HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SALE OF EASTERN OREGON PINE.

Seven Thousand Acre Tract Will Held for Higher Prices.

La Grande-One of the largest timber deals made in Oregon for some time was that to George Palmer by Robert Smith, president of the La Grande national bank, of the white pine tract known as the Stanley lands, about 25 miles from La Grande. This piece of denies any intention of such an underland comprises about 7,000 acres, and taking. was sold at near the \$200,000 mark.

Near this land is situated the Elgin lumber company plant, which was in. cluded in the sale. This company was organized in May, 1902, and has been closely connected with the development of lumber industries in Eastern Oregon.

The annual output of this plant averages 12,000,000 feet of lumber, which found a ready market as far east as Milwaukee and Chicago. The tract of timber is one of the finest in Eastern Oregon, and consists principally of pine of with mills to which water transportaunusual height and size, standing upon tion is accessible. comparatively level ground.

At some future time an extension of the O. R. & N. from its present terminus at Elgin will tap this section and develop a large industry in lumbering, and when the land has been cleared of timber it will still be valuable for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Palmer, the purchaser, states that he bought these lands as an investment, and will not manufacture this timber, but will hold it for increased stumpage. He is a banker from the portion to their areas. The distribution state of Iowa, and is very favorably impressed with Oregon, and will likely locate here in the near future.

VALLEY FILLING UP.

Advertising the Willamette Has Brought Many to Oregon.

Salem-The advertising which has been carried on in the Middle West in the last two years for the purpose of attracting homeseekers to Oregon seems to have produced good results. Not for many years has real estate been as active as it is now, and still greater activity is expected before the close of the present year.

There is no blind rush to buy land, and no effort is being made to "boom" this section of the valley, but many in the Umatilla district, and who is sales of farm lands have been made to living in Pendleton this winter, has people who are pleased with this country and have money to invest in permanent homes. Though most of the sales have been made at prices but little above those asked three or four years ago, the increased activity is tending to raise values, thus giving the realty market a strong tone.

In the different localities of the Willamette valley land may be found in any stage of improvement. There are thousands of acres of land that still bear a heavy growth of timber, fit to be made into fuel. There are thousands of acres of land from which the timber has been removed and upon which the decaying stumps still stand. Lying alongside these unimproved lands are farms upon which grain, hay, fruit. hops, livestock, poultry and vegetables of superior quality are grown. It is upon these lands that a dairyman can support a cow to the acre, that hopgrowers and prunegrowers have produced crops in one year sufficient to pay for the land upon which they grew.

Merging Sugar Factories.

La Grande-Word comes from Ogden, Utah, to the effect that there will be a consolidation of all sugar factories in the three states in the near future, which is considered very probable. Should it take place it would mean the consolidation of eight fac- \$1.50@2 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@ tories, as follows: The Ogden, Logan, Utah, and La Grande, Oregon, factories of the Amalgamated sugar company, the factories at Lehi and Garland, Utah, and the Lewiston, Idaho Falls and St. Anthony factories in Idaho.

Coming Events.

Poultry and cat show, Portland, February 9-15. Republican club banquet, Portland,

February 12. Oregon Christian Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February 19-22.

Benton county gun shoot, Corvallis,

February 22.

College oratorical contest, Pacific university, Forest Grove, March 13. Dog show, Portland, April 20-23.

Looking for Fattened Hogs.

Enterprise-E. E. Kiddle, a hogbuyer of the firm of Kiddle Bros., of Island City, and La Grande, came in a few days ago for the purpose of buying a load of fat hogs. The weather is so cold now that they can be hauled in wagons to the railroad with little or no danger of death from suffocation.

LOOK FOR WATER OUTLET.

Booth-Kelly Company May Bulld Road to Suislaw Harbor.

Eugene-Rumors here to the effect that a railroad to the Siuslaw harbor is to be one of the enterprises of the Booth-Kelly company have gained some credence from the fact that cruisers have been at work in the timbered regions west of here. The company amended so as to read as follows:

The belief is general that they would like to get possession of some of the good timber on the coast slope and be in position to compete for business by the district. To the end aforesaid he means of water freights, but nothing shall have authority to see that the definite has been done on that tine as laws are enforced and to require the may result in some steps toward developing business along the coast slope, for offenses committed against the laws but nothing is looked for before that of the district or of the United States

There is no doubt the interior mills all feel keenly the handicap under which they are laboring as compared

MONEY FOR PUBLIC ROADS.

Oregon's Share of Public Land Sales I Over \$90,000.

Salem-The public road fund received by the state from the United States for the year 1903 is four times as large as ever before. The amount is \$90,135.24, and this amount will be distributed among the counties in prowill be made some time this week.

