

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

KNOW TIMBER BUSINESS.

Many Men Coming From Middle Western States.

There is indication of a large immigration to Oregon this spring from the Middle Western States, of a nature that will be very important in the development of the timber resources of the state. C. H. Stewart of Albany, one of a number of people interested in timber claims, the applications for which were suspended because entered in the wrong district, has been corresponding with the holders of suspended claims, with a view to concerted action in the matter of getting their applications reinstated.

A number of people in the Middle Western States are included in the list of holders of suspended applications. These people have been communicated with by Mr. Stewart, and a great many of them have written letters to the effect that they will be here this spring to assist in looking the matter up.

During the course of the correspondence letters have come from lumbermen in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and the two Dakotas to the effect that they will remove to Oregon to reside and invest their means in timber and the necessary mills to put it on the market. This will be done both because of the great opportunities offered in Oregon, and because of the rigorous weather that has prevailed in their home states during the present winter.

They are all substantial men who have had experience in the lumber business, and have been on the ground in Oregon, and are conversant with the conditions here. They will come here seeking a new field for operations, where there are abundant resources and a climate in which life can be enjoyed and work continued the year round.

LEGISLATURE WILL DECIDE.

Unpaid Indian War Claim Will Be Presented to That Body.

Salem.—Secretary of State Dunbar has prepared a circular letter which he is sending out to all Indian War veterans who have unpaid claims against the State. He informs them that since the appropriation has been exhausted he has no further authority to audit claims or issue warrants, but he will preserve the claims and present them to the next Legislature.

This is in accordance with a general law prescribing the duties of the Secretary of State. The claims now in the hands of the Secretary of State amount to \$35,227.06.

It is understood that Adjutant-General Gantenbein has received claims amounting to \$15,000 more. Whether the remaining claims will be paid rests entirely with the Legislature.

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

Salem.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State last week as follows:

Farmers Irrigating Company, Hood River, \$75,000.

Warrenton Grocery & Butcher Company, Warrenton, \$5000.

Stanfield Irrigation Company, Echo, \$5000. Object to construct an irrigation system in Umatilla and Morrow counties, taking water from Umatilla river and Butte creek.

Abbott Tinning & Roofing Company, Portland, \$1000.

Shipping Supply Company, Portland, \$1000.

Lutke Manufacturing Company, office furniture manufacturing, Portland, \$50,000.

Prasli & Co., Inc., Portland, liquors, cigars, \$3000.

Campbell Transportation Company, Portland, \$50,000.

La Grande Mercantile Company, La Grande, \$30,000.

Maccabees' Building Association, Roseburg, \$16,000.

K. of P. at Pendleton.

The District Convention of the Knights of Pythias was held last week at Music Hall and was attended by 300 delegates and visiting Knights. This district, No. 10, is composed of the following: Damon, No. 4, Pendleton; Pythian, No. 29, Athena; Stephens, No. 49, Weston; Pledades, No. 74, Helix; Hercules, No. 71, Milton; Tomax, No. 93, Adams.

Independence.—Krebs Bros., who purchased the Henderson-Murphy farm, have placed a large crew of men on the place and state they will place all of the available land into hops. It is thought that something over 500 acres will be so planted. They will build a number of hophouses and other buildings, and will use probably nearly 1,000,000 feet of lumber in their improvements.

Record of Second Oregon Volunteers.

Salem.—The State Printer has completed and delivered to Adjutant-General Finzer the 1440 additional copies of the official record of the Second Oregon Volunteers. The Adjutant-General will supply one copy of the book to each member of the Second Oregon, free of charge.

Gain of 100 Pupils.

Pendleton.—Secretary Bailey of the Pendleton school district will file his census with the county superintendent in a few days. It shows a gain of 100 pupils over last year, there being this year 1616.

POWER FROM MORGAN LAKE.

La-Grande May Soon Have Suburban Electric Lines.

