OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INVESTIGATE EXPRESS RATES.

State Railroad Commission Has Fancy Figures to Start 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.

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.

Nevada's Governor an Oregonian.

Ontario.—Den S. Dickerson, who is now Governor of Nevada, vice John Sparks, deceased, is a Malheur County boy, aged 34 years. His parents reside on a farm five miles west of Vale. He left this section seven years ago for Nevada and joined the Miners Union in White Pine County, and when the union asked recognition on the state ticket he was named as lieutenant-governor. He served in the Philippine war, enlisting in Portland.

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.

Scouring Mills to Reopen.

Pendleton.—It was announced a few days ago that the wheels of the Pendleton scouring mills would be started turning about June 1. The uncertain condition of the wool market is responsible for the late start, but it will not shorten the season's run. Several thousand pounds of wool are now on hand and more is arriving daily.

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.

CHEAP FUEL IN SIGHT.

If Choppers Can't Sell to Trust They Will to Consumers.

Pendleton.—After futile efforts to sell their wood to Pendleton and Walla Walla woodyards, ten woodchoppers of Kamela have pooled their output and have placed an agent in this city and will sell direct to the consumer. They have 5,000 cords in the pool and will fill this territory with cheap wood, they declare. The woodyards have large supplies on hand, owing to the fact that the mild weather of the past winter restricted the sale, and have refused to buy the Camela pool, which is now being marketed here. Already several cars have been ordered from the pool and it promises to demoralize the wood market in the inland empire.

Keep Salmon Out of Alfalfa.

Pendleton.—Thousands of salmon fry from six to eight inches in length are now running out into the canal of the Irrigon irrigation project and many of them are being stranded on the bars, where they are perishing. Deputy Game and Fish Warden O. F. Turner will take immediate steps to have proper fish screens placed at the dam to prevent this destruction of the young fish. The dam of the Irrigon project is in the Umatilla River two miles east of the town of Umatilla. Thousands of fine salmon fry are now to be found in the river and every effort will be made to prevent them from running into the irrigation canals. Other canals on the river are properly protected with screens and ladders.

Wells-Fargo to Build.

Eugene.—The Wells-Fargo Express Company has begun the erection of a fine brick building on the Southern Pacific depot grounds in which to handle its business in this city. The architecture of the new building will be in keeping with that of the new passenger depot, now in course of construction and to be completed before July 1. The Wells-Fargo building will be of brick and stone and will cost $4,000 to $5,000. It is probable the downtown office of the company will be done away with when the new building is finished as the location is convenient to the business section of the city.

Rare Species of Duck.

Klamath Falls.—Hunters on the Klamath river near Teters landing report the finding of a pair of red ducks nesting among the tules. The birds are small and supposed to be cinnamon teal, a species of duck rarely seen in this section. The pelicans have returned in great numbers this spring. The rapid growth of the city and the settlement of the hills between Lake Ewauna and the Upper Klamath lake seemed for several years past to have driven the pelicans to other fields. However, they are here in great numbers this year.

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.

Stocked With Fish.

Baker City.—Thomas H. Parker, of the state fish commission, received at North Powder the other day 31,000 trout, which have been placed in the lakes at the head of North Powder river and in other streams near by.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 92c; Valley, 89c.

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

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

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, 7c; ordinary, 6c; heavy, 5c; mutton, fancy, 8@9c.

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

Eggs—Candled, 19@20c per dozen; uncandled, 18½c per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12½@13c per pound; fancy hens, 13½@14c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 22½@25c; broilers, 20@22½c; ducks, old, 16@17c; spring, 22½@25c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@18c.

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

Potatoes—Old Oregons, choice, 70@80c per hundred; sweet, 5½c per pound.

Strawberries—Oregon, 10@17½c per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1.50 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $1.75@2 per cwt.; beans, wax, 7@8c per pound; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; celery, 85c per dozen; asparagus, $1.50 per box; egg plant, 20c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@6½c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50 per crate.

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, 10@12½c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18½c per pound.

