

The Estacada News

ESTACADA OREGON

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The battleship fleet has left Honolulu.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting in Denmark.

The British house of lords has passed an old age pension.

At a meeting of Atlanta Baptist Ministers' association, one member praised John D. Rockefeller.

The Chicago board of health has started an active campaign to reduce the high death rate among babies.

The Clyde liner Chippewa, which went on the rocks between Boston and Charleston three weeks ago, is a total wreck.

An automobile stage running from Bellingham, Wash., to Lynden went over an embankment and 15 passengers were injured.

Admiral Rojevstevsky, the Russian officer defeated by Admiral Togo in the Russo-Japan war, is dead, as a direct result of his wounds.

A steam pipe on the battleship Kearsarge burst and scalded five men. Cigarettes had been barred from one of the largest Nevada mines.

In a dispute between Canadian Pacific ship employees and the company a board of conciliation granted the men almost every point contended for.

Gompers and Morrison, leaders of the American Federation of Labor have been cited to appear in court for disobeying the injunction regarding a boycott against the Buck Stove company.

Persian troops are said to have put down the revolution and retaken Tabriz.

A Buffalo woman poisoned her three children and attempted to poison herself.

Count Tolstai has written a lengthy article denouncing the Russian reign of terror.

The naval tug Iroquois has gone ashore near the entrance to Pearl harbor, Hawaiian islands.

An automobile met a train near Columbia City, Ind., and all six occupants of the auto are dead.

The recent inundations in the vicinity of Tokat, Asia Minor, cost 2,000 lives. Untold damage was done to property.

A Chicago girl has just been saved from drowning by a man who years ago was rescued from the water by this same girl.

The matron of a West Oakland children's home is in trouble because she whipped two little girls with a buggy whip.

The Pennsylvania railroad will expose all employees who are delinquent in their duties in the hope that it will cause greater care among the men and save accidents.

Whitney L. Boise, a prominent man of Portland, has been arrested for embezzlement. It is charged that he has made away with at least \$150,000 belonging to the Hawthorne estate.

Pearly has started on another attempt to reach the north pole.

The Russian budget shows a deficit of \$37,500,000 in extraordinary revenues.

A spectator at a Chicago ball game fell and broke his neck when a home run was made.

Frank Zotti, head of a wrecked New York bank, has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny.

Eastern railroads have been allowed to exchange passes for advertising pending an appeal to the federal court.

Eastern railroads have decided against a general advance in rates. Advances will be made in the South-east and Southwest.

Humbert Rivas, son of the general commanding the Salvadoran army against the revolutionists, has been denied admission to the United States.

During the three months ending March 31 there were 728 persons killed on the railroads of the United States. This is a great reduction over the previous three months.

The men of the battleship fleet are having a royal time in Honolulu.

At the conventions in Denver an agreement was reached between the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America whereby the two organizations will work in harmony in the future.

Count Boni has begun suit for the custody of his children.

Wholesale exposures of grafting in Portugal have been made.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Honolulu, and were given an enthusiastic welcome.

Great Britain will buy three warships now building in English shipyards for Brazil.

A small army of volunteers has offered to accompany Roosevelt on his African hunting trip.

One hundred unemployed New York men fed each day by John Morgan, himself a poor working man.

The British government is giving careful attention to the operation of the American beef combine in London.

American marines have been sent to Honduras, where all Central American republics are stirring up a revolt.

Two carloads of powder stored near Cle Elum, Wash., exploded. At least nine persons were killed and several others injured.

A pleasure launch from Manila capsized and 25 of the 73 passengers were drowned. The 50 saved were picked up by a British steamer.

Shippers are protesting against the raising of freight rates, and may win as the roads are not unanimous in the decision to make the increase.

FRUIT FOR FLEET.

Honolulu Donates Liberally to Officers and Men of Battleships.

Honolulu, July 21.—A feature of the entertainment of the fleet Sunday was the presentation of hundreds of tons of fruit and delicacies of all kinds to the various battleships. The great store of good things was loaded on a lighter, which was towed to each of the twelve ships in turn, the Hawaiian band being aboard also, and playing native and American airs as the distribution proceeded.

A generous supply of iced fruit and plenty of reading matter was sent to the island, where 850 men of the Nebraska are in quarantine, the entertainment committee being determined not to forget any one.

