

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

NEEDS OF THE PENITENTIARY
Superintendent James Makes Recommendations in Report.

Salem.—The present contract for the employment of Oregon convicts in the penitentiary stove foundry expires in July, 1913, soon after the adjournment of the next legislature. The question is presented, What shall then be done with the convicts? This question is suggested in the biennial report of Prison Superintendent C. W. James, his only recommendation on the subject being that some plan be adopted by which all the convicts will be given constant employment. This is desired both as a measure of economy for the state and as a means of discipline among the prisoners. The principal recommendations made by Superintendent James are that provisions be made by which youthful prisoners may be separated from the older men and those sentenced for trivial offenses separated from hardened criminals; that an appropriation be made which will permit the enlargement of the library to 2000 volumes; that more land be purchased so that more of the articles of food may be produced by convict labor; that the foundry buildings be repaired and improved; if the present plan of convict labor is to be continued, that the water-power flume be strengthened so that it will not be in danger of bursting from decay; that a new harness be constructed; that a new system of plumbing be installed in the prison cells; that provision should be made for the employment of guards for prisoners condemned to be hanged, and that an appropriation be made for the purchase of a surgical table and surgical tools for the prison hospital.

More Teachers Are Wanted.
Pendleton.—Twenty-six teachers of the Pendleton city schools have filed their contracts with County Superintendent Frank K. Wells. Only one more is left yet to file. Although the law requires that teachers must file their contracts upon commencing their duties, the Pendleton teachers have just complied with the law. Mr. Wells reports that there are yet a number of Umattila county districts to be supplied with teachers. The districts are small and pay from \$40 to \$50 a month, and are not much sought for. When teachers are plentiful there is no trouble to supply even the most remote district, but now, when every teacher is employed, the low wages and undesirable locations hold no inducements to them.

Big Fir from Clatsop.
Astoria.—One of Clatsop county's exhibits at the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a fir log that is perfect as well as immense. It is standing on the property owned by S. E. Harris, on Young's river above the falls, that is now being logged by the Brenner Logging Company. The tree stands perfectly plumb and without a blemish. Ten feet from the ground it measures 1 1/2 feet in diameter and 200 feet above, where the first limb is, it is 8 feet in diameter. The cost of the exhibition of the log will be borne by the different interests that will furnish the necessary tools and appliances to take it from the forest and place it in tide water. The square of this tree is rarely seen and its like has never been exhibited anywhere.

Woodburn Real Estate Moves.
Woodburn.—Woodburn real estate is selling at advanced prices, and the city has gained 25 per cent in population during the last 12 months. More new buildings have been erected during the last year than ever before during a like period of time. Numerous sales of real estate have been made within the past few days. The sale of the real estate were made by W. A. Barham, 4 1/2 lots on Main street, \$2500; O. D. Henderson, one-half lot on Main street, \$650. The city is filling up with Eastern investors, and prices are booming. Not a house is vacant in the city.

Club Wheat 75 Cents a Bushel.
Pendleton.—Club wheat has reached 75 cents a bushel, the highest mark for the season, with but few sales. Farmers who have held their long for better prices feel no hesitancy to hold longer. The car famine continues. Few cars can be obtained, as all obtainable are sent to the Palouse country to move the grain that is unprotected. No wheat remains in Umattila county out of the warehouses. That which was piled in the open air was shipped first.

Exhibit from Umattila County.
Pendleton.—Dr. A. Le Roy, superintendent of the Oregon Information Bureau, met the Commercial Club for the purpose of interesting the citizens of Umattila county in making an elaborate exhibit of products of the county for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Dr. Le Roy said he would permit this county to use the exhibit collected by the Information Bureau at the opening of the fair and until the time it gathers a fresh exhibit of the various products of this county next year.

Smelter for Clackamas Mine.
Oregon City.—The financial Mining Company, which controls 11 claims on the headwaters of the Clackamas river, 80 miles from Oregon City, has contracted for a 50-ton smelter at a cost of \$10,000. To be at work within a year. Right of these claims are embraced in the Silver King, Esther and Mother Lode groups, and have large deposits of copper. The Oklahoma has three claims of free-milling ore and the company will put in a stamp mill next summer.

