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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.

Representative Huff, of Pennsylvania, is seriously ill.

Rockefeller has given another $500,000 to the Rockefeller institute.

Chinese of San Francisco are organizing a boycott against the Japanese.

Trustees of Stanford university have set aside $500,000 for the purchase of books.

The employment of union men as inspectors makes railroad managers indignant.

An earthquake lasting 20 seconds was felt at Marysville, Cal. No damage was done.

A runaway Brooklyn boy has just returned home after 20 years' absence. He is a millionaire.

Ice in Bering Straits has broken up and steamer traffic to the north will be more regular now.

The largest balloon ever constructed has just been finished at Danville, Ill. When inflated it is 150 feet high.

A German has just been arrested who, it is believed, was attempting to reach the kaiser to assassinate him.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, bitterly denounces congress for not passing the bills demanded by the laboring men.

A false alarm of a dynamite plot caused a panic in one of Chicago's schools.

Arizona democrats have indorsed Bryan and approved Foraker's stand on statehood.

West Virginia's democratic delegates-at-large have been instructed to vote for Bryan.

The Arkansas river is over it banks at several places in Arkansas and flooding bottom lands.

A severe wind storm has swept over Clay county, Kansas, but very little damage was done.

Tornadoes that swept Oklahoma northwest of Guthrie brought great damage to crops and farm property.

A gale of wind at Chicago preceded an electrical storm which did considerable damage in all parts of the city.

Dallas, Tex., is without lights or drinkable water. Residences in the devastated district have been robbed by looters.

Butte members of the G. A. R. have been aroused because one of the churches has been tendered to Emma *Goldman for her lectures.*

Dynamiters wrecked the big pipe line that conveys water from Bonita Mountains, New Mexico, to Carrizozo, N. M. Repairs are being made. This pipe line cost $1,000,000.

Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, retired, is dead.

France and Germany have agreed on a plan for the pacification of Morocco.

Hearst is gaining in the recount of New York mayoralty ballots of the 1905 election.

A typhoon at Hankow, China, cost more than 1,000 lives and wrecked 500 junks.

A Columbus, Ohio, boy invented a machine with which he has made several successful flights.

San Francisco supervisors are checking up the city treasurer's accounts. He is alleged to be short $37,500.

Johnson's managers predict his nomination for democratic presidential candidate on the second or third ballot.

A tornado which swept Alfalfa county, Okla., killed 14 people and injured many others, besides doing much damage to property.

The Belgian consular agent at Rabat, Morocco, has been maltreated by natives and his home government is likely to take energetic action.

J. C. Stubbs says our Oriental trade is threatened if the ruling of the interstate commerce commission regarding freight rates on western roads holds.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested at Pittsburg.

Chester, Pa., is having trouble with street car men.

Two cruisers and five torpedo boats have left San Francisco for Portland.

A company of militia is to be organized at Honolulu, the first for the islands.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate.

Two Utah mining companies are fighting over a silver mine said to be worth $1,450,000.

Senator Foraker is favoring Roosevelt for another term, as he dislikes him less than Taft.

A man has just been arrested in Michigan for a murder committed in Colorado 15 years ago.

An ex-member of the United States secret service is in trouble at Flagstaff, Arizona, for trying to extort money.

The troops of the pretender to the Morocco throne have looted all the government buildings and houses of the sultan.

While preparations were in progress for the funeral of a Kansas City man, the supposed corpse sat up and asked for a drink.

Mrs. Harry Thaw has withdrawn her suit for divorce. It is thought this is a move to gain control of any property he may have.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured a divorce.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting King Edward.

A Seattle woman sent her daughter for a doctor and then committed suicide.

W. T. Hamilton, the last living of General Custer's scouts, has just died at Butte, Mont.

WORK OF BOYS.

Youthful Robbers Confess to Holding Up Great Northern.

Great Falls, Mont., June 2.—The hold-up of the northbound Great Northern train at the stockyards, about a mile and a half from this city, was the work of three boys, who now penny-roll in the city jail. A fourth youth, who admits having assisted in planning the hold-up, but who took no active part, is also a prisoner. The quaret have made a complete confession to the police. The names of the four boys are: Albert Hatch, aged 15; William Randall, aged 17; Harry Rheams, aged 15, and George Cresswell, aged 16.

