

Weston Weekly Leader.

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Not many years ago it would have been difficult to convince many farmers that the rate of freight from Blue Mountain or Centerville to Portland would ever be as low as six dollars per ton. The building of the railroad along the un-navigable Columbia river has resulted in a great reduction of freight rates. Farmers and shippers appreciate this. While contending for cheaper rates of transportation they are not unmindful of the benefits already received. It matters not what motives may have induced the benevolent monopoly to make the reductions. The farmers have received the benefit. But freights are considered high or low by comparison. There is no ingratitude in attempting to secure the lowest possible rates of transportation. Railroad organs would have us believe that the producers of the Inland Empire are the blackest ingrates for daring to complain of the "reasonable charges" of the benevolent monopoly. This is mere buncombe, worth so much per line. If the Columbia river was navigable from Astoria to Wallula, or if there was a competing line of railroad across the Cascades to Puget Sound, the O. R. & N. Co. could afford to haul wheat from Blue Mountain to Portland for considerably less than six dollars per ton. The fact that it has a monopoly of the traffic is all that prevents it from doing so now. Every cent saved on transportation is clear gain to the farmer. If he can do anything to bring about better rates than the benevolent monopoly is giving him, it is his business to do it. It may seem hopeless to look for a free river to the Pacific; but it must come sometime, and much may be done to hasten the time. Portland's opposition has been fully exposed, and it will be less powerful in the future in controlling the politics and commercial interests of the State for the exclusive benefit of Portland. The vast and varied resources of that part of Oregon and Washington of which the Columbia is the natural outlet have become more generally known throughout the Union. With proper care in the choice of Representative and Senators, national legislation on this important subject will not be so difficult as in days gone by. Despite his promises we know that we have nothing to expect from Dolph. One honest endeavor is worth ten fair promises. Judging from the temper of the last Oregon Legislature it is not at all probable that a Portland man will succeed. It is of the utmost importance that an able and genuine friend of the Inland Empire should be chosen. The people of Eastern Oregon should impress this fact upon their representatives, whether Republican or Democratic. Mere party success is a small thing compared with the opening of the Columbia river. Low freights have become a necessity. There has been a vast falling off in prices during the last ten years, in wages and many staple articles. As the country grows older there will probably be a still greater falling off. Freights must come down in proportion. The disposition of this question lies largely in the hands of those most deeply interested. Will they allow neglect or party politics to prevent its proper adjustment?

INDEMNITY SELECTIONS.

The following circular regarding "indemnity selections" has just been sent to all Registers and Receivers: GENTLEMEN—Before admitting railroad indemnity selections in any case you will require preliminary lists to be filed specifying the particular deficiencies for which indemnity is claimed. You will then carefully examine your records, tract by tract, to ascertain whether the loss to the grant actually exists as alleged. You will admit no indemnity selection without a proper basis therefor. If you are in doubt whether the company is entitled to indemnity losses claimed, you will transmit the preliminary lists to this office for instructions, and will not place the selections upon record until directed so to do. When indemnity selections have heretofore been made without specification of losses, you will require the companies to designate the deficiencies for which such indemnity is to be applied before further selections are allowed. The selecting agent applying to make indemnity selection must state in his affidavit attached to the list presented that the specific losses for which indemnity is claimed are truly set forth and described in said list, and that said losses have not heretofore been indemnified in any manner. Where deficiencies exist, for which indemnity is allowed by law, the lieu selections must be made from vacant unappropriated land within proper sections and limits nearest the granted sections in which the loss occurred. You will be careful to see that this rule is strictly complied with, and will reject all selections not made in conformity thereto. WILLIAM WALKER, Acting Commissioner. Approved: L. Q. C. LAMAR, Secretary.

GENERAL NEWS.

