

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS OREGON

BOUNDARY CONTROVERSY DECIDED AT LAST.

FISHING TANGLE CLEARED

Decision Will Remove Certain Points of Dispute Now Existing in the Game Laws.

Washington, May 25.—The United States supreme court declined to grant a rehearing in the Oregon-Washington boundary case involving the location of the state line near the mouth of the Columbia river. Shortly after the court decided this question in favor of Oregon's contention, ex-Senator Turner, of Washington, filed a motion for a rehearing on behalf of his state, and with that motion he filed a brief setting forth the alleged grounds upon which the case should be reopened.

The court, however, holds that the question involved is so simple, and the facts so apparent, that there is no ground whatever for the contention of Washington, and it therefore declines to give further attention to the controversy. There is no possible further appeal from this action, therefore Oregon's claim to Sand Island and other disputed fishing grounds in the lower Columbia is finally established.

Judge Brewer advised that the two states should follow the plan of the Southern state bordering on the Mississippi river and ask congress to determine all the niceties of the question.

BLACKMAIL COUNTY OFFICER

After Giving Up Total of \$600, Victim Seeks Grand Jury.

St. Helens, Or., May 26.—Charged with attempting to blackmail County Treasurer E. C. Quick, J. Kendall Blakesley and Jack McCarty were indicted by the grand jury Tuesday. The indictment is the climax to a series of letters sent the treasurer by the two men, in which money is demanded. Quick says he did at one time give the men \$150 so that McCarty could be gotten out of town. He has also given them other moneys, aggregating \$450 in different amounts at various times.

The original scheme of the two men, according to Quick, was to burn down the county courthouse, destroy the records and rob the vaults. Quick had a duplicate of the records and his share of the proceeds of this crime was to come from the sale of his records to the county.

Harriman and Hill Reach Agreement
Portland, Or., May 26.—Arrangements have been made between the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern roads, under which the Northern Pacific line between South Tacoma and Vancouver, Wash., and the bridge over the Columbia river will be used jointly by the companies named. The Northern Pacific will at once begin work of completing double-tracking its road so as to care for the business of the three companies.

TACOMA WELCOMES JAPS

City of Destiny Welcomes Naval Visitors From Mikado's Empire.

Tacoma, May 25.—With the decks and high bluffs lined with thousands of people, and amid the deafening report of guns, whistles and brass bands on the warships, the Japanese cruisers Aro and Soya, under command of Rear-Admiral Ijichi, steamed into harbor Monday, dropping anchor to the right of the American squadron.

Governor Hay has established headquarters at the Tacoma Hotel, where he will receive the Japanese officers. The governor will remain the entire week.

Kills Neighbor Over Piece of Rope.

Chehalis, Wash., May 26.—Last night about 8:30 Joe Ware shot and instantly killed J. M. Corp at the home of the latter, 12 miles east of here. Ware went over to Corp's home adjoining and got into an altercation with Corp's young daughter over a piece of rope about three feet long. Corp came to the door to see what was the trouble. Words were passed, resulting in the shooting.

Lorimer Chosen on 95th Ballot.

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—Congressman Lorimer was today elected United States Senator on the 95th joint ballot by the Illinois general assembly.

Man Who Captured John Brown Dies

Mitchell, S. D., May 26.—Major Israel C. Greene, aged 85, the man who captured John Brown, of Ossawatimie, Harpers Ferry, is dead on his farm near here.

NAVY ESTIMATE REDUCED

Faith's Policy of Economy Is Being Carried Out.

Washington, May 26.—Secretary Meyer has cut off \$10,000,000 in the navy department estimates for the next fiscal year. This is a sample of what may be expected on the part of other Cabinet officials.

It may not be possible to reduce expenditures in all departments to as noticeable a degree as in those pertaining to the army and navy, but the thing that will be accomplished in all directions is a more



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Intelligent idea of the relations between or rather harmonizing of estimates and appropriations.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh expects to have in hand by June 1 estimates of all heads of departments. Between then and the time for the meeting of congress in regular session in December, painstaking study and investigation with a view to ascertaining the exact requirement of various bureaus embraced in different departments, or just what work each is performing and a detailed analysis of results as compared to expense involved, will be carried on.

