

### GOVERNOR HEARD ON QUESTION OF SCHOOL SURVEY SELECTIONS

#### Predicts Hot Water for Interior Department if Certain Contentions Are Maintained.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Oct. 31.—Declaring that the interior department will find itself in hot water if it attempts to hold up title to all surveyed lands passed to the state at the time the surveys were approved, and such lands are not valid as bases for indemnity selections when they are within a federal forest reserve, Governor West has given out a statement predicting the view of his office in the matter.

The question has come up before the department in Washington, where Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's private secretary, is endeavoring to get a number of state land matters settled for the benefit of the state. About 15,000 acres are involved in the controversy, but the governor states that less than 1,000 acres are surveyed. He says that the ruling contemplated will not seriously affect this state, but will largely affect other states.

The governor's statement says:

**Compact With State.**

"The controversy covered by a recent news dispatch from Washington is over the question as to whether the state shall be permitted to surrender certain surveyed school sections within the boundaries of the federal forests and select other lands in lieu thereof.

"The compact entered into with the federal government at the time the state was admitted to the union provides:

"Sections 16 and 36: In every township of public lands in the state, and where either of said sections, or any part thereof, has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, as contiguous as may be shall be granted to said state for the use of the schools."

"By an act of congress approved February 23, 1891, it was provided:

"Lands of equal acreage and hereby appropriated and granted and may be selected by said state . . . where sections 16 or 36 are . . . included within any . . . reservation."

"The department, according to information received from Washington, is inclined to follow a ruling of the supreme court of the state of Washington, State vs. Whitney (120 Pac. 116).

"In this case the court held that the school grant was a present one, and, upon the state's application for confirmation, affirming the enabling act, the grant took effect as of its date and passed the entire title of the United States to the land so granted. The court also held that congress could not by subsequent enactment change the provisions of the grant as made in the enabling act.

**Hot Water Men.**

"If the interior department takes the same view of the question it will hold that title to all surveyed school sections passed to the state at the time of the approval of the Oregon unpatented selections, should they be included within the boundaries of the federal forest, do not become valid bases for indemnity selections, for to become valid bases there must be a loss, and, in this case, title having passed to the state at the time of survey, no loss occurred; that the act of 1891 was general in its nature and did not, and could not, change the provisions of the grant made in the enabling act.

"While the following of the above ruling may appear to be the proper course to pursue, the interior department will find itself in hot water if it attempts it, for thousands and hundreds of thousands of acres of indemnity lands have been patented to the several states, and in lieu of surveyed school sections within the boundaries of forest reserves. Title to all of these selected lands would immediately become clouded, and there is no telling where the matter would end. The department will find that very few of the Oregon unpatented selections are based upon unsurveyed sections, and we will therefore not be seriously affected in this direction.

"Should the interior department follow the above ruling it will also find that it will be bound to uphold the contention of this office made, in a recent appeal taken from a decision of the commissioner of the general land office, rejecting a state selection on the grounds that the state's selection was found adaptable to power purposes, that congress could not confer the power upon the interior department to withdraw from entry through executive order lands which had been selected by the state in strict compliance with the terms of the school grant, as contained in the compact entered into between the state and the federal government at the time the state was admitted to the union."

### CREW FOR BATTLESHIP OREGON NOT SELECTED

#### Boys Who Sailed Old Bulldog Around Horn Want to Take Her Through Canal.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Secretary of the Navy McDaniels said today that requests of citizens and enlisted men to go on the battleship Oregon when she sails around the world will not be decided until final plans are arranged.

Following the lead of San Francisco, where a movement has been launched to have the Oregon, on her Panama trip, manned by the crew which was aboard when the notable trip around the Horn was accomplished, local men who were attached to the ship during the Spanish-American war are agitating the matter in Portland. Clarence L. Yeigh, 71 East Thirtieth street, who was one of the Oregon's crew when the historical journey was made, is actively at work arousing interest in the movement here. There are about 10 men now residing in Portland who were aboard the ship during the recent war. According to Mr. Yeigh they intend to ask for special days, or the right to sail for 30 days, in company with other old crew, man the famous vessel for her Panama journey.

### CANAL WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL JANUARY OWING TO CUCURACHA SLIDE

#### Colonel Goethals Writes Senator Chamberlain a Dredge Could Not Pass at Present.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, Oct. 31.—Just one slide in the Panama canal will keep the force of workers there busy for four months clearing it away, and they will have to move 500,000 yards of material a month to do it. This estimate is predicated on the assumption that no further difficulties than are now foreseen occur.

