

A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Portland and St. Johns Water-fronts Scene of Blaze.

AGGREGATE LOSS OVER \$350,000

Mills, Warehouses, Cars and Docks Burned—Lewis and Clark Fair Buildings Threatened.

Portland, Sept. 2.—It required but half an hour yesterday noon for fire to wipe out the Albina dock, warehouse and entire plant of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, completely destroy ten freight cars of the O. R. & N. Co. and damage the plant of the Eastern & Western Lumber company, across the river. The loss totals \$210,500, and insurance is \$186,000.

Originating in the elevator building, the fire spread rapidly north and south, fanned by a strong gale from the east. Before apparatus could reach the scene, the destruction of the large dock and elevator property was practically accomplished.

The Albina dock, the property of the O. R. & N. Co., and the elevator buildings were situated on the East Side river front, just below the O. R. & N. car shops. So furious was the wind that blazing brands were quickly wafted across the river, igniting the plant of the Eastern Lumber Co., directly opposite.

There was great anxiety at the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds when the fire was raging half a mile distant. If the flames had gained a secure foothold on the west side of the river and spread to any great extent, the exposition would have been in the direct path.

One burning ember lighted on the roof of the Manufacturers building, but only a small hole was burned before it was stamped out.

Fire at St. Johns destroyed two saw mills, threatened to destroy three other mills and many residences, and was only prevented from doing incalculable damage by the fireboat, George H. Williams, which was sent to the conflagration at 2 o'clock in the morning from Portland. The tiny streams poured on the flames by the mill company's apparatus seemed only to add fuel to the fire.

The sawmills of the Oregon Fir Lumber company and the St. Johns Lumber company, the former known as the Cone and the latter as the Douglas plant, together with the wood yards of the Peninsular Wood company, were totally destroyed by the fire. The loss aggregates \$140,000, with \$31,000 insurance. Some damage was sustained by the Jobs flour mills, but it was not material.

Oscar's Feelings Hurt.

Stockholm, Sept. 5. — The semi-official Dagbladt, in strong terms, says the Swedish emperor has changed his mind and declares that he is still in opposition to any prince of the house of Bernadotte ascending the Norwegian throne. King Oscar, the paper says, has expressed himself as being deeply wounded at the reports that he is in favor of the candidacy of a Swedish prince, despite his repeated statements to the contrary.

Secret Messenger From Panama.

New York, Sept. 2. — On what he said was a secret mission to see President Roosevelt, Mincanor Obarrio, a prominent citizen of Panama, arrived in this city today from Colon. Mr. Obarrio was one of the original junta which was instrumental in establishing the independence of Panama.

AGAINST THE ROADS.

Decision of Interstate Commission on Corn and Corn Products.

Washington, Sept. 2. — The Interstate Commerce commission today decided that the present freight charges on corn products and corn from Missouri river points to Pacific coast terminals, in so far as the rate on corn products is more than 5 cents above the rate on corn, constitute a discrimination against corn products and producers thereof at places on the Missouri river.

It was shown by the decision that the differential rates on corn and corn products from Missouri river points to California terminals was for about one year after January 1, 1890, a differential of 9 cents against corn products. Then for about one and one-half years it was 9 cents in favor of corn products. The rates were the same between July, 1892, and March, 1895, when a differential of 5 cents against corn products was established. In December, 1897, the differential was increased to 10 cents, and in July, 1902, it was made 20 cents. During March, 1904, the differential was fixed at 17½ cents, and in October of that year it was reduced to 10 cents and has since remained at that figure.

Changes in the relations of rates on corn and corn products from Missouri river points to North Pacific terminals were not generally different from those mentioned, except that in December, 1897, the rate was made the same on corn and corn products, and there is now no difference unless the minimum carload for corn is the marked capacity of the car, in which case the rate shows a differential of 10 cents against corn products.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, 68c per bushel; bluestem, 71c; valley, 71c.

Oats — No. 1 white feed, \$23@24; gray, \$22 per ton.

Barley—Feed, 20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$22@23.

Rye—\$1.30 cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$14 @15 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$7.50@9.

Fruits—Apples, 90c@\$1.75 per box; peaches, 50@90c per crate; plums, 50 @75c per crate; blackberries, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; watermelons, ¼@1c per pound; crab-apples, \$1 per box; grapes, 50c@\$1.50; prunes, 70@80c; huckleberries, 8c per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1¼c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 8@9c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; pumpkins, 7¼@7½c; tomatoes, 20@35c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.

Onions—Oregon, \$1 per sack; Globe, 75c.

Potatoes—Oregon, extra fancy, 85@90c; good, 60@75c per sack.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@30c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@24½c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@13c; mixed chickens, 11½@12c; old roosters, 9@10c; young roosters, 11@11½c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 18@22c; geese, live, 8@8½c; ducks, 13@14c.

Hops — 1905, choice, 16c; prime, 14½c; 1904, choice, 16@18c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef — Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½ @ 4½c; country steers, 4@5c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@8c per pound.

Mutton — Dressed, fancy, 6½@7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

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