Sunday has been a quiet day with the men of the Atlantic battleship fleet. Outside of the star games, which took place at the league ground, and which hundreds of sailors attended, there was little in the way of formal entertainment except excursions to Pearl harbor, many of the men taking advantage of the opportunity to inspect the site of the naval station that is being planned.

The officers were privately entertained at many residences, and there was hardly one of the cool porches along the streets of the residence district that did not offer retreat to the white-clad visitors. The men, too, sought amusement in many parts of the city and the streets of the downtown section, as well as the tree-shaded roads and lanes further out were populous throughout the day with groups of strolling seamen. On every hand they were welcomed by the citizens and found hospitable entertainment wherever they sought it.

Out on the ships, hundreds of visitors were made welcome, and every yacht and private launch in the bay was pressed into service to carry parties of pleasure-seekers in and out among the anchored warships.

LOSE UNDER 3-CENT FARE.

Cleveland Traction Company's Reports Show Big Monthly Deficits.

Cleveland, O., July 21.—Cleveland has had nearly three months of 3-cent car fares, and two of the monthly reports have shown a deficit. A similar report is predicted for July. The operating expenses and fixed charges have been from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a month in excess of the earnings. The Municipal Traction company, which is operating the local lines under a lease, also is under promise to give free transfers after July 28. The revenue from transfers has been about \$2,000 a month, a cent each having been charged.

The officials of the company still express their belief that 3-cent fares will pay in time. An important meeting of the directors will be held next Tuesday to consider the inauguration of free transfers and other vital points.

MEXICO FOR MEXICANS.

Sentiment Against Foreigners Is Rapidly Gaining Ground.

Mexico City, July 21.—The anti-foreign feeling in Mexico is assuming large proportions, and a bitter controversy over the question is being waged between the foreign and native press. La Patria printed an article in which it proclaimed a time ripe for a policy whose slogan shall be "Mexico for the Mexicans." Most of the tirade is directed against the "Yankees," a term of contempt used by Mexican editors in designating Americans.

Among other things La Patria declares that if Americans think the governments of Argentina, Chile or Brazil are more enlightened than that of Mexico, they should journey to those parts, the sooner the better.

After referring to the efforts on the part of the foreigners to kill the proposed new mining law restricting corporations in Mexico, the paper says: "We repeat our attitude toward foreigners. We are not bores, but patriots, and when we take a given decision we take it, not as against foreigners, but for the benefit of Mexico."

Rain Ends Forest Fires.

Portland, Me., July 21.—A succession of drenching showers have put a stop to the great fires which have wrought damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Maine woods during the last two weeks, causing more than a little alarm in many instances for the safety of villages. Summer reports along the shore have seemed at times in danger of being wiped out by the rush of flames through the timber and underbrush, and hundreds of summer visitors have packed up their belongings to seek other places.

Tied to the Rails.

New York, July 21.—A strange murder case developed yesterday when officials of Hackensack, N. J., examining the body of Mrs. Otelia Eberhard, which was found lying on the railroad track near Colburn, N. J., bound to the rails. A passing train had cut the body in two. Otelia Eberhard, a daughter of the dead woman, it was discovered, was wounded three times by bullets and dragged herself a mile to an isolated farmhouse. The police are hunting for August Eberhard, a nephew of the murdered woman, believing he may know something of the crime.

Warships Nearing Manila.

Manila, July 21.—Wireless communication has been established between the battleships Maine and Alabama, composing the special service squadron, which left San Francisco June 8 in advance of the Atlantic fleet. Messages received from the two vessels read that they expected to arrive here at noon Monday. The Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia have finished coaling at La Haina, and are en route here to join the main body of the fleet.

Floods Destroy Village.

Vienna, July 21.—Floods have washed away the village of Jusseva, on the Galician estate of Archduke Stephen. Twenty-two people have been drowned.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

USE OWN MONEY.

Coast Ports Are Anxious for Deeper Channels to the Sea.

Portland.—Depending upon water transportation to get their products to market, the people of Siuslaw and Coquille are preparing to expend something in the neighborhood of \$300,000 of their own in order to get the federal government interested in the work of improving the channels leading from the ocean into the respective bays. They have come to the conclusion that deep water must be had, no matter what might be the cost.

