

CANAL WILL PROVE A BENEFIT TO CITY, ASSERTS J. N. TEAL

Portland Merchants Should Be Ready, He Says, on Return From Trip East; Free Ships Are Needed.

That Portland is on the eve of a tremendous growth is the opinion of Joseph N. Teal, who has just returned from an eastern trip, where he spent the greater part of his time before the interstate commerce commission in Washington.

On this trip Mr. Teal came into close touch with the transportation and rate leaders of the country with the result that he is more firmly convinced than ever before of the great benefits the coast, and particularly Portland, the manufacturing and jobbing center of the coast, will receive from the canal. "It seems to be generally conceded that while the Panama canal will not be completely finished before 1915, vessels will be passing through within three years," said Mr. Teal. "One can have no idea of the importance attached to this event until he comes in contact with the business men, investors and railroad men of the east. On this coast, the benefits we will receive are but little appreciated. It will unquestionably exercise a profound influence on the world's trade. Every traffic man concedes it. I called on one gentleman in New York who has enormous investments in the northwest and found him figuring on freight rates on lumber through the canal. He has kept in close touch with those engaged in shipping by sea. He was greatly interested in the market extension work of the lumbermen and urged that we commence now a campaign in behalf of all our products throughout the east."

Water Rates Low.
"Mr. Ben Campbell gave me his ideas as to what the water rates will be and they were so low as almost to take away my breath. Every member of the Interstate Commerce commission sees it—indeed in commercial circles it is a subject of universal conversation. It is not a question of traffic, but of ships."

"In my judgment the demand for free ships will grow in strength and will solve to a considerable extent the question of how we are to secure an American merchant marine. From any standpoint it would seem that everyone should stand for free ships. In the meantime we must be up and doing, must be prepared not only to handle business but to handle it to the best advantage of any point on the coast. "Our river work and dock system, must be pushed to completion. Deep water and proper terminal facilities will be required. There is no danger of the railroads going out of business, either. With the development of this country their business will increase. Spokane and other interior cities will be glad to take advantage of the water rate and the local back. The railroads will have a large back haul traffic and if we are wise we will see to it that our interior waterways are improved as fast as possible, for their improvement and use will certainly make Portland the greatest distributing and manufacturing point on the Pacific coast."

Secretary Coming West.
While in the east Mr. Teal renewed his pleasant acquaintanceship with the new secretary of the interior, Walter Fisher. Mr. Fisher has been one of the most active workers in conservation matters, having been vice-president of the National Conservation association and in that way Mr. Teal got to know him very well. In talking over matters with Mr. Fisher Mr. Teal urged upon him the importance of his making a western trip in the near future so that he might look over matters here and get a first hand view of the situation. This, says Mr. Teal, the new secretary intends to do, although it is unlikely he can leave Washington during the present session of congress.

"The commercial bodies of Portland," said Mr. Teal, "should invite Secretary Fisher here so that he may gain a proper understanding of western conditions and necessities. He is anxious to do his best for all and the proper way to secure what we need would be to invite him here and give him the facts when he arrives." "General Marshall, at present advisory engineer in irrigation matters for the government, is taking a great interest in Oregon matters. He is a firm and constant advocate of the importance of improving not only the mouth of the Columbia but all the streams in the section and also of the development of the arid sections of eastern Oregon. "Portland occupies an unique position in the east at the present time. It is the most talked of city in the United States. Its progress is regarded as phenomenal. Formerly when one was east he would hear nothing of Portland—the other coast cities occupied the attention of everyone. Now it is Portland to the exclusion of all the rest."