According to the story told by Randall, Rheams and Cresswell, the hold-up was planned and carried out under the generalship of Hatch, the youngest of the four, who is said to have turned the switch, ordered the engineer to back up and to have gone through the passenger coaches with the conductor, forcing the latter at the point of a gun to collect from the passengers. According to the other boys, it was also Hatch who shot William Dempsey and narrowly missed shooting Conductor Jack Hayes.

Rheams stated that Hatch, after they had left the scene of the hold-up, proposed that they cross Sun river to the Montana Central line and hold up passenger train No. 236 from Butte, which was due in two or three hours. Because he demurred, Rheams states, Hatch drew his revolver and threatened to kill him.

He was dissuaded from the second attempt at train robbery by the two youths who were with him.

The stories told by the boys, with the exception of Hatch, agreed in the main details. They state that the hold-up was planned two nights before, it being decided to rob the train the first dark night.

BIG RAIL CONTRACT.

Illinois Central to Spend $1,450,000 for New Steel.

Birmingham, Ala., June 2.—Tangible evidence of generous proportions that prosperity is returning is given in the fact that the Illinois Central Railroad company, in connection with the opening yesterday of its new line between Chicago, Birmingham and Atlanta, has placed a contract for 52,000 tons of steel rails, to cost $1,450,000.

The contract goes to the Tennessee Iron & Coal company, and is the largest order since the financial depression set in. Only one contract, that of the Pennsylvania, takes rank with it.

The official announcement that the Illinois Central has decided to ignore what remains of the financial depression is likely to set the pace for other large systems which have been withholding similar orders until conditions are fully normal.

This contract will enable the steel mills here to open additional plants and give immediate work to more than two thousand skilled men who have been idle for some time. In an indirect way it will start the wave of prosperity over the entire South, putting a large amount of money into immediate circulation and stimulating all sorts of business.

FEARS FOR SHIP.

Steamer Vaderland Is Reported Sunk With All On Board.

Paris, June 2.—A special dispatch to the Petit Journal from Brussels says that it is rumored the Red Star steamer Vaderland has been wrecked in the North sea in a dense fog. There are 1600 passengers aboard.

Lloyd's does not confirm this news, which, however, comes from what is usually considered a most reliable source. There were three collisions in the North sea today, and passengers on the Dover-Ostend mail packet declare that they saw a vessel cast away on the Goodwin sands.

New York, June 2.—No official confirmation could be obtained tonight in this city of the report of the wrecking of the steamer Vaderland in the North sea. The offices of the International Mercantile Marine, which controls the Red Star Line, and the offices of the Red Star Line company were closed.

The Red Star steamer Vaderland was due to sail from Antwerp for New York May 30. According to schedule she would have reached Dover on Sunday, from which port she would be reported on her arrival. Up to a late hour Sunday night she had not been reported.

Cleveland Goes Home.

Lakewood, N. J., June 2.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been confined to the Lakewood Hotel for two months with an attack of rheumatic gout and acute indigestion, has sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave here today for his home in Princeton. The trap was made in John Hays Hammond's large touring car. Mr. Cleveland was accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland and Dr. G. Rowe Rockwood, who has been alternating with Dr. Joseph T. Bryant, the family physician, in caring for the patient.

Collide in Channel.

Dover, June 2.—A heavy fog in the channel tonight, which has lasted for 24 hours, has been responsible for several collisions. The British steamer Queenswood was towed into the harbor, having been seriously damaged in a collision with the Spanish steamer Bermeo. Before she could be got to her moorings, the Queenswood sank in the harbor. The Bermeo began leaking badly. A portion of the crew of the steamer Loanda, from Hamburg for West Africa, who landed here tonight, report being in collision with an unknown steamer.

Close to a Mile a Minute.

