GENERAL NEWS.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks is already credited with a full set of ambitions for the presidency in 1908.

Anson Rogers, of Coos county, Oregon, is wealthy and has lived in Oregon since 1852. He last week saw Portland for the first time.

Edna Cranston Breyman and Emily Lindsley Gilbert, both of Portland, Or., were graduated a few days ago from Smith College, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Emily J. Smith has given $150,000 conditionally, for the establishment of a Presbyterian home for aged in Chicago. The gift is made to the Chicago Presbytery.

Congressman Victor H. Metcalf, of California, succeeds Cortelyou as secretary of labor and commerce, the latter resigning to take charge of the republican campaign.

The wife of Rev. W. T. S. Barnes, one of the best known Methodist ministers of Missouri and Kansas, has been sued for a divorce. His wife names five women as corespondents.

The first colony founded in British North America, and the second on the continent, was at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, June 21, 1604. The event is being celebrated generally throughout the province.

A $5,000,000 contract has been awarded for the excavating, paving and walling of the new terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad on Manhattan Island. No part of the original cost of the ground is included.

Lewellyn Felker has been acquitted at Helena, Mont., of murdering his brother-in-law. He has been previously twice convicted of manslaughter in the same case, each time securing a new trial.

In every instance where a person is known to have secured a life-preserver on the burning Slocum, that person drowned. All the life-preservers were sodden and rotten and a hindrance to whoever used them.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Oregon hop crop will amount to over 100,000 bales.

Astoria has increased the peddler's license from $10 to $25 per week.

August E. Meyer, of Portland, dropped dead at his home Tuesday, aged 68.

The Oregon City school report shows 1230 scholars against 1180 in 1903.

Negotiations for the right of way for an electric line from Portland to Salem are now under way.

A company has been formed to dredge Snake river, 12 miles west of Weiser, the sand bars there being rich in fine gold.

Three hundred Oregon pioneers obtaining badges from Secretary Himes in Portland Tuesday, averaged 67 years of age.

Perry Waldrop, a Wallowa county sheepman, was shot in the breast by Richard Patterson, near Asotin, Monday, in a row over sheep range.

At a special school election held in Hood River Tuesday for the purpose of voting $13,000 bonds for new school building, 13 votes were cast, all in the affirmative. There are over 400 votes in the district.

A movement has been started in Portland to get 25,000 signatures of school children to a petition asking the mayor of Philadelphia to permit old Liberty Bell to be brought from St. Louis to the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland.

FOR SETTLERS ONLY

GOVERNMENT ENGINEER WRITES OF IRRIGATION.

Warns States Against Speculation in Water Rights—Says the Government Will Not Irrigate Large Private Holdings Adjacent to Government Projects—Insists on Care Being Taken to Prevent Fraud and "Booms" Under Government Plans.

T. A. Noble, chief engineer of the reclamation survey in the state of Washington, has written the following letter to the press of Washington in regard to the objects and intents of the government in promoting the great irrigation enterprises under the national irrigation act.

The same wise injunctions concerning the speculation in water rights apply to the state of Oregon and the East Oregonian takes pleasure in printing Mr. Noble's letter, in full.

The letter says:

"I would request that through your valuable paper you call the attention of those who are contemplating the purchase of lands in Franklin county with the expectation of these lands being irrigated from a government canal to the following facts:

First—The work now being done is a preliminary step toward determining whether it is feasible or advisable to irrigate any portion of these lands under the reclamation act. It may or may not be found feasible.

To Induce Settlement.

"Second—The primary object sought in the pasage of the reclamation act was to irrigate the arid public lands for the purpose of inducing settlement of lands which, without the aid of irrigation could not be occupied. You will note that the primary purpose is not to irrigate private lands, but to irrigate public lands.

"Third—There is sufficient water to irrigate only a small portion of the arid area in the vicinity of Connell and Pasco.

"Fourth—In view of the evident intent and purpose of the reclamation act, preference will be given to the irrigation of those lands which were public land at the time of the withdrawal and to those private lands which are occupied by actual bona fide settlers.

Rights for Settlers Only.

"Fifth—Should the irrigation plant be put in no water rights could be acquired by other than actual bona fide residents of the land and to any one resident in the amount sufficient to irrigate not more than 160 acres, probably less.

"Sixth—Five years actual residence will be required to acquire title to public land or water rights. Inspection will be made by the engineer in charge as to the nature and extent of improvements of desert land claims and homestead claims.

Private Lands Excepted.

"It is evident from the above that all of the lands in private ownership will not be irrigated from the system contemplated and those who contemplate buying lands in private ownership at high prices are running a serious risk.

"Every legitimate means will be used to prevent speculation in these lands and protect the innocent purchaser from the inevitable loss that will result from excessive speculation.

"It is believed that this speculation will result only from false representations by unscrupulous dealers or those more sanguine than wise.

"Every practicable encouragement will be given to the settler who seriously contemplates occupying these lands and making a home for himself and his family."

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel troubles. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Tallman & Co, druggists.