Congested with Freight Cars.
Umattila.—The yards at this point are congested with freight cars from both the Oregon and Washington divisions. Crews are working double shifts to handle the immense wheat shipments. Considerable Asiatic freight is being shipped on through trains to the east via this point. Passenger traffic has also reached the top notch.

Wheat Market.
Portland.—Walla Walla, 81c@82c; bluestem, 84c@85c; valley, 86c@87c; Tacoma—Bluestem, 85c; club, 85c. Colfax—Club, 75c; bluestem, 75c.

Addition to Philomath College.
Philomath.—An expense of \$7000, extensive improvements will be made to the Philomath College building, including a recitation room, a well-equipped library, a museum and enlarged chapel, are the contemplated changes.

Dates of Albany Poultry Show.
Albany.—The executive committee of the Central Willamette Poultry Association has set January 15 to 21, inclusive, as the date for holding their next annual poultry show. The show former ones of the association, and will be the third under the present management.

Coal Prices Go Up.
Pittsburg, Nov. 5.—Prices of all grades of coal have advanced 35 cents a ton as a result of the increased demand for coal and the strike of engineers in Illinois.

DOOM IS AT HAND.

Port Arthur Must Fall Within a Very Short Time.
Cheloo, Nov. 5.—"Port Arthur is doomed."
The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

Japanese arriving from Dabuy today report that the Japanese have captured Rishing mountain and Sanguis mountain, which lies between the railroad and Rishing mountain. They also report that the Japanese have also captured East Keckan mountain. The last assault has gained for them positions which insure their ability to enter the main forts whenever they are ready. It is estimated by the Japanese that if the Russians do not surrender, they will be capable of prolonging their final stand at Liaot mountain and on the Tiger's Tail for a month longer, with the mere hope of prolonging the struggle. Long before the Russian Pacific squadron arrives the Japanese flag will wave over the wrecked citadel.

This will void Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city. The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the east hills, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS AT PARIS.

Witnesses in the North Sea Incident Confer with Diplomats.
Paris, Nov. 5.—Three officers of the Russian squadron, including Captain Clado, who are the principal witnesses in the North Sea incident, arrived today from Vigo and went immediately to the Russian embassy, where they held a long conference.

Committee Named by Hitchcock Will Begin Work Immediately.
St. Louis, Nov. 7.—The members of the committee selected by the Interior department to select the exhibits from the Alaskan building for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition in Portland next year are expected to arrive at the Alaskan building and begin their labors today. The committee is composed of the following: Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Judge Thomas Ryan, Edward M. Dawson, chief clerk of the Department of Interior, R. F. Peters, chief clerk of the Navy department, and S. R. Bercha.

In addition to selecting the exhibits, the committee will also determine the amount of space to be allotted to Alaska. It has been stated that the citizens of the various cities and towns in Alaska are being awakened to the fact that the United States government is doing everything in its power to aid in the development of the territory and to induce people to go to Alaska and locate, and they will do everything in their power to aid the committee by forming clubs and exposition societies to make a concentrated effort to display the advantages of Alaska at Portland in the very best possible manner.

HELD UP IN HOTEL.

San Francisco Man and His Wife Lose \$2,500 Worth of Jewelry.
San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Arnold Gundelfinger, a retired merchant, and his wife were held up in their apartments at the Hotel Dorchester tonight and robbed of jewelry valued at \$2,500. According to Mr. Gundelfinger's story, he and his wife were dressing in their room. He heard a knock on the door and, answering it, he discovered a former bell boy of the hotel, James Gates, at the door. Gates said he had been sent up to look at the plumbing. He was told that Mrs. Gundelfinger was dressing and that he could not come in. He insisted and was allowed to enter the room. He then drew a revolver and demanded that Mrs. Gundelfinger surrender her jewelry. Mrs. Gundelfinger said they were in another room, and at the pistol's point Gates compelled Gundelfinger and his wife to go into the other room. Mrs. Gundelfinger then handed over a bag containing the jewelry. Gates then made his escape.