Los Angeles, June 2.—The two days' auto meet held in this city was an unprecedented success, several thousand people being in attendance at today's races. The Coast record for 50 miles on a circular track, broken yesterday, was equaled today by Ralph Hamlin, who drove a 42-horsepower, six-cylinder car 50 miles in 57 minutes and 43 seconds. Hamlin made this record yesterday during the last 50 miles of the 100-mile race, and made the same time today

Foot of Snow in Nevada.

Ely, Nev., June 2.—The heaviest snow storm since last winter was experienced here last night. Fully a foot of snow fell. The storm was general between Ely and Cobre. No damage was reported.

CHAMBERLAIN WINS

Plurality Over Cake Will Reach 1,000 or More.

UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION SAFE

Statement No. 1 Has a Safe Lead—Hawley and Ellis for Congress—Many New Dry Spots.

United States Senator—George E. Chamberlain, Democrat.
Representative First Congressional District—Willis C. Hawley, Republican.
Representative Second Congressional District—W. R. Ellis, Republican.
Justice of the Supreme Court—Robert S. Bean, Republican.
Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. Bailey, Republican.
Railroad Commissioner, First Congressional District—Thomas K. Campbell, Republican.
Railroad Commissioner, Second Congressional District—Clyde B. Aitchison, Republican.

Portland, June 3.—Governor Chamberlain, Democrat, has carried the state of Oregon for United States senator over H. M. Cake, Republican, by a majority ranging from 1000 to 1200. Returns from all the counties are nearly enough complete to leave no question of the result. Chamberlain has been successful in 14 out of the 33 counties, as follows: Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Crook, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Union, and probably in Lake.

Mr. Cake has carried the remaining 18 counties, but his average pluralities are much smaller than his opponent's. The largest margin given by any county for the Republican candidate was 500 in Lane, where the unpopular action of the Democratic governor in vetoing the state university appropriation had a great influence on the voters. Cake's smallest plurality was 18 in Benton. The county of Baker, which the Portland Republican candidate for senator carried by a large plurality in the primaries, reversed its friendly attitude towards him and gave his rival more than 300. The same result occurred in Clackamas. The eastern Oregon counties, however, as a rule, although they were for Fulton in the primaries, gave the Republican candidate pluralities, although they were small in nearly every instance. Umatilla, however, which is the home of Senator Fulton's strongest friends, rolled up over 300 for the man who beat him in April. Wasco, which was yesterday thought to have gone for Chamberlain, comes through finally with a small plurality for Cake.

Hawley, Republican, is elected to congress in the first district by 15,000 or more, and Ellis, Republican, by 15,000 or more in the second district. Bean, Republican, for supreme judge, has a very large vote, having no opposition, while Bailey, Republican, for food and dairy commissioner, wins by 25,000 to 30,000. Campbell, Republican, is successful for railroad commissioner in the first district, and Aitchison, Republican, for railroad commissioner, for the second district, has 5000 or more plurality.

Fifty-two members of the legislature are for Statement No. 1, including Kay of Marion and Bonebrake of Benton, who are pledged conditionally. A majority of the legislature is 46.

Pluralities for Senator:

County.	Cake.	Chamberlain.
Baker	....	310
Benton	18	....
Clackamas	....	500
Clatsop	....	300
Columbia	150	....
Coos	....	....
Crook	....	150
Curry	50	....
Douglas	....	75
Gilliam	80	....
Grant	75	....
Harney	100	....
Jackson	....	300
Josephine	....	50
Klamath	50	....
Lake	....	....
Lincoln	....	50
Lane	500	....
Linn	....	417
Malheur	....	100
Marion	....	100
Multnomah	....	900
Morrow	60	....
Polk	....	180
Sherman	100	....
Tillamook	80	....
Umatilla	338	....
Union	....	80
Wallowa	50	....
Wasco	50	....
Washington	160	....
Wheeler	125	....
Yamhill	170	....
Totals	2156	3512

Chamberlain's plurality, 1356.

China is Awakening.

Tacoma, Wash., June 2.—The growing importance of China as a world power and commercial force was emphasized Sunday by Dr. Charles Lewis, of Pao Ting Fu, province of Chili, China. "The United States, and especially the Pacific coast, should be awake to this fact," he said, "and it should especially realize how desirable that China, when awakened, should have a conscience traced to Christian ideals." Dr. Lewis labored in China 11 years, but has been spending the past year at his home in Pennsylvania enjoying a needed rest.

