

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Conference Committee Has Reported Final Agreement on Borah Homestead Bill.

Washington.—The conference committee in charge of the Borah-Jones three-year homestead bill, reported what is declared to be a final agreement. The main features of the original bill are retained.

As the bill is agreed upon, the homestead period is reduced from five to three years and entrymen are permitted leave of absence of not to exceed five consecutive months each year, they being required to notify the local land office when they leave the land and of the date of their return.

A cultivation clause is incorporated which requires the entryman to cultivate not less than one-sixteenth of the area of his entry the second year and one-eighth the third year. The bill will apply to all entries, including enlarged homestead entries and all pending entries.

Entrymen who have not yet received a patent will have the privilege of completing their proof under the three year bill or continuing under the old law as they may prefer.

Army Bill Aimed at General Wood

The army appropriation bill was reported back to the senate and house by the conferees with the anti-administration amendments which would legislate Major-General Wood out of office as chief-of-staff, and would leave the location of military posts to a commission of retired army officers and two members each of the senate and house committees on military affairs.

The amendment which would remove General Wood also would prevent either Brigadier-Generals Crozier or Funston from ever attaining the office of chief-of-staff. No officer who has not spent 10 years in the line with troops before becoming a brigadier would be eligible.

House Reaffirms Canal Toll Bill.

By a vote of 147 to 126, the house reaffirmed its decision that no toll should be charged American vessels engaged in coastwise trade for passage through the Panama canal. The provision was bitterly fought and the result was received with cheers. The canal government bill was passed, 265 to 61. The house membership was divided into two groups, one holding

that American owned ships should have free use of the canal and the other that all ships should pay equal tolls.

Officers of Titanic Censured.

A sweeping arraignment of the conduct of officers of the Titanic, especially Captain Smith, is contained in the report of the senate commerce committee on the loss of the vessel. The officers are held responsible for the disaster because of failure to heed the warnings of other vessels. J. Bruce Ismay, who was a passenger, is also criticized. Lax inspection is charged to the British board of trade, and the report calls attention to the lack of discipline on the vessel.

Luxuries Imported Enormous.

Luxuries imported into the United States during the fiscal year which ends next month, will exceed \$200,000,000 in value. Under the term "luxuries" are included such articles as diamonds, art works, lace and embroideries, champagne and other wines, tobaccos and manufactures thereof, ostrich feathers, artificial flowers, toys, perfumeries and cosmetics, jewelry, manufactures of gold and silver, and numerous others of this general character.

National Capital Brevities.

The house is holding to its program for adjournment about June 15, although no understanding has been reached with the senate leaders, who are not optimistic.

A committee of the house has been appointed to consider the propriety of suggesting to President Taft that he offer his friendly aid as a mediator between Italy and Turkey.

Applications for pensions under the new "dollar a day" pension law are being received at the pension office here at about the rate of 25,000 a day. The total number received to date is 123,234.

There will evidently be no wool legislation at this session of congress. The senate finance committee has reported adversely the Underwood bill; it has abandoned the plan to draft a substitute bill, and has refused to report the Smoot substitute.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has ordered Doctors Doollittle, Mitchell and Dunlap, of the pure food board, to conduct a test of the breweries throughout the country to determine whether the institutions are complying with the pure food laws.

The house judiciary committee was occupied the past week with the hearing of the charges against Judge Archbald of the commerce court. Evidence was introduced tending to show that Judge Archbald was a tool of the railroads and susceptible to bribery.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A company of coast artillery, O. N. G., will be mustered in at Medford, May 29.

Twenty-three students of the Willamette Law School were awarded diplomas Friday.

The 20th annual reunion of the Yamhill County Pioneer Association will be held at McMinnville June 5.

The first actual construction work on the Southern Pacific line to Coos Bay was done Friday at North Bend. Representative Hawley is asking a \$10,000 emergency appropriation to prevent a break in the Willamette river near Independence.

The celebration of the completion of the Oregon Electric to Albany July 4 promises to be the biggest celebration ever held in the Willamette valley.

