

LOWER RATES TO INLAND EMPIRE

Launching of Open River Navigation Company's New Steamer Insures Competition in Carrying Trade to Wheat Country.

Another and extremely painful thorn was driven into the side of the railroads that have contrived to keep freight rates between Portland and the upper Columbia and Snake river wheat growing distances at an exorbitant figure, yesterday morning, when the new steamer Inland Empire was launched at Celilo.

The important feature of this launching is that the Inland Empire slid into the Columbia above Celilo falls, and not below them. She is an upper river boat, built especially for upper river service, and when she begins her regular trips will establish a schedule between Celilo and Pasco, Kennewick and Lewiston, Idaho, that will enable the merchants of the Inland Empire region to get goods from Portland at an enormous saving, and open the way for wheat from the Inland Empire to tidewater at this city.

Just how big this saving will be the person accustomed to ordinary increases and decreases in freight rates can have no idea. Usually a lower freight rate on a certain commodity means that the merchant will make a small increase of profit on his stock of goods. The competitor never knows the difference, or it comes about in such a gradual way that he does not realize it.

Means Big Saving.
But the establishment of river traffic from Portland to Lewiston and way points will mean a saving on an average of \$3 a ton. In some cases it will be \$2.50. In others it will be \$2.50. What this means to the merchant is seen at a glance. It at once becomes a matter of supreme importance, not merely to the wholesaler in Portland, or to the merchant in Riparia or Lewiston or Pasco, but to the consumer.

The establishment of a regular line of steamers on the upper river spells liberation for the farmer, the merchant and the other shippers of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, who have been tied down by what they regard as the unnecessarily high rates charged by the railroads.

The Open River Navigation company, which owns the new steamer Inland Empire, as well as its sister ship the Cello Falls, which is now under construction at the Celilo boatyards, will have a water route all the way from Portland to Lewiston with the completion of the new boats. There is the short portage between Eddy and Celilo by way of the Oregon Portage railroad. Otherwise the river is navigated by the company's steamers the entire distance.

Is Third of Fleet.
At present the company is operating the steamer J. N. Teal between Portland and The Dalles, and the small steamer Rialto between Celilo and Arlington. The Inland Empire will be ready to go on the Celilo-Kennewick-Pasco run by December 1. The Cello Falls will be launched January 1, and be ready a few weeks later. By next spring the Open River company will have a boat each way every second day between Celilo and Lewiston, as well as a daily steamer between Portland and The Dalles.

A large number of Portland and Dalles people were present when the Inland Empire was launched at the Paquet boat yards yesterday morning. Among the Portland men who were guests of Joseph N. Teal at the launching were Major McDonald, United States engineer, J. Allen Lewis, C. E. Adams, Arthur Devers of Crosscut & Devers, Drake C. O'Reilly, C. E. Eckert, who is to be the new superintendent of the Oregon Portage road, and Dorsey R. Smith, general manager and superintendent of the Open River transportation company.

The party left Portland Friday evening for The Dalles, boarded the steamer J. N. Teal at The Dalles and were taken by her as far as Big Eddy. From Big Eddy to Celilo, along the route of the new Dalles-Celilo canal, which is to throw the whole Columbia river open to navigation as far as Priest rapids,

SIDELINE STORIES OF GREAT NORTHWEST

SHERIFF OFFERS \$100

Alleged Cattle Thief Is Wanted—Other Husum News.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Husum, Wash., Nov. 21.—The sheriff of Klickitat county has offered a reward of \$100 for the recapture and delivery of Robert Miles, charged with cattle rustling, who broke jail at Goldendale Sunday, November 5. Miles was arrested at North Yakima, September 16, with another party while attempting to dispose of a band of stolen cattle. He was brought to Goldendale to await trial. The sheriff states he was assisted in his escape by confederates, who had his horse saddled ready to mount, and firearms fastened to the saddle. It is charged that Miles is a cattle thief and a member of an organized gang of horse and cattle thieves. The suspicion is that he made for the mountains and evidently headed towards Ellensburg or Coville. As Miles is heavily armed and considered a desperate character, it is expected when officers overtake him an ugly fight will ensue. Up to date no clue has been given to his hiding place.

Leo Brune of the Hartland section, is having a large sheep barn erected for his band of full-blood Shropshires. Mr. Brune has recently received another shipment of this blooded stock from the Williams valley that he bought during the fair at Portland.

Tom Price, who has been acting in the capacity of superintendent of the J. C. Palmer company, has recently decided to migrate to Cuba, where he has been offered a lucrative position.

Y. M. C. A. FUND GROWS

\$30,000 Mark Is Passed—Palmer Plans Changed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Nov. 21.—Eugene's Y. M. C. A. fund has reached the \$30,000 mark and it is thought that \$50,000 can be easily raised in the next four days, the time allotted for the raising of the fund. The committee reported \$3,000 raised yesterday. There is much enthusiasm over the proposition to give an annual dinner to the Y. M. C. A. Every day giving, many subscribing more than the committee are asking for.

The Palmer company, which bought a tract of land near Eugene two years ago for the purpose of building a large sawmill, will set out a 60-acre apple orchard on the tract instead, the work of clearing the land now being under way. The company will erect its mill at some other place in the vicinity of Eugene. The 60-acre tract is very rich, never having been under cultivation, and is especially adapted to apple raising.

COMMISSION HEARINGS

Three Complaints Will Be Taken Up Next Week.

Salem, Or., Nov. 21.—Hearings will be held as follows by the Oregon railroad commission during the first week in December: Alleged unreasonable rates on lumber against the Salem, Fall City & Western railroad by the Falls City Lumber company, Dallas, Wednesday, December 2, at 1 o'clock. Alleged discrimination between the Roseburg & Eastern railway & Navigation company, to be heard at Salem, Friday, December 4. Alleged inefficient accommodation on passenger coaches against the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, to be heard at Salem, Saturday, December 5.

Follow the crowd to the Perkins grill for Thanksgiving dinner. Special musical program.

LEBANON ROADS MEET

Convention to Be Held December 1—New Hotel.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lebanon, Or., Nov. 21.—Judge John H. Scott of Salem was in Lebanon this week and made arrangements to hold a good road convention in Lebanon December 1. Business men propose to make the meeting a notable one. All places of business will be closed. Committees on advertising and soliciting of funds have commenced work.

Switzerland protects one of its greatest natural resources by a law forbidding the transmission into foreign countries of electricity generated by water power, except upon a permit granted by the federal council, revocable if necessary for the public good.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED

Homer Davenport Congratulates His Uncle and Aunt.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 21.—Calvin Geer, 71 years of age, a pioneer of 1847, and Ellen Leonard Geer, 62 years of age, a pioneer of 1852, celebrated their golden wedding today in the presence of many companions who were present just 50 years ago to witness their wedding, which took place near where they are now living. Homer C. Davenport, nephew of Mr. Geer, sent the following telegram to his uncle and aunt: "Fifty years that have seemed but five. May your honeymoon continue."

FAIR ASSOCIATION PLANNED

Planned to Incorporate Washington Institution.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 21.—Local parties are planning to incorporate the Washington County Fair association, with a capital stock of \$25,000. It is proposed to purchase the tract known as the old fair grounds, west of the city, consisting of about 23 acres, which has a mile track and extensive stables and sheds.

WILLUMBIA HALL TO BE FIRE PROTECTED

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have filed articles of incorporation of the Willumbia Hall association. The location is on the peninsula. Capital stock is fixed at \$1,000.

The Hammond company, a real estate concern, has been incorporated by Ed Mendenhall, A. R. Mendenhall and Gladys R. Smith, having a capital stock of \$5,000.

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