

COLLECT BACK TOLLS

OREGON CITY LOCKS MUST PAY THE STATE.

Law Passed in 1870 Provided That 10 Per Cent of the Net Earnings of the Canal and Locks Company Should Be Paid to the State—Only One Collection Made Under the Law—Amount Now Due Is Enormous.

Salem, June 17.—Attorney General Crawford has been requested and he will at once begin preparations to bring suit against the Willamette Falls Canal and Locks company, its successors and assigns, for the recovery of a large sum of money which is due the state as its portion of the earnings realized from the passage of freight, lumber, logs, stock and passengers through the locks at Oregon City for a period of at least six years past.

The legislative assembly of 1870 passed an act authorizing the construction of the locks by the Willamette Falls Canal and Locks company and provided for the issuance and sale of bonds for that purpose, upon the condition that the company pay 10 per cent of the net profits arising from the tolls collected for passing freight and passengers through the locks and canal for the benefit of the common school fund.

In the subsequent compilations of the code this statute seems to have been omitted, and, although the only payment was \$425 in 1873, no attempt has ever been made to collect anything from this company or its successors in interest.

The quarterly reports, which are on file in the office of the governor, since the completion and use of the locks and canal, show that the net receipts for toll upon freight and passengers has steadily increased until the amount now due the state, calculated back to 1873, would reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Since the reports of the company, since 1880 do not give the amount of the receipts, either gross or net, and only the tonnage, number, etc., there is no accurate means of determining the exact amount due except from the records of the company in its keeping, but to which the state has access upon demand.

The question of whether the statute of limitation has run against the collection of these dues further back than a period of six years has entered into the case and the attorney general has not informed himself so far as to whether or not it operates. If it does he can only go back to the period stated within the limitations. Even if this were done it would amount to several thousand dollars.

The attorney general has looked into the matter somewhat, sufficient to realize that the state had a reasonably good case, and has long been willing to begin proceedings against the company, or its successors in interest, but he has hesitated from taking the initiative upon the question of authority and policy.

Today, however, he received a request from the governor, that he take steps toward instituting an action to collect what is due the state from this source, if he thinks there is sufficient ground upon which to base a complaint, and he will begin proceedings as soon as he can find sufficient time to devote to it.

DEEPER RIVER CHANNELS.

Willamette River Will Be Opened for Navigation.

Major W. C. Langfitt and David B. Ogden, of the corps of United States engineers returned this morning from Independence, where they spent several days inspecting the government work at that place. They report that the channel of the upper Willamette is in better shape than ever before at this season of the year. As a consequence, navigation is uninterrupted, says the Oregon Daily Journal.

The new dipper dredge No. 2 is making a fine showing, and is completing a cut 600 feet in length near Independence, where there was a shoal which had always given more or less trouble to steamboat men. When operations are concluded at that point the dredge will drop down to Moonshine bar, through which she will cut a boat channel. When that is done she will be employed for the balance of the season at points that require attention in that neighborhood.

The revetment construction at Independence a couple of years ago was also given a thorough inspection by the government officials. It is 1500 feet long and is as solid as the day it was built. A crew was set to work the other day to extend it for a distance of 700 feet. It is thought that it will be completed before fall. Nearly all the snags were removed from the channel last year.

The government plant is in full operation along the Columbia and Willamette and their tributaries. At the mouth of the Columbia the jetty is being extended as fast as rock can be delivered from two quarries. It will be pushed out into the sea several thousand feet before fall storms are due. Work at the mouth of the Coquille and at the other points has been started, and it is believed that a better showing will be made by the government in the improvement of rivers and harbors this season than in any previous period.

SHAM BATTLE AT THE FAIR.

National Guard Will Take Part in Mimic Warfare for Amusement of Lewis and Clark Exposition Crowds.

