

# BOOST LINE TO PANAMA

## Freight Figures From This Port Requested by Government—Will Surprise Officials in Washington—National Route Probable.

A national steamship line, giving Portland a direct and rapid transportation route via the Panama railway to Atlantic coast ports, is becoming a strong probability. Facts and figures in detail regarding the tonnage such a line will receive were today forwarded by the Portland chamber of commerce by request to Joseph L. Bristol, special commissioner from the president of the United States, under whose directions the project has been placed. The Portland figures have been compiled with great care and labor by T. Van Heekeren, the secretary of the transportation committee of the chamber, assisted by other officials, and are said to be complete and accurate. The compilation has required more than a month's time and covers every kind of shipment of products of Oregon. It is believed the showing made will practically settle the question in favor of a government steamship line of modern type, substantially equal to those of Panama, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. The government has asked San Francisco and Seattle to submit statements showing the tonnage that would be available for such a line from those ports.

That the project has reached a stage close to final decision is certain. A few days ago the Portland chamber of commerce received an inquiry from Mr. Brewster's department asking for exact and detailed figures concerning the rental of a good dock on the Portland waterfront, cost of fuel, port charges and similar data. Secretary Van Heekeren's statement is based on an actual canvass of all shippers in this port, and the results averaged with reports made in previous years. He has given a report that is said to be both conservative and accurate, but it is so favorable to this city that it is expected to occasion much surprise in government quarters, where the tendency heretofore has been to minimize this port as a point of origin of freight shipments.

The statement shows that Portland originates an average of 160,000 bales of hops annually, 400 cars of green fruits, 600 cars of prunes, 300 cars of canned goods, 750 tons of hides. **No Ships From Portland.** "All this tonnage excepting the green fruits—wheat, etc.—via the Panama route. If there were proper facilities and inducement," Secretary Van Heekeren said. "The average time now by the trans-continental railroads to carry freight from Portland to Boston, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia is two to three weeks. The reason the freight is now going via the water route and the Panama railroad is that there is no vessel running from Panama to Portland." "The freight if shipped by that route at the present time would have to pay the local rate from Portland to San Francisco by ship, and there be transferred, and pay another local to Panama. The loss of time, and cost of transfer now makes the route impracticable." "If a regular steamer line were put in with a rate practically 50 per cent lower than by rail, and this rate retained in a similar ratio against any cut made by the railroads, practically all the productions of the Pacific coast states would go to the Atlantic seaboard by the Panama route."

# CHINAMAN NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE

Is Chin Hee dead? Yes, is he? Any way, old Chin is in a bad way—Judge Wolverson, in the United States federal court this morning ordered his deportation. In the court yesterday afternoon Charles F. Lord informed the judge that the Chinaman was dead. However, counsel for the "deceased" didn't produce any evidence to verify these facts. Consequently Judge Wolverson ordered the deportation of Chin Hee this morning.

Old Chin Hee was arrested at the passenger station several months ago, on the charge that he had violated the exclusion laws of this country. He secured bondsmen and was released. Now it is said that he is dead. "Chin's bondsmen will have to forfeit their money or produce evidence in court to prove that the Chinaman is dead," says Assistant United States District Attorney James Cole. "And so it stands—Chin Hee has to be dead, forfeit his bond or get out of the country."

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## Legal Documents Accumulate in Court House at Rate of 100 Daily.

County Clerk Fields may lift the embargo on the filing of deeds, mortgages and other legal instruments within the next few days, even though the holidays continue. He stated this morning that he has decided to ask the advice of the district attorney and attorney-general of the state, and if they may that the filing of such instruments is legal he will accept them. One of the leading abstract attorneys of the city told the clerk that he has carefully examined the law and reached the conclusion that the filing of deeds and mortgages is valid on a legal holiday. Mr. Fields realized the accumulation of business is piling up and has no desire to impede the usual course of business if he has the right to let down the bars. He will not take this step unless he is fortified by the opinions of the district attorney and the attorney-general, and these may not be forthcoming for several days. Ordinarily about 100 instruments are filed each day in the office of the county clerk, and at this rate, this being the eighth holiday, there would be 800 documents awaiting filing. Probably the number actually is not so large, as the holiday season has lessened the amount of business.