SULTAN, WASH., MEN SAID TO HAVE EXILED PASTOR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Everett, Wash., April 10.—Rev. E. LeRoy Ruth, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sultan, has left town as the result, it is said, of a story told by a 10-year-old girl to her parents. Rev. E. LeRoy Ruth is married and has three children. He is said to have acknowledged a fault to belligerent members of Sultan who waited upon him. The household effects were shipped to Everett and Rev. Mr. Ruth is supposed to be in this city now. Hearing of the act alleged against the Methodist minister, Attorney R. J. Faussett of Everett visited Sultan, as he is acquainted with the family of the little girl. "Feeling ran very high in Sultan," said the attorney, "and the people came near tar and feathering Ruth. In the end, however, they contented themselves with ordering him to leave town, which he did."

Trains weighing 700 tons are hauled over level track at a speed of 74 1/2 miles an hour by a giant locomotive recently completed in Germany.

Prepare For Annual Horse Sale



Tidaline, an Oregon bred filly, to be sold at local auction.

April 15 to 22 are the dates fixed this year for the eleventh annual breeders' auction sale of fine horses and pedigreed cattle, and the Portland Fair Grounds will be the place. These sales have been uniformly successful and bring to this city horsemen from all parts of the northwest and California. Prices obtained show Portland in a favorable light as a convenient market. This spring about 350 horses will be sold. Brook Nook Ranch, Montana, sends the largest shipment, five carloads. Charles L. De Ryder, James Thompson and other California horsemen will bring up three carloads of racing animals and in the California lot will be included some stallions and mares representing the best blood. Nearly 100 registered standard bred and Morgan mares will appear in the sale. A carload of registered Kentucky saddle horses are an important feature of the program. H. L. Corbett, W. L. Whitmore and Paul Wessinger have entered some choice young steppers, which are expected to hold their own alongside the parcels from neighboring states. Hal B. S. 2044, owned by Mr. Wessinger, one of the greatest race horses and sires of his day, will be represented in the sale by some choice colts. Iowa's largest breeding establishment, Lakeside farm, will ship a carload of registered Percheron stallions and mares. Farmers will attend to take in some of a lot of 100 head of draft horses and mules, a feature that is only established this year. George A. Bain of Lexington, Ky., a noted auctioneer, will cry the sale, and will have able assistance from Colonel R. R. Bally of Gibson City, Ill. Lute Lindsey, John Sawyer, Fred Brooker, Jim Lalondey, Frank Childs, Charles Jeffries, R. M. Sebastian, J. V. Todhunter, William Hogoboom and other northwest trainers will attend. In the California trainers Budd Doble, dean of the corps, driver of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14, and others in the equine hall of fame, is expected. The British Columbia horsemen will be over, and Portland for the five days will be about as "horsey" as it can be. The shipments will be arriving at the racetrack within the next few days, and about next Sunday will be on exhibition.

PORTLAND TO BE "FLYLESS TOWN"

Number Reduced and Peril of Disease Is Disappearing, Says Dr. White.

Most recent of its virtues, Portland is this year to be known as "The Flyless Town," according to Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer.

"Where four years ago there were 200 flies, there will be but one this year," asserted Dr. White yesterday.

The system of flushing the down town streets, adopted by the street cleaning department, washes the larvae or eggs of the flies into the sewers. At the same time the county court is preparing to oil every road leading into Portland. Oil completely kills flies of fly production—increases food, the finest places to breed flies in all the world, there are now, in many instances, auto garages, and the fumes of the gasoline kill flies.

"The destruction of the old exposition building on upper Washington, destroyed the source for all the flies of that neighborhood," concluded Dr. White. "Down in North Portland the horse stables have been, in some cases removed, or destroyed."

"There is left one dangerous source of fly production—increased food. I would advise every housewife not to buy any article of food from any store that does not use screens. The merchant could at the same time be told why the purchase was not made. All the food exhibited in markets, in meat shops, in groceries, in cafeterias, and fruit stands or wagons, should be kept screened from flies. Unless flies have breeding places they are not produced. If there are no flies disease will not be spread. Public health will be tremendously protected."