What promises to be the most realistic battle in the annals of mimic warfare is scheduled to take place at the Lewis and Clark exposition July 21, constituting the crowning feature of three days of military maneuvers in which at least 1500 troops of the

Oregon National Guard will take part. The battle will be made realistic by the shooting of blank and small arms loaded with blank cartridges, and is expected to prove one of the most popular of the many features which have been arranged to make every day until the close of the exposition, October 15, a special day.

Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, in conference with President H. W. Goodie of the exposition, has arranged the more important details. The guard will go into camp at Gearhart park on July 13, remaining there six days and then proceeding to Portland. During the first two days of the encampment at the exposition, there will be a dress parade each day, and a grand review in honor of Governor Chamberlain and staff. A number of competitive drills also will be held.

The battle proper will be between two detachments, one wearing the brown kahlki uniform and the other the blue. The browns will entrench themselves on the hillside directly west of the exposition grounds and await the approach of the attacking party of blues. The field artillery will supplement the entrenched force, while the cavalry will assist the attacking party, operating from the rear or flank. The details of the attack and the defense will be left to the commanders of the opposing forces, as strategy will count in determining which side is the victor.

The attack is scheduled to take place at sundown on July 21, and the engagement is expected to last for about two hours. The hillside where the browns will be entrenched reaches down to Gull's lake, the surpassing water feature of the exposition, and the entire maneuvers may be watched from the Bridge of Nations, which spans the lake and connects the mainland with the peninsula on which the United States government buildings are situated.

NOTED RACE HORSE DEAD.

Oregon George Fell Victim to Ruptured Blood Vessel.

Oregon George, owned by Frank Wilder of Heppner, died suddenly at the fair grounds yesterday morning, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The cause of the horse's death was probably due to a ruptured blood vessel. The animal was groomed early in the morning and fed. Soon afterward one of his trainers happened to look into the stall and found the horse lying on the floor in a dying condition. A veterinary was called but nothing could be done to relieve the horse and he died soon afterward.

Mr. Wilder keenly feels the loss of Oregon George, who was valued at \$1000. The horse was in training at the track for the northwest circuit and was to have been shipped to Bay City yesterday afternoon.

There's a lot uv men tryin' t' make two blades uv grass grow where one grooved before, but there's lots more tryin' t' make one blade uv hair grow where one grooved before.

SHAP-LISH TELLS OF SHEEPEATER WAR

History has been made by old Umatilla Indians who walk the streets of Pendleton daily, without attracting even a passing notice from the people of this county.

Without the aid of a brave band of Umatilla scouts who led the way into the Salmon river mountains in 1879, and captured the murderous Snake Indians, it is possible that many American troops would have been sacrificed in the chase after those Indians.

Repeated attempts to capture the "Sheepstealers" had been made and in one skirmish the renegades whipped the soldiers and escaped into the more inaccessible recesses of the Salmon river mountains, and not until Lieutenant Farrow with his Umatilla scouts went into the country of the "Sheepstealers" was there any hope of stopping the depredations of those marauders.

Charles Shap-lish, or Whirlwind, the well known pioneer of the Umatilla reservation, who is now 81 years of age, tall and straight, with but few grey hairs, was captain of Indian scouts in that campaign and his version of the chase and capture of the "Sheepstealers" by the Umatillas, is always interesting and while it has been told and retold in Umatilla county, yet it has a perennial freshness about it.

Whirlwind says Farrow and his five white men attended to the pack animals and ammunition and that the Umatilla Indian scouts went ahead on the trail of the "Sheepstealers." There were 20 Umatillas in the party, Whirlwind being captain and Peo corporal of scouts. Farrow had five white men in the party, making 25 in all.

Whirlwind led his scouts, riding in advance of the troop at all times, spying out the trail of the fleeing Indians, and after following the trail for several days, they captured the "Sheepstealer" camp, including horses, women and children, provisions, blankets, saddles and tepees. The "Sheepstealer" warriors escaped with their individual horses and fled into the pathless mountains where it was impossible for a troop to go in military fashion with all its luggage.