J. B. Cushman, a prominent sawmill man of Siuslaw, is in Portland to confer with the government engineers relative to the project proposed at Siuslaw, and he has received considerable encouragement from Major James McIndoe, successor to Colonel S. W. Roessler, United States engineers corps, having charge of the work in this district. The bay inside the bar has fine deep water, both to Acme and Florence, Mr. Cushman says, and no work will be necessary there.

At Coquille a committee of three leading business men has been placed in charge of the work and \$100,000 has already been subscribed for the purpose of placing a jetty at the mouth of the bay and bulkheading the same. The Coquille county is in much the same predicament as that on Siuslaw.

Mr. Cushman asked Major McIndoe for the services of an engineer to take charge of the work at Siuslaw bar, and he was practically given assurance that his request would be granted, although the matter will have to be submitted before the chief of the department first, as do also the proposed plans of the property owners there.

To employ a dredge would be of no avail, says Mr. Cushman, as the bars and shifts continually, and the only method of keeping it out of the channels by forcing it out with the current of the river, as is done at the mouth of the Columbia.

REGENTS PLAN EXTENSIONS.

Important Announcements Expected From University of Oregon.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The board of regents of the University of Oregon will meet in annual session here. The meeting will be one of the most important ever held. Plans for the future are extensive and what the regents have decided to do is expected that some very definite and gratifying news will be made public in the way of improvements to the state university. The conditions demand the addition of last night in some departments. President Campbell will go east shortly in the interests of the institution. Improvements and enlargements will be made in several departments.

Auto Stage for Cascades.

Albany.—George B. Whitcomb, of Big Bottom, has established a stage line to run across the Cascade mountains during the summer season. It will stop at Whitcomb, Cascade, Fish Lake and Sisters, and will reduce the distance to Eastern Oregon to a minimum. The stage connects with the rains at Lebanon. In addition to the Whitcomb line, Templeton brothers, of Brownsville, have placed a big Thomas flyer on the Cascade route, and plan to make a round trip each day. The car has a capacity of eight persons, and it is thought will prove an incentive to tourists.

Change in Rhodes Examinations.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Examinations for the Rhodes' scholarships will hereafter be held in the autumn instead of in January, as heretofore. The change has been made for the reason that the new date will allow the successful candidate more time to select and arrange for the college he wishes to enter at Oxford. Unless selections are made quite early candidates are often compelled to accept second choice of colleges. The next Rhodes examination will be held in the fall of 1909, probably at the University of Oregon.

Prune Growers Encouraged.

Salem.—Prune growers have been encouraged with the prospects of better prices. A small quantity was sold to eastern buyers by the Willamette Valley Prune Growers association during the week at a price which was little better than last year's figures. It is feared, however, that there are still large quantities of last year's product yet unsold waiting for the reaction after the disastrous results the market had on prune prices in the latter part of the winter and in the early spring.

Heavy Yield of Good Wheat.

Pendleton.—Every bushel of wheat threshed in Umatilla county so far this season has proved to be a good one, which have reached this city, has made grade one when tested, and the reports from those portions of the county in which threshing has been carried on during the past week show that the yield is going to be much heavier than the most sanguine had hoped for. Many farmers are harvesting just as large crops as they ever did.

High School for Gilliam.

Condon.—After a fight of more than four years, Gilliam county is to have a high school, and it is to be located at Condon. The vote at the last general election was practically unanimous that the institution be located at the county seat. It appears now that the school will be opened in the fall, though there will be no funds available to carry on the work until the county court meets for the January term and makes a special levy.

Cement Industry in Sight.

Klamath Falls.—Abel Ady, owner of thousands of acres of tule lands in this county, reports the finding of a large ledge of gypsum on his property, and states he has all the ingredients necessary for making cement. He claims that a few feet below the surface of the marsh there is a layer of mineral sand, which when washed is better building sand than is found in this section.

Silverton Mill to Resume.

Silverton.—After having been shut down about four weeks, the Silverton Lumber company's mill, in this city, is expected to start up this month. The company has received eastern orders for more than 60 cars of lumber, which will clean out the yards. The mill was shut down owing to temporarily unfavorable conditions of the market.

LIGHT OUTPUT OF PLACERS.

Baker County Miners Handicapped by Scarcity of Water.

