

PORT BANK RAPS FERTILE REGION

New Railroad Opening Up One of the Richest Agricultural Districts.

COUNTRY IS TRIBUTARY TO PORTLAND JOBBERS

Crops of Melons Yield Hundred Dollars an Acre—Corn Grows to Height of Eighteen Feet With Fourteen-Inch Ears.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prosser, Wash., Jan. 4.—A new district, which will be directly tributary to Portland when the north bank roads are completed, is fast being settled and by the time the roads are open for travel this section will be among the most productive in Washington. It is doubtful if any section of the northwest is showing such development as this district. Land that was a sagebrush desert two years ago is now producing crops that would be considered phenomenal in any other portion of the United States. Surprises are met at every turn, until the inhabitants of this district are ready to believe that their land will produce any crop grown in the United States, and the yield will be far in excess of almost any other section.

Probably few districts in the west have developed so quickly and so surprisingly as the Yakima valley. What had long been considered one of the most desolate sagebrush deserts in the United States, with no hope of being made fertile, has been converted into a garden spot, producing every crop common to the northern and southern states, and the crops yield better than in almost any other section. One watermelon field there produced more than \$100 an acre net profit last year, although the melons were planted late in the season, and then merely as "side issues" to a young cherry orchard planted earlier in the season.

Money from Melons.
Two years ago The Journal correspondent drove over this field in company with C. W. Nessly. The land was then a desolate sagebrush desert, but the ditch, which runs 10 miles to the northwest, was being completed and the land had been sold and the purchaser was beginning to grub out the sagebrush. In 1904, during that year the land was cleared, plowed, leveled off and the water turned on. Last spring the owner, Nelson Rich, postmaster at Prosser, planted 100 melons and the season was well advanced, some one suggested that a crop of watermelons might be grown between the rows of melons. The watermelon crop enough ready cash to pay for the land and all expense of clearing and placing it under cultivation.

To the west of Prosser, a distance of six miles, at the station of Byron, in the Riverdale section, great improvements are being made and a thriving town will soon be built. The Northern Pacific has been building a great warehouse, sites for four big grain warehouses and the sidetrack now there is to be lengthened and extensive yards built. It is just this townsite that the sagebrush road from the Howe, Blaine and Glade districts finds its easiest descent into the valley, and it is thought that this will become the greatest wheat shipping point between the mountains and the Columbia river.

Prospects for Wheat.
The certainty that this town is to be built and shipping facilities given has resulted in the cultivation of large tracts of land to the south of Byron, which are now in their first crop. One man has planted 2,400 acres of wheat on new land this fall and has a fine prospect for a big crop. It is estimated that 16,000 acres of new land, directly tributary to Byron, will produce its first crop next summer, and that more than twice that number of acres will be broken next spring. Theo. T. Davis, formerly proprietor of the Palace hotel at Millmeyer, has bought 100 acres of land on a section of land he owns in this district and is having the entire tract placed in cultivation. He will have it all in grain next year. This "only one" of samples of what is being done toward developing this section. As the haul by rail from here to Portland will be down a water grade when the new roads are finished, there is no doubt that every bushel of this wheat and all other products of this section will find a market in Portland, and that the supplies for this section

There is today a crying need of a reformation in the treatment of the body. The basis of this reformation is to be found in the thesis of Dr. E. V. Pierce: "Diseases which originate in the stomach must be cured through the stomach."

