

RESULT OF HARD TIMES

Receipts of Railways Greatly Reduced in Two Years.

THE REPORT OF WADE HAMPTON

Suggestions Made by the Commissioner of Railroads in Regard to the Pacific Roads' Debts.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Wade Hampton, commissioner of railroads, has made his annual report to the secretary of the interior. He says in the hard times, it appears the gross receipts of the Union Pacific system were reduced \$1,000,000 per month below the normal.

A TOWN WITHOUT REVENUE.

The Closing of Saloons Results in Financial Embarrassment.

Kansas City, Oct. 4.—Mayor Willard, of Argentine, a suburb of Kansas City, Kas., today issued orders to discharge every policeman and police officer, excepting the city marshal, to close down the fire department and arrange to sell the horses and equipments to close down the water supply.

A Season of Disaster.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The steamer Lakme has arrived from the Arctic ocean, bringing news of death and disaster among the whaling fleet. The catch for the season was almost an absolute failure, only twenty-three whales having been taken.

The Pay of Criminal Jurors.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The supreme court has declared unconstitutional subdivision 16 of section 190 of the county government act, which provides that in counties of the 28th class alone every person subpoenaed as a witness in a criminal case by the superior court shall, subject to the discretion of the judge therefor, be entitled to the same per diem as jurors in like cases.

DISGUSTED WITH BLOOMERS.

The Town Where the New Garment Will Not Be Worn.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4.—The women of this city may ride bicycles, but they have put away all idea of adopting bloomers, and all on account of a clever trick resorted to by those who oppose the fashion.

Another Failure.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Utter failure attended the efforts of the executive officers of the Western roads today to secure an agreement for the restoration and maintenance of freight rates. The meeting was unable to agree on anything. There was only a partial representation of the roads, and it was deemed inexpedient by those present to attempt to do anything till a full attendance could be secured.

GOVERNOR WEST'S LAST REPORT

Before Another Can Be Made Utah Will Become a State.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Governor Caleb W. West, of Utah, has submitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior. Before another report can be made the territory will become a state. The report is devoted almost wholly to statistics showing the resources and condition of the territory.

NONE SPOKE FOR HIM.

Durrant's Classmates Placed on the Witness Stand.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The defense in the Durrant case did today that which it has often urged the prosecution. Attorney Dreyfus called to the stand fifty-nine members of the class to whom Dr. Cheney lectured the afternoon of April 3, and asked each one if he answered to Durrant's name at the roll-call. Every answer was in the negative.

CAROLINA'S SUFFRAGE.

A Measure Which Will Disqualify a Majority of the Negroes.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 3.—The report of the suffrage committee of the constitutional convention was made today. It provides for the registration of qualified voters. The qualifications of electors given in the following section are regarded as practically disqualifying the majority of the negroes, on account of the educational and property requirements.

Seattle May Build Them.

Seattle, Oct. 4.—Among the bids for the construction of six new gunboats opened at the navy department yesterday, the lowest bid for two single-screw vessels was by the Detroit Drydock Company, and it was said there would be a question as to awarding the contract to that firm, because of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which provides that ships of war cannot be built on the Great Lakes, although intended for service on the sea.

Li Hung Chang Summoned to Peking.

London, Oct. 5.—A dispatch to the Standard from Shanghai says that Li Hung Chang has gone to Peking at the special request of the dowager empress of China, with whom he has always had the most cordial relations. A grand scheme of administrative reorganization has been prepared between them, a prominent feature being the removal of the capital from Peking to some more secure place in Central China.

New York's Lexow Inquiry.

New York, Oct. 5.—The board of officers of the department of state of New York has reported its findings against its investigation of the charges against Major W. S. Andrews, ex-commissioner of street cleaning in this city. The board finds Major Andrews guilty of three charges. A resolution to expel the charges grow out of evidence produced before the famous Lexow committee.

Miss Flagler's Case.

Washington, Oct. 4.—District Attorney Birney said today he would bring the case of Miss Flagler, daughter of General Flagler, chief of the ter of General Flagler, the U. S. army ordinance bureau of the U. S. army who killed a negro boy named Green while he was stealing fruit from a tree, before the grand jury now in session.

