

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

WOULD AMEND STATE LAWS.

Attorney General Crawford Suggests Three Changes.

Salem—In his biennial report to the legislature, Attorney General Crawford makes three recommendations concerning new legislation:

That the school funds be made subject to the deposit law, so that when deposited in a bank by the state treasurer they will be secured by bonds; that a law be enacted by which titles to the use of water for irrigation or power may be definitely ascertained and protected, and that provision be made for the registration of legal voters who may happen to be temporarily out of the state.

The first measure was shown to be necessary after the failure of the Title Guarantee & Trust company bank, though the fact that there is but \$11,000 in the common school fund at present indicates no urgent need for the law at this time.

The purpose of the second measure is to prevent waste of water and encourage development of irrigation enterprises.

The third measure was proven necessary when Senator Fulton and Congressmen Hawley and Ellis were compelled to come from Washington during a session of congress to register so that they could become candidates for re-election.

EXHIBITS FOR A-Y-P.

Hood River Will Be Well Represented at Big Show.

Hood River—W. H. Wehrung, president, and M. W. Wisdom, secretary, of the Oregon commission of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, were here a few days ago and addressed a meeting of the Hood River Commercial club directors, who have decided to place a county exhibit of 200 boxes of apples at the Seattle fair. This is in addition to 600 boxes of fruit which the commission purchased for the state exhibit.

The county exhibit will be made by the county court and the local commercial club jointly and will consist of the finest apples that can be obtained in the valley. These will be selected at once and sent to the commission, which will place them in cold storage at the plant which they have erected on the exposition grounds at Seattle. It is the intention to handle the fruit so as to have a permanent Hood River county exhibit at the fair during the entire time it is open, as the fruit that will be put in cold storage now will be supplemented with a shipment of apples as soon as they are in condition next fall. The county display calls for an exhibit of 20 boxes and 50 plates, which will be kept replenished from the stock in cold storage.

Finish Cattle at Milten.

Milten—Feeders are finishing more cattle at the Hudson Bay ranches, 10 miles from here, this winter than have been fed in many years. There is plenty of alfalfa hay this season and hundreds of tons were left over from last season. With this supply of feed the section has become the feeding ground for a number of men who are marketing stock in Seattle. O. D. Gibson has driven over 600 head to the grounds, most of them fine 3-year-old steers. As fast as they are finished they will be sent to the slaughter houses on the coast.

Hindus Causing Trouble.

Astoria—The Hindu colony that has gained a foothold in Astoria during the past few years is gradually becoming a disturbing element and causing trouble in the lower part of the city. Recently Officer Linville found it necessary to arrest one, who gave his name as John Shanam, and he showed fight. In addition to this a number of his countrymen followed up the street in a threatening attitude as the Hindu was being taken to jail.

Oregon is Out of Debt.

Salem—Oregon has no state debt, bonded or otherwise. This is one of the first facts stated in the biennial report of State Treasurer Steel just issued. There is in the treasury a cash balance of \$658,320.15, of which \$214,897.98 is in the general fund—an amount sufficient to pay state expenses until next March, when taxes for 1909 will be paid.

Fruit Commissioner Named.

Salem—Millard O. Lowndale, of Lafayette, fruit inspector for Yamhill county, has been appointed fruit commissioner in the First district to succeed James H. Reid, of Milwaukie, who recently resigned. Mr. Lowndale during his short term of office as fruit inspector has proved to be an aggressive and competent official.

Salmon Season Failure.

Astoria—Fall fishing has been nearly abandoned on all parts of the river. The catches of the gillnetters have not been large enough to justify their continuing. The fall season has been a dismal failure from start to finish and no class of gear has made any money. The same is true of the few canneries that have operated.

Buy Big Island Tidelands.

Astoria—W. F. McGregor has sold 240 acres of tideland on Big island, at Blind Slough, to the Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust company for a consideration of \$5,000. It is understood the entire island is being purchased for parties who will like it and thus create a valuable tract of farming land.

TAFT VOTE GROWS.

Oregon Returns Will Give Plurality of Nearly 25,000.

Portland, Nov. 6.—As official returns come in from the various counties of the state, Taft's plurality continues to grow, and it is almost certain that the first night's estimate of 25,000 will be verified.