In the forty odd years of Dr. Pierce's experience as chief consulting physician to the Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., he has treated more than half a million people, with a record of ninety-eight cures in every hundred. The theory held by Dr. Pierce that the stomach is the chief breeding place of disease, is abundantly borne out by the success of his treatment which is addressed primarily to the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

No other medicine acts so powerfully on the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Men and women afflicted with indigestion, flatulence, dizziness, spots before the eyes, "liver pains," and similar ailments have been promptly and perfectly cured by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

will come from there instead of being hauled over the mountains from Tacoma or Seattle. One of the proprietors of the Byron townsite said to The Journal correspondent:

"Every pound of freight, except coal, used in this section will be brought from Portland, and all of the products of this district will be sold in Portland when the north bank roads are completed. It will place us practically at Portland's doors and the Oregon metropolis is bound to become the market for all of central Washington. If you will notice the conditions at Pasco you will readily see that the old method of hauling the freight over the mountains to the sound cities cannot longer be followed. There are more miles of sidetrack at Pasco than at Seattle, and every foot of the track is filled with cars of freight which are held there because they cannot be transported in either direction. Pasco being at the lowest altitude of any point on the Northern Pacific it is down grade to that point from both the east and the west. Heavier trains can be hauled to Pasco than out of there, for it is up grade from there in either direction. As business is increasing on the Northern Pacific more rapidly than the facilities for handling freight can be increased, there is a constant increase in the number of cars brought to Pasco and held there until they can be transported both east and west. When the road is completed down the river to Portland this will be remedied and thousands of carloads of produce will go down the river instead of over the mountains and practically all of our supplies will come up the river instead of over the mountains and through the tunnel."

Eighteen-Foot Corn.
J. Gillette on his irrigated farm near Byron has grown corn that stands 18 feet high and has ears 14 inches in length. The lowest ear is 8 feet from the ground and the highest is 13 feet 6 inches from the roots of the stalk on which it grew. The corn is of the Yellow Dent variety, and matured as well as corn grown in the states of the Mississippi valley. Up to date there has been no demand for fodder for feed as the season has been so open; cattle are still living on the green grass and alfalfa fields. It is estimated this corn will yield at least 100 bushels an acre. This effectively disproves the old claim that corn cannot be successfully grown in this section. This corn was grown on irrigated land. Mr. Gillette has a young orchard which netted him more than \$100 an acre this year, although the crop was light. General Cavanaugh, who secured this sample of corn, said to The Journal correspondent:

"I was passing along the road when I noticed this corn and secured a number of stalks for samples. I could have secured better samples if I had searched the field. I believe they were cutting and stacking the corn and were making shocks from eight hills square. In Iowa we always made our shocks from 16 hills square. This field yielded just four times as many shocks as we got in Iowa from the same area of land, and the shocks were equally as large in diameter as the average in eastern states while the corn is the tallest I ever saw, with the single exception of a stalk grown in Kansas which I saw at the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, which took the prize. That stalk was 20 feet high. I believe there are stalks in this field fully that high, but I did not take the time or trouble to hunt for any larger than these, which are good enough to prove that this is a wonderful country for corn, as well as all other crops."

MR. LONG EAR FLEES WITH MRS. CROOKED ARM

Elopement of Crow Indian With Handsome Young Wife of Another Causes Trouble.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Crow Agency, Mont., Jan. 6.—News of an elopement here on Tuesday of two full-blooded Crow Indians has caused great excitement in the Crow Indian nation. Ben Long Ear, son-in-law of Chief Big Medicine, and Mrs. Crooked Arm, the handsome young squaw wife of Mr. Crooked Arm, are the eloping parties. Both were graduates of Carlisle, and, up to the present time have been in high standing with government officials, their society and their people. Mrs. Crooked Arm, before leaving her husband, made a careful search for the same article she had in a secret place, finding \$300, but overlooked several hundred dollars which he had realized from the recent sale of ponies, also taking their 15-month-old papoose.

While Crooked Arm is heartbroken over the desertion of his wife, he longs and asks for the return of his papoose, which he says, "Sometime papoose makes bear big chief. Long Ear's love for the young and handsome Mrs. Crooked Arm, has been openly known for a long time, it dating back to their college days at Carlisle, and being a piece of Indian scandal. Long Ear leaves a weeping young wife behind. The Indian police have been scouring the reservation in all directions, but up to this time have found no trace of the elopers.