Experts Do Not Expect Battle.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The Lokai Anselger's Mukden correspondent claims the most trustworthy authority for the statement that 34,000 sick and wounded Russian soldiers were sent away after the last engagement. Colonel Baedre, the Tageblatt's correspondent with the Russian army, telegraphs that the Russian positions on the Shakhe river are daily becoming stronger. The possibility of a Japanese attack, he says, is constantly diminishing, and many experts do not expect a decisive engagement before spring.

Eva Booth is Promoted.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 7.—A telegram from Salvation Army headquarters in Toronto announces the new commission for the army in the United States and Canada. Miss Eva Booth, who for eight years has been in command in Canada, will be commander in the United States, with headquarters in New York City. Commissioner Kirby, who will be Miss Booth's deputy commander, has been in charge in South Africa. He will have partial jurisdiction in the western section of the United States.

Massacred by Natives.

London, Nov. 7.—According to information from the island of Perito, at the entrance to the Red sea, an investigation of the Maesira island made by the sultan of Muscat shows that the captain and a boat's crew of 21 men, which left the British steamer Barac, which ran ashore at the Kuria Maesira islands, were massacred by the natives. Nine of the murderers have been arrested and the rest will soon be taken.

Fined for Bringing in Consumptive.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Secretary Victor H. Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, today imposed a fine of \$100 upon the Pacific Coast steamship company for bringing to this port on September 28, as a passenger on the steamer Umattila, from Victoria, B. C., a consumptive.

NEW '05 PLANS

Government Is to Have Only Four Buildings.
MEANS A SAVING OF \$12,000
That for Forestry and Irrigation Is Eliminated—Money Needed for Lighting and Incidental.

Washington, Nov. 7.—It has been determined that the government will erect only four buildings at the Lewis and Clark exposition instead of five, as originally planned. It was found that the acceptance of the lowest bid, that of J. E. Bennett, of Portland, would leave only \$15,000 for wiring and lighting for the government buildings and for incidental expenses, etc. This amount, in the opinion of Supervising Architect Taylor, is not sufficient.

The supervising architect declares it is necessary either to eliminate one building or reduce the size of the main building and alter the plans. Chairman Hill, of the government board, and the members of the executive board in this city, today concluded the best thing to do would be to abandon the separate building which was to have been erected for forestry and irrigation, saving \$12,000. As this building was to have been hidden by the main building, its elimination will not alter the general appearance of the group on the peninsula. The board is of the opinion that with this building eliminated there will still be sufficient space remaining for all purposes.

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HINT OF PLOT.

Russia Said To Have Intercepted Japanese Message.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The Associated Press has obtained official confirmation of the sensational report that an intercepted dispatch from the Japanese minister at The Hague would be produced in the court of inquiry into the recent North sea affair to prove the existence of a plot to destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. There is said to be good ground for believing the report to be true, and there are many indications that the Russian government has been long in possession of strong evidence of a Japanese plan to intercept all of Admiral Rojestvensky's warships.

This explains the willingness of Russia to submit the case to international arbitration. She would scarcely have proposed this course unless convinced she had a strong case.

It also develops that Emperor Nicholas during an audience with British Ambassador Hardinge declared in the most positive terms that there were Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. Apparently, Denmark was impressed by the same belief. The Russian destroyer, Empress, who was then in Copenhagen, naturally did not fail to communicate to her father the communication received by her from St. Petersburg. This would account for the extraordinary precautions adopted by the Danish government in detailing warships to escort the Baltic sea fleet through Danish waters.

Another remarkable story is current in well informed circles to the effect that two balloons were seen hovering over the Skagerrack while the Russian fleet entered the North sea. There were said to have been manned by Japanese, with the object of watching the Russians and possibly dropping explosives.

No hint of suspicion is expected in any responsible quarter that the British government was in the slightest degree or in any way responsible for the alleged machinations of the Japanese agents. On the contrary, officials circles express the highest praise for the conduct of the British government throughout the North sea incident.

CARS CRASH IN A FOG.

