

CHARTER RATES CONTINUE DULL

Likely to Go Still Lower at San Francisco Because of Expected Surplus of Ships Says L. Foard.

More Than 100 Colliers en Route to the Bay City from Australia—The Bounty Helps Frenchmen.

L. Foard, of the ship-chandlery firm of Lewis, Anderson & Co., of San Francisco, arrived in Portland this morning. Mr. Foard is interested in several sailing vessels engaged in the wheat trade between the Bay City and foreign ports.

"The outlook for shipowners this year," says Mr. Foard, "is discouraging in the extreme. Freight rates are down to a low mark, and the indications are that they will continue to decline for some time to come. From Australia alone there are en route to San Francisco at least 100 ships with coal from Newcastle. When they arrive there will be fierce competition for outward cargoes, which will surely result in the establishing of rates ruinous to the owners."

"At present there are now in San Francisco between 20 and 30 vessels on the disengaged list. Several of them have been there for the past six months, their owners refusing to charter at the rates now offered, which are about 15c to the United Kingdom. Some of the Frenchmen in port have accepted offers as low as 12c, and consider that they have made a good bargain when they get 15c. The bounty given them by their government makes it possible for them to realize profits at these rates, but British and German vessel-owners, who have to depend altogether upon their own resources, suffer."

"The reason that so many colliers are en route to the Pacific Coast from Australia is because the duty has been removed from coal imported into this country. It will insure a great amount of tonnage here to handle the new-crop wheat, but vessel-owners will have to make up their minds that they are not going to realize any profits this year."

Mr. Foard is accompanied by George Tyrol, who is chief clerk in the Assessor's office at San Francisco. After remaining in Portland for a few days they will make a visit to towns on Puget Sound.

Favor Smith and White.
"It would make no difference to me," says A. Tucker, general manager of the firm of Meyer, Wilson & Co., grain exporters, whether there were two or 40 sailor boarding-houses in Portland. I do not think the Commission had any right to refuse to issue a license to White & Smith on the grounds stated. By making application and showing that they could equip a house with the proper accommodations I think they should have been given a license, and any plying in the matter whatever."

The America Disabled.
By the breaking of a shaft the river steamer America, en route to Portland from St. Helena, was disabled at the Copeland's Landing early this morning. A boat will be sent from Portland to tow the America into port.

Marine Notes.
The lighthouse-tender Heather came up to Portland this morning from Astoria for supplies.

The coast liner Alliance sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Portland with a cargo of general merchandise and shingles.

The Columbia sailed at 11 o'clock last night for San Francisco.

Word has been received by the local office that the Oriental liner Indravelli left Yokohama August 4 for Portland. She is bringing 2,900 tons of goods and is expected to arrive here about August 25.

WILD LOCOMOTIVE KILLS A JAPANESE

(Journal Special Service.)
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 6.—One Japanese was killed and five others injured on the Santa Fe road this morning. An unattended locomotive ran into a section gang and the men, being caught without warning, were tossed all over the right-of-way.

BIG TIMBER DEAL

(Journal Special Service.)
BEND, Or., Aug. 6.—Twelve thousand and eight hundred acres of yellow pine timber, lying along the Walker range in Klamath and Lake Counties, were sold last week by individual holders to C. W. Cusick & Co., of Albany. The purchase price was \$45,000, or \$500 per quarter section. It is estimated that the tract will cut something in excess of 160,000,000 feet of yellow and sugar pine.

Most of this timber has been owned by private individuals for a year or more and 12 months ago it was said that the standing value was \$1,500 per quarter section. It is generally conceded that the price paid by the Albany firm is far beneath the present value of the tract, but those who held claims in the vicinity of the first purchases disapproved of them because the belief is prevalent that no higher price will be paid for timber in that region during the next few years, or until a railroad movement is decided upon.

TRIPS YOU'LL REMEMBER

Along the Columbia to The Dalles and to Ilwaco on the Potter.

Visitors to Portland have two trips that are memorable along the Columbia from Portland to The Dalles, and down the Columbia to Astoria and Ilwaco. The beauties of the Upper Columbia are best seen from the O. R. & N. Company's "Chicago-Potter Special," which leaves the Union S. on every forenoon at 9:20, arriving at the Dalles at 12:35 (noon). Returning, the train leaves The Dalles at 1 p. m., arriving at Portland at 4:30 p. m. If desired, return from The Dalles can be made by boat. The palatial O. R. & N. river steamer leaves Portland daily (except Sunday and Monday) for Astoria and North Beach, the popular North Pacific Coast resort. For particulars, about these and other delightful trips out of Portland ask at the O. R. & N. City Ticket Office, Third and Washington streets.