United States China's Ally.

San Francisco, June 1.—"Give China 10 years more of peace and at the end of that period China and the United States could make a combination of power that would command and insure the peace of the world." Ng Poon Chew, editor of a Chinese newspaper, said this and more about the relations of his native country and America in delivering an address on "Progressive China" before the men's assembly at the Hamilton Square Baptist church.

Result Close in Marion.

Salem, June 2.—Complete returns from 63 precincts in Marion county give Cake 2901 votes and Chamberlain 2937. The remaining precincts are not expected to change the relative positions of the senatorial candidates very materially. Returns today confirm the report of yesterday that all other Republican candidates have received substantial majorities.

Josephine for Chamberlain.

Grants Pass, June 2.—Returns are now in from 12 precincts out of 16 in this county, and the Democratic party has, so far as these returns show, captured United States senator on the state ticket and county senator, sheriff and treasurer. The county as a whole goes dry by a vote of about 300.

Cake's Plurality Only 20.

Condon, June 2.—Unofficial returns give Cake a lead over Chamberlain of about 20 votes in Gilliam county. Condon gave the governor a majority of five.

Clackamas for Chamberlain.

Oregon City, June 2.—Very fragmentary returns are being received in Clackamas county, and while the returns are in from every precinct save one, the figures are far short on the amendments, and some of the offices. Chamberlain has carried the county by about 500 votes, receiving 2593, to 2108 for Cake. Hawley's vote is 2329, to 992 for Whitney.

Lane Gives Cake Big Vote.

Eugene, June 2.—Lane county returns, three-fourths in, give R. S. Bean a lead of 20 to 1 over both competitors, Bailey 2 to 1 over Emery. Cake leads Chamberlain 650, which will likely be over 700 plurality. Hawley beats Whitney 2 to 1. T. K. Campbell, for railroad commissioner, and Edwin Bryson, for prosecuting attorney, are polling a big Republican vote.

Cake in Washington by 160.

Hillsboro, June 2.—The unofficial vote gives Cake a plurality of only 160 over Chamberlain. Hawley carries Washington county by over 1000, although the exact figures are unobtainable. The entire Republican legislative ticket is elected

Chamberlain in Lake.

Lakeview, June 2.—With several precincts yet to report, the vote in Lake county is as follows: Cake, 297; Chamberlain, 373; Hawley, 368; Whitney, 109. Other Republican candidates are ahead in the same proportion.

Cake Plurality in Yamhill.

McMinnville, June 2.—Returns from 22 of the 23 precincts, of this county, though incomplete in some instances, give Cake 1663, Chamberlain 1522, Bailey 1326, Emery 770, Hawley 1623, Richards 252, and Campbell, for railroad commissioner, 2018. Judge Bean leads all other candidates, his total vote being little short of 2500.

Forty Saloons Voted Out.

Pendleton, June 2. — Practically complete returns from the county show that Cake has a plurality of 250, and that the county has gone dry by 700, putting more than 40 saloons out of business, 25 being in Pendleton.

Cake Loses Linn.

Albany, June 2.—Chamberlain has carried Linn county by 417 votes. The complete unofficial count on the state ticket in Linn is as follows: Chamberlain, 2369; Cake, 1952; Cooper, 188; Amos, 89; Hawley, 2311; Whitney, 1650; Richards 250; Staver, 94; Bean, 2938; Brix, 308; Bright, 187; Bailey, 2283; Emery, 1621; Hoskins, 242.

Opponents of the university of Oregon appropriation have scored heavily in this county.

Slight Margin for Cake.

Marshfield, June 2.—No returns are complete at this hour. Votes as far as counted in the county indicate that Cake will defeat Chamberlain in Coos county by a small majority. Other state officers on the Republican ticket will have majorities of 500 to 700.

Chamberlain Takes Clatsop.