Senator Chamberlain is attempting to secure 200 acres of land near Pendleton as a reservoir site for the city, but the Indians are opposing the measure.

Dr. J. H. Robinson, third assistant physician at the State Asylum for the Insane, will resign his position about September 1 and take up private practice.

James R. Dimick, a prominent lawyer, politician and farmer of Clackamas county, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home at Aurora.

President Taft has reappointed John McCourt as United States district attorney for Oregon and Frank C. Bramwell as registrar for the La Grande land office.

The extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college has been giving a series of institutes at Buxton on the subjects of dairying and civic improvement.

At Lakeview, Frank E. Rickey of Reno, purchased more than 1,000,000 pounds of this season's wool crop, paying an average of 14½ cents a pound for the lot.

H. Hirschberg, of Independence, has filed with State Engineer Lewis application to divert water of the Little Luckiamute river to be used for power for municipal purposes.

The state board of fish and game commissioners gives out the statement that the salmon industry of the Columbia river last year yielded to this district about \$5,000,000.

Nearly every city of importance in Oregon has representatives in Portland in the delegations to the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Jeweler's Association, held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29.

An encouraging feature of the lumber situation in Oregon is that the

lumber shipments are considerably in excess of the cut, indicating that the market for the product is better than it was for the first four months of last year.

James and Francis Best, aged 15 and 17, and Thomas Williams were drowned in the Columbia river at Wyeth and the bodies swept away in the swift current. The boys had fallen from a raft and Williams went to their rescue.

With the Clatsop beach or the Columbia river as objective points, surveyors have been working for many months near the headwaters of the Necanicum and indications point to the Harriman people as the interests behind the project.

A movement is started for the recall of County Judge A. E. Lake and Commissioners C. H. Stoughton and H. C. Hooper by the taxpayers of Wasco county. The trouble arises over a contract for a new courthouse at The Dalles to cost \$150,000.

Tauna Tolonen, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Matilla Tolonen, of Smith's Point, near Astoria, was fatally burned while playing near the family home. A brush fire had been started a short distance from the residence and the lad ran too close to the flames.

Senator Chamberlain has offered an amendment to the omnibus claims bill appropriating \$192,563 to settle in full Oregon's Civil War claim against the government. An appropriation to pay the claim has twice passed the senate, but was each time defeated in the house.

William Judah Jim, Klamath Indian, convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Quimby Checaskane, of the same tribe, on November 22, on the reservation, was given a sentence of 20 years' imprisonment at McNeil's Island by United States District Judge Bean.

Following out a plan to do away with a separate report of each insurance company doing business in the state, and make instead a tabulated report, Printing Expert Harris, acting on the suggestion of Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, who originated the scheme, is sending letters to 35 state officers and boards recommending that the reports this year be made in tabular form.

The Oregon statistical bureau, under the direction of J. A. Bexell, dean of the school of commerce at the Oregon Agricultural college, will carry out an industrial survey during the summer for the purpose of collecting accurate statistical data which will show the degree to which the possibilities of the counties of the state are developed. An appropriation for this work was provided by the last legislature.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Code Will be Amended.

Salem.—To make more effective the jurisdiction of the corporation department, which under the proposed new law to be initiated will create a separate office of this branch of the state government, there is a plan on foot to amend section 2239 of Lord's Oregon laws, which provides penalties for false statements in advertising.

The talked-of amendment will be made to include real estate and other businesses not now touched upon in the statute as it now stands.

Borax Deposits to be Well Developed.

Lakeview.—Large development work is to be done and considerable machinery is about to be installed by the Oregon Borax company, which has holdings of several thousand acres of rich deposits of soda at Alkali Lake, about 65 miles from here. The work will consist of building a large evaporating plant where the product can have the larger portion of the moisture removed, so that the finished product will be more economically handled in shipping.

TAX LEVY FOR SCHOOLS

College Officials Want Assessment to Maintain Institutions.