# RESUME FEDERAL CASES NOVEMBER 18

## Jury Drawn for Civil Trials in United States Circuit Court.

Judge Wolverson will call the docket for the November term in the civil cases which are to come before the United States circuit court at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. The trials of the cases will be resumed November 18. During the October term of court all of the pending criminal cases were disposed of with the exception of the sentencing of Claud Eggleston, Archie Turnbull and Louis Gilbride, connected with the Soerwine county robbery. The trial jury selected and which was ordered to report at 2 p. m. Monday, November 18, is as follows: J. J. LeKlanis, farmer, Summerville, Union county; Canfield Marsh, farmer, Salem, Marion county; J. C. French, farmer, Dufur, Wasco county; W. G. O'Dell, farmer, Wrentham, Wasco county; C. S. Brown, capitalist, Astoria; Clatsop county; F. A. Mansold, merchant, Gervais, Marion county; Freeman S. Ladd, farmer, LaGrande, Union county; R. W. Van Nuy, carpenter, Stayton, Marion county; H. H. Conger, farmer, Elsie, Douglas county; W. H. Jones, farmer, Penolieton, Umatilla county; H. C. Henderson, stockman, Pilot Rock, Umatilla county; Charles B. Hand, manufacturer, Portland; E. W. Diller, farmer, Melrose, Douglas county; James J. Ellis, carpenter, Portland; Arthur Breyer, Portland; Arthur C. Campbell, Edmonds, houseowner, Portland; John Buchner, farmer, Albany, Linn county; T. H. Johnson, merchant, Dufur, Wasco county; George Cassiter, merchant, Stayton, Marion county; Maurice Liebmann, merchant, Portland; D. W. McKay, farmer, Troutdale, Multnomah county; C. L. Hubbard, farmer, Dallas, Polk county; W. P. Dutton, farmer, Heppner, Morrow county; Daniel McAllen, merchant, Portland; James M. Acheson, tailor, Portland; H. L. Engle, merchant, Peel, Umatilla county; Frank Elliott, farmer, Bridgeport, Baker county; Robert Laing, farmer, Pendleton, Umatilla county; John Campbell, farmer, The Dalles, Wasco county; S. I. Benson, stock raiser, Union, Union county; O. R. Addison, real estate agent, Latta, Multnomah county; P. T. Heale, farmer, Adams, Umatilla county; Henry Fry, farmer, Aurora, Marion county; W. J. Morgan, farmer, Plainville, Linn county; M. Hagedorn, farmer, Dallas, Morrow county; Adolph H. Eilers, piano dealer, Portland; Emil C. Jorgensen, merchant, Portland; Hans Christianson, butcher, Astoria, Clatsop county; R. F. Nell, stockman, Ashland, Jackson county; Lindley M. Parker, merchant, Newberg, Yamhill county.

# WILL DECIDE UPON COUNTY'S VACATION

It is probable that a meeting of the Multnomah Bar association will be held Friday evening upon call of President Calk to consider the question of the legality of opening the county clerk's office during the legal holidays. Judge Calk is out of the city, but has been communicated with and will, it is expected, call a meeting of the association for Friday.

# Grays Harbor Logs Lower.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 7.—There has lately been a distinct drop in the price of logs. Fir has fallen from \$12 to \$10 and spruce from \$9 to \$7. From the large number of logs on the market, and the eagerness of the loggers to dispose of them, it is gathered that they fear a further decline.

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# POLITICS STIRS IN LINN CAPITAL

## Hot Fight Promised During Coming Municipal Campaign at Albany.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Nov. 7.—Albany's coming municipal campaign gives promise of developing into one of the most hotly contested scrambles for official position known for years. There will be no party tickets, all candidates running independently. Many petitions are being circulated. The fight for city marshal promises to be the principal bone of contention, and for this the present incumbent, W. H. McClain, is said to be a candidate for reelection, and opposed to him will be found C. H. McKee, John Catlin and Fred Ries. For mayor, Dr. J. P. Wallace, the present holder of this position, is to be placed in the field by the friends of his administration, and possibly Dr. J. L. Hill will be his opponent. At present no opposition has appeared to F. M. Redford for city recorder, and he no doubt will have easy sailing to succeed himself. For councilmen L. C. Marshall will be placed on the ticket from the Second ward, Hon. Frank J. Miller of the Second ward is being mentioned as the proper man to succeed Councilman Ralston, who refuses to run for reelection. Councilman Pfeiffer also refuses to run again. In the Third ward Councilman W. M. Parker will stand for reelection, and doubtless will succeed. The election is held on the first Monday in December, and all petitions for places on the ticket must be filed at least 20 days before the election.

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(United Press Leased Wire.) Shanghai, Nov. 7.—The Chinese officials are incensed at the refusal of the Shanghai municipal council, which is predominantly British to permit the Chinese universities to use the public recreation grounds for athletics, giving as a reason that the grounds are for whites alone, though Japanese and East Indians have not been excluded therefrom. Native persons, comparing this hostility with the sentiments expressed in Secretary Taft's speeches, unanimously declare that the Chinese can only depend on Americans for true friendship. Eat government inspected meat.

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(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Nov. 7.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho purposes to bring before congress the issue of the long and short haul in the form of an amendment to the interstate commerce law preventing railroads from charging more to haul freight to a point less distant than that to which a lesser rate is charged. The proposal of Senator Heyburn will involve exactly the issue contained in the amendment to the interstate commerce commission filed by congress and sustained by the supreme court would settle for all time the much-mooted question of preferential rates for terminal points situated on tide water.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 7.—Rule 40 of the state normal school board requires every student attending a state normal school to take at least four studies, one of which shall appertain to the science of pedagogy. This prevents enrollment of students merely to study music or bookkeeping or some other branch of work not necessarily connected with school teaching. The report from each of the four schools of the state shows this rule is being strictly enforced and all of the 469 students enrolled are tak-

ing a year's work in the science of teaching. Heretofore, about one-third of the attendance has taken pedagogy. The new uniform course of study requires pedagogy to be part of the year's work taken each year.

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