Astoria, June 2.—Complete unofficial returns from all except four small precincts give Chamberlain a majority of 297 over Cake, and indicate that he will carry the county by about 300.

Crook Goes Dry.

Prineville, June 2.—With two small precincts to hear from, Crook county has gone dry by nearly 600 majority. Even Prineville has gone dry by three votes. Chamberlain is well in the lead of Cake for senator, having a majority of about 100.

Chamberlain Leads in Douglas.

Roseburg, June 2.—The count for Douglas county is not yet finished, two large precincts remaining to be heard from. Chamberlain will have the lead over Cake by not over 75. Hawley leads Whitney, the vote being 1083 to 1026. The university of Oregon appropriation bill will carry by a good majority.

Jackson Votes Out Saloons.

Medford, June 2.—Official count from 21 of Jackson county's 33 precincts, Medford not included, gives Cake 874, Chamberlain 1008. Prohibition has 1134, and anti-prohibition 881. The Medford count cannot possibly change the result, though there will be a majority in favor of the saloons.

Prepare for Long Trip.

San Francisco, June 2.—Five warships of the Atlantic fleet are now at anchor in the harbor, making preparation for their trip around the world. The vessels that arrived from the north are the flagship Connecticut, with Admiral Sperry in command; the Kansas, Vermont, Minnesota and Admiral Emory's flagship, the Louisiana.

Orders have been sent to Admiral Sperry from Washington that the men of the fleet are to take part in no more festivities before starting on the round-the-world cruise.

At the Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., June 2.—Commencement week at the United States naval academy was ushered in yesterday with the official reception to the board of visitors. During the next few days the midshipmen will be kept busy with dress parades, drills, athletic contests and other features incident to the "June week" celebration. The program will culminate Friday with the graduation exercises, when the embryo admirals will receive their diplomas.

Baker Favors Chamberlain.

Baker City, June 2.—With only one small precinct to hear from, Baker county gives Cake 1554, Chamberlain 1861, Cooper 246; for congressman, Ellis 1580, Jeffrey 1116, Sanders 273, Shaffer 113; for justice of supreme court, Robert S. Bean 2016, C. J. Bright 129, C. C. Brix 315; railroad commissioner, Aitchison 1328, Hamilton 708, Newell 724, Young 974

Cake Ahead in Wasco.

The Dalles, June 2.—Wasco county, with three precincts to hear from, gives Cake 1459, Chamberlain 1306, Bean 2158, Bailey 1825, Emery 636; Ellis 1837, Jeffrey 621; Aitchison 1223, Young 562. For prohibition 1418, against 1616, making this the only wet town on the O. R. & N.

Chamberlain Ahead in Union.

La Grande, June 2.—With all but one very immaterial precinct in, Union county is in position to give a careful estimate of the line-up of politicians in this election. Chamberlain carries the county by a small margin. The votes complete from 20 to 21 precincts give Cake 1340, Chamberlain 1422.

Cake Leads in Benton.

Corvallis, June 2.—Cake's majority in Benton, complete, but not official, is 18. Incomplete returns from nine out of 16 precincts give Hawley, for congress, and other Republican state ticket, a probable plurality of 500. Corvallis precincts gave the university appropriation a strong vote, breaking nearly even, but outside precincts went heavily against it. Returns from four precincts give a vote of more than four to one against single tax.

Grant Goes for Cake.

Canyon City, June 2.—Complete unofficial returns show the following results in Grant county: Cake 689, Chamberlain 652. Prohibition carried by about 20 votes. Result on amendments has not been tabulated.

Cake Loses in Polk.

Dallas, June 2.—Unofficial returns from all precincts in Polk county but one give George E. Chamberlain a majority of 178 votes over Cake for the United States senatorship. Otherwise the state ticket is running from 300 to 500 votes Republican. The prohibition vote leads by about 200, and the county will probably go dry by a 300 majority.

Cake Carries Tillamook.

Tillamook, June 2.—Hawley 689, Whitney 195, Cake 546, Chamberlain 451, Bean 774, Bright 73, Brix 137, Barrett 801, Kuykendall 185, Beals 504, Loughlin 420, prohibition 536 for, against 466; county high school defeated; university, for 200, against 332; woman suffrage, for 368, against 351. The entire Republican ticket has carried, with the exception of treasurer.