Bryan's vote in each county exceeds that for Parker four years ago, and even Taft has in many instances received a bigger vote than that accorded Roosevelt. The November vote was not so heavy as that cast at the June election.

The minor parties will likely show a decrease when the final returns are all completed. In Lake county, Chafin received but one vote. Hisgen's vote in all counties is but a trifle. The Socialist vote is not what had been expected.

Portland, Nov. 5.—Multnomah county gave Taft a plurality of 7,949. County Clerk Fields yesterday completed the official count, which shows the following vote: Taft 17,819, Bryan 9,870, Chafin 630, Debs 1,455, Hisgen 45. The total number of votes cast against Taft in the county was 12,000, giving him a majority of 5,819.

The Dalles, Nov. 4.—Complete returns from Wasco county give Taft 1,324, Bryan 770, Chafin 56, Debs 141, Hisgen 4. Taft's plurality is 554.

Albany, Nov. 4.—Linn county, which Bryan carried in 1896 and 1900, has given Taft a plurality of 385 votes. Complete unofficial returns from every precinct in the county give Taft 2,202, Bryan 1,817, Chafin 147, Debs 331, Hisgen 10.

Eugene, Nov. 4.—With 36 out of 50 precincts counted, the results in Lane county are: Taft 2,953, Bryan 1,635, Debs 252, Chafin 79, Hisgen 7. The Socialist vote is about 30 per cent less than it was a year ago. The prohibition vote is much less than usual, while the Independent vote will average about one to every four precincts.

Salem, Nov. 4.—Today's returns from outlying precincts in Marion county have increased Taft's lead from 1,300 to 1,473. Thirty-six out of 42 precincts give Taft 3,629 and Bryan 2,156.

Pendleton, Nov. 5.—The official count of the vote in Umatilla county was completed this evening and is as follows: Taft 2,336, Bryan 1,569, Debs 180, Chafin 110, Hisgen 3.

Hillsboro, Nov. 5.—Washington county complete official returns give Taft 2,324, Bryan 1,157.

Oregon City, Nov. 4.—Complete unofficial returns from every precinct in Clackamas county give Taft 2,798, Bryan 1,895. The Prohibition and Independence vote combined will probably not exceed 1,000.

Grants Pass, Nov. 4.—Election returns from Josephine county show a Republican majority of 256. The vote from 10 precincts is Taft 879, Bryan 622, Prohibition 20, Socialist 276, Independence 14.

Medford, Nov. 6.—The official count in Jackson county shows Taft 2,037, Bryan 1,537, Debs 379, Chafin 98, Hisgen 10. Taft's majority over Bryan is 500.

Corvallis, Nov. 6.—Complete unofficial returns give Taft 1,184 and Bryan 773.

Burns, Nov. 4.—Precinct returns come in very slowly, only 12 of 19 precincts have yet reported, but these have 734 out of the 1,000 votes in the county. The result so far is Taft 394, Bryan 271, Debs 61, Chafin 6, Hisgen 2.

La Grande, Nov. 4.—Union county gave Taft a plurality of 821. Taft's total vote was 1,520, Bryan 1,199, Chafin 41, Debs 232, Hisgen 10.

Astoria, Nov. 4.—Complete unofficial returns from all precincts in Clatsop county give Taft a plurality of 827. The vote received by each one of the candidates is as follows: Taft 1,484, Bryan 657, Chafin 49, Debs 284, Hisgen 8.

Marshfield, Nov. 4.—Returns from two leading towns in Curry county: Gold Beach—Taft 26, Bryan 11, Hisgen 1. Wedderburn—Taft 20, Bryan 7. Indications are that with rural districts Taft will have 100 plurality in Curry county.

McMinnville, Nov. 4.—Complete unofficial election returns for Yamhill county show a total of 3,657 votes, of which Taft electors received 1,988, Bryan 1,253, Chafin 251, Debs 161, Hisgen 4.

Roseburg, Nov. 5.—Complete returns in Douglas county give Taft 2,103, Bryan 1,390, Debs 380, Prohibition 63.

