years. The figures for the year from July 1906 to July 1907, will be kept separate from those for the shipments out and in from July 1907 to July 1908.

In addition to the figures on the shipments in the past, the report sheets contain blanks for the shippers to insert the names of towns or sections where they would be likely to do business by rail shipments and to estimate the additional business that railroad facilities would mean to them.

### FOREST FIRES OUT.

Conflagrations Are Finally Got Under Control.

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Maine, Sept. 21.—Practically all the forest fires in the state are under control. The damage will run far into the thousands. So far as known, no lives were lost.

WHEAT, oats and barley at Haines