Information to this effect has been received by Senator Chamberlain direct from Colonel Goethals. This special report, a thing not at all usual, is of such interest to Portland that a copy of it is included here. Colonel Goethals' letter is as follows:

**Slide Blocks Canal.**

"Major Boggs has forwarded to the Isthmus a copy of his letter to you of September 27, written in response to a communication received from you with reference to the passing of a sea-going dredge through the canal.

"While the information quoted in Major Boggs' letter covers the situation quite thoroughly, I might add that at

the present time the Cucuracha Cut is blocked by the Cucuracha slide, which covers the canal prism for a distance of about 400 feet. As you are no doubt aware, the elevation of the water in the Cucuracha Cut, with the exception of a small section between the Cucuracha slide and the Pedro Miguel locks, was raised to the level of Gatun lake on the tenth instant by the blowing up of the dikes at Gamboa. Dredges will attack the Cucuracha slide from both ends within the next two weeks, and if they can remove the estimated quantity of 500,000 cubic yards of material, a channel of sufficient width and depth to pass vessels, provided no slides of a serious nature occur in the meantime. I am in hopes that we will be able to accomplish this during the month of January. You will readily appreciate that it is impossible for me to fix a definite date at this stage of the work."

**Will Salvage Dredge.**

Both Senator Chamberlain and Senator Lane have been very active in trying to hasten the improvement of the Columbia river bar in order to get the port in readiness for the increased traffic that will follow the opening of the canal, an event which is now to be measured by months. As The Journal has announced, the chief of engineers believes the best and most feasible plan is to enlarge the capacity of the dredge Chitook by installing two more pumps, similar to the ones now on the dredge. During rough weather it often happens that a suction pipe is broken. When this occurs the fact that there are three other pipes available for service will enable the dredge to continue its work. At best, the dredge can work only a portion of the time when conditions are most favorable, but the chief of engineers believes that by installing the additional pumps the dredge will be able to do the work demanded of it. He does not, however, think that it can be done

entirely even during the coming year and so he will recommend that the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated for this work, and perhaps a similar sum the year following.

The engineering department seems to be well acquainted with the situation and to be desirous of doing everything necessary to open and keep clear a channel through the bar. It is understood that the recent supplementary report by Major Melndos supports the policy being followed, although the chief of engineers has not yet commented, to give the report out for publication.

### FRIENDS MEET AFTER YEARS OF SEPARATION

When William Garty, of Boston, general agent for New England, of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad, happened into Portland today on a vacation trip, he encountered a long-lost friend, whose face he had not seen in 30 years. This was H. C. Eckenberger, commercial agent of the New York Central line.

The reunion was featured by the customary reminiscences. "I got back to 1883," said Mr. Eckenberger, "but then he had to admit his memory is getting bad."

Both men were reared in the same town in the east, and began their railroad careers with the same railroad. That was 51 years ago.

### GROWERS OF ONIONS IN FEAR OF NEW DISEASE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, Oct. 31.—The confederated Onion Growers' association of Portland has written to Senator Lane regarding the danger of importing a new disease. The letter is as follows:

"Two or three years ago a shipment of onions from Australia was found to be infected with a fungus disease which the experiment station at Corvallis on examination pronounced a most dangerous fungus disease, and declared it would destroy the onion industry if introduced into a climate as damp as that of Oregon or Washington.

"Last spring a sample of Bermuda onion was found to be infected with a dangerous smut disease hitherto unknown here.

"We believe that shipments of foreign onions should be subjected to examination at the port of entry, if not, we will soon have every onion pest and disease known to foreign countries."

William B. Taylor, chief of the bureau of plant industry, informed Senator Lane that "if it should prove that such imported onions are likely to bring to this country a disease which is new or not hitherto widely distributed, the department has authority under the plant quarantine act of August 30, 1912, to prohibit such importations from specified countries where the disease may exist. We shall advise you later of the results of our investigations."

**PREFERENCE RIGHT FOR SETTLERS IS DEMANDED**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Representative Sinnott made an appeal today to Commissioner Tallman of the general land office to give a preference right to settlers on Deschutes Pauline lands. "The department is undecided, but at present its disposition is adverse to a lottery plan, but it is not sure it can legally grant preferences to former applicants under the forest homestead act."

Use common sense—buy Superior coal. 26 ton. Main 1867. A-154L. (Adv.)

### GUARD MARKSMEN TO SHOOT FOR A TROPHY

#### Bankers Subscribe to Fund for Purchase of Handsome Prize.

During the week beginning November 10, competition for the trophy to be presented by the bankers of Oregon to the best company in marksmanship of the Oregon National Guard, will be held on general orders just issued by Adjutant General Finzer.