Baker City.—Coming in from his large placer holdings on Cow creek, W. J. Patterson, one of Baker City's prominent business men, says that this year the crop of gold dust in Baker county will be light owing to the scarcity of water. According to his observations there are few properties that have sufficient water to do the work that will pay and most of the placer miners are putting in their time preparing for next year, when they have hope that there will be more snow and possibly a heavier rainfall. There are a number of Baker City people interested in placer mining and in the past it has yielded a steady and certain income.

Too Poor for High School.

Prairie City.—At a special school meeting here Saturday it was decided not to include the 11th and 12th grades in the public school course. The students had previously petitioned the school board for this proposition, signed by sixteen students who desired to receive their high school education at home, and offered to pay the extra expenses involved, but failed in furnishing a guarantee to this effect. The taxpayers declined the privilege, because the school district is involved with an indebtedness of over \$4000.

Reclaim Hundreds of Acres.

Klamath Falls.—Specifications have been issued by the reclamation service for five additional schedules on the south branch canal, composing seven miles. It will connect the government canal and the old Adams ditch. Sealed bids will be received until July 28 at the local reclamation office. The work means the excavation of 112,000 cubic feet of dirt, within 30 days after signing the contract. Hundreds of acres of land extending far into the Merrill country below Klamath Falls will be reclaimed by the project.

Creamery Trebles Business.

Klamath Falls.—The stockholders of the Bonanza creamery are well pleased with the first year's showing. The enterprise represents an investment of \$5000. While no dividends have been paid, the business is well established. Since its organization in 1907, Fred McKendree has been in charge. The creamery has received \$19 cents net. There was paid out last month for butter fat \$124, as compared to \$545 a year ago.

Fancy Price for Benton Land.

Albany.—William Peacock, of this city, who owns an 18-acre garden tract across the river in Benton county, has been offered \$15,000 for the land. It is said the garden lands are the best on the Pacific coast. Mr. Peacock is one of the veteran gardeners of Oregon. He is not anxious to sell. The price offered, almost \$1000 an acre, is the highest ever offered for farm land in this vicinity.

More Time to Finish Road.

Eugene.—The city council has extended the time limit in which the Eugene & Eastern railway is to complete the Eugene-Springfield line to November 1. The line will be completed before that time if there are no mishaps. Piles are driven over half way to Springfield and the trestle is completed for a good portion of this distance.

Selects Hatchery Sites.

Antonia.—H. C. McAllister, master fish warden for the state of Oregon, has returned from an official inspection trip to Tillamook bay and the streams leading into it. As a result of his visit, he has decided to establish a salmon hatchery on Trask river, as well as eyeing stations on the Nehalem river and other streams in that district.

Salmon for Propagation.

Astoria.—Deputy Fish Commissioner L. G. Burton, of Washington, has left for Bapers bay, where he will drive a trap to be used in catching salmon for propagating purposes at the chinook hatchery. He was granted permission to place the trap outside the regular line.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84c per bushel; red Russian, 82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 84c.
Barley—Feed, 32.50 per ton; rolled, 32.75; 28.50 white, 32.50.
Oats—No. 1, 26.50 per ton; 27.50, 26.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, 81.50 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, 81.00; Eastern Oregon, 81.50 mixed, 81.50; alfalfa, 121; alfalfa meal, 82.00.
Fruits—Cherries, 25c per lb.; apricots, 25c per crate; peaches, 75c per crate; plums, 30c per crate; currants, 25c per crate; blackberries, 1.25 per crate; raspberries, 1.15 per crate; loganberries, 1.15 per crate; blackcaps, 1.25 per crate; melons—Cantaloupes, 42c per dozen; watermelons, 35c per pound.
Potatoes—New Oregon, 16c per pound; old Oregon, 60c per hundred.
Vegetables—Turnips, 1.50 per sack; carrots, 1.75; parsnips, 1.75; beets, 1.50; beans, 6c per pound; cabbage, 16c per pound; cucumbers, Oregon, 50c per dozen; egg plants, 17c per pound; lettuce, head, 12c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 20c per pound; peppers, 10c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 10c per pound; spinach, 2c per pound; tomatoes, Oregon, 25c per crate.
Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 17c.
Eggs—Oregon, 23c per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12c per pound; fancy hens, 12c per pound; roosters, 7c; springs, 18c per lb.; ducks, old, 10c; spring, 12c; geese, old, 8c per lb.; young, 12c; turkeys, old, 18c per lb.; young, 20c per lb.
Veal—Extra, 80c per lb.; ordinary, 60c; heavy, 8c.
Pork—Fancy, 6c per lb.; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.
Mutton—Fancy, 7c per lb.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5c per pound; old, 4c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c per lb; per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 14c per lb.
Mohair—Choice, 18c per lb.