"FUROR TRANSITORE" WILL BE MURDERER'S DEFENSE.

Tacoma, May 24.—"Furor transitorio" is the name of the entirely new form of defense Chas. F. Newcombe, who admits murdering Martin Kvalhaug, will make in the fight for his life. His attorney explains "furor transitorio" as being compulsive insanity, or in slang vernacular, "brain storm."

RAILROAD PAYS FOR FIRE

Employee Building Tunnel Started Destructive Conflagrations.

Portland, Or., May 25.—The Great Northern Railway Company has paid the government \$2,312.62 for damages caused on the Wenatchee national forest by fires started from locomotives and clearing crews during the summer of 1908. Merchantable timber to the amount of about half a million feet and 7800 cords of wood were destroyed or damaged. In addition to this, much young growth was destroyed.

The company had a large force of men at work clearing for its new electric transmission line, by means of which it is to operate its trains through the Cascade tunnel. The railroad crosses the forest from Leavenworth to the tunnel, a distance of about 50 miles. Eleven fires started during the season and burned over a total of 314 acres, the area of the different fires varying from one-half to 150 acres.

194 Survivors Reach Seward.

Seattle, Wash., May 24.—A cable dispatch from Seward, Alaska, says that the mail steamer Dora has arrived there with 194 survivors of the ship Columbia, wrecked near Unimak Pass. The survivors tell a tale of suffering and heroism seldom exceeded. The Dora is a small vessel with accommodations for 86 passengers and she fairly bulged with her load of 240 human beings. They were piled in everywhere, sleeping in lifeboats, in the hold, in chain lockers, in the cabin, all over—thus they had come 1000 miles from the scene of the loss of the Columbia.

RATE TROUBLE JUST BEGUN

Coast Cities Will Now Demand Same Treatment as Spokane.

Seattle, Wash., May 24.—Suits against all transcontinental railroads operating trains into Pacific terminals will be commenced within the next three weeks. Actions will be begun simultaneously by the Chambers of Commerce of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and every city of importance on the Pacific Coast. The cause of action has its origin in the Spokane rate decision, and lower distributing rates from seaport towns into the interior will be demanded. Railroad commissions of three states will hear the cases as well as the interstate commerce commission.

NEWS FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

TAFT ISSUES PROCLAMATION OPENING 440,030 ACRES.

CHANCE TO GET INDIAN LAND

Flathead, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Reservations to Be Thrown Open for Settlement.

Washington—President Taft has issued a proclamation providing for opening up for settlement and entry of about 440,000 acres of land in the Flathead, Mont., 200,000 in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and between 50,000 and 100,000 in the Spokane, Wash., reservations.

Registration which will commence on July 15 and close August 5, must be executed and sworn to at either Kalispell or Missoula, Mont., for the Flathead lands; at Spokane for the Spokane land and at Coeur d'Alene for the lands in the Coeur d'Alene reservation. Applications for registration must be delivered through the mails only to the superintendent at Coeur d'Alene which will be the principal drawing for all three reservations. The drawing will begin at 10 a. m., August 9, and continue until completed. The time for making the entries has been fixed as April 10, 1910, for all reservations in order to make personal investigation of the lands which will be subject to entry.

Regulations regarding the opening of the lands will be available about June 1.

Governor C. N. Haskell and other defendants in the various townsites cases in Oklahoma have fled their formal charges in the department of justice against W. J. Gregg, district attorney for the eastern district of Oklahoma; Sylvester Rush, assistant attorney-general, and M. L. Mott, special attorney for the Creek Indians, who has also assisted as special counsel in the town lot cases of Oklahoma.

The charges allege that these attorneys were combined in an attempt to procure unlawfully and by improper means an indictment of C. N. Haskell and other defendants in the town lot cases. They are charged with attempting to prejudice and intimidate witnesses in Muskogee and Tulsa and with attempting to discredit Haskell and other defendants.

Flashing around the world by wireless telegraphy warnings of approaching storms and other disturbances of the elements is one of the latest international projects, according to an announcement made here.

Still another of perhaps little less importance is the proposition to equip the vessels of all nations with uniform storm signals. These are the leading problems to be threshed out at a conference of distinguished meteorologists of the principal nations to be held in London June 21.