The trophy, which will cost between \$400 and \$500, is the result of efforts put forward by Colonel J. M. Poorman, formerly regimental commander, who persuaded various bankers to make donations.

The trophy must be competed for annually. It will be awarded to the company getting the highest percentage on a basis of 33 1-3 of the enrolled strength of the company at the date of last muster.

Two ranges will be used, one at 200 yards, and another at 500 yards, and each man will be allowed ten shots, slow fire, at each range. The dates for shooting will be arranged and announced later.

**The Deadly Bichloride.**  
Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—Chief of Police Sebastian wired the board of pharmacy demanding closer supervision of the sale of bichloride of mercury in California.

### CAMPAIGN AT THE DALLES GOES MERRILY FORWARD

The Dalles, Or., Oct. 31.—The Dalles is experiencing the "warfare" campaign in its history. The local press is discussing the issue for and against, and paid advertising is being run in the papers. Voters are also receiving through the mail, letters, leaflets and circulars setting forth both sides of the question.

This week the "dry" are holding mass meetings in the Methodist church at night and street speaking during the day. These meetings are being conducted by J. G. Adams, a well known temperance worker. It is understood the "dry" will practically close their campaign Sunday afternoon with a mass meeting at the Wasco county court-house and an address at 1:30 by Mayor Osterill of Seattle.

The "wets" have not announced their program, and so far have confined their efforts to personal work and presenting their issue through the press and mail. No speakers have been announced.

### PRIEST AMONG INDIANS SAW LONG SERVICE

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 31.—Father Joseph M. Caruana, for 50 years mission priest among the Indians died suddenly Wednesday from heart failure at Desmet, Idaho. He had just returned from the celebration in Spokane of the anniversary of the first Catholic baptisms in this section.

### Hunter Mason, Magician

"You see I have nothing in this shoe," said Mr. Mason.

"Wrong!" shouted some one in the audience. "That's a Crossett and it's check full of comfort."

Take this tip: The case in a pair of Crossetts seems almost magic. See model below is No. 69.

### CRATER LAKE PANORAMA ISSUED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Oct. 31.—A striking panoramic view, in six colors, of Crater Lake National park is the latest of the national park publications issued under the direction of Secretary Lane of the interior department. This view shows the park as it would appear to an observer flying over it, the ridges, peaks, and valleys being shaded and colored in order to show the relief. This panorama, which may be purchased for 25 cents from the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C., measures 16 1/2 x 12 inches, and has a horizontal scale of one mile to the inch.

### Nampa Has Suicide.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 31.—Oscar Whitman, 25, committed suicide in a hardware store at Nampa, where he was employed. The cause is unknown. Whitman's parents live at Oakdale, Cal.

### Bulgar Would Fight Author.

Sofia, Oct. 31.—Lieutenant Tokoff has been ordered to fight a duel with Pierre Loti for charging the Bulgarians with cruelty during the Balkan war.

### Lewis A. Crossett's—SHOES—Johnston & Murphy

For Men For Men  
\$4.50 to \$6.00 \$6.00 to \$9.00  
Rice Maginnis SHOES CO.  
349 Alder St. Medical Bldg.

# The Cut Price Clothing and Woolen Goods Store

Out of the High Rent District  
We Sell for Less

## Men's Clothing Greatly Reduced

\$ 8.50 for Men's \$12.50 Suits or Overcoats  
\$10.50 for Men's \$15.00 Suits or Overcoats  
\$12.50 for Men's \$20.00 Suits or Overcoats  
\$15.00 for Men's \$25.00 Suits or Overcoats

The retail trade has been leaving this part of town until we are forced to cut prices to hold our trade. It will pay you well to walk a few blocks out of the way where a saving of fully one-fourth can be made on all goods.

# 50c

FOR ALL WOOL UNDERWEAR worth \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. They are broken lots which we are closing out, not all sizes in each lot, but all sizes in some lot.

## Woolen Goods Sale at Cut Prices

Woolen Un'dw'r Reduced	Cotton Underw'r Reduced
Woolen Shirts Reduced	Cotton Socks Reduced
Woolen Sweaters Reduced	Night Shirts Reduced
Woolen Socks Reduced	Furnish'g Goods Reduced
Woolen Blankets Reduced	Men's Pants Reduced

# Brownsville Woolen Mill Store

MILL TO MAN CLOTHIERS THIRD AND STARK STREETS MILL TO MAN CLOTHIERS