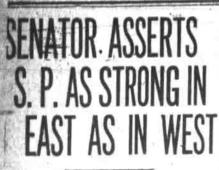
## THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 1919



Chambérlain Speaks Before for American Ships and for Claime Against Railroads.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Aug. 13 .- Senator Chamerlain, after trying for some days, sucreeded in getting the floor of the senate to speak on the regulation of the rates through the Panama canal, and Salem girl, the management of the canal zone. The snator said that he was unequivocally In favor of the house bill. His speech was listened to with deep interest by

everyone, and there were few interruptions. The senator discussed the bill from three standpoints. First, he said, he was moved to insist on the right of this country under either the Clayton-Bulwer or under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty treaty, to discriminate in favor of

American shipping engaged in the has been a fair increase in the acreage, castwise trade, and he contended that and the yield now promises to be an we could, if we wished to do so, dis- average one for the acreage. The eserminate in favor of American ship- timates of our correspondents run close ping engaged in foreign trade, and without thereby violating the terms of either treaty.

### Speaks for Free Tolls.

Second, Senator Chamberlain insisted that American coastwise traffic ought ing from too wet weather. to be given free tolls. He discussed "The yield of cats is going to record to be given free tolls. He discussed generally the effect of free tolls on proportions, and will easily top the ban-

transcontinental and other rail rates, her crop of two years ago when 1,126,insisting that whatever might be the 000,000 bushels were produced in the reduction in tolls on American ships, country. The acreage was increased the railroads would have to meet it by largely through the abandoned winter corresponding reduction in their wheat lands, and the states that suffered so heavy a loss on that account rates.

Third, the speaker said that ships will more than make up the difference owned by the railroads, or in which the in the bfg yield of oats. Our figures railroads had any interest, ought not are showing over 1,200,000 bushels of to be permitted to pass through the this important crop. sanal at all. He gave his reasons for Reavy Yield of Hay.

this contention at considerable length. "The base of the food for the lower

animals-hay-is assured now at a heav Would Throttle Competition. The effect of allowing railroad owned ler yield than last year. It will not ships to pass through the canal, said make a record crop, for the severe winthe senator, would be to throttle the ter killed a larger percentage of meadow independent-competition and drive the and the cold backward spring held the independent ships out of business, en-abling the railroad companies to in-production, however, will be more than trease their rates as soon as compe- sufficient and enable the farmer to hold tition could be swept from the sea. a reserve into the comi Senator Chamberlain discussed the yield of 60,000,000 tons. a reserve into the coming year, with a

Columbia river situation where inde-"The coarse grains and forage crops pendent boat lines had brought down have a deeper significance than the mater to a very marked degree, and had weighted quantity; the excellent crops nade rates much lower than they had mean a recovery in the number of food been befors between all points where animals in the country. The cost of there was river and rall competition. feeding cattle was prohibitory, despite railroads made a bitter warfare on the high price of the latter. The farmer the independent lines, but did not drive who largely supplies us with our food animals, does not continue rearing them when he cannot raise the feed on his demonstrated their effectiveness. land. The result has been a heavy in-Befers to Investigation.

Going into the records to prove his road upon the supply, which has been

contentions that the railroads have checked by the large crops of this year. maintained ship lines to use them as and which will induce the rearing of Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. Frederclubs against independent ocean car- large numbers of the animals that supthe senator referred to an in- ply the market.

Smaller Grains Producing Well. vestigation by a special committee of the house in 1893 regarding collusive "The smaller grains are producing on errangements between the Pacific Mail a like generous scale to the oat crop and the Southern Pacific to suppress and the spring wheat. The barley crop business across the isthmus of Pan- promises about one-quarter larger yield ama, and if such practices were inimical than last year, or approximately 200,to the business interests of the coun- 000.000 bushels, nearly all the northern try to recommend some remedy states reporting an increase both in The committee reported on the methacreage and yield while our reports from

the session because they would rather be here than home. They may not be "afraid to go home," as has been said of some of them, but it's certain sure that some of these people are not hankering to go back. But they will have to face the music, and why not It's surely a complicated political situation, and as yet no one seems clever enough to hand out a perfectly good prediction as to the results that will be disclosed the day after the ballots are cast.