A concerted movement will be inaugurated to induce the principal governments to adopt a uniform system of wireless marine weather reports.

The second National Good Roads Congress at its closing session adopted resolutions favoring the active cooperation of state and nation in the construction of post roads and the employment of convict labor in the building and maintenance of public roads.

With practical unanimity the congress asks that the government appropriate at least 10 per cent of the internal revenue for building and maintaining public roads, provided that any particular state using such an appropriation shall expend an equal amount for the purposes of public roads.

The United States supreme court has decided the case of the Adams Express Company vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky, involving the right of the express company to ship liquor into a local option county, contrary to the law of the state, in favor of the company. The opinion says that the transaction was interstate commerce, and therefore not subject to interference by the Kentucky authorities.

President Taft has sent back to the war department the estimates submitted to him for the support of the military establishment for the fiscal year and indicated his desire that they should be cut approximately \$36,000,000.

Secretary of War Dickinson, who has just returned from a 20-day inspection of the Panama Canal, says that all the engineering problems advanced in the construction of a lock type of canal were successfully worked out by the canal commission.

EXPOSITION OPENS JUNE 1

Seattle Merchants Will Suspend All Business for the Day.

Seattle, May 25.—Mayor Miller has issued a proclamation asking the Seattle public to co-operate in signaling the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition by taking a day off and visiting the exposition on the opening day Tuesday, June 1.

Practically every important place of business in Seattle will remain closed. The Merchants' Association reached an agreement to this effect and its members have since used their influence to prevail upon other establishments not affiliated with the organization to adopt the same course.



MISS HELEN TAFT.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, has accepted an invitation to unveil the monument erected at Gettysburg, Pa., in memory of the soldiers of the regular army who participated in the Gettysburg campaign. The ceremony will take place May 31.

GOVERNORS PLAN MEETING

Hay and Benson to Go Over Land Concerned in Controversy.

Portland, May 25.—A meeting between Governor Benson, of Oregon, and Governor Hay, of Washington, is to be held in Portland early in June for the purpose of visiting the Lower Columbia River and conferring on an amicable adjustment of the boundary controversy between the two states.

Census Director North Resigns.

Washington, May 26.—S. N. D. North, director of the census, has tendered his resignation, and it was accepted today. E. Dana Durand, deputy commissioner of corporations, has been nominated to succeed Mr. North. Mr. North's resignation is a direct result of his controversy with Secretary Nagel.

OPPOSED TO FREE LUMBER

Tariff Amendment Rejected by Vote of Two to One.

Washington, May 25.—The lumber schedule of the tariff bill was under consideration almost the entire day yesterday, with Root, Heyburn, Borah and Dolliver contending on the one hand for protection and Clapp, Burkett and McCumber arguing strenuously against the policy. The day closed with more than a two-thirds vote against McCumber's free lumber amendment, the ballot showing 25 for and 56 against.

Quake Felt Over Big Area.

Chicago, May 26.—A light earthquake shock lasting only a few seconds was felt in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and contiguous territory, beginning at 8:41 o'clock this morning.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, \$1.18; red Russian, \$1.15; bluestem, \$1.27 @ 1.30; Valley, \$1.17.
Barley—Feed, \$34; rolled \$36 @ 37.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40; gray, \$39.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$16; do. ordinary, \$13; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16 @ 17; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 28 @ 29c; fancy, 25 @ 29c; store, 18 @ 20c.
Eggs—Choice, 24 @ 25c.
Hops—1908, contract, 5c per lb.; 1908 crop, 6 @ 7c; 1907 crop, 3 @ 4c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14 @ 21c per pound; Valley, medium, 21 @ 23c; coarse, 17 @ 18c per pound.
Mohair—24 @ 25c lb.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.30 @ 1.35.
Oats—\$41.
Barley—\$34.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$20 @ 21 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$12 @ 14 per ton; wheat hay, \$16 per ton; alfalfa, \$12 @ 14 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 20c lb.; ranch, 19c lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 24 @ 25c.
Potatoes—White River, \$35 @ 38 per ton; Yakima, \$35 @ 40 per ton.

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