Harney is for Cake.

Burns, June 2.—Eleven out of 19 precincts in Harney county, four-fifths of the entire vote, give Cake 397, Chamberlain 296; Ellis 462, Jeffrey, 210.

Wallowa Remains Dry.

Joseph, June 2.—Partial returns from Wallowa county, covering, however, a majority of the vote, give Cake a slight lead over Chamberlain. The county remains dry as a whole. Enterprise retains the county seat, Wallowa failing by a small margin to wrest it away, though it made a fight so hard that it ended with an offer representing $15,000.

Chamberlain's Lead in Jackson.

Jacksonville, June 2.—Twenty-one out of 32 precincts in Jackson county give Chamberlain 1177, Cake 966. Hammersley, Republican, and Miller, Democrat, are elected to the legislature. Prohibition carries 21 precincts by 366. University of Oregon appropriation has 450 majority. Amendments raising salary of legislators, changing seat of public buildings, equal suffrage, fisheries bill and the recall have all lost.

Cake and Prohibition in Wheeler.

Fossil, June 2.—Cake has carried Wheeler county, probably by 100 votes. With three precincts to hear from, the result now stands: Cake 382, Chamberlain 300. The university appropriation has carried well in the county.

Columbia for Cake by 150.

St. Helens, June 2.—Incomplete returns show Cake has a plurality in Columbia county of 150. Prohibition has been defeated by 80 votes. The Republican ticket is successful, with the exception of county judge and assessor, which have been captured by the Democrats.

Increases Lead in Multnomah.

Portland, June 3.—As the count progresses in Multnomah county Governor Chamberlain maintains his lead over Cake, and will probably carry the county by 800 to 1000. At an early hour this morning complete unofficial returns from 103 precincts and in complete returns from 13 of a total of 114, give the following results: Cake, 11,127; Chamberlain, 11,932; Chamberlain's plurality, 805.

The pluralities of the other Republican nominees for the contested offices are increasing as the count progresses. With the exception of four precincts, including Fairview and St. John, every precinct on the East Side in which a local option election was held went "wet" by a heavy vote.

Kingston's 250th Anniversary.

Kingston, N. Y., June 2.—The celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Kingston culminated yesterday in a blaze of glory. For three days business has been suspended, while the inhabitants and many visitors joined in merrymaking. Not the least interesting feature of the observance was the reburial of the remains of George Clinton, vice-president of the United States, and first governor of New York, whose home was in Kingston, and who was sworn in here as governor of the state.

Plaster Portraits Popular.

London, June 2.—Plaster portraits are the fashionable form of "counterfeit presentment" in London. They are done in the form of miniature busts or bas-reliefs, at the low price of half a guinea ($2.50) apiece. They are modeled by clever artists from the sitter in 45 minutes. In these tiny pieces of sculpture—they are only about six inches high—the details of costume are modeled with charming delicacy. Many society people have started collections.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INVESTIGATE EXPRESS RATES.

State Railroad Commission Has Fancy Figures to Deal With.

Salem, Or., May 26.—An investigation has been started by the railroad commission regarding express rates enforced by the Wells, Fargo and the Pacific express companies in Oregon. Some startling revelations have been brought to light that will likely demand the attention of the commission in the near future.

Comparisons have been made showing the relative charges on lines in Oregon and the charges in other states for similar distances and for the same class of goods. From Portland to Siskiyou, a distance of 385 miles, the Wells-Fargo express company charges a merchandise rate of $2.75 for 100 pounds, while for the same distance in Missouri a rate has been established by the Missouri railroad commission, which is now in force, of $2 for 100 pounds. The merchandise rate in Texas for a similar distance is $2.05.

The rates charged by the Pacific express company are even more exorbitant according to the figures given out by the railroad commission. The Pacific express company operates out of Portland east over the O. R. & N. For 440 miles over the O. R. & N., from Portland to Huntington, the general merchandise rate for 100 pounds is $4. For 358 miles, or the same distance for which the Wells-Fargo charges $2.75 in Western Oregon, the Pacific express company in Eastern Oregon charges $3.75.

