

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEED FROM EASTERN OREGON.

Willamette Valley Farmers Forced to Buy This Fall.

Salem.—To relieve a very bare feed market valley dealers are importing Eastern Oregon barley, bran and chop, to be sold to the valley farmers. Owing to the great scarcity of oats, that article is selling at \$30 a ton and higher, with very little to be had in the local market. Dealers are importing to Salem alone about eight cars of feed a week. With this movement so soon after harvest, it is expected that much heavier shipments will be made when winter weather sets in. As a means of further relieving the situation the Southern Pacific has been appealed to for a special reduction in freight rates on feed shipped in for valley livestock.

The principal feed imported is rolled barley, which comes here from Portland, but is grown in Eastern Oregon. This feed costs the farmer \$27 a ton, and as a ton of it is worth more for stock generally than a ton of oats, the barley is being purchased by farmers who must buy feed of some kind. Dealers say that barley at \$27 is \$5 a ton cheaper than oats at \$30, hence the Eastern Oregon feed can be brought in to the advantage of valley farmers. Owners of driving horses must have oats for which they pay \$30 a ton, and dairymen are buying chop at \$20, bran at \$22.50 and shorts at \$23.

As a rule, grain farmers have feed enough for their own needs, but have none to sell. Fruitgrowers, hopgrowers, a few stockmen and some grain farmers are the heavy buyers of feed. They have been accustomed to buy from their neighbors who raise grain, but this year the grain farmers have little, if any, feed to sell. A great many farmers who have a few head of stock will be compelled to buy more or less feed, but they will not constitute the heavy buyers.

Eastern Capital Scared by Frauds.

Medford.—B. H. Harris, who has returned from a trip East in the interests of the proposed railroad to the Big Butte country, states that he can give no definite information as to the present condition of affairs until the engineers' estimates and surveys are complete. The estimates, he reports, are to be rushed to completion at once. He says that there is a marked reluctance on the part of Eastern investors to go any further into Oregon timber on account of the many "land frauds" of which the Oregon newspapers have laid such stress.

Pushing Development Work.

Medford.—The company headed by Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper, of San Francisco, which purchased the Monumental mine from I. L. Hamilton, H. W. Jackson and C. B. Baker, of Medford, in the Shelly creek district, several months ago, made the last payment of \$25,000 on the property several days ago and are pushing the development of the mine rapidly. They now have 45 men at work blocking out ore, erecting buildings and doing other work for the installing of a 200 ton smelter at the mine.

Heaviest Freight Traffic Known.

La Grande.—Freight traffic was never known to be so heavy in Eastern Oregon as at the present time, and it is mostly due to the increase in the shipment of wheat to the East and the resumption of the large lumber mills also adds to the volume. There are many extra trains run out on the La Grande division daily, and there is but a few hours' rest for the trainmen at the terminal stations when they are called out for another trip.

Sugar Output Large.

La Grande.—The sugar factory is running day and night with a full complement of men. It will run longer and make many more tons of sugar this year than in any previous year. The season for beet growing has been an ideal one. The yield per acre exceeds any previous year, and next year will see a very large increase in the acreage throughout the entire county.

Woolen Mills Busy.

Pendleton.—The Pendleton woolen mills are manufacturing a new line of goods this season—workmen's blouses and smoking jackets. The latter are manufactured from Indian robes of unique patterns. Although the mill has been manufacturing these garments since September 1, only three are on hand, the demand being so great. More garment workers will be employed later.

Lighting Plant for College.

McMinnville College, McMinnville.—A new vapor gas plant for lighting the main college building and for use in the laboratories has just been installed and is now in use. The plant cost about \$400, which was subscribed by the people of McMinnville. The system will probably be extended to the gymnasium to light that building for the evening classes in physical culture.

Big Tract of Timber Sold.