Marshfield, Nov. 4.—Practically complete returns in Coos county give Taft 1,773, Bryan 786, Debs 293.

Toledo, Nov. 4.—Returns from nine precincts out of 14 in Lincoln county give Taft 499, Bryan 213, Debs 108.

Moro, Nov. 4.—Complete unofficial returns for Sherman county give Taft 443, Bryan 252, Chafin and Debs 32.

Lakeview, Nov. 4.—Complete returns in Lake county give Taft 464, Bryan 239, Debs 50, Chafin 4, Hisgen 5.

Klamath Falls, Nov. 3.—Klamath Falls gave Taft 318; Bryan 186; Debs 44; Hisgen 3, Chafin 5. Incomplete returns from the county give Taft 499; Bryan 332; Debs 68; Hisgen 9; Chafin 3.

Heppner, Nov. 3.—Complete reports from half of the precincts in Morrow county give Taft a majority of about two to one.

Prineville, Nov. 3.—All signs point to Taft having carried Crook county by a plurality of more than 300.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW WARRIORS DEFECTIVE.

Battleships North Dakota and Delaware Have Weak Points.

Washington, Nov. 5.—In view of the order of the secretary of the navy revoking the prohibition recently placed against officers who attended the Newport conference from discussing its action, an officer who was prominently identified with the entire proceedings today stated that it had substantiated, with a few minor exceptions, the charges of defects pointed out in Commander Keyes' letter on that subject. This officer has been foremost in his denunciation of naval defects.

The conference decided, he said, that very few of these could be remedied in the North Dakota and Delaware, which are now 40 per cent completed, but suggested that, if practicable, additional case armor of about 100 tons be placed around the smoke pipe and up-takes to protect them against splinters. The additional armor would increase the protection to eight inches. They recommend that, if practicable, an entire fire control mast be placed forward of the smokestacks, for that in case the vision from the rear mast is obscured by smoke, a clear view could be secured from the other positions.

The conference hesitated about making extensive changes in the plans of the Florida and Utah, as any alteration that would involve a considerable change of weights would require a reconstruction of the plans.

On the important subject of what ought to be the type of the next battleships to be designed, the kind of battery they should carry, and their armor, the conference has not made a decision.

Clark May Succeed Williams.

Washington, Nov. 3.—When the second session of the Sixtieth congress convenes in December, regardless of whether the Republicans or the Democrats have carried the house, there will be at least one change of regime that will be interesting and, perhaps, important. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, will no longer be the minority leader. In his place, unless all signs are misleading, will be Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri. Mr. Williams, whom the people of Mississippi have chosen to be senator, announced some time ago that he had concluded to give up the minority leadership, regardless of what might be the result of the approaching election.

Aims Blow at Deserters.

Washington, Nov. 7.—An earnest plea for additional prison accommodations is made by Captain E. H. Campbell, judge advocate general of the navy, in his annual report. The judge advocate general also recommends legislation to increase from a maximum of one to two and a half years the period during which a deserter from the navy may be imprisoned. He believes that such an extension of the penalty to make it equal to the punishment provided in the army would effectively lessen such desertion.

Refuses to Review Case.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The Supreme court of the United States denied today the petition of Willard N. Jones and Thaddeus S. Potter for a writ of review. Jones and Potter, who are residents of Oregon, were sentenced to imprisonment on the charge of having defrauded the government by the illegal entry in that state of lands under the homestead law. The charge against them was that of conspiracy, but they pleaded the statute of limitations.

Hundreds Coming West.

Washington, Nov. 5.—To man the new Western field headquarters of the forestry service established recently at Missoula, Mont., Denver, Albuquerque, N. M., Ogden, Utah, San Francisco and Portland, a party of 365 foresters, clerks, stenographers and other employees, including 20 women and from 50 to 75 administrative officers will leave here December 1. The chief forester and 200 employees will remain here.

Emory Will Soon Retire.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Rear Admiral Emory, commanding the second squadron and third division of the Atlantic fleet, now at Amoy, China, will relinquish his command, preparatory to retirement on December 17, after the squadron leaves there November 4. Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder will be transferred from command of the fourth division to that of the third division, with the Louisiana as his flagship.