FIRST LIGHTHOUSES.

England Will Exhibit Ancient Relics at St. Louis.

Models of the first two lighthouses erected at Plymouth, England, and known as the Eddystone lighthouse, are exhibited in the British section of the Palace of Liberal Arts at the St. Louis World's fair.

The first lighthouse was built in 1694, was 120 feet high, and was destroyed with its occupants by a storm in 1703.

In 1708 the second beacon tower was erected in its place and this remained until 1755 when fire burned it down, the tower being of wood. Two half-pound candles made in 1788 which represent the kind used in the lighthouse from 1759 to 1811, are shown in connection with the models and pictures of the two old towers. The exhibit gives visitors a good idea of lighthouse construction in England in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Commencement at Oberlin.

Oberlin, O., June 22.—The annual commencement exercises of Oberlin college were held this morning. Following the commencement oration by Prof. George Santayana of Harvard University, who took as his subject, "Tradition and Practice," the degrees and diplomas were conferred by President King.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The Pendleton.

James E. Egan, San Francisco.
R. A. Watson, city.
W. B. Cotrell, San Francisco.
Charles H. Green, San Francisco.
George P. Minns, San Francisco.
C. A. Halght, San Francisco.
C. C. Hanmann, San Francisco.
R. C. Reed, San Francisco.
A. J. Webb, San Francisco.
E. E. Drake, San Francisco.
A. J. Winters, San Francisco.
P. J. Holstein, San Francisco.
J. B. Brown, Chicago.
James E. Lewis, Denver.
C. A. Ray, San Francisco.
F. E. Green, San Francisco.
R. C. Brash, Livingston.
M. K. Colwell, Arlington.
E. J. Prammick, Portland.
E. E. Guist, Portland.
G. W. Gibson, San Francisco.
J. C. Cullison, Portland.
F. K. Kelly, Utica.
T. A. Brigham, Portland.
W. W. Coldwell, Portland.
Mike Jacobs, Cincinnati.
W. Maher, Portland.
C. M. Smith, Portland.
George F. Roberts, Portland.
W. H. Hermann, Portland.
P. R. Garretson, St. Paul.
H. W. Garretson, St. Paul.
B. F. Sweney, Seattle.
J. P. Rogers, Wallace.
William Donaghy, Spokane.
H. A. Cruse, Spokane.
G. J. McEray, Starbuck.
C. Adis, Spokane.
A. B. Galloway, Portland.
Thomas A. Purdy, Portland.
J. W. Spencer, Elgin.

The St. George.

O. O. Kincaid, Baker City.
F. D. Hawkey, Richmond.
William Dunn, Portland.
G. L. Becker, Ogden.
W. D. Burgess, Ogden.
W. F. Sheard and wife, Tacoma.
H. B. Kershaw, Walla Walla.
C. L. Parsons, St. Louis.
George Barton and wife, Ellensburg.
E. T. Wilson, Seattle.
E. L. Conlan, Lewiston.
J. H. Van Gesen, Ellensburg.
James Stevenson, Ellensburg.
E. R. McDonald, Ellensburg.
A. F. Bernard, Portland.
H. R. Lacy, St. Joe.
J. T. Wolfe, Walla Walla.
J. O. Johnston, Colfax.
R. W. Johnson, Colfax.
A. O. King, Colfax.
F. C. Stephens, Pomeroy.
J. A. Forbes, Spokane.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammelin, Louisville.
William Fitzgerald, Portland.
George A. Harper, Portland.
Philip Shields, Harrington.
George McGilvery, Spokane.
George T. Earle, Seattle.
W. B. Rogers, Seattle.
W. A. Stanale, San Francisco.
H. Palmer, Salem.
Mat Mosgrove, Milton.
J. A. Allison, Portland.
F. J. Gardner, Portland.
H. C. Willis, Echo.
J. C. Larson, San Francisco.
F. H. Perrins, Salt Lake.
T. B. Ennester, Tacoma.

The Bickers.

J. Johnson, Seattle.
Mrs. Edith M. Davis, Nye.
J. S. Cunningham, Portland.
O. D. Betts, Eureka.
Mrs. J. A. Johnson, La Grande.
Mrs. C. J. Page, Boise.
T. R. Yerger, Baker City.
Mrs. D. R. Richardson, Helix.
J. H. Van Gesen, Ellensburg.
J. Stevenson, Ellensburg.
E. R. McDonald, Ellensburg.
E. F. Confar, Livingston.
Matt Orr, Dellon.
R. M. Johnston, Colfax.
A. E. King, Colfax.
Miss Cleo Beeler, Waitsburg.
D. H. Jenkins and family, Hardman.
S. S. Gill, Spokane.
S. Y. Alexander, Spokane.
J. B. Keeney, Walla Walla.
J. M. Beeman, Walla Walla.
John Meyer, Pendleton.
Jerry St. Dennis, Athena.
B. B. Richards, Helix.
C. J. Freese, Spokane.
J. E. Arthand and wife, Boise.
G. L. Mapes, Elgin.
B. A. Bradey, Wallowa.
W. H. Rofis, Joseph.
D. Fuller, city.
Charles Herr, Milton.
Bert Mills, Milton.
E. A. Edgar, city.