Judge Alton Brooks Parker and Judge Warner taking their daily ride. From a photograph taken in Albany, N. Y. Chief Justice Parker is on the reader's left.

Chief Judge Alton Brooks Parker is noted for his rugged good health, his untiring energy and his ability to resist fatigue. The duties of his important office as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals impose hours of labor over books, which means close confinement. Born on a farm at Cortland, N. Y., raised in the country and being himself a farmer at Esopus on the Hudson, the Chief Judge loves fresh air. Soon after his election to the greatest prize to be won in the profession of the law in his state, he was compelled to reside in Albany, and he determined to snatch a breath of fresh air every morning. Rain or shine, Chief Judge Parker is to be seen riding his Virginia hunter at Albany, sometimes alone, more frequently with an associate Judge. On Friday evenings he returns to his farm and remains over Sunday, laying out work for the coming week and noting the progress made during his absence. Chief Judge Parker is a breeder of red poll cattle. They are large, deep red and have no horns. His herd of about 30 is now famous in the state.

ELECTED DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION

Electrical Workers Will Meet at Salt Lake—Linemen Strike News.

W. R. Heals will represent the Portland Electrical Workers at the annual convention of the international union, which will be held at Salt Lake on September 8, he having been elected as a delegate at a meeting of the local organization held last night. Mr. Heals is chairman of the striking telephone linemen's executive board in this city and has been practically conducting the local end of the strike since its inauguration.

Representatives of the local union seem confident that a settlement of the difficulty will be effected before the expiration of the present week. That matter, however, lies altogether in the hands of the officials of the Western Conference at San Francisco. The local men are being daily apprised of the situation, and they state that recent developments indicate an early settlement, largely in favor of their contentions. Recently, they explain, the company officials have expressed a willingness to meet the men and negotiate for peace.

"Our latest advice," the strikers aver, "are to the effect that the company is willing to meet us and arrange a satisfactory scale of wages and adjust the hour question. About the only sticking point now encountered is regarding the disposition to be made of the non-unionists who have taken our places. If this matter can be amicably adjusted the strike is likely to be declared off at any minute."

MABEL M'KINLEY QUITS THE STAGE

(Journal Special Service.)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—Owing to the objections of her father and husband, the career of Mabel McKinley on the vaudeville stage ended Sunday night. She has gone visiting in the southern part of the state and will then return East. She is the niece of the late President William McKinley and went on the stage several months ago, singing on crutches.

MURDERER WANTS TO BE REWARDED

(Journal Special Service.)
VIENNA, Aug. 6.—Advices are that a number of Servian officers have been arrested at Belgrade, suspected of plotting to assassinate the Minister of War because the latter prevented the advancement of participants in the assassination of Alexander and Draga.

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FRENCH REBELS WOULD KILL ALL

Planned to Explode Powder Magazine and Destroy Soldiers Sent to Quell Disorderly Strikers.

Insurgents Demand that Two Judges Be Removed Because They Sent Offenders to Federal Prisons.

(Journal Special Service.)
PARIS, Aug. 6.—A dispatch to the department from Mordham says the authorities there have discovered an anarchistic plot to blow up the powder magazines of the strong garrisons which had been placed there. The revolutionists demand the dismissal of two judges because the latter sentenced disorderly strikers to imprisonment in the federal prison.

VETERAN OF INDIAN WAR WANTS HIS PAY

Alternative Writ of Mandamus Issued Against the Secretary of State.

A suit for an alternative writ of mandamus was filed in the State Circuit Court this morning by J. R. Boyd to compel Secretary of State Dunbar to pay him \$129.50, which he alleges is due him for services performed during the Indian campaign of 1855-6. The sum of \$226 was due the plaintiff, and of this amount he received \$96.50 from the general Government. The state government has refused to pay the remaining sum on the ground, it is understood, that the fund appropriated for the payment of the veterans is exhausted. The writ is made returnable next Wednesday, and ex-County Judge J. C. Moreland, who appears for the plaintiff, believes the representatives of the state will appear on that day.