Fifty Million More in Use.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The monthly statement issued by the controller of the currency shows that at the close of business on October 31, 1908, the amount of national notes in circulation was \$655,844,192, an increase for the year of \$55,863,726, and a decrease for the month of \$9,768,135.

General Shake-Up Coming.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The assignment of Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith to command the department of California, it is said at the War department, may be only temporary. A general rearrangement of army commands is contemplated.

Secretary Metcalf Improves.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Secretary Metcalf, who is confined to his home by illness, is better. It is expected he will be away from his office for the remainder of the week.

TYPHOID AFTER 18 YEARS.

Long Life of Fever Bacilli Shown in Case of Milkmaid.

Washington, Nov. 7.—One of the most remarkable discoveries in medical history in connection with the source of the spread of typhoid fever has just been brought to light as the result of an investigation by officer of the public health and marine hospital service into a recent outbreak of that disease in Georgetown, or West Washington, D. C.

The investigation disclosed the fact that a woman milkmaid at a neighborhood dairy who had typhoid fever 18 years ago still throws off virile typhoid fever bacilli and was the responsible agent in spreading the disease.

With one exception this is the first considerable outbreak of typhoid fever in the United States traced through milk to such a carrier.

A peculiar feature in connection with the case is that the examination developed large numbers of typhoid bacilli although the woman apparently was enjoying good health.

Surgeon General Wyman says an important source of disease has been discovered, and one which heretofore has not been duly recognized.

The case just discovered is deemed of medical interest to health officers in tracing obscure sources of typhoid fever outbreaks.

General Wyman states that this case establishes the fact that at least 2 per cent of all the recovered cases of typhoid fever become bacilli carriers for a longer or shorter period, even while otherwise enjoying good health.

TEAM DOES GREAT SHOOTING

Navy Riflemen Take Everything in Sight in Australia.

Washington, Nov. 3.—President Roosevelt has been made acquainted, through a report submitted to the Navy department by Lieutenant Harrin Lanning, of some details of splendid work of the battleship rifle teams in defeating the Melbourne, Australia, Rifle club, said, in the report, to be probably as strong a team as could be put up in Australia. The navy team of riflemen also beat a team in Sydney, but were defeated by a small margin by one from Auckland.

The contest with the Melbourne club was held under very unfavorable conditions, the score resulting in a total of 1,414 for the Americans and 1,369 for the Australians.

The highest score was made by Corporal Farquharson, of the marine corps of the Connecticut, who made 99 out of a possible 105, and thereby secured for his vessel the temporary possession of the Auckland trophy.

At Sydney the fleet rifle team defeated a team made up from councils of the National Rifle association and the Metropolitan association.

Turkey for the Fleet.

Washington, Nov. 4.—When the naval supply ship Celtic sails for European waters to meet the Atlantic fleet with stores for the final lap of the world cruise, she will carry, among other supplies, a prodigious tonnage of the great American bird, the turkey, slaughtered to make a Christmas holiday for the homeward-bound bluejackets. A specially selected supply of New England apples goes with the turkeys.

Goethals is Exonerated.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Inspector General Garlington, of the army, in a report made public today, exonerated Chairman Goethals, of the Isthmian Canal commission, of the charges made by President Brothers, of the Balanced Crane Cable company, of New York, who alleged that unfair treatment was accorded him in the award for furnishing and erecting cable ways at Gatun, on the isthmus. General Garlington holds that there was no collusion.

Bids for Hay Rejected.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Recent contracts awarded by the quartermaster general's office include 9,000 tons of oats to be furnished by Seattle and St. Paul firms. Bids received this week for 10,000 tons of hay for the Philippines have been rejected, because of high prices and irregularity.

Money for State Militia.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The Oregon state militia has been allotted \$26,241 out of the \$2,000,000 appropriation made at the last session of congress. Washington gets \$12,485 and Idaho \$9,163. The apportionment is based upon the enlisted strength of the militia in the various states.

Safety Law is Broken.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The attorney general today transmitted to District Attorney McCourt information on 13 violations of the Federal safety appliance act on the part of the Oregon Lumber company, of Oregon. The information was furnished by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Money for Coast Posts.