DRY TICKET CHOSEN.

Chafin and Watkins Will Carry Banner for Prohibition Party.

Columbus, O., July 17.—For president, Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago. For vice-president—Aaron S. Watkins, of Ada, Ohio.

The above ticket was nominated yesterday by the Prohibition national convention, both men being chosen unanimously. The full indorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken.

Chafin was chosen a delegate to the convention, was escorted to the platform. He was formally declared by Chairman Scanlon to be the presidential nominee, and in a speech returned his thanks for the honor which had been thrust upon him, declaring that he would rather be the nominee of the Prohibition party than the successful candidate of any other party. Both a presidential and vice-presidential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective states on the Prohibition ticket.

Eugene W. Chafin, who leads the Prohibition party this year in an attorney residing in Chicago, is a native of Waukesha, Wis., and for some years practiced law there. He was at one time candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the Prohibition ticket, and was this year placed in the running for the same position in Illinois by Prohibitionists of that state.

The forenoon session of the convention was devoted to the discussion of the adoption of a platform which is possibly the shortest on record, containing not more than 350 words.

TRIES NEW EXPERIMENT.

Fleet Maneuvers Controlled on Land by Use of Wireless.

London, July 17.—England tried yesterday a new experiment in naval warfare, the conducting of a battle from land by wireless. Over 300 vessels are now maneuvering in the North sea, engaged in a sham battle. The movement of every vessel being controlled by wireless experts in the admiralty office in this city.

As each ship changed her position or fired on the "enemy" the move was reported to the naval experts here by wireless. A brief showing of the situation at every minute. Meters were moved about on the map, such as pieces would be moved on a chess board, the moves being flashed to the vessels by wireless. The experiment is claimed that this system would be better in the controlling of vessels than by an admiral in action, as the men on land can receive reports from the front and work out the problems without having to witness the scenes of battle.

The experts who conducted the battle from the admiralty office would not comment on the result. They simply said it was satisfactory.

DREADED ARGENTINE ANT.

Will Destroy Orange and Fig Crops of California if Not Killed.

Oakland, Cal., July 17.—Professor C. W. Woodworth, head of the department of entomology of the University of California, has reported to Governor Gillett that the dreaded Argentine ant has been discovered in California in East Oakland.

Professor Woodworth states that unless measures are taken at once to drive out the pest it will utterly destroy orange and fig crops in the state.

The Argentine ant is a small insect, only an eighth of an inch long, but is of a fighting nature, and has driven all other ants from East Oakland. It is one of the most dangerous pests that has ever been brought to the United States from a foreign country. According to a report by the Louisiana crop pest commission the ant has cost the mill of dollars' worth of property in that state.

Express Train Goes Into Ditch.—East Stamford, Conn., July 17.—One person was killed and several others injured when the fast White Mountain express was derailed a few miles east of here yesterday. Physicians and a wrecking crew were rushed to the scene on a special train. The engine struck a defective reading and shoving along at a rapid rate of speed the engine struck a defective reading. The injured passengers will be brought to this city, and it is believed that prompt medical attention will prevent more deaths, although some of those injured are said to be in a precarious condition.

Millions to Lower Grade.

New York, July 17.—According to a statement made yesterday by an official of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, the cost of the Pacific coast extension of the system will be about \$5,000,000 more than the original plans called for. This increase in the cost of work is due it is said, to a decision to run the track at a lower grade over the mountain division than the officials first figured on. The whole work now calls for the expenditure of \$77,000,000, but there will be no shortage of funds.

China at Japan's Mercy.

Pekin, China, July 17.—China has asked Japan to consent to the restriction of the importation to China of morphine, as well as the instruments used for the injection of the drug. All the other powers long since agreed to this restriction. It is highly desirable that Japan consent to this proposal, particularly in view of the opium congress to be held in Shanghai in January, when measures for the control of the opium traffic are to be devised. If Japan does not consent, China is helpless to restrict the importation.

Striking Miners Buy Guns.