Sparks lodging in a pile of shavings in the Standard Box Factory at the east end of the Morrison street bridge caused a slight blaze last night but no damage was done.

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Parker affable and courteous as of old, but wonderfully adroit in turning leading questions off onto discussions about weather, crops and the charms of judicial life. In fact, no man seems to be less interested in politics than this self-made farmer and lawyer.

BULLETIN ISSUED ON STOCK OUTLOOK

Livestock Association Says Coming Oregon Wool Clip Will Be Large.

A loss of 4 per cent on cattle and 10 per cent on sheep owing to a dry summer and fall last year, very little if any snow in the mountains during the winter and a backward spring, is the statement just issued from the headquarters of the National Livestock Association at Denver, regarding Oregon. The bulletin further states that the late "half crop" is placed at 90 per cent and the lamb crop at 85. "Home feeding is rapidly increasing and a good per cent of the production is matured at home."

It says, "The number of cattle in the state is estimated at 750,000. The sheep are placed at 4,000,000. The heaviest percentage in the next lamb crop is expected to be in Eastern Oregon. The report says the wool clip will be over the average."

The next annual meeting of the National Association will be held in Portland in January, 1904, the special rates over the railroads having already been announced. Of the forestry reserve laws and the complaints of the stock shippers, the bulletin says:

Forestry Reserve Laws.
"The National Association has taken up the matter of rectifying the evils of the present forestry reserve laws. In this matter the association wants the aid of the entire industry. It wants every stockman interested in detailed complaints or grievance regarding the operations of the law in the various districts, and forward them to the head office at the earliest possible date."

"The stock-shippers have had more grievances against transportation companies for delay in moving stock and the supply of cars, entailing a great expense, than any other class of shippers. There is a bill now before Congress to compel the railroads to haul livestock at a speed of not less than 20 miles an hour and the association is lending its support to this measure. All persons interested who have grievances along these lines are requested to forward them to the Denver office at once."

GROUSE OPEN SEASON

The publication of the statement that the season for shooting grouse opened August 1 throughout the state was a mistake. While the season does open at that time in Wasco County, the majority of the counties have the open season begin October 1, which is 15 days earlier than was permitted under the old law.

FIRE LOSS \$75,000

(Journal Special Service.)
PORT SCOTT, Kan., Aug. 6.—Fire in the Hardison block this morning entailed a loss of \$75,000. The Scottish Rite Masons were the heaviest losers.

WILL PRESS THEIR CASES AGAINST STOREY

One of the Young Men Was Dragged from His Work and Thrown in Jail Without Any Indication of Evidence—He Was Never Arrested Before.

Attorney Pague is busily engaged drawing the papers in the suit for damages against Sheriff Storey for the false arrest and imprisonment of the young men he claims had held up the Bellwood car, and who were yesterday dismissed by Judge Hogue, owing to the fact that there was no evidence produced against them.

One of the men whom Sheriff Storey had taken into custody and confined in the county jail without permitting him to communicate with friends or attorney was Ira Lauder. That young man was arrested at The Dalles without even being informed upon what charge he was being taken into custody. Had he been informed at the time just why he was wanted he could have placed Sheriff Storey in a much more convenient position than he occupies today. At the time of his arrest, young Lauder was working on one of The Dalles boats, and could have convinced the over-officious officer that he was not in the City of Portland or anywhere near it at the time the Bellwood car was held up. Had Sheriff Storey permitted him to make any statement he could have shown right at the time that he was on the boat at The Dalles the night of the crime.

Lauder's Statement.
Lauder was seen today and said: "He took me right past the purser's office without even telling me, with what I had been charged. Had he acted

square he could have learned at that moment from the purser himself and every officer aboard the boat just where I was when the car was held up. I intend to base an additional portion of my claim for damages upon the fact that he is said to have given out the information that I had served a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary. That is a deliberate lie. I was never arrested in my life before. There was no reason whatever of placing me under arrest on such a serious charge. I most assuredly intend to push my claim for damages, as it is a matter of injury that is not easily rectified."

"It is a pretty hard thing that a free-born American citizen can be taken from his work and thrown into solitary confinement in a filthy jail and be compelled to submit to the indignities of a blundering official may desire to inflict. When the matter comes into court I will be able to show that Sheriff Storey not only made a criminal mistake, but treated other prisoners, as well as myself, with the least regard for decency and humanity."