PRIZEFIGHTING LAWS

Extra Session of the Texas Legislature Convenes.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 3.—The Texas legislature met at noon with a quorum present. The governor, in a message, reviewed the laws against prizefighting in Texas, calling attention to errors therein, and closed by saying: "All persons have been given notice that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons exhibition would not be permitted, and whatever has been done by the projectors was with a full knowledge of the consequences. Public interests require that this exhibition especially should be suppressed."

POLITICAL ROW IN CONSEQUENCE

Contest Between Governor Culberson and His Political Opponents—Bills Introduced in Both Houses.

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THE COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY

An Effort to Revive the New York Reform Movement.

New York, Oct. 3.—A movement was put on foot today to revive the committee of seventy, or to create a similar body to take steps necessary to bring about a union of all anti-Tammany forces. This movement is inspired by the action of the good government clubs convention last night in nominating a ticket against the advice of a majority of the executive committee. The chances for success were considered good by those who took the initiative. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst has telegraphed as follows to Charles Stewart Smith, who is at present at Stamford, Conn.: "Our only chance is to hold a mass meeting and institute a new committee of seventy. Last night's inconsiderate and inharmonious action cannot but fail."

Dr. Parkhurst is confident that a combination of anti-Tammany organizations and electors is possible. He attributed the action of last night's meeting to "youthful enthusiasm" and "excessive zeal." He says that the good-government clubs, while claiming to be the successors of the committee of seventy, have not taken up the duties and purposes of the committee, and that therefore the only thing to do is to recreate the committee.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

The fruit business is not quite so active, and prices are maintained. Pottery was in good supply the past week and was inclined to be weak. Eggs are cleaning up and the price is not likely to go any lower. Butter is firmer than it has been. Other markets are unchanged.

Wheat Market.

There is not the strength in the local wheat market that there was the week before, and dealers have lowered bids. Export quotations were given as follows: Walla Walla, 46c; Valley, 49c; 49 1/2c per bushel.

Produce Market.

FLOUR—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, are quoted at \$2.75 per barrel; Goldrop, \$2.85; snowflake, \$2.75; Benton county, \$2.75; granah, \$2.35; super-fine, \$2.25.

OATS—Good white are quoted weak, at 22c; milling, 28c@30c; gray, 18c@19c. Tinned oats are quoted as follows: Bags \$4.25@5.25; barrels, \$4.50@7.00; cases, \$3.25.

HAY—Timothy, \$7.50@8 per ton; cheat, \$6.50.

BARKLEY—Feed barley, \$11@11.25 per ton; drawing, nominal.

MILLS— Bran, \$10.50; shorts, \$13.50; middlings, \$16@16; rye, 75c@80c per cental.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery is quoted at 22 1/2c; fancy dairy, 20c; fair to good, 15c@17 1/2c; common, 12 1/2c per pound.

POTATOES—New Oregon, 30c@40c per sack.

ONIONS—Oregon, 75c@1 per cental.

POULTRY—Chickens, old, \$3@3.50 per dozen; young, \$1.50@3.00 per dozen; ducks, \$2.50@3.00; geese, \$5.00@6.00; turkeys, live, 11c per pound; dressed, 13c.

EGGS—Oregon, are quoted 18c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream, 8c@9c per pound; half cream, 6c@7c; skim, 4c@5c; Young America, 1 1/2c higher.

OREGON VEGETABLES—Cabbage, 1 1/2c per lb; radishes, 10c per dozen bunches; green onions, 10c per dozen; cucumbers, 10c@1 per sack; cauliflower, \$1 per dozen; tomatoes, 25c@40c per box; corn, 6c@8c per box.

BERRIES—Blackberries, 4c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUIT—California lemons, \$4.00@4.50; bananas, \$2.25@3.00 per dozen; Valencia late oranges, \$3.00 per box; Mediterranean sweets, \$2.50@3.00; pineapples, \$1@1 per dozen.

CALIFORNIA VEGETABLES—Garlic, new 6c@8c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2c@2 1/2c per pound; Mervet, 1 1/2c.