La Grande.—Morgan Lake, situated about two miles above La Grande, has been thoroughly tested as to the amount of power and water that can be obtained from it. The power will be used for different important things for the benefit of La Grande and the community. More power will be used for the electric light plant and to run a motor line to Hot Lake and other points in the county.

The engineer reported to the officials of the electric light company that their plan was entirely feasible and practicable. The plans call for a fraction over two miles of pipe and the power obtained through the pipe will be equal to 500 horsepower. The reservoir when filled will contain water sufficient to furnish this amount of power for a period of one year, without receiving any additional supply. In other words, when the lake is filled it will contain enough water to supply water for 500-horsepower. The lake is situated 1100 feet above the power station, which, according to the plans of the engineer, will be located near the site of the Old Town flouring mill.

LAWS TO BE VOTED UPON.

Printed Pamphlets of Direct Primary and Local Option Measures.

Salem.—Secretary of State Dunbar has received from the State Printer the first copies of the pamphlets containing the full text of the direct primary law and the local option law, which will be voted upon by the people on June 8.

Ninety thousand copies of each pamphlet will be printed. The printer has already turned out 30,000 copies of the local option law, and 60,000 copies of the direct primary law. The former runs 20 pages and the latter 52 pages.

In a few days the Secretary of State will distribute these pamphlets to the several counties in sufficient quantities so that each voter may have one, free of charge.

Coming Events.

State Convention, Knights of the Maccabees, Portland, March 22.

County Recorders and Auditors, Portland, March 25.

Republican primaries, April 2.

Republican County Conventions, April 7.

Republican Convention, First Congressional District, Salem, April 13.

Republican Convention, second Congressional District, Portland, April 13.

Republican State Convention, Portland, April 14.

Democratic Convention, Multnomah County, Portland, April 14.

Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Portland, April 16.

Democratic State Convention, Portland, April 19.

Dog Show, Portland, April 20-22.

University of Oregon-Pacific University debate, Forest Grove, April 22.

Annual reunion, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Hood River, June 15-17.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 77c; blue-stem, 81c; Valley, 82c.

Barley—Feed, \$21@22 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$24@25.

Flour—Valley, \$3.90@3.95 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.20; clear, \$3.85@4; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.60; Graham, \$3.50@3.90; whole wheat, \$3.65@4.05; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.17½@1.20; gray, \$1.10@1.15 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18@19 per ton; middlings, \$24.50@26; short, \$19@20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$15@17 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$12@13; cheat, \$12@13.

Vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 1½@2c; red cabbage, 2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per dozen; hot-house, \$2 per box; parsley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@1 per dozen; celery, 65@80c per dozen; squash, 1½c per pound; cucumbers, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen; onions, yellow Danvers, \$2@2.25 per sack, growers' price.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Fancy, 90c@91c per cental; common, 60c@80c, growers' price; sweets, 2½c in sacks; 2½c crated.

Fruits—Apples, fancy, Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.25 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c.

Butter—Sweet cream butter, 30c per pound; fancy creamery, 27½@30c; choice creamery, 25c; dairy and store, nominal.

Butter Fat—Sweet cream, 28½c; sour cream, 26½c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12½@13c per pound; springs, small 15@16c; hens, 13@13½c; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live, 8c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@14c; Young America, 15c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@18c.

Beef—Dressed, 5@7c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 6@7½c; lambs, 8c.

Vest—Dressed, 6½@9c.

Pork—Dressed, 7½c.

Hops—Choice, 25@26c per pound; prime, 24@25c.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c.

WILD GALE RAGES.

Pacific Coast From San Diego to Vancouver Island Wind Swept.

San Francisco, March 12.—The worst rain and wind storm in 13 years swept over this city and along the Pacific coast today, doing much damage to shipping, railroads and frame buildings through the state. The storm extends from San Diego to Vancouver Island, and it is feared that many marine disasters have occurred along the coast.

In this city this morning the barometer reached 29.23, the lowest record, and the wind registered a velocity of 48 miles an hour, while at Sacramento a gale of 64 miles was recorded. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated in every direction and for several hours this city was entirely cut off from the outside world.