A plan for having the council pass an anti-fly ordinance had been suggested to Dr. White. He answered that such an ordinance would be valuable, but not nearly so valuable as education in the destruction of flies' breeding places. If all decaying matter is kept from flies, if food, exhibited for sale or use, is kept screened, if the streets are continuously washed, the roads oiled, the flies will disappear. When the winter arrives for which he has sent, Dr. White will give a series of lectures at the schools and other places where the people gather, in order to show how to prevent and destroy flies. He will also loan the slides to others who desire to make a similar use of them.

EXPERIMENT WITH RICE NEAR STAYTON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) West Stayton, Or., April 10.—C. E. Chambliss, of the United States bureau of agriculture in charge of rice culture, has been here and selected a certain tract of land which he deemed fit for his purpose. The land hereabouts is fitted for fruit and alfalfa, but the promoters of the irrigation enterprise are willing to devote a small tract for the purpose of demonstrating whether rice can be grown in Oregon, which would mean a valuable staple crop added to the resources of the state.

Cotton Broker Found Guilty.

(United Press Lease Wire.) Aberdeen, Miss., April 10.—J. H. Miller of the firm of Steele, Miller & Co., cotton brokers, whose failure caused widespread financial disturbances last year, was found guilty in federal court for using the mails to defraud. The government charged that the firm received vast sums of money on forged bills of lading and in doing so used the mails to defraud.

COMMISSION IDEA FOR LEGISLATURE

Governor Hay Thinks 25 Men at \$2500 Each a Term a Better System.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., April 10.—Declaring that he considers the present system of legislation the most bunglesome and least effective of all departments of state government, Marion E. Hay, governor of Washington, has stated he would favor, in place of the legislature, a commission of 25 men, who would meet biennially and devote their time to the framing of laws, being paid salaries of \$2500 a term and remaining in session until the work is finished. He said:

"It takes a month for members of the legislature to get acquainted with each other, and most bills are passed with little consideration. It seems to me the legislature goes at its work like a lot of schoolboys playing football. For the first five or six weeks hundreds of bills are brought in and, as it were, piled on the floor, and then the last week there is a rush for the pile and each man grabs one, seemingly intent only on getting it through and getting his name on it. Many important measures have been lost in the scramble of the last few days and much time wasted."

Governor Hay's statement is significant, following the recent adoption in Spokane of the charter form of government and agitation for the same plan in Walla Walla and North Yakima. Tacoma has been under the commission form of government for over a year, and Seattle recently placed its legislative powers in the hands of 10 councilmen, chosen at large, where formerly there were two councilmen from each ward. The Tacoma and Spokane commission governments are based upon charters which include the best features of Des Moines, Galveston and other pioneer cities in the movement.

"BOY MAYOR" WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society will hold a three day convention in this city Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at the People's Institute, Fourth and Burnside streets. Representatives from British Columbia, Washington, California and Oregon will be present, and a lengthy program has been prepared.

Among the prominent workers to be present at this convention will be Max Wardall, "the Boy Mayor," of Seattle and president of the Seattle city council; Rev. Dr. Steelman, superintendent of the Washington department of the Society for the Friendless, and Rev. James Brooks, both of Seattle.

The representatives from British Columbia will be Rev. D. P. Henry and J. T. Donegan, and from California there will be Charles Montgomery of the California Prison commission; Rev. J. C. Westenberg and Mrs. Mary Brown, national superintendent of the curfew department of the W. C. T. U. Among the prominent Oregon workers who will take part in the program will be Rev. W. G. McLaren, Rev. Aaron Wells, Rev. Loren Davidson, Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, Mrs. L. F. Addison and Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, Portland, and Grant E. Kellogg, president of the Salem Law Enforcement league; Mrs. John Clark, Rev. P. Bauer, all of Salem, and Rev. Guy Phelps, Dallas.

FRENCHMEN FOND OF HORSE FLESH

(United Press Lease Wire.) Paris, April 10.—Horse flesh is rapidly becoming one of the chief staple foods of France, according to figures given out today. During the last decade the consumption of horse flesh has increased from 11,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds, while the number of cattle killed in 1910 was over 60,000 less than in 1900.

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