It's evident enough that the Bull Moosers are very enthusiastic and that they are preaching a crusade. Before now crusades have simply swept the boards. Maybe this will be one of that Upper House for Free Tolls kind, but the two old parties still be lieve they can oppose sober common sense to the more or less hysterical propaganda of T. R.

An old Oregonian, who has been in Washington a number of years, and who was formerly correspondent for The Journal-John E. Lathrop-is very ill and his doctor has ordered him to the Adirondacks to recuperate. He suffered several hemorrhages of the throat recently and in consequence is in a weak condition. Mrs. Lathrop was a

## PROMISE OF GREAT CROPS DISSIPATES TRADE UNEASINESS

(Continued From Page One.)

growth, and only within the past month has the plant made any headway. There to 2,800,000,000.

are showing good yields, against praclically failures last year and the year before. The southern states are suffer-

"The western and southwestern states

SUFFRAGISTS WHO ARE

large to justify the assurance of our ability to protect our gold should that become necessary. "A careful survey of the general bus-iness and crop conditions of the coun-try, as indicated by the advices re-ACTIVE IN CHARITIES

ceived by the Continental & Commercial National bank in preparation for this annual summary, clearly indicates a marked increase in courage and confidence in practically all lines of industrial activity. General business appears to be, as a whole, exceedingly satisfactory, the chief source of complaint being in the rather restricted percentage of profits resulting from so large a volume of trade.

"Probably the greatest atimulus to general business activity is a revival in the steel industry, and the most striking feature of the development since the first of the year in the iron and stell trade is, the tremendous tonnage and the high percentage of operation, induced no doubt by the low prices for finished products.

, Steel Trade Barometer. relied upon because it enters into so many lines of business enterprise. "Judging from the advices from the

manufacturing centers, not only is labor able scarcity at nearly all of the leading centers.

in the value of total crop production; al. paign fund in the unsuccessful fight of lowing for the decrease in market values for cotton and grain, of approxi-mately \$617,000,000. Of this amount "Whereas, Robert Wake \$365,200,000, or more than half, comes

from 10 crops of commodities which fig- Portland for a large amount of money, ire in our cereal and produce markets. It is therefore of considerable moment \$400,000, which action is at this time to note that present crop conditions justify an estimate of \$9,033,966,000 in new wealth to be produced from the soil this year, against an actual production of \$8.417,000,000 in 1911.

See Indication of Car Shortage.

"It has been a long time since we heard predictions of a serious car short-Railroads through their enforced period of curtailment have not been able to keep their equipment up to the requirements of a period of business activity and for the movement of a large crop production. Hence it would not be surprising that there is considerable congestion during the crop moving pe-riod this autumn, augmented by the increased tonnage resulting from a general revival of business.

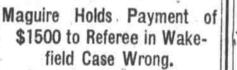
"Were this country fortified with more elastic and scientific banking and fore a referee, without the intervention currency system, the burden of financing the harvest would be inconsequen-But unfortunately our currency tial. fails to expand and contract with actual business and commercial requirements, hence it is necessary to adjust our banking affairs and accumulate our cuit bench, and who not only subsurplus reserves preparatory to meeting the autumn demand of the agricultural sections. This invariably results in a corporation affiliations to subscribe period of superficial ease just prior to the demand of the harvests becoming therefere, be it insistent,

"In the moving of crops this year there will be considerable withdrawal determine who was responsible for said of western balances held in the east case being tried before a referee withbecause of the closely loaned up condition of the western banks. "Taking the situation as a whole and

weighing carefully those retarding inprobably 12 months of good active bugi- elected judge with the aid of a jury." ness with moderate profits, providing

of course that our crops turn out as favorably as present conditions indi-

ENVOYS OF 2 NATIONS Third and Pine (Multhomah hotel build ing).