At the Cliff House on the beach near the entrance to San Francisco Bay tremendous waves dashed against the rocky shore and sent masses of spray over the huge baths, a steel frame building 50 feet high. Numerous small craft on the bay were blown ashore and damage to shipping in San Francisco bay will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Reports from the interior show that the storm extended over practically the entire state. In the southern portion, where the season has been dry, the rain will greatly benefit crops.

SECRETS FOR SALE.

French Officer Offers Japan Important Naval Information.

Paris, March 12.—In spite of official reticence and denials from the Japanese legation here, it is affirmed that a noncommissioned officer named Martin, who was employed in the ministry of marine, and who is now under arrest, attempted to sell French naval secrets to a naval attaché at the Japanese legation.

The discovery of this alleged attempt came as a result of the accidental opening of a letter addressed to the noncommissioned officer by a naval captain of the same name. The letter was from an intermediary, but it indicated the principals in the affair. It is alleged that several women are implicated, and one of them has confessed.

It appears now that only one document is missing from the ministry of marine, but it is possible that Martin photographed and replaced others. It is not probable that the information alleged to have been stolen got beyond the intermediary, and it is said the Japanese naval attaché, who is supposed to have been in indirect communication with Martin, sailed for home on board one of the cruisers which Japan purchased from Argentina.

READY FOR WAR IN BALKANS

Russia, However, Does Not Expect an Outbreak in the Spring.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Careful inquiry concerning the outlook in the Balkans develops the fact that the prevailing opinion in government, as well as diplomatic circles, is against an outbreak of war in the spring, although the danger is not considered passed. A perfect understanding exists between Russia and Austria, and besides, the Russian authorities appear to be satisfied completely regarding the attitude of Bulgaria. What assurances the authorities have concerning Bulgaria are not known, but they do not tally with direct information from other sources, representing Bulgaria as having her army under mobilization, with having her plans perfected for an invasion of Turkey, and as being confident that she can defeat the Turks single handed.

Evidently the porte is alarmed at the outlook, as an American, a representative of an ordinance firm, who came here to act as a broker in the sale of South American warships to Russia, has been requested to go to Constantinople immediately, the sultan desiring to purchase a large supply of guns.

Officers Fight Mob Off.

Murphysboro, Ill., March 12.—A mob of 75 men from Carbondale made an attempt at 4 o'clock this morning to take Thomas Vaughn, a negro, from the county jail here. Sheriff Thorp had been apprised of their coming and he and Deputy Woodruff lay in wait. When the mob reached the jail the officers trained their guns on it. The mob quickly dispersed, but not until three of its members had been captured. Deputy Woodruff's gun was discharged prematurely, tearing his arm.

Now \$12,600,000 a Pound.

New York, March 12.—An importer of radium here gives out the startling news that the price of this latest product of the scientist has increased \$4,200,000 a pound in two days. The commercial rate last week was \$8,400,000, now it is \$12,600,000. So great has been the demand for a few grains that the supply on the market probably will have disappeared entirely by the end of the present month.

ALL EYES ON IT.

Russian Vladivostok Squadron Must Soon Be Located.

Tokio, March 10.—It is believed here that there has already been a decisive naval engagement in the vicinity of Vladivostok, and details of it are anxiously awaited. The Japanese fleet did not, it is said, go to Vladivostok for the purpose of bombarding the town, but to locate and attack the Russian fleet stationed there. It is understood here that when the Japanese fleet arrived there on Sunday last, it found the Russian squadron absent. If this is true, it gave the Japanese squadron advantage in the way of avoiding battle close to the inshore batteries, at the same time putting it in a position to prevent the Russian ships re-entering the harbor. It is doubted that the Japanese withdrew their entire squadron unless the location of the enemy had been discovered, as it meant surrendering the advantage of being in a position between the enemy and the enemy's base.