Compared with similar distances in Missouri and Texas, the rates of the Pacific express company are extreme. For 440 miles in Missouri the general merchandise express rate is $2.10 and in Texas it is $2.30. In both these states the rates have been fixed by railroad commissions and have been accepted by the express companies and are now in force. The rates given are for the same classes of goods in every instance.

ANNUAL INSURANCE REPORT

Secretary of State Shows Growth and Present Status of Business.

Salem.—Frank Benson, secretary of state, as ex officio insurance commissioner, has completed his annual report. It is now being printed and will be available within a few weeks. The report includes a statement of the total risks written by all insurance companies doing business within the state of Oregon, the gross premiums received, premiums returned, losses paid and the net premiums for taxation of all authorized companies and associations for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Besides much other valuable information the report shows the aggregate business transacted within the state since 1895; the amount of licenses and taxes paid into the state treasury since 1887, and gives a list of all the insurance companies authorized to transact business in Oregon on May 8, 1908. A statement of the business of the several Oregon mutual fire relief associations for the year ending December 31, 1907, is also included.

Complete Elgin-Joseph Line.

In the Portland mail from the East to General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. company, he has received the long-expected instructions from New York to proceed with construction of the Elgin-Joseph branch. About $500,000, the amount necessary to complete the line, has been provided. From 300 to 400 men will be put on at once. For the last two months the authorization from Mr. Harriman for this work has been expected daily. As soon as the effects of last year's money stringency began to wane Mr. O'Brien made application for the necessary funds to complete the road to Joseph.

Construct Electric Line.

Baker City.—It is the intention of the Grand Ronde Electric company to construct 33 miles of electric line this summer from Union to connect with the Rock creek line in Baker county, at a cost of approximately $50,000. This line will connect with the lines of the Fremont Power company at the Red Boy mine to the south of Sumpter, thus assuring the patrons of the Grand Ronde company ample power the year round. The company will also erect a brick addition to the union station 24x24, one and one-half stories, for transformers.

Good Progress on Calapooia Line

Brownsville.—The new railroad up the Calipooia river from Brownsville is being surveyed. Work on the line will commence soon. The line will run out from South Brownsville and thence east for about 20 miles to Crawfordsville and Holley. This will be of great advantage to the town. It will open up a vast timber belt said to be the finest in the state. The big dam across the river is about completed. Brownsville will soon have electric lights again.

Double the Enrollment.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Judging from the applications that are pouring into the Registrar's office, the freshman class of next September will be the largest in the history of the university. More than 200 applications have already been received from graduates of the different high schools and academies throughout the state, and it is safe to predict that there will be at least 100 more, as many freshmen do not apply for standing until college opens in the fall.

Fruit Crop Will be Heavy.

Baker City. — Unless exceptionally cold weather should overtake this part of the country there will be a large fruit crop, according to men who are heavily interested in fruit lands and orchards. In the immediate vicinity of Baker City fruit is necessarily slower on account of the altitude, but over in Pine and Eagle valleys it is far advanced. Recent cold spells have not damaged the crop materially.

Young Chosen at Milton.

Milton.—J. E. Young, recently principal of Moore's school, in this valley has been appointed principal of the Milton school. The directors had previously engaged R. J. Davies, but this week he notified the trustees of his refusal of the position. Mr. Davis will teach at Nyasse, Ore.

Teachers Turn Homesteaders.

Ontario.—About 30 teachers of the public schools of Malheur county have filed on homesteads under irrigation projects near Vale and will engage in farming. A number of unmarried women teachers are in the number.

WILL CEMENT CANAL.

Seepage Causes Washout on Umatilla Irrigation Ditch.

Pendleton.—A section of the main feed canal of the Umatilla irrigation project about 40 feet in length was washed out between Foster and Echo, the cause of the washout being seepage water, which has constantly drained through the porous soil at that point. The O. R. & N. track is within a few feet of the canal at that point, and the grade has been softened for about half a mile by the seepage. The government engineers have decided to cement a section of the canal there. It is estimated it will cost $21,100 to complete the cement work necessary. Owing to the strong flow under the tracks, the company has kept track walkers constantly there for several months. All trains have run slowly over the place for some time. Costly repairs will be made on the O. R. & N. track. Water will be turned off the feed canal while the repairs are in progress.