Portland.—At a conference between special sub-committees, consisting of the presidents and members of the Boards of Regents of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College, resolutions were adopted requesting the commission appointed by Governor West to initiate a measure before the people providing for a fixed annual tax levy of 7-10 of a mill on the assessable value of the property of the state for the maintenance of both schools.

At a recent conference between the members of the two boards of regents at Salem the matter of providing finances for the maintenance of the two institutions was discussed, with the result that the regents agreed that it would be better for both schools if funds for their maintenance should be raised by direct tax on a millage basis rather than for each to depend on securing appropriations through the legislature.

The Corvallis school is now receiving

ing annually from the state \$288,750, while the University of Oregon has a standing appropriation of \$125,000.

Log Rate Case Important.

Baker.—Word was received here that the state railroad commissioners will resume the hearing of the log rate case of the Sumpter Valley railroad on June 18. The case is being pushed by the Baker Commercial club on the belief that the rate charged for hauling logs is so high that it prohibits the bringing of material here for the Baker sawmills.

ILLICIT STILL IS FOUND

Revenue Officers Fail to Find Moonshiners When They Make Raid.

Eugene.—United States internal revenue officers and local deputy sheriffs found a moonshiners' still near Leaburg, 30 miles east of Eugene, on the McKenzie river, and confiscated the outfit. For some time past liquor in large quantities has been sold to the loggers and others at Leaburg. Sheriff Brown has been working on the case, and, becoming satisfied that the whiskey was being made in that vicinity, turned the matter over to the federal officials. As a result, Deputy Inspector of Revenue Shellburg made a quiet trip to Leaburg and located the place in the hills.

Five revenue officers and two deputy sheriffs raided the place, finding only an old man, some women and children. The dismembered still was found under a log, with sacks of corn meal and barley.

Newberg Editor Sued for Libel.

McMinnville.—Edith Patterson has filed suit for \$10,000 damages against E. H. Woodward, editor and publisher of the Newberg Graphic, at Newberg, this county, because of statements in an article in that paper on or about August 3, 1911.

Corvallis Gets Threshermen Meeting.

Condon.—The threshermen ended their labors here and elected officers as follows: John Minnick, of Union, president; D. Kaufman, of Hubbard, vice-president; Philip S. Bates, of Portland, secretary. Corvallis was chosen as the place of the next convention.

Fruit Inspector Starts Fight.

Salem.—County Fruit Inspector Jones has commenced a vigorous campaign in an endeavor to exterminate the San Jose scale in orchards. He has issued orders that this pest be attended to at once or else the orchard will have to be cut down.

DUKE'S GENERAL MARKET

Specials
for

Saturday, June 1st.

Yes, we are advertising again in the Beaver State Herald. This time we are to have our ad all alone and we are going to give you even better bargains than we offered last week. Pleasing our customers, both in courtesy and prices has helped us to grow from the little pioneer shop that we once were to what we are now, . . .

The Largest General Market East of Grand Avenue

Beef		Pork		Veal		Mutton	
Beef Boil	8c Pound	Pork Roast	13 1-2c Pound	Veal Stew	11 1-2c Pound	Mutton Stew	6c Pound
Beef Stew	8c Pound	Pork Sausage	11c Pound	Veal Breast	11 1-2c Pound	Mutton Roast	12c Pound
Short Ribs	10c Pound	Pork Chops	15c Pound	Veal Roast	13 1-2c Pound	Mutton Chops	12 1-2c Pound
Beef Roast	11 1-2c Pound	Pigs' Feet	7c Pound	Veal Cutlets	15c Pound	Mutton Legs	15c Pound
Hamburg Steak	11c Pound	Salt Pork	13c Pound	Veal Loaf	15c Pound	Mutton Rib Chops	15c Pound
Shoulder Steak	12 1-2c Pound					Mutton Loin Chops	15c Pound
Round Steak	15c Pound						
Dukes Special Butter 60c square.		Bulk Lard 14c		Picnic Hams 12 1-2c Pound		Bacon 15c Pound	
5 lb Can Lard 65c.		Compound 11 1-2c Pound		Halibut 7 1-2c Pound			