This money is 5 per cent of the proceeds of sales of government land in Oregon for 1903. It is donated to the state under an act of congress, and can be used only for public road purposes. The state law requires that it be apportioned according to area and the large and thinly settled counties get the greater part of the money. The apportionment is made in that manner because the needs of the counties for road purposes depends more upon area that upon population orvalue of prop-

The increase in sales of public lands in this state is indicated by the increase in this fund.

Pine Conditions for Wheat.

Pendleton - M. L. Morrison, who owns a large wheat ranch at Juniper just returned from a visit to that section of the country. He says wheat conditions for the 1904 crop were never better. Mr. Morrison said: "Growing wheat never looked better. With favorable conditions until after harvest, that district should yield 30 and probably 35 bushels per acre. Last season the yield was about 20 bushels to the

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 73c; bluestem, 78c; valley, 78@80c. Barley-Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21.

Flour-Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$3.90@4.10; clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20 @ 4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$4; rye flour, \$4.50@

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.071/@1.10; gray, \$1.05@1.07 per cental.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$18@18.50 per ton; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16@17 per ton; clover, \$12@13; grain, \$12@13; cheat, \$12@13.

Vegetables-Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 90c; paranips, 85c @\$1; cabbage, 1%@2c; red cabbage, 1 1/2c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes. \$1 per dozen; celery, 60c per dozen; sumed, consisted for the most part of Cuba, ultimately, is to cost \$12,000,pumpkins, 1c per pound.

Potatoes-Fancy, 70@75c per sack; common, 50@60c; sweets, 21/4c in large single story building, which fur- asked this year for the Guantanamo sacks; 21/2c crated.

Onions — Yellow Danvers, \$1.10@

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case. Fruits—Apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50 per box; cooking, 75c@\$1; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, \$1.50. Butter-Extra creamery, 321/2c per pound; fancy creamery, 30c; choice creamery, 25@27 1/2 c;dairy, 20@22 1/2 c;

store, 12@14c. Cheese - Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15c.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12c per pound; springs, small, 13@14c; hens, 11@121/2c; turkeys, live, 17@ 18c; dressed 20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live, 8c per pound.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 27@28c. Hops-Choice, 26@27c per bound; prime, 25c; medium, 24c. Wool - Valley, 17@18c; Eastern

Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c. Beef-Dressed, 6@7 1/4c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, 6@71/2c; lambs,

Veal-Dressed, 7@9e. Pork-Dressed, 5 1/2 @6 1/2 c. GOVERNMENT FOR ALASKA.

enator Mitchell Fathers Bill Which H Will Strongly Urge.

Washington, Jan. 30. - Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill making further provisions for a civil government for Alaska, and will strongly urge its early passage. The bill is as fol-

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That sction 2 of title 1, chapter 1, of an act entitld: "An act making further pro-

"Section 2. There shall be appointed for the district a governor, who office and be charged with the interests of the United States government within yet. The annual meeting of the stock- faithful discharge of their duties by the holders is to be held next week and officials appointed to administer the same. He may also grant reprieves until the decision of the president thereon shall be made known. He shall be ex-officio commander in chief of the militia of the district, and shall have power to call out the same when necessary to the due execution of the laws and to preserve the peace, and to cause all able bodied citizens of the United States in the district to enroll and serve as such when the public exigency demands; and he shall perform generally in and over said district such acts as pertain to the office of governor of a territory, so far as the same may be made or become applicable thereto."

MUST MAKE WAR.

Russian Reply to Last Note Will Not Be Satisfactory.

London, Jan. 30. - It was made known officially today that Russia had completed her reply to Japan.

The Daily Mail professes to be able to affirm that Russia's draft of her reply has not yet been officially presented to Japan, but that it has been communicated to M. Kurina, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, who has transmitted the contents to Tokio, whence it will be conveyed to the

friendly powers. The Russian reply is courteous, the Daily Graphic continues, but it refuses, in uncompromising terms, to permit days and who reaches the age of 62 the reinsertion in the draft of the years, \$8 per month; 66 years, \$10 per reaty of the two words, guaranteeing the integrity and independence of In addition to the foregoing rates, his

ner last note. The clause proposed by Japan was that Russia and Japan should mutually agree to respect the integrity and independence of China and Corea. Russia has now stricken out twice the word close the negotiations.

It is probable, the Daily Graphic goes on, that when this not has been presented Japan will notify Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defense of her interests, and that M. Kurina will be instructed to demand his passports. In the meantime instructions have been sent to the two Japanese cruisers now at Colombo to proceed to Singapore.

LARGE FIRE IN YUCATAN.

Blaze at Principal Port of Progresso Causes \$2,000,000 Loss.