Washington, Nov. 5.—An item of \$2,606,110 for the barracks and quarters at coast artillery posts will be included in the estimates of appropriations to be sent to congress this year by the War department.

Blockinger Now Rear Admiral.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Captain G. Blockinger was advanced to the grade of rear admiral today by the retirement of Rear Admiral Couden.

FREE OF CHOLERA.

Merchants' Association of Manila Issues Statement.

Manila, Nov. 10.—The Merchants' association of this city has issued the following statement:

"Manila is reported by the health authorities to be practically free of cholera. Since November 1 in a population of nearly 250,000, one case daily has occurred. These cases were found in outlying districts, unusually visited by whites. The late visitation proved to be of a very light character since its beginning, and in the month of July were only 22 cases among the white population. Of these but 10 proved fatal. There was not a single case among the 12,000 city school children. Since the American occupation in 1898 the number of whites in the islands attacked by cholera is 247. Of these 120 cases were fatal. The majority of deaths occurred in 1902, when there were 60,000 troops in the islands and no precautions existed for protection against the epidemic."

Soldiers from Fort McKinley and sailors from the Asiatic squadron are now entering the city freely and the citizens are anxious that Rear Admiral Sperry will permit them to carry out the plans for the reception of the Atlantic battleship fleet.

If these plans are not carried out it is feared that a false and harmful impression will be given to the world of the sanitary condition of Manila, which unquestionably is better than that of any other city in the Orient and probably unexcelled by any large city of the world.

REDUCES FREIGHT RATES.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha Begins Fight for Trade.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 10.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided to begin the struggle with the Canadian Pacific railroad for the premier position in the carrying trade of the North Pacific.

Since the ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission, by which ship companies advanced their rates, the lines connecting with United States railroads, and more particularly those under the United States flag, were placed at a disadvantage. The Canadian Pacific railroad naturally took advantage of its position and declined to advance its freight rates.

When the conference at Seattle decided to increase the rates, the proposed increases were cabled to Japan, where a meeting of Japanese shipping interests was called. Advice received by the Royal Mail steamship Empress of India were to the effect that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha withdrew from this conference and has made a general reduction of about 17 per cent lower than the former freight rates. The Japanese steamship company proposes to bear the burden of the increased railway charges and will give a lower rate across the Pacific. A reduction of 25 cents per 100 pounds will be made on silk and other valuable freights.

FRANCE STILL FIRM.

Government Confident Germany Will Meet Her Demands.

Paris, Nov. 10.—No word has come from Berlin with reference to the German government's attitude with reference to the Casa Blanca affair and a further delay is considered likely owing to some confusion which prevails among the German officials and the necessity of maneuvering before the reichstag. But French opinion remains serenely confident that Germany eventually will yield upon the point upon which France insists and express regret for the incident.

There is no trace of "bluff" in the French attitude and the spectacle presented by France last week must have convinced Germany that in all her dealings with the German government since the catastrophe of 1870, France never displayed such an exhibition of national solidarity.

Moreover, Germany doubtless is aware that Great Britain and Russia have been consulted upon every step France has taken and fully share this government's view, and in addition are prepared to give material as well as moral support to France.

Record for Tunnel Work.

Los Angeles, Nov. 10.—William Mulholland, chief engineer of the Los Angeles aqueduct, reports that all American records for tunnel boring in hard rock were broken during October by the city forces at work on the Elizabeth tunnel. A distance of 466 feet was made in 31 days, thus surpassing the record on the Gunnison tunnel, made in January, 1908, by 17 feet. The Los Angeles aqueduct is the municipal project by which the city will procure a daily water supply of 260,000,000 gallons from the Owens river.

New Position for Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 10.—The possible tender of the chancellorship of the university of Nebraska to William J. Bryan was one of the rumors in connection with the vacancy which will be created January 1 by the resignation of Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews. Mr. Bryan said he had not heard the report and would not discuss it. The mention of Mr. Bryan's name was more the suggestion of the student body than any serious thought by the regents.

Ten Killed; Many Hurt.

Maunabhan, France, Nov. 10.—An express train was derailed today near Griseles. Ten persons were killed and many injured.