There is a strong possibility that the Japanese found the Russian ships in the vicinity of Possiet Bay, and gave them battle there. The names and numbers of ships in the Japanese squadron have been kept secret, but it was probably sufficiently strong to divide into two divisions, the one to guard Vladivostok, and the other to cruise in search of the Russian ships.

The navy department expects to receive dispatches tomorrow from Gen San, where it has planned the fleet would call after the operation involving an attack upon the Russian squadron had been concluded.

WAR COST NOT A DEAD LOSS.

Russia Figures That Most of the Money Will Go to Her People.

Paris, March 9.—A St. Petersburg dispatch gives an interview with M. Kokovzev, to whom has been intrusted the raising of funds required for the conducting of the war.

"Even on the most unfavorable hypothesis," he says, "the vital forces of the empire cannot be effected. The expenditure must not be looked upon from a European viewpoint, or compared, for example, with the South African struggle. Would Russia have to spend, for example, 380,000,000 francs for the purchase of horses outside of her domains? Hardly. At the maximum she will expend but 10,000,000 francs, and this will be exclusively expended in Russia. The cost of the transport of the troops, and supplies, also, will be paid over to the state railway.

In a general way, it can be stated that the money expended from the national treasury will not be the dead loss that the cost of the Transvaal war was to Great Britain. Most of it will ultimately benefit the Russian merchants and manufacturers. It would be a gross exaggeration to suppose that the war will entail a gross expenditure on Russia of one-quarter of the total of the cost of the war in South Africa to the British government."

SPLIT ON BILL.

Senators Fail to Agree on Land Reform Measures.

Washington, March 10.—Western senators are hopeful that legislation along the lines recommended in the report of the Public Land Commission, sent to congress yesterday, will be enacted at the present session of congress. The senate committee expects to take up the commission's recommendations at its meeting tomorrow, and an effort will be made to secure a report on a bill repealing the timber and stone act, providing for the sale of government timber, and carrying out the recommendations regarding desert land and homestead commutation laws.

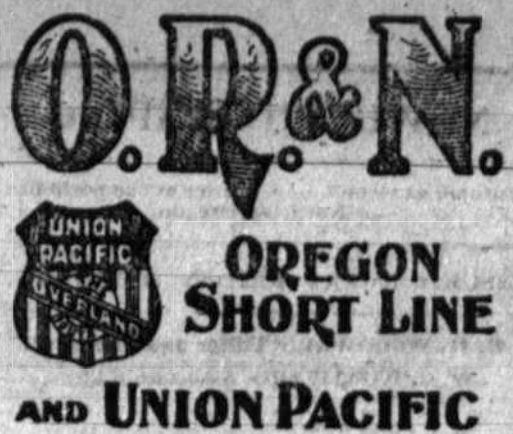
Unfortunately there is a division of the committee on party lines, the democrats, with the exception of Dubois, of Idaho, favoring the outright repeal of the timber and stone homestead commutation and desert land acts, without the enactment of other laws to take their place. Bard, of California, and Dietrich, of Nebraska, are now with the democrats. All other republicans, except Nelson, favor legislation similar to that recommended by the commission. This leaves the committee standing seven members for absolute repeal, six supporting the commission's recommendation, with Nelson in doubt and Burton absent.

Russia to Have Large Force.

Paris, March 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro has sent an interview with General Sakharoff, minister of war, who, while refusing to give the number of men concentrated in the Far East, said the military authorities were well pleased. There was no lack of troops, he said, but the means of transportation beyond Lake Balka were inadequate, and he was about to send 120 locomotives and 2000 cars beyond the lake in order to move the troops more rapidly. General Sakharoff declared that the number of troops to go to Manchuria had not yet been fixed.

Russia Tears Building Down.

St. Louis, March 10.—The framework for the Russian National Pavilion at the World's Fair, was torn down today on receipt of a cablegram from St. Petersburg by Contractor Lecouer, who has been in charge of the work. The cablegram was from the department of the interior, briefly ordering such work as had not been completed torn down.



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