Tennessee Sunday Schools.

Nashville, Tenn., June 22.—The annual interdenominational Sunday school convention, under the auspices of the Tennessee Sunday School Association, opened in Nashville today and will continue until the end of the week. The convention is made up of several score of representatives from the various county associations and churches of the state. An interesting program of music, papers and discussions has been arranged for the gathering.

International Peace Congress.

London, June 22.—The International Peace Congress began its sessions today at Manchester with an attendance representing many parts of the civilized world. A delegation is present representing the American Peace Society, headed by Dr. Josiah Strong of New York.

MONTANA WOOL CLIP.

First Sales Made at 17 Cents With Prospects of 18 Cents Later.

Seventeen cents for Montana wool before the opening of the Great Falls market is considered an excellent price for that product, and it is a forerunner of the prices which may be expected upon the market this year, says the Great Falls Leader. Several of the large woolgrowers of this city have already disposed of their clips, some of them before they were sheared, and of these J. B. Long & Co. and A. W. Kingsbury have received 17 cents for their Valley county clips.

These clips were sold to A. W. Elliott, buyer for the Boston firm of Jeremiah Williams & Co., and portions of the purchase have already been shipped from Glasgow and are now en route to Boston. These sales, although very large, do not compose all of the clips of these growers, but only the wool from their sheep in Valley county.

According to these prices, which are about a half cent higher than those of last year on the same clips, it is fair to claim that the prices to be paid on the Great Falls market after its opening will range from one-half to 1 cent higher than those of last year, which prices were the highest prices paid for a number of years.

The competition between the buyers seems more lively this year than last, and already most of the big clips in this part of the state have been sold, the price being agreed upon before the wool left the backs of the sheep.

At Glasgow, in Valley county, and at Geyser, in Cascade county, J. B. Long & Co. of this city, now have large forces of men steadily engaged in sheepshearing. The work began at the former place three weeks ago. At Glasgow about 125,000 animals will be sheared during the next few weeks and at Geyser about 15,000.

The wet weather has interfered with the shearing somewhat. Now and then a cold rain has made it advisable to knock off for a day or two. With their winter coats just sheared off, sheep will not stand much in the way of weather and a cold rain will often chill an animal to death, particularly an old or weak one. But the woolgrowers are not complaining. This has been a particularly good season for the sheepmen. There have been no severe storms since March; the crop of lambs raised was excellent throughout the state; feed came on early and the bands are looking fine. The crop of wool is up to the average and with good prices prevailing wool men are jubilant.

HOW MANY VOTES TO BE CAST?

Awards for Those Estimating Nearest the Winning Vote in the Presidential Election of 1904.

The Florodora Tag Company has made arrangements for the distribution of 10,855 cash awards, aggregating $145,000, among those who estimate nearest the vote cast for the winning candidate for president of the United States in the election, Tuesday, November 8, 1904.

The only conditions imposed are that there shall be sent with the estimate five of the tags or five of the whole coupons or ten half coupons or ten of the cigar bands of the kind that are being redeemed by the manufacturers through the Florodora Tag Company, and all estimates must be received not later than November 5, 1904.

Further information, which will be useful in making estimates, together with estimate blanks, will be furnished by the Florodora Tag Company, Jersey City, N. J., on receipt of two cents for postage.

LOOTING THE RUINS.

Vandals Are Despoiling Relics of Ancient Colorado Settlements.

The looting of ruins of prehistoric villages located in the valleys of the tributaries of the Colorado and Gila rivers in Arizona, has stirred up archaeologists to urge their preservation by legislative action for the benefit of students of ethnology. Vandals digging in the ruins find relics which they dispose of, and so distribute articles of great value in throwing light on the prehistoric inhabitants beyond the reach of ethnologists, says the New York Tribune.

Among the groups which the archaeologists are particularly anxious to preserve in this way are several between Flagstaff and the Black Falls, in the Little Colorado valley. They consist of a citadel and buildings evidently devoted to a number of different purposes.

The structures, as a rule, are small with low walls, the largest not being more than three stories high. The stones fit closely together and show signs of having been dressed into shape.

Apparently the rooms of the lower floors were entered from the roof, and never from lateral doors. When windows were present they were mere lookouts, or small, rectangular openings, which would admit scanty light. The roofs, apparently, were flat.

The most impressive of the masses of aboriginal masonry in this region is about five miles from Flagstaff. The ruin stands high above the plain and is visible for many miles.

From a distance, perched on a low, red sandstone mesa, the top of which is 15 feet above the plain, it resembles an old castle. At its highest point this ruin was evidently three stories high, or at least, had three rooms, one above the other. The walls are fine examples of primitive masonry, due care having been taken to bind the corners and otherwise tie the walls together.

A thief entered the home of C. Shea, a locomotive engineer, in La Grande, Tuesday about 3 o'clock in the morning, and stole Shea's pants containing $11.