Birmingham, Ala., July 17.—Father H. E. O'Grady, a priest of St. Catherine's Catholic church, has headed a committee which will make an effort to bring about a settlement of the coal miners' strike.

It is reported that every hardware store and gun store in Birmingham has depleted its stock of firearms, and that buckshot shells are being ordered by telegraph. Last night several strike-breakers were brought to the district from adjoining states.

Mosquitoes Kill Cattle.

High Island, Tex., July 17.—Mosquitoes are killing cattle by droves on ranches around the Gulf coast region. Great clouds of the insects hover over pastures where cattle feed, and literally drain the animals of their life blood, causing them to die from weakness. One ranchman has lost 200 head in ten days, and pastures are strewn with the carcasses of dead cattle.

INCREASE IS ILLEGAL

Railroad Rates Cannot Be Raised, Says Commissioner.

POINT WAS DECIDED IN GEORGIA

All Concerned Incur Penalty Under Sherman Law As It Would Be Violated.

Chicago, July 18.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the opinion of John Clements, a member of the interstate commerce commission, the proposed general increase in freight rates discussed in New York yesterday by the presidents of many eastern railroads would constitute a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and would render all the railroads concerned liable to severe penalties. Mr. Clements explained that the interstate commerce commission as a commission is not at all interested in the Sherman anti-trust law, the execution of which is entrusted to the department of justice, but he expressed his opinion as a lawyer and cited a recent instance where the supreme court had so decided.

"As a lawyer," he said, "I am willing to hazard the opinion that such an increase in rates as was contemplated by the eastern railroads at their meeting in New York would be in direct violation of the anti-trust law. When practically all of the eastern roads, and for that matter, all of the roads in the country, by a mutual agreement raise rates, it is to my mind a procedure which brings them under that clause of the anti-trust law which prevents 'pooling' and illegal combination."

"Whether or not there is any necessity now for an increase of rates, I am not prepared to say. If the increase should come, the commissioners would have ample time to decide that point. I am convinced, however, that the railroads will give the anti-trust laws careful consideration before they attempt a general increase in rates.

"A similar case came up in Georgia some time ago during some lumber hearings. Federal Judge Speer decided that the railroads had formed an illegal combination in increasing the rates, and the supreme court affirmed the decision."

STORM DAMAGE SLIGHT.

Heavy Rain in Heppner Cause No Serious Losses.

Heppner, Or., July 15.—Monday's heavy rain storm was not so serious as at first reported. Other than the destruction of four small bridges and the covering of lawns with sand and debris, the actual loss is very slight.

A foot of water covered the floor of the electric power plant at the mouth of Donaldson Canyon, wetting the belt-ings so as to stop operation of the machinery, and the city was in darkness for the one night.

In Sand Hollow the hay crop was considerably damaged by the overflow of water, which covered the alfalfa with mud and laid it flat on the ground.

Lightning struck a barn belonging to B. F. Clark, who resides about 15 miles west of Heppner. Two horses were killed in the barn.

The O. R. & N. train was unable to go out yesterday morning, owing to drift which lodged on the track at Valentine, a small station near Lexington.

COAL SHORTAGE ALREADY.

Serious Situation Expected in British Columbia This Winter.

Vancouver, B. C., July 15.—According to a dispatch received here reports gathered from various parts of the prairie west outline a rather serious prospect in regard to the fuel supply for next winter. Following a serious shortage in the winter of 1906-7 coal dealers and the consuming public stocked up largely last summer, but the winter turned out so unusually mild that the need for these precautions was not apparent.

Railways last winter had abundant rolling stock owing to the light crop, and there was never anything approaching a famine in any district. This summer, however, the financial conditions forbid the dealers to carry large stocks and prevent consumers from laying in even an average supply ahead. At the same time it is already clear the railways will likely be blocked in an effort to handle the immense crop, and in a month or two a large coal movement will be physically impossible. If, therefore, a severe winter follows, the situation may become serious.

Escaped Convict Returns.

Michigan City, Ind., July 15.—Thomas McCarthy, aged 40 years, for whose capture the warden of Indiana state prison here has had a reward standing for three years, returned to prison last evening voluntarily and gave himself up with the prospect of serving 12 years more. He went to the Pacific Coast and after leading a precarious existence he joined the Salvation Army at North Yakima, Wash. His conscience troubled him and after he