Whirlwind mixed up a pouch of tobacco and kinnikinnie, or wild Indian tobacco and giving it to a young "Sheepstealer" squaw who had been captured, told her to take it to the camp of the warriors and tell them if they would smoke the Umatillas' tobacco and surrender, they would not be hanged, when captured, but unless they did smoke this tobacco and come out of their retreat, the Umatilla scouts would crawl into the canyon on their hands and knees and capture them and hang every one of the band.

Whirlwind kept the woman's pass as a hostage and told her it

would be killed if she did not come back.

On the second day the woman came back and said the warriors would smoke with the Umatilla scouts, and the day following this, one lone "Sheepstealer" came out to see if the woman had told the truth. He was met by Whirlwind who told him the same as the woman had told him and the next day the entire party of "Sheepstealers," including 25 warriors, surrendered and were taken to Vancouver.

The Umatilla Indians who made up this famous band of scouts were as follows: Whirlwind, chief of scouts; Peo, corporal; Se-wat-a-skow-cow, Ta-lou-kaikts, Ya-ton-a-ow-its, Kwe-choot, Wep-tis, Henry Barnhart, Victor William, Spel-ya, Captain Sum-kin, Small Hawk, Wep-tash-tak-ka-na-seet'n, Seu-sips, Homily, Henry Campo, To-ki-e-kan, Olalla, He-yu-me-a-she-loo-loo-in, Tscap-e-sa-kap-o-see and Bill-yu.

Of this number, the following are still alive in the Umatilla reservation: Whirlwind, Captain Sum-kin, Ta-lou-kaikts, Seu-sips, Homily, Henry Campo, To-ki-e-kan and Peo, who is in an insane asylum in South Dakota.

Whirlwind says the woman sent after the "Sheepstealers" was Chief Eagle's daughter of the "Sheepstealer" band.

The army officers wanted to send back and secure more scouts to make sure of the capture, but Whirlwind objected and said he would not stay in the mountains to wait for reinforcements, as it was getting late in the year and it might snow and blockade them and he preferred to make a dash after the murderers at once, and his judgment was right, as the result of the campaign proved.

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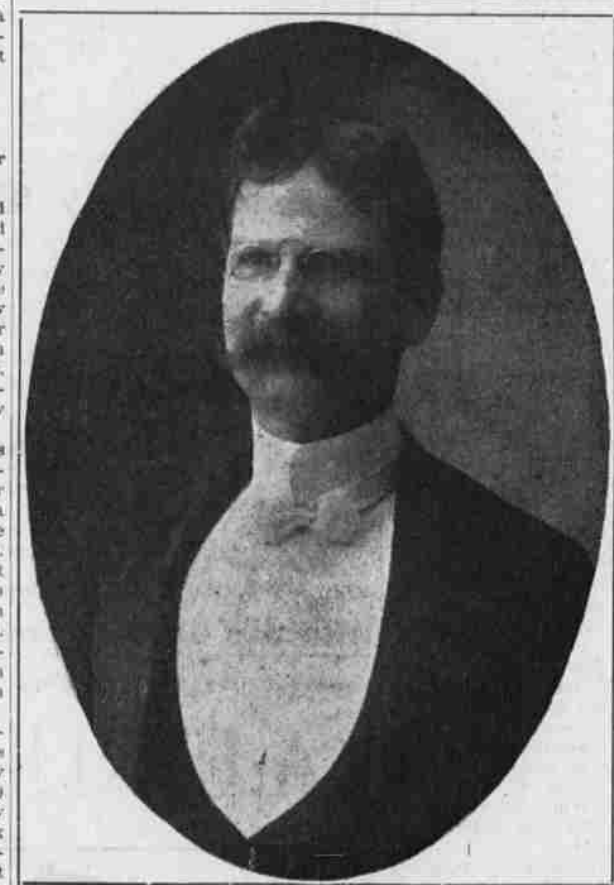
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