FRESH FRUIT—Apples, good, \$1 per box; prunes, 25c@30c; peaches, 25c@70c per box; Bartlett pears, \$1@1.25; watermelons, 75c@1.00 per dozen; cantaloupes, \$1.00@1.25 per dozen; grapes, 60c per box; New York Concord, 80c per basket; Liwaco cranberries, \$10.50 per barrel.

WOOL—Valley, 10c@11c, according to quality; Eastern Oregon, 7c@8c.

HOPS—Choice, Oregon 6c@7c per pound.

NUIS—Almonds, soft shell, 9c@11c per pound; paper shell, 12c@14c; new crop California walnuts, soft shell, 11c@12c; standard walnuts, 10c@11c; Italian chestnuts, 12c@14c; pecans, 13c@16c; Brazil, 12c@13c; niberts, 14c@16c; peanuts, raw, fancy, 6c@7c; roasted, 10c; hickory nuts, 8c@10c; coconuts, 9c per dozen.

PROVISIONS—Eastern hams, medium, 11 1/2c@12c per pound; hams, picnic, 8c@9c; breakfast bacon 11 1/2c@12c; short clear sides, 8 1/2c@9c; dry salt sides, 7 1/2c@8c; dried beef hams, 12c@13c; lard, compound, in tins, 7 1/2c; lard, pure, in tins, 7 1/2c@10c; pig's feet, 8c, \$3.50; pig's feet, 40c, \$3.25; kits, \$1.25. Oregon smoked hams, 11 1/2c per pound; pickled hams, 8 1/2c; boneless hams, 10c; bacon, 9c; dry salt sides, 8c; lard, 5-pound pails, 9 1/2c; 10s, 9 1/2c; 50s, 9c; terecs, 8 1/2c.

HIDES—Dry hides, butcher, sound, per pound, 13c@14c; dry kip and calf-skin, 11c@13c; calfs, 3c less; salted, 60 lbs and over, 8c@8 1/2c; 50 to 60 lbs, 7c@7 1/2c; 40 and 50, 6c@7c; kip and veal skins, 10 to 30 lbs, 5c@6c; calfskin, sound, 3 to 10 lbs, 6c@9c; green, unsalted, 10c less; calfs, 1 1/2c less; sheepskins, shearlings, 10c@15c; short wool, 20c@30c; medium, 30c@40c; long wool, 50c@70c.

Merchandise Market.

SALMON—Columbia, river No. 1, talls, \$1.25@1.60; No. 2, talls, \$2.25@2.50; fancy, No. 1, flats, \$1.75@1.85; Alaska, No. 1, talls, \$1.20@1.30; No. 2, talls, \$1.90@2.25.

SUGAR—Golden C, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; dry granulated, 5c; cube crushed and powdered, 5 1/2c per pound; 1/2c per pound discount on all grades for prompt cash; half barrels, 2c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15c@16c per pound.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, 22c@23 1/2c; Rio, 20c@22c; Salvador, 21c@21 1/2c; Mocha, 20 1/2c@28c; Padang Java, 31c; Palembang Java, 26c@28c; Lamsat Java, 25c@28c; Arabica's Mokka, and Lion, \$2.30 per 100-pound case; Columbia, \$21.80 per 100-pound case.

COAL—Steady; domestic, \$5.00@7.50 per ton; foreign, \$8.50@11.00.

BEANS—Small white, No. 1, 3c@5c per pound; butter, 3c@5c; bayon, 3c; Lima, 5c.

CORDBAGE—Manilla rope, 1 1/2-inch, is quoted at 9 1/2c, and Sisal, 8c per pound.

BAGS—Caimita, 4 1/2c.

RICE—Island, \$5@5.25 per sack; Japan, \$4.50@4.75.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

FLOUR—Net cash prices: Family extras, \$3.35@3.45 per barrel; bakers' extras, \$3.15@3.25; superfine, \$2.35@2.60.

BARKLEY—Feed, fair to good, 57 1/2c; choice, 58 1/2c; brewing, 62 1/2c@70c.

WHEAT—No. 1 shipping, 95 per ct.; choice, 96 1/2c; milling, 97 1/2c@1.02 1/2c.