John Roach's liabilities are \$2,200,000; nominal assets, \$5,181,000; actual assets, \$4,481,000. Secretary Whitney has issued an order that naval officers, instead of soldiering on shore, must go to sea. Gen. Luther M. Meilly, of Ohio, has been appointed assistant commissioner of the general land office, in place of Harrison. Trade organizations have petitioned the president for an extra session of congress for the relief of industrial classes and the revival of business. Miss Adrianna Brinckle has just been released from the Pennsylvania lunatic asylum, after 27 years' confinement. She has been sane all the time. Twenty Piegan horse thieves were killed by a party of cowboys in Montana last Friday. A later report says they were not killed, but the cowboys were in hot pursuit. Information has been received that civil war has broken out at Khartoum; that the treasury has been sacked, and that El Mahdi's successor and other officials have been killed. Information has been received that two whaling barks, Napoleon and Gazelle, were crushed by ice in 60° north last July. Two of the boats, containing 18 of the crew, were lost. Captain F. E. Pierce, of the First Infantry, has been appointed Indian agent at San Carlos agency. It is probable that officers of the army will be placed in charge of all the agencies where Indians are troublesome. Typhoid fever has made its appearance in the New Jersey asylum for the insane, at Morris Plains, and over a dozen persons are prostrated with the disease, which is supposed to have originated in bad drainage. A special from Vicksburg says: Ann Hogan, colored, died in this county yesterday, 120 years of age. Her peculiarity was her hair, which was three feet long, a sample of which was on exhibition at the world's exposition at New Orleans. In Granada, Spain, cholera is increasing fearfully. In the province outside the city, there were reported Saturday 218 deaths from the disease and 485 new cases, and in the city 213 deaths and 455 new cases. The people of Camden, New Jersey, are considerably alarmed over what appears to have been a death from cholera. The subject was an Irish girl but two weeks in the country. The coroner found the symptoms identical with Asiatic cholera. While engaged in raiding Chinatown in San Francisco in search of cubic air law violators, the officers found a leper in the last stage of the horrid disease. When being searched at the city prison one of the wretches' fingers was knocked off. He presented a most shocking spectacle of physical corruption. The secretary of war has instructed Gen. Miles, in command of the department of the Missouri, to hold troops in readiness to enforce the President's recent proclamation in regard to cattlemen on the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservations. By the terms of the proclamation the cattlemen will be compelled to remove their herds by September 4th. The troops will be held at Fort Reno. Mr. Heap, the United States consul, has sent to the port another protest, couched in stronger terms than those of his first protest, against the expulsion of Americans from Jerusalem, on the ground of their being Jews. Mr. Heap points out that the expulsions are in violation of treaty stipulations and are liable to cause serious difficulty. He has also referred the matter to the government at Washington. A skiff in which were six boys, ranging from 8 to 13 years, capsized in the middle of the Hononga-hola river, at Pittsburg, below lock No. 1, Tuesday afternoon about 7 o'clock, drowning Charles and Marx Richcraft and Athel and Jacob Meizer. The other two, Charles Meixner and George Skid lander, succeeded in reaching the shore. The accident happened in sight of hundreds of people, and before succor could reach the unfortunate lads they had sunk for the last time. A Vicksburg dispatch to the Times Democrat says: News is received here of the killing at Sunny Side, on the Tallahatchie river, last Sunday, of J. A. McMath, manager of John Tyler's Belle Chase plantation, by Dr. Adair, manager of D. W. Durden's Beverly place. An old misunderstanding was revived, and McMath rode up to Adair's door, called him out and threatened to shoot him, when Adair shot and killed McMath. Adair was arrested, and subsequently released on \$1000 bail. As the south-bound train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad was pulling from Edgefield Junction, ten miles north of Nashville, Tennessee, two young negro rascals got into an empty box car, for the purpose of stealing a ride. They were ordered out by the brakemen, when an altercation ensued between the brakemen and the negroes, one of the latter throwing a stone which hit one of the brakemen. The latter chased the negroes up the road and into a cornfield. The foremost of the pursuers followed into the cornfield, and was shot and killed by one of the negroes, both of whom escaped.

STATE NEWS.