Cascara Bark—3½@4c per pound.

FLIES WITH OWN WINGS.

Frenchman Beats All Records With Aeroplane in Italy.

Rome, June 1.—Leo de la Grange, the French aeroplanist, made a new experiment with his aeroplane here this morning, which was so successful that it filled the spectators with admiration. He surpassed his own record by flying for 15 minutes and 30 seconds, only then coming down because he received a signal to do so, and also because the motor of his machine cannot hold sufficient gasoline to operate it much longer than that.

During that space of time M. de la Grange made nine and three-fourths rounds of an established course in the military field, namely six kilometers, a little over nine and nine-tenths of a mile, at a velocity of 60 kilometers, or 37.2 miles an hour.

The aeroplane was first pushed forward by M. de la Grange's associates, and as soon as the motor was put into action the machine rose without difficulty, keeping from seven to ten feet above the ground. It moved smoothly and turned easily, the rounds of the course following each other without interruption, and not once did the aeroplane touch the ground. It was a marvelops exhibition, which would have won De La Grange a prize of $5000 had it occurred in France. It at least confirms his possession of the Archdeacon cup.

ROBBERS GET CASH.

Great Northern Passenger Train Held Up at Great Falls.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A Miner special from Great Falls, Mont., says:

The north bound Great Northern passenger train was held up this evening about one mile and a half from this city by seven masked men at 12:30 o'clock, the train being run onto a siding by the robbers, who fired a fusillade of shopts up and down the train. Wm. Dempsey, an Augusta rancher, was shot through the leg in attempting to escape from the train after it had stopped, and Conductor Hayes was compelled by the robbers to precede them in passing through the cars, he carrying a hat in which the passengers were invited to dump what cash they had about them. Most of them deposited from $1 to $10, and the booty of the desperadoes is not believed to be greater than several hundred dollars.

While the passengers were being robbed, several of the highwaymen stood guard at the doors of the cars to prevent the passengers from leaving.

The robbers finally jumped off the coaches and disappeared in the darkness. Rain is falling heavily, and the night is so dark that no trace of the robbers could be found, although posses were in pursuit within 20 minutes after the outlaws had left the train.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUE.

Great Area in Montana is Stripped Bare of Timber.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A federal survey corps is engaged in running survey lines in the mountains near Philipsburg, Mont., to determine the amount of cordwood cut for the mines of Granite county, and the location of the ground from which the timber was taken. This wood was cut, it is claimed, from land belonging to the government, and it is intimated that suits may be begun to recover for about 700,000 cords of wood cut, approximating in value about $1,000,000. The bulk of this wood was cut about 10 or 12 years ago, during the boom days of silver, and was used at the Bimetallic and Granite Mountain mines, owned by Charles D. McClure and his associates, of St. Louis, together with a few Montanans. The area of timber land stripped clean is 10 miles wide and 12 long.

Still Vigorous at 128.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—A veteran soldier, with the record of 80 years' military service, and whose age is declared to be 128, has been visiting St. Petersburg from the Tver district. This wonderful old man, Michael Budnikov, traveled to the capital to draw a prize of $2500 in the lottery, and the czar had him at Czarskoe Selo as a feature of the festivities for the Swedish royal wedding.

Budnikov, whose breast is adorned with many medals for bravery and distinguished service, joined the Russian army in 1797.

Kill Women and Children.

Athens, June 1.—A body of panic-stricken refugees from Samos, who have arrived here, report that eighty women and children were slain by Turkish troops during the first day's fighting at Vathy, capital of the island. They declare also that the troops fired persistently on the foreign consulates. The refugees are all Greeks, and, as they have inborn hatred of the Turk, their statements are accepted here with considerable reserve.

Cholera is Spreading.

Manila, June 1.—The cholera at Dagupan, 120 miles from Manila, is worse. Twenty-nine deaths are today reported, due to eating infected foods. The people are loath to clean up their surroundings, despite strenuous efforts on the part of the bureau of health.

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