CLELAND DECRIED

Councilman James Maguire will at tomorrow's session of the city council introduce a resolution oondemning the appointment of former circuit Judge Cleland as referee in the \$400,000 suit brought against the city by Robert Wakefield. The resolution provides "The steel trade is usually regarded that the mayor appoint a committee of The steel trade is usually regarded, three to investigate and determine the as the barometer of the business world, three to investigate and determine the and to a considerable extent this can be responsibility for the case being tried before a referee at a cost of \$1500 to the city.

According to the terms of the resolution, trial by referee is at best unwell employed, but there is a notice- satisfactory on account of the fact that newspaper comment has been made that the attorneys representing Wakefield "These estimates indicate an increase took active part in raising a \$4000 cam-

the former judge for reelection. Fol-"Whereas, Robert Wakefield has commenced an action against the city of

the same being in the neighborhood of being tried before a referee; and, "Whereas, It has appeared in the public press that the city attorney waived the city's rights to have said

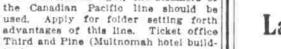
case tried before a jury, all of which said city attorney denies; and

"Whereas, It has been agreed that the city pay said referee the sum of \$1500 referee fees, which is an unnecessary burden to the taxpayers, as there are malified judges, elected by the people, to try such cases, and who have as-serted their willingness so to do; and "Whereas, There are other expenses involved in the trial of said cases, such as stenographers' fees in an amount of not less than \$10 per day, and said case is likely to be prolonged two or three months; and

"Whereas, The trial of said cause beof a jury, is, at best, unsatisfactory, and has been the cause of more or less comment in the press that the referee partial to the plaintiff on account of his attorneys who took a very active part to reelect said referee to the cir scribed sums of money to advance his cause but also procured others with about \$4000 for the same purpose;

"Resolved, That the mayor appoint a ommittee of three to investigate and out the aid of a jury, and for the agree ment whereby the city is to pay safa referee \$1500, and to secure from the city attorney a written opinion as to fluences, there is justification, judging whether or not the referee proceedings from the advices in every line of trade, now pending cannot be forthwith ended from the advices in every line of trade, now pending cannot be forthwith ended, for the conclusion that there is ahead and said cause tried before a regularly

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ick Nathan and Alice Fischer Harcourt, three of the most attractive cate." workers in the cause of suffrage, are not militant. Their work has WATER RIGHTS BEFORE been done quietly. "All three have

delivered speeches at public meet-

ings and have taken part either in

ods of the company and the methods on California show practically the same the west coast, he said, were the meth- yield as last season. ods on the east coast. The Southern Pacific, declared Senator Chamberlain, 38,300,000 bushels, there being some deowned and controlled some 41 steam- crease in the central northern states and ships on the east coast, which it could considerable increase in the northwest use for commerce through the canal in and west,

case congress gave it access to that "Potatoes, ranking next to wheat for waterway, and that, moreover, the buman consumption, will yield 25 per Bouthern Pacific spent \$400,000 to \$500,- cent more than a year ago. 000 a year to control docks in New "The fruits have been as irregular as ordinarily in the sectional character of

He read from the report, re-York. garding the methods of the Pacific Mail, their yields, and on the whole are greatto the effect that the steamship com- er the country over. pany made a 15 year contract with the Panama railway for the exclusive fight to bill freight through from San Franciaco to New York. The consideration was \$75,000 a month to the railway company and later this was reduced to \$55,000 per month.

#### Cummins Asks Question.

ably be the only states to produce more Benator Cummins asked if it were than a year ago, and North Carolina has not the general policy of the govern- a promise as good as a year ago. The ment to prevent the common ownership estimates of our correspondents indicate and consolidation of competing lines, a crop this year around 13,000,000 bales "Does not that policy apply as well to at the outside.

waterways?" asked Senator Cummins | "The value of the cotton crop, with a "There is no question what should be reduction in the number of bales, will the reply to that question," replied Sen- be as great to the planter as was the there is anyone in congress who is in- produces two thirds of the cotton of the nocent enough to believe what Mr. world, most years a larger proportion. Schwerin and his associates have said, or that they intend to build four magnificent, big ships to ply through the goes into the commercial field-flux-canal. It is nonsense to make such will be larger than for the past two claims.