Nearly One Hundred Persons on Los Angeles Cars.
Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8.—In a terrific rear end collision on the Long Beach electric road today, in a dense fog, nearly 100 persons were injured or badly shaken up. That many persons were not killed outright is astonishing. A car loaded down with Mexican workmen, while running at a speed of more than 40 miles an hour, crashed into a standing passenger coach, which had stopped to take on a passenger, knocking it 200 feet along the rails, and wrecking both coaches.

The terrible impact hurled the passengers and laborers into heaps amid flying timbers, iron and glass. Fifteen persons were rendered unconscious, but miraculously none is reported fatally hurt, unless it be the motorman who was operating the work car.

When his car burst from the fog and bore down upon the standing passenger coach, he threw off the power and put on the air at the time striking a warning to those ahead. Although the crash was inevitable, he stuck to his post and went down amid crushed timbers.

The cause of the accident was the dense fog and the fact that the passenger coach was about ten minutes late. A car bound to this city from Long Beach was stopped opposite the wreck and many of the injured were placed aboard of it. While standing there, a work car which had been following it through the fog bumped into it, and more people were injured, some of those who had received injuries in the first collision being again injured in the second one. Both cars in the first collision were smashed to kindling wood, and the passenger car, which received the impact of the second accident, was badly shattered, but was run to the city.

Fine Bridge is Completed.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 8.—The east bound Burlington express which reached here yesterday was the first train to pass over the new Northern Pacific steel bridge over the Pend d'Oreille river at Sand Point, Idaho. The great bridge, which has been under construction for nearly a year, has been completed and turned over by the construction department to the traffic department. The estimated cost of the new bridge is \$1,000,000. In its construction 2,300 tons of steel were used.

Bids for Drydock Too High.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The bureau of yards and docks probably will reject all the bids that were received for the completion of the big drydock at the Mare Island navy yard. The bids are considered as excessive, and if the contract were made on the basis of those figures the cost of the dock would far exceed the original estimate and the amount available for the work. It is probably that this work will be carried on by yard labor, except in certain parts, such as furnishing the electrical material and building the caisson.

Department Will Need Less Money.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Acting Secretary Murray, of the department of commerce and labor, made public today the estimate of appropriations for the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905. The estimates aggregate \$14,339,529, being \$594,425 less than the estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904. The estimates for the fiscal year of 1905 exceed the appropriations for the current fiscal year by \$4,218,444.

Difficulty Not with the Gun.

Washington, Nov. 8.—As a result of an investigation into the defect in the 12-inch shell used on United States war vessels, noted during the recent target practices of the North Atlantic fleet, it has been reported by the board of experts that the difficulty was entirely with the steel bands on the projectile, and not with the gun, as was apprehended. This defect can easily be remedied.

Bohemia Nugget

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON.
WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Russia has accepted the draft of the North sea agreement submitted by Great Britain.

The Japanese continue to make gains on Port Arthur, several more forts having been taken by them.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay are considering the proposed arbitration treaty with Germany.

The leaders of the rebellion in San Domingo have surrendered and a peace prevails throughout the republic.

The relations between Italy and Austria are almost at the breaking point. The trouble arose over student riots.

Several arrests have been made at New Westminster, B. C., for illegal voting in the Canadian elections last week.

The United States battleships Oregon and Wisconsin, the cruiser Cincinnati and a torpedo boat have arrived at Manila.

Twelve Chinese, alleging themselves to be merchants, desirous of visiting the St. Louis fair, have been denied admission by the immigration officials at San Francisco.

Great Britain has ordered two of her warships home from Canadian waters.

It was necessary to call out troops to quell rioting students at an Austrian university.

One hundred people went down with a steamer sunk in a collision off the coast of Algeria.

A French deputy slapped the face of the minister of war in the house and a free fight ensued.

A New York ferry boat went down in a collision caused by dense fog, but no lives were lost.

Britain has warned ship owners against allowing their vessels to follow the Russian fleet with coal.

The Oregon building at the World's fair, which has been sold, will be used by its purchaser for a summer residence.

A great relief is felt at St. Petersburg that the Japanese did not succeed in taking Port Arthur on the mikado's birthday.

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