SHINGLE WEAVERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Abbotsford, Wash., Jan. 6.—The shingle weavers' convention closed yesterday evening after a successful meeting in which all grievances and differences were satisfactorily adjusted, the proposed eight-hour day was emphatically endorsed and congratulations sent the typographical union for its efforts to better conditions.

Officers elected for next year were: President, Joseph O. Bolger, Marinette, Wisconsin; first vice-president, William Malloy, Blaine, Washington; second vice-president, left open for eastern district to elect; third vice-president, Frank L. Martin, Bureka, California; delegate to the convention of the Federation of Labor, J. G. Brown, Hoquiam; alternate, D. J. Newham; secretary and treasurer, J. E. Campbell, Everett, Washington.

A strong resolution was adopted to be presented to the next meeting of the state legislature favoring the protection of timber.

Bridge Contract Awarded.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 6.—The Lewis county commissioners yesterday awarded a contract for a bridge across the main Tilton river, near Brumer post-office, to V. E. Barnett and Ernest Cooper. The price is \$487, with 37 feet for approaches.

TORRENTELS WELLS FIFTH AVENUE

Water From Broken Main Converts Thoroughfare into Whirling, Surging River.

FLOOD CREATES PANIC AMONG THEATRE-GOERS

Pavements Undermined and Forced Up, Horses Stampeded, Basements Flooded, While Damage Will Reach Large Sum.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Jan. 4.—Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water rushed down Fifth avenue from Forty-fourth street to Thirty-first street for nearly four hours last night, converting the street into a whirling, surging river. The torrent was caused by a break in the 48-inch water main on the west side of Fifth avenue, directly in front of the Waldorf-Astoria. The flood created a panic among the big crowd of theatre-goers and diners who thronged that section of the city.

The water undermined the street, forcing the asphalt pavement three feet above its normal level, and started a stampede of horses and rushed over the curbs on to the sidewalks, forced its way into the cellars and basements of stores and created havoc generally. When the cataclysm of water was at its highest men in evening clothes could be seen carrying women through the water in the street, wading knee deep in the torrent.

The Waldorf-Astoria's sub-basements were flooded. The damage is heavy.

\$4,000,000 AND A TITLE AWAIT VON GRUNEWALD

German Mining Engineer Sought for Brother—Sees Name in Local Newspaper.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Jan. 6.—A title and a \$4,000,000 estate await Louis von Grunewald of Germany if he is still among the living. A search is being prosecuted on the Pacific coast for the missing heir by his brother, Heinrich von Grunewald, who arrived several days ago.

Louis von Grunewald was a mining engineer and surveyor, and was last heard of in this city 14 years ago. Last April Baron Ludwig von Grunewald died at Dresden, leaving an estate in Bavaria. Louis von Grunewald was the eldest son.

A strange chance has given into the hands of Heinrich von Grunewald a clue that makes him firm in the belief that his brother is still alive. In this city von Grunewald saw the name of his brother in a local newspaper, which covered the bottom of a bureau drawer in apartments occupied by von Grunewald.

In opening the drawer his eye chanced on the name "Louis von Grunewald." He read the following item:

"Louis von Grunewald has arrived in the city from Nevada, where he has been attending his mining interests." The paper is dated 1904.

SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF WHITMAN GLEE CLUB

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Whitman College, Walla, Walla, Wash., Jan. 6.—During the Christmas holidays the Men's Glee club made a very successful tour to Oregon and southern Idaho including concerts at Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Union and Welser. The club reports a very pleasant trip, being delightfully entertained at all the towns it visited and being greeted by crowded and enthusiastic houses. This week the members expect to go to College Place and give a concert after which the season will be closed next week by the grand final concert in Walla Walla. In this both the girls and boys' glee clubs will join. The concert and program of the glee club is far better this year than ever before, due largely to the careful training of Professor Fischer, director of the club, and of Miss Merrell, who aided very materially in the success of the dramatic portion. The following compose the club: First tenors, Calvin Thomson, president, and Aras Willis; second tenors, Lester Livengood, Howard Cox and Frank Ryans; first bass, Roy Wolfe and Ira Camp; Heber Ryan, manager; second bass, Carl Helm, Rufus Coleman and Fred Clementz.