Astoria.—The sale of another large tract of timber land in Clatsop county has been closed recently, but the price paid is not obtainable. Deeds filed for record show that Horace Irvine, of Minnesota, has sold to the Nehalem Timber company 5,288 acres in the southwest portion of the county. The consideration named in the deeds is \$2.

DISCRETION WITH DIRECTORS.

State School Superintendent Recommends Change in Law.

Salem.—In his annual report, now in the hands of the state printer, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, recommends to the legislature a change in the language of the school law so as to place upon sections 3,389 the construction which Judge Hamilton gave it in his decision. Subdivision 11 of that section provides that the directors of a school district "may" transfer a pupil from one district to another upon the parents filing a petition, etc., and Superintendent Ackerman has always believed that the word "may" in this section left the matter discretionary with the school board.

A question having arisen, the matter was referred to the attorney general, who held that the parents have a right to have the child transferred and that "may" means "must." Superintendent Ackerman accepted the attorney general's ruling but recommended that the legislature insert after the word "may" the words "at its discretion," so that there could be no doubt as to the construction to be placed upon these words. The decision rendered by Judge Hamilton gives the words the construction desired by Superintendent Ackerman.

Appointed by the Governor.

Salem.—Tom Richardson, of Portland; A. B. Wood, of Cottage Grove, and J. W. Bailey, of Portland, have been appointed by Governor Chamberlain as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, which will meet in St. Louis October 25 to 29 inclusive. Mr. Richardson is manager of the Commercial club, of Portland, and Mr. Bailey is state food and dairy commissioner. Mr. Wood and Mr. Richardson and Mr. A. N. Solis, of Ontario, have been appointed delegates to the National Irrigation convention to be held at El Paso, Tex., November 15 to 18, inclusive.

150 Sacks per Acre.

Echo.—Peter Sheridan, who resides at the mouth of Butter creek, 16 miles west of here, is harvesting 15 acres of potatoes. Mr. Sheridan says the field is yielding 150 sacks to the acre. He has already disposed of several hundred sacks and will probably keep the remainder until spring. A resident of the vicinity says that last season he raised 243 sacks to the acre without irrigation. Mr. Sheridan's field was not irrigated, but is situated on the bottom of the valley through which Butter creek flows.

Little Green Timber Burned.

Oregon City.—Supervisor Adolph Aschoff, of the Cascade forest reserve, has removed his headquarters from Hood River to his home near Marmot, Clackamas county and has established telephone connections via Sandy. Mr. Aschoff reports that while there have been a great number of forest fires during the summer, few proved at all serious, while but little green timber was destroyed. As a rule the fires were confined to tracts of dead timber.

Few Sales of Wheat Made.

Pendleton.—Although the wheat market hovers around the 72 cent mark for club, no recent sales of consequence have been reported. Some grain is still being hauled into town mostly barley and wheat for the feed and chop mills. The mills are constantly receiving wheat, but the most of the crop is under shelter. Some of the warehouses along the railroad are so full that wheat is piled on the platforms.

Few Indians in Pendleton.

Pendleton.—Scarcely a few Indians are seen on the streets. Nearly all of the residents of the reservation are in the Grand Ronde valley harvesting the beet crop, in the Yakima valley picking hops, or in the mountains hunting or fishing. Until severe weather comes the hunters and fishermen will remain in their mountain camps.

Taking of Chinook Eggs Finished.

Astoria.—A letter received at the fish warden's office states that the taking of spring chinook eggs at the Umpqua hatchery has been completed and 2,500,000 eggs secured. The superintendent expects to secure a large number of silverside eggs later in the season. Advice received from the various points along the coast indicate that the run of fish thus far is very light.

Timber Sells at \$25 an Acre.

Astoria.—A deed has been filed for record whereby the heirs of the late Francis Hood, of Saginaw, Mich., sell to William M. Bray, of Portland, 1,760.3 acres of timber land located short distances south of Westport and Knappa, in the eastern portion of this county. The consideration named is \$44,000, or \$25 per acre.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81¢@82¢; bluestem, 85¢; valley, 85¢; Tacoma—Bluestem, 86¢; club, 82¢. Coila—Club, 70¢; bluestem, 75¢.