About sixty persons are at work in the Blue River mines. Lafayette will have six months free school the coming year. John Cannon, aged 60, committed suicide at Newport the other day. At Brownsville last week Andy Kirk broke his arm while working about a threshing machine. The fall meeting of the Baker County Agricultural Society will convene at Baker City October 6th and continue five days. Last Tuesday, Lotta, 5 year old daughter of Dr. Shipley of Heppner, broke both bones of her arm while playing in the barn at her father's place. A party of soldiers from Fort Klamath, in charge of Capt. Miller, are engaged in repairing the military telegraph line between Ashland and Linkville. The work of surveying the new road to the Pine Creek mines will be commenced next week and pushed to completion. The work will be done by private parties. James Phillips, the brakeman who was stabbed at La Grande last week, is out of danger. His hurt was not so serious as at first supposed. His assailant is free yet. Corvallis Gazette: The penny and silver three cent piece are coming into general use in this county, the Oregon Pacific railroad having lately procured a large number for making change in fares over the road. Alfred Guild was fined \$100 at Hillsboro the other day for smearing the seat of P. B. Lewis' buggy with tar whereby the Sunday coat meeting trousers and Fance Albert coat of the latter were seriously damaged. A ton of ore from the Pine Creek mines was shipped, a short time ago, to Omaha to be reduced. The result was \$3650 gold. There can be no doubt but that this new discovery is one of the greatest bonanzas of recent times. Harvest is nearly completed, and the yield has been the largest ever witnessed in Wasco county. The average will be as high as forty bushels to the acre in some places, while in others it will not reach over twenty. A 10-year-old daughter of John O'Brien, Applegate, met with a serious accident on Wednesday last. The little girl was climbing on a large gate, when she slipped and fell, the gate falling on top of her, causing a fracture of one of the thighs. Fire broke out at Alkali at 10 p. m., on Saturday last, in a building occupied by a lottery racket. Linder's saloon, Hendrick's butcher shop, a building owned by J. Serrano, and W. A. Roddy's mercantile store were totally destroyed. The loss is about \$10,000. There was only a small insurance and that on Roddy's stock. Astorian: From North Beach come stories of Sharklets seen by daring bathers. A real live shark would be a thrilling, though unusual sight along the sand-strewn coast. But for a real genuine sensation nothing equals a devil fish. Let some of the Clatsop or North beach romancers invent one theobots from Portland will be crowded with passengers coming down. About 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon George Ogden, who works in Keller's slaughter house on the White house road, was attacked by an infuriated ox, and received injuries which will probably prove fatal. One of the horns of the animal struck Ogden over the right hip, and pierced its way upward as far as the ribs, penetrating the cavity of the body. The physician thinks his condition is critical, and that there is little hope of recovery. Old "Chubfoot," an immense grizzly bear that has destroyed hundreds of dollars worth of stock, and long been the terror of Siskiyou, says the Shasta Courier, was slain some days ago by three hunters, who were induced to go after him on the strength of a liberal reward. In the fight the bear mauling mauling meat of a herd of dogs, and only gave up the ghost after a pound or two of lead had been pumped into him from Winchester at short range. The stage between The Dalles and Canyon City was overtaken by a waterspout when near Lake Owen last week. The spout was preceded and accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning. The water poured down in a torrent, and was three feet in depth, with stock swimming and wading around in it. A passenger on the stage was holding an umbrella for protection from the sun, and when the effects of the storm were over found himself holding the stick, the ribs and other material having been melted and burned by the lightning. Strange to say, the gentleman was not injured in the least. The Oregon & California station building at Oregon City was entered by burglars at an early hour Saturday morning last. About 12:50 o'clock the watchman while making his rounds looked into the building and saw two men crouched on the floor near the safe. He ordered them to come out and surrender, but obeyed only the former command, and raised a window and disappeared down the railroad track towards Portland. An examination showed that three holes had been bored into it, one above the combination and two below it. The upper one was filled with powder, and the thieves were evidently firing the other two when surprised. There is no clue.

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