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years. "The people of Portland, Or., are, practically at the mercy of the rail-"The acreage is larger this year, the road company, which operates a line of climatic conditions in the northwest, steamships between San Francisco and where the plant is grown, have been Portland. When the people of Portland favorable, and something like old time

put on an independent line to meet the yields will be produced. exactions of the railroad's line, what "The cultivation of tobacco is on a happens? The railroad owned line puts larger scale than last year. The Burdown rates to a point where the inde- ley type in the Kentucky-Tennessee pendent line can't make expenses and region shows a large increase in acreconsequently the people of Oregon must age. The cigar type in the east and go down into their pockets to meet the central west is developing under very monthly deficit. This can's go on long, but it makes no difference to the rail. "Mississippi river floods were de-

road company It could go on meeting structive of many sugar cane plantaa deficit for six months or six years." tions this year and the crop outcome Just at this moment it looks as if in the submerged portions of the cane congress had but a few days to live, belt will be small.

and yet this particular congress has "A volume of agricultural products, shown such unexpected vitality that it 30 per cent larger than last year, will may last on and on until the frost return to the farming community the tinges the leaves and the voters march most profitable results of a decade. The to the polls to tell finally just how industries of the country have been much they think of Teddy. feeling the stimulus of the prosperity It fan't any joke that some of the of the tiller of the soil, and the ample congress are quite willing to prolong supply of the needs of the people. The

only prosperity is that- which comes from the agricultural production, and that is assured.

Cotton Grop Not Bo Good.

proportions of last year. This year there

has been too much rain in the south

Atlantic and Gulf states to make a big

Flax Yield to Be Larger. "The other product of the soll that

Acreage Is Larger.

Recovery Is Coming. "Considerable material progress has been made in the business world toward a complete recovery from the depres-sion, resulting from the slowing down process, made necessary in 1910 by the too rapid expansion in our industrial and commercial activity, undue speciflation in land and the tying up of too much liquid capital in projects in process of development and not sufficiently seasoned to make their scurities readly convertible. In some instances, this progress toward a recovery has not only eached normal but has extended conderably beyond that. In others the condition of trade and business shows full recovery. In a few, however, we e still below normal owing to peculiar nditions in those particular lines of iman endeavor.

"Money continues plentiful, and the pricultural outlook of the country is atisfactory, with a promise of a proiction considerably in excess of that last year. Our foreign commerce which a year ago reflected a complete eversal of the previous years tendency ontinues in our favor with the result that there is a larger trade balance to the credit of this country growing out

JAMES PYLE & SONS, New York of our international trade, than that of

(United Press Leased Wire.) the management or on the stage in Los Angeles. theatrical entertainments for the prominent Mexicans including 'Madero benefit of the cause. They are cabinet officers and heads of wealthy equally active in charities that corporations, are in Los Angeles today help to relieve the condition of to confer with representatives of Ameripoor children and sick bables who can interests, regarding an amicable settlement of distribution rights for live in the New York slums. Colorado river waters.

The matter which the Mexican enyear ago. This probably will be voys are endeavoring to settle has been greatly augmented by our exports of in the courts of both countries on sevcotton and grain. The cotton crop, de- eral occasions, but no satisfactory spite the floods early in the season in agreement has been reached. It is exthe Mississippi valley, is promising and pected that if the present conference the price will be a more favorable fac- evolves a tentative settlement, its plan tor in our export trade than last year, will be presented to the American and "The country's great agricultural ex- The volume promises to be sufficiently Mexican governments.



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The voters of Oregon, in November (in less than ninety days) will vote upon a public utility act, and what is termed a Blue Sky Law. The effect of those measures upon newly formed companies is a very important one to the public.

Why should the Northwestern Electric be so anxious to get a franchise before the people have a chance to vote?

Does not sound business policy suggest that we wait until these important matters are passed upon?

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