REGARD DEFEAT AS COMPLETE.

London Papers Agree That Kuropatkin Has Shot His Bolt.

London, Oct. 15.—The London papers have to rely mainly on official reports for news from the Far East, but the dispatches thus far received regard a complete Japanese victory assured, and editorialize from this point of view. Says the Daily Telegraph:

"General Kuropatkin has shot his bolt. It seemed to be speeding well toward the mark, yet missed it badly. He has suffered not merely a repulse but a disastrous defeat, while Japan's incomparable soldiers under incomparable generals have added another glorious page to the chronicle of war and proved that Oyama is still Kuropatkin's master in every branch of the art of war."

The Daily Graphic describes General Kuropatkin's move as a "gambler's throw," and considers the frank bluntness of his report to the emperor seems to speak the language of a man who has done his best with the bungling advice of some superior agency.

The Standard finds General Kuropatkin's dispatch full of tragic meaning, while the Daily News argues the Russian dash southward was prompted by a desperate desire to relieve Port Arthur rather than by Viceroy Alexieff's malign influence, the end of which, in case of the fall of the fortress, cannot be far distant.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, discussing strategic possibilities, thinks the issue will turn upon which side shall first become exhausted by the protracted operations.

"Telegrams," he says, "do not yet reveal the final decision, but they certainly do not point to the scale turning in Russia's favor. It remains to be seen whether either army kept large reserves ready to throw in when it becomes apparent that the forces engaged have become exhausted."

COST OF FEEDING THE ARMY.

Commissary General Reports the Expenses Reduced to a Minimum.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The annual report of Brigadier General J. F. Weston, commissary general of the army, says the total cost of feeding the army during the past fiscal year was \$8,821,750. During the year the losses were \$418,650 in the Philippines; \$7,467 on the transports and \$129,853 in the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico and elsewhere.

General Weston says it is difficult and often impossible to prevent losses of perishable stores. General Weston urgently recommends the passage of a bill by congress to give authority to all officers entrusted with the disbursement of subsistence funds to hold restricted amounts of such funds in their personal possession. He says the exigencies of the public service require an open disregard of the restriction of the existing laws in cities where the treasurer or an assistant treasurer is located. He urges legislation authorizing the sale at public auction of accumulated subsistence stores in good condition.

General Weston says the problem of feeding the army in the Philippines was a difficult one, but "it has been successfully solved, and subsistence affairs in the archipelago are now run with system and economy."

The subsistence department, it is stated, was able to make a contract for fresh beef for the fiscal year, 1906, by which an annual saving of over \$140,000 was effected. The running expenses gradually have been reduced to a minimum, the report says, and a saving of more than \$40,000 made in wages of civilian employees alone.

Wreckage From Troopship.

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—The schooner Gotama, which arrived here early this morning from Kurile island, reports that on August 4, when 40 miles south southwest of Cape Curat, she sighted a mass of floating wreckage. She made out parts of a mast. Captain Macomber later succeeded in getting closer to the wreckage, and established that it was from the Japanese troopship Kinshin Maru, which was sunk by the Russians last April, when 200 perished. Entangled in the wreckage were a number of headless trunks.

Predicted China Would Profit.

London, Oct. 13.—The Times today publishes the summary of a letter alleged to have been written by Li Hung Chang shortly before his death, predicting that little harm would come from allowing the Russians to hold Manchuria, because it would lead to war between Russia and Japan, and then China, by espousing the winning side, would be able to recover Manchuria.

Great Dockworkers' Strike Ends.

Mareilles, Oct. 15.—The coal heavers who have been on strike for nearly two months have agreed to resume work on the employers' conditions. This brings the great dockworkers' strike to an end.



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