Posse Chases Horsethieves.

Baker City.—In the country south of Huntington officers are chasing a band of horsethieves, who have been practicing in Malheur county. It is claimed the thieves are headed for Baker county, with the probable hope of being able to reach a transcontinental railroad and get out of Oregon. In the last few weeks many report having lost horses, and there is a rumor that the gang sent up from Malheur some time ago and later pardoned by Governor Chamberlain has completed a new organization, and is operating in the same manner they were a few years ago, when the taxpayers of eastern Oregon spent much money and effort to capture them.

Umatilla Wool Sale.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county wool to the amount of 1,500,000 pounds was sold in this city and Pilot Rock last week in the regular wool sales fixed by the Oregon Woolgrowers' association. The highest price paid at either Pendleton or Pilot Rock was 13 3-8 cents for the clip of L. L. Mann of Birch Creek. The lowest price paid was 6 1-4 cents for the clip of D. L. Johnson of Echo. This clip was very sandy and last year brought a very low price. The average price paid for the wool sold in the county so far is 11 1-8 cents per pound.

Coos Finds Oil.

Marshfield.—The stir over oil in Coos county, successfully held down for several weeks past, has reached the stage that facts cannot longer be kept from the public. Oil men have been here on investigating missions, and corporations and individuals have quietly been taking options for several weeks. Actual crude oil has been struck near Bandon, and gas has been encountered in many places. Around Coos Bay indications are sufficiently strong to warrant large options and extensive preparations for borings.

Drain More Klamath Land.

Klamath Falls. — Twelve hundred acres of swamp land north of Klamath Falls, near Naylor, will be reclaimed by the owners, Fred Melhase and John Hagelstein. Land adjoining has raised some of the finest vegetables ever grown in Klamath county, and this land when drained will be cut up into small truck patches. The surveyed line of the Oregon Eastern, running north from Klamath Falls to Natron, will cross this area of swamp land and the dike will be used in draining it.

Open Gates at Hermiston.

Pendleton.—With hundreds of enthusiastic excursionists in attendance and ideal weather prevailing the head gates of the Umatilla irrigation project were thrown open at Hermiston last week. An excursion train of six coaches left this place, bearing a large number of representative business men and farmers, as well as representatives from Milton, Freewater, Weston and Athena.

Progressive Spirit at Cornelius.

Cornelius.—The old schoolhouse in Cornelius, which has so long been an eyesore to the more enterprising portion of the people, has been torn down and preparations are being made to erect a new one, which will be a credit to the city and district.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 90c per bushel; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed, $25.50 per ton; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $26.

Oats—No. 1 white, $27.50 per ton; gray, $27.

Millstuffs—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $30.50; shorts, country, $28.50; city, $28.50; wheat and barley chop, $27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $18.50; mixed, $16; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12; alfalfa, meal, $20.

Dressed Meats—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7½c; ordinary, 6c; heavy, 5c; mutton, fancy, 8@9c.

Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.

Eggs—Candled, 19½@20c per dozen; uncandled, 19c per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@12c pound; fancy hens, 12@12½c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 20c; broilers, 22½c; ducks, old, 17@18c; spring, 20@22½c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed 17@19c.

Apples—Select, $2.50 per box; fancy, $2; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1.25.

Potatoes—Old Oregons, choice, 70@80c per hundred.

Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 15@17½c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; apricots, $1.50 per crate.

Onions—California red, $1.65@1.75 per sack; Bermudas, $2 per crate; garlic, 15@20c per pound.

Vegetables — Turnips, $1.50 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.75; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $1.75@2 per cwt.; beans, 11@12½c per lb.; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; asparagus, $1.50 box; egg plant, 20c per lb.; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6½c per pound; olds, 2@3c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 19@22c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per lb.

Cascara Bark—3½@4c per lb.