

Speaker Commends Sending of Fleet to Pacific.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon when here last week enroute to New York, declared himself emphatically in favor of President Roosevelt's plan to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific.

"Our navy will be of no benefit to us," said "Uncle Joe," "unless the men know how to handle the ships, how to work the guns. Efficiency is more important than any other consideration, and it can be gained only through practice. Therefore it is an excellent thing that the ships would be sent by way of Cape Horn to the Pacific Coast as a practice maneuver. If it strengthens our diplomacy to have the battleships in the Pacific well and good, but whether it does or not the benefits of a long cruise are apparent.

"So far as expense is concerned, it will cost no more than to send them to the West Indies or to European waters. If the fleet is in good condition it will make the trip satisfactorily. If it is not we will learn its deficiencies, and they certainly should be known if they exist."

"What will Congress do next session for the navy?" Mr. Cannon was asked.

"It will provide for adequate manning of the force we have and improvement," was the answer.

"What new authorizations will there be?"

"As to that I cannot say, but I feel there is a strong sentiment throughout the country in favor of maintaining an efficient navy, and, as said before efficiency is more important than size. I would rather have one modern battleship like the Dreadnaught or larger than ten battleships built ten years ago."

When his opinion was asked as to the present depression of stocks, attributed by prominent financiers to the administration's anti-corporation policy, Speaker Cannon said:

"I assume from what I see in the newspapers that the President is obeying his oath of office by enforcing the laws. What effect is it having upon the bulls and bears in Wall street I do not know, but I do know that through the Middle West the people are so busy preparing to harvest a vast corn crop, a great wheat crop and the best timothy crop we have had in a decade, that if you try politics with them they say 'Let's see, when is election?' and then when you say, 'Next year,' they say, 'Good Lord! There is lots of time to talk politics. Come out and help me pitch hay.' The banks throughout the Middle West have more money than they have ever had before. They do not feel any concern.

"So far as the fine Judge Landis imposed on the Standard Oil Company is concerned, I do not feel obliged to comment, for I assume that the Standard Oil Company has the money and the lawyers to appeal on a writ of error if they think there has been error, and that the Supreme Court will decide the question properly.

"If the Standard Oil Company were some poor man who could not help himself I might feel concerned. For instance, if it was a case like this man Powers in Kentucky, for whose case I have a humble way contributed a dollar or two, I might feel that I should do something. He is without property, charged with murder, tried, convicted and the sentence reversed. That is a case in which the citizen might feel some concern, for we all have some sympathy for the under dog."

The wheat crop of Wallowa county this year will exceed that of all previous years.

190 Stolen Cattle in One bunch

A report has been received at the sheriff's office from Weiser to the effect that 190 head of cattle were stolen in that section and are believed to be in the vicinity of Lewiston.

The message does not give the brands of the missing cattle or in any way enlighten the officers how they may identify the stolen stock. A close watch has been maintained over all cattle being moved in this section but up to this time no trace of the missing band has been discovered.

The view is generally entertained that cattle taken from the Weiser country would not be brought near Lewiston as the excellent range to be crossed before reaching this part of the state and the opportunities for keeping the stolen cattle from the public view would doubtless cause those interested in the theft to keep away from the open country and telegraph wires.

It has been suggested that the theft has been perpetrated by an organized band of cattle rustlers who a few weeks ago swooped down on the southwestern section of Nez Perce country and drove 135 head of cattle into the wilds of the Blue mountains of Oregon and have since succeeded in escaping all efforts of apprehension or recovery of the stock.—Lewiston Teller.

Seven horses in a pasture near Walla Walla were all killed by a railroad engine.

The L. A. Knox dry goods store and the Toppenish meat market at Toppenish, were destroyed by fire, the loss being reported at about \$20,000. The cause of the fire was unknown.

A bold robber entered the home of Mrs. Dan Hurl on South Arthur avenue, Pocatello, forcing the lady of the house to give him \$80 in gold and currency. There is no clue to the robber.

Corbett Brothers, of Columbia county, Washington, shipped the first barley to the Northwestern Warehouse company of Portland. The barley averaged 48 pounds to the bushel, and brought \$1 a hundred.

The state board of equalization of Montana met Saturday and raised the valuation of the main lines and side tracks belonging to the railroads of the state approximately, 9 per cent over the assessed valuation fixed by the board last year.

Realizing that she was afflicted with a form of insanity that could not be cured and that she could not marry the man she loved, Miss Pitra Loritz drank the contents of a vial of strychnine sulphate in Portland. She died in 10 minutes.

The news of both hemispheres—in The Weekly Oregonian.

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William Tibbets of Georgetown, Idaho, was almost instantly killed at McCannon by being run over by a Short Line freight train. The members of the train crew assert that Tibbets threw himself deliberately in front of the train as it was backing up to the siding at McCannon.

J. P. Peterson, a miner, at the Last Chance mine in Idaho, met his death. Peterson jumped on one of the cars of the ore train and was struck by one of the ore chutes and thrown from the car from the force of the blow. His leg was broken in two places and his collar bone and several ribs were fractured.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 1, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Hiram E. Clark, one of the heirs and for the heirs of Mary A. Clark, deceased, of Heppner, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 2608 made Oct. 8, 1901, for the E 1/4 NW 1/4 and E 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 2 South, Range 20 E., W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. P. Williams, U. S. Comm'r, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on September 19, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: William P. Dutton, John C. Brown, John Hughes and Edward Brown all of Heppner, Oregon. A15-Sept 19. C. W. MOORE, Register.

The four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson, fell from a swing and received a fracture of the arm.

The storm last week in Klamath valley was very severe; a boat on the lake was overturned, and crops were considerably injured.

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A recognized authority—The Weekly Oregonian.

Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.

La Grande, Oregon, July 8, 1907.

To Whom It May Concern, Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon, made application, on the 8th day of July, 1907, for the following described lands, as indemnity for the designated losses sustained to its grant of public lands for common schools, made by the act of Congress of Aug 14, 1848, and acts supplemental and amendatory thereto, and agrees to accept the same in full satisfaction of the losses assigned, to-wit: SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 26 Tp 3 S. R. 29 E. W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office during the period of publication.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 20, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that James L. Kirk, of Heppner, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of: viz: Homestead entry No. 9,000, made February 13, 1901, for the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of section 33, T 3 South, Range 26 East, Lots 2 and 3 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of section 4, Township 4 South, Range 26 East, W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on August 17th, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:

Jeff Jones, Henry Scherzinger, John Sprowles, George Smith, all of Heppner, Oregon, July 4-Aug. 8 C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande Oregon, June 7, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Mahlon Haworth, of Heppner, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10,125 made July 9, 1901, for the Lots 8 and 4, Sec. 7, Tp 3 S., R. 29 E., E 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 12, Township 3 S., Range 28 E. W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. P. Williams, U. S. Comm'r, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on July 20, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Paul Haler, Ad Moore, Vesta Carr and William Williams, all of Heppner, Oregon. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, June 20, 1907.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph Doherty, contestant, against homestead entry No. 11488, made May 31, 1902, for the NW 1/4, W 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 28 N 29 E W. M., by Charles Fortune, Contestee, in which it is alleged that Charles Fortune has wholly abandoned said tract that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that he has never resided upon said land, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on July 29, 1907, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on August 3, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed May 6, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. June 27-July 25 E. W. DAVIS, Register. A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver.

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