Mexico City, Jan. 30 .- Fire at Progresso, the chief port of Yucatan, destroyed an entire square of business houses and public buildings, including year. The first was based on an exthe market. The loss is \$2,000,000. The railway offices were also consumed. middlings, \$26; shorts, \$19.50@20; The public buildings were not insured, and the loss on them is \$300,000. Fifteen thousand bales of henequin liers and two submarine boats. The were burned.

The business quarter, in which the fire first broke out, is half a mile from of the first programme with eliminathe wharves, and fronts on the Alameda, the most beautiful plaza in Progreso. The origin of the fire is unknown. The square, which was con- and Subig Bay, P. I. The station in nished the only means of obtaining station, and a little less than that food supplies, was destroyed.

Large Coal Mine to Work.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 30.-Circulars the vice president and general manager.

Money to Remain Untouched.

Panama, Jan. 30 .- The constitutional convention today approved a measure providing that of the \$10,000,000 to be paid to the republic of Panama by the United States for the right to use the canal zone \$8,000,000 is to reof the new republic.

RECOVERING DEAD

REMAINS OF 71 PENNSYLVANIA M ERS BROUGHT OUT.

Work Has Just Begun for One Hundred More Men are Sure to Have Perisher +Remains of Many are Burned to Crisp and All are Horribly Mangled Bereaved are Stupefied With Orief.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—Three days have elapsed since the terrible catastrophe at the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal company and tonight at midnight 71 bodies have been recovered shall reside therein during his term of and brought to the surface. Only one office and be charged with the interests of these has been identified. The day has been one of horror in the little village on the hill above the pit mouth, but even while the blackened bodies were brought from the top of the shaft and then on sleds to the schoolhouse on the hill above, where the undertakers were ready to receive them, there seemed to prevail in the community as a clutch that repressed their natural feelings of passionate anxiety and sorrow, the grim realization that there is still much work to be done before the tull extent of the catastrophe has been realized.

The Allegheny Coal company tonight in an official statement positively admitted that all of the men who were in the mine when the explosion occurred are dead. There are 171 names on the list, which does not include Selwyn M. Taylor, or the two men who were on the tipple above the mine shaft when the explosion came. Nor does the list include the name of Daniel Lysle, of Castle Shannon, whose body was found in the mine this morning. He was one of the men who went down in the mine to work last night but became separated from the rest and wandered off. His body was found sitting with his back to the wall of one of the

INCREASES PENSIONS OF MANY.

House Bill Makes \$8 Instead of \$6 Per Month the Minimum.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, today introduced a distinctly service and age pension bill, which will give to each soldier who served 90 month, and 70 years, \$12 per month. China upon which Japan insisted in bill gives to the men who served two years or more an additional increase of \$2 a month in each of the above

The bill increases the minimum of pensions allowed to \$8 per month, instead of \$6, which will increase the 'China' and it is understood this will pensions of 12,394 soldiers who are now on the rolls at \$6 per month. The bill further provides that the pensions of widows who married soldiers prior to January 1, 1870, and who are now on the rolls drawing \$8, shall be increased to \$12. Heretofore the law has been that they could not get \$12 unless their husbands die of disease contracted in the service.

GREATER NAVY IS PAVORED.

House Committee Discusses Recommendations of Moody.

Washington, Jan. 29. - Secretary Moody concluded his recommendations today before the house committee on naval affairs. He presented two plans prepared by the general board of the navy as the building plan for next penditure of \$34,000,000, and included provision for one battleship, one armored cruiser, three protected cruisers, four scout cruisers, two squadron colsecond plan provides for an expenditure of \$30,000,000, and is a duplicate tion of two of the scout cruisers.

The secretary recommended building naval stations at Guantanamo, Cuba, amount for the one in the Philippines.

Japan Takes 20 Steamers.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 29. - The Thos. Cockell, Agent, Albany. received in this city today from the steamer Kaga Maru, which arrived this general sales department of the Colo- morning, brought news that 20 steamrado fuel and iron company are taken ers had been commandered by the Japby business men to mean the early re- anese government before she sailed, all sumption of all departments of the big for the naval department. The five plant, which closed down two months liners of the Australian line of the ago because of the coal strike. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, including the circulars say in part: "We are now just completed Nikko Maru, had their pleased to announce that affairs have fittings torn out and were hurried to so shaped themselves as to enable us to Yokohama to be fitted as torpedo-carresume operations." This announce- riers. Three steamers of the American ment is sent out under the direction of route to San Francisco had been taken and will be made auxiliary cruisers.

Will Be Russia's Last Word.

Berlin, Jan. 29 .- The Paris correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt claims authority for the statement that the forthcoming Russian note to Japan will be Russia's last word in the matter. The correspondent says also that main untouched for the future benefit Russia is particularly opposed to the fortification of Mesampho,



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