EARLY HEARING ON RATE MATTERS EXPECTED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 6.—It is expected that at an early date the new men of Chehalis who originated the complaint against the excessive increase in Northern Pacific freight rates which the company inaugurated here last summer, will be requested by the state railroad commission to arrange their case for a hearing of the complaint. It is possible that in view of the opinion of Attorney-General Atkinson, made a few days ago, the commission will take up as a result of the complaint the matter of fixing new rates for the entire state.

INDIAN HANGED FOR STABBING A NATIVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—An Indian named Wild Alex was hanged at Kamloops yesterday. The execution was carried out by Government hangman Randall. The crime for which the man paid the death penalty was the murder of a fellow Indian. The man had a disagreement at an Indian celebration and Wild Alex stabbed his fellow tribesman.

Meat Dealer Acquitted.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 6.—Sheriff J. M. Rader of Jacksonville, Oregon, is for home today, Governor Mead having denied the requisition of Governor Chamberlain for George Barnett of this city, who was wanted at Medford, Oregon, for larceny from a shop.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING



Brilliant Banquet Given by Eilers Piano House to Their Employees at the Commercial Club, New Year's Afternoon. Flashlight by Kiser Photo Co.

Christmas morning dawned with pleasure to the many employees of Eilers Piano House, the popular piano and organ dealers, for each and every employee of the firm according to established custom was remembered in the form of a substantial check with the compliments of the house.

The Christmas surprise, however, was turned to real astonishment on New Year's afternoon when the eyes of the employees of the House of Eilers, managers, salesmen, drymen, tuners, etc., gathered for the fact that nearly six hours were consumed with every one present interested to the last moment.

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The tables were beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers, the centerpiece consisting of an exquisite floral design of an upright piano. An elaborate menu was served and about 70 employees from every section of the northwest availed themselves of their employers' courtesy.

The affair proved the most intensely interesting gathering ever held in the halls of the Commercial club, as may be gathered from the fact that nearly six hours were consumed with every one present interested to the last moment.

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episodes being related which caused much mirth and proved thoroughly enjoyable. The history of the house was well presented by Mr. S. J. McCormick, the vice-president, whose figures showing the growth of annual sales from \$119,000 in 1899 to over \$1,500,000 in 1905, were truly significant.

The financial end of it was ably presented by A. H. Eilers, secretary-treasurer, and showed the House of Eilers to be a high and sound financial basis. Another interesting talk was given by Mr. H. Eilers, president. He thanked each and every employee most heartily for their work and support during the past

year, and in a few well-directed remarks stated that there was abundant room at the top of the ladder for capable men and women, and advanced some logical advice how to attain that desired pinnacle. Other interesting toasts were responded to by J. M. Foley, the oldest employe; A. Mazzocco, F. T. Bourgeois, G. A. Hoffmann, C. W. Simon and many other employes and not the least interesting was the talk of Miss Meta Levy on the "Trials of the Stenographer." In addition numerous telegrams were read, sent by Eilers Piano House representatives throughout the west conveying the season's greetings.

By the end of 1907 the port of Hamburg will possess the greatest floating dock in the world. It is now under construction at Hamburg and is to have an accommodation capacity of 16,000 tons. Its length will be 530 feet.

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CONSUMPTION THREATENED
C. Unger, 211 Maple St., Champaign, Ill., writes: "I was troubled with a hacking cough for a year and I thought I had consumption. I tried a great many remedies and I was under the care of physicians for several months. I used one bottle of FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. It cured me, and I have not been troubled since."

HAD BRONCHITIS FOR TWENTY YEARS AND THOUGHT HE WAS INCURABLE
Henry Livingston, Babylon, N. Y., writes: "I had been a sufferer with Bronchitis for twenty years and tried a great many with poor results. I used FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR and I was cured."

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