Attorney Pague expects to have the papers completed within the next few days, and will press the case to a finish. According to the evidence, Mr. Pague claims he will produce, Sheriff Storey and his bondsmen will have to put up an extremely strong defense to get out of paying the amount of damages which will be asked.

IRRIGATION DITCH GROWING RAPIDLY

Columbia Southern Company Is Rushing Work to the Utmost Possible Limit.

BEND, Or., Aug. 6.—Construction work on the main canal of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company's project in the Tumello Basin has been completed to a point 16 miles from the head gates. This brings water upon the upper portion of the company's segregation and to the controlling point of the vast scope of sagebrush territory which is soon to be reclaimed. It is expected that the main canal will be completed by October 1, when construction will begin on the laterals. Work is being pushed to the limit, and it is probable that the greater front on an irrigation basis. Two years ago the falls, which have a sheer drop of 21 feet, served as an ideal watering spot for the range stock. A high, grassy plateau surmounting the river at this point to the west and north afforded the best of pasture, but the productive qualities of the soil had never been put to a test, inasmuch as water was needed to irrigate, and the expense attached to fluming through the canyons of the Deschutes was too great and the undertaking altogether of too large proportions for the agriculturally inclined of Crook County to shoulder.

In the summer of 1901 the falls and some 3,000 acres of land adjacent were purchased by A. E. Hammond and two associates. A turbine wheel and ram were placed in operation at the lower side of the falls and with the 150-horsepower generated a sufficient quantity of water was raised to the plateau for irrigation purposes. Last year an alfalfa crop was given a good start, and a yield of three tons to the acre this season will fall considerably short of expectations. From a light, sandy character of the soil has taken on a depth of color akin to black loam, and in this dress its productive qualities are more readily recognized.

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DECISION GIVEN IN FAMOUS CASE

Stockholders in Celebrated Columbia Celebration Company Held Liable for Debts of Concern.

Matter Has Been Before the Chicago Courts Ever Since the World's Fair in 1893—Prominents Concerned.

(Journal Special Service.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Judge Tailey today rendered a decision making 100 defendants liable for the amounts of their subscription to the famous World's Fair bubble, the Columbia Celebration Company.

Steele Mackaye, a theatrical promoter, formulated the plan designed to have a monster spectacular show during the Chicago Fair. The scheme fell through and the investors lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The assets of the company were \$50,000 and the bonded indebtedness is \$800,000. The stock is held by 100 prominent men and many small investors.

Today's decision is on a suit brought by the Buda Foundry for \$8,000 and the decision is practically a judgment against the stockholders, the largest of whom is George M. Pullman, holding \$50,000; Lyman J. Gage, \$10,000; ex-Commissioner of Patents, Butterworth, \$5,000; Murray Nelson, \$10,000; C. B. Shedd, \$25,000; John Cudahy, \$10,000, and numerous other prominent men \$5,000 each.

The case has been in the court ever since the World's Fair.

IMPROVING THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Money Appropriated by Last Legislature Fast Being Used by Board.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 6.—The University of Oregon campus presents a busy appearance to the visitor. The money the last State Legislature appropriated for improvements in the buildings is being rapidly put to use under the management of skilled mechanics. Thousands of dollars in improvements have gone into the work since the close of this school year in June. More will be expended right along until the plans of the president and the board of regents are realized.

The university dormitory, which has been closed two years, has been remodeled, paper hung on the walls and fixtures put in place which will make the place a model hotel for the male students. About 70 students can be accommodated at the dormitory.

Water System Improved.
The water system has been improved by a new well, which has been sunk to an immense depth, 3560 feet, and will supply drinking water for the entire campus. A reservoir has been constructed which will make fire protection, something that the university has been sadly in need of, a thing in fact.

Deady Hall is being overhauled and new furniture placed in the old recitation rooms. The new scientific building, completed in time for some use last winter, is now ready and equipped with the most elaborate, costly and useful apparatus for the instruction of the youth in polytechnics. Villard Hall has not been without the touch of the repairman and improver. New coats of paint make the building a new looking structure.

President Campbell is busy answering the letters from the prospective students and arranging his manifold plans for the coming year. The plans, he informs us, will include several important changes in the administration of affairs at the University. Registrar J. Arthur Gamber is also busy with correspondence. Everything points to a large attendance this fall and to a successful commencement of the new school year.

Argentine Grain Shipment.
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Argentine grain shipments were:

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