

CANAL AT CELILO

MAJOR LANGFITT SUBMITS REPORT ON PROJECT.

Little Increase in Cost Over Harts' Plan—Change Will Not Endanger Appropriation—Dam at Narrows Is Rejected—Special Board Will Meet in New York to Pass Judgment.

Portland, Oct. 16.—Major Langfitt has sent a report on the proposed canal and locks below Celilo to the special board of engineers, which is evolving a plan to modify the Harts project. The report contains recommendations and estimates, derived from the surveys which the local engineers made last summer.

The new canal project, in all probability, will cost but little more than Captain Hart's plan. The estimated outlay, according to the Harts plan, as submitted in 1900, was less than \$4,000,000.

Captain Harts undertook to minimize the cost by means of a dam at the narrows, where the Columbia at low water is 150 feet wide and 180 feet deep. Evidently, he did not know the full depth or did not appreciate the difficulties of building the dam, for the special board has rejected it as impractical.

The idea of the special board is that a continuous canal, some 45,000 feet long, on the Oregon shore, below Celilo Falls, is the best means of surmounting the barrier. It has been generally expected that the cost of the modified project would greatly exceed the cost of the Harts plan; consequently, that the difficulty of getting sufficient money would be augmented. The probability that the money required will not go much beyond the sum needed for the Harts project will be gratifying to the interests which desire the opening of the river.

Major Langfitt would not discuss any of the details of his report yesterday. He said the report would be considered by the special board at New York next Monday. What the board would do with the contents, he did not know, and whether it would alter the estimates or reject the findings he could not presume to say.

The meeting of the board will be held at the office of Major W. L. Marshall. About a year ago the members of the board visited the ground of the proposed improvement.

About half the length of the canal is to be excavated in basaltic rock and the rest in sand and gravel. The canal will have seven feet of water over the miter sills, and will be 65 feet wide at the bottom.

Major Langfitt has made the surveys for the purpose of affording the board required information. On those surveys the board will base its recommendations to the chief of engineers.

SPEAKS FOR ARMENIANS.

Asks Russian Embassy to Have Order to Seize Property Revoked.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Bishop Saradjian, of Worcester, Mass., head of the Armenian church in America, arrived here today for the purpose of consulting with the authorities of the Russian embassy concerning a petition to the czar adopted at a convention recently held by Armenians at Providence, R. I. The petition asks the revocation of an order recently promulgated by the Russian authorities directing the seizure of property owned by the Armenian church in the Russian province of Caucasus, where the Holy See of the Armenian church is located.

This property is represented to be of great value, and as it is the result of contributions made by Armenians who dwell in all parts of the world, it is contended that the Armenians who reside in the United States have rights in the matter as American citizens. They felt, however, that the best method of procedure is through the Russian embassy, and will use that channel if feasible.

Troops Nearly All at Fort Riley.

Junction City, Kan., Oct. 16.—All the troops which will take part in the maneuvers at Fort Riley have arrived, with the exception of eight companies of the Twenty-first infantry now on their way from Fort Snelling, Minn. Brigadier-General Thomas Barry arrived tonight and Major-General Bates, who will command the maneuvers is expected tomorrow evening. More rain has fallen today and the grounds of the reservation are in bad condition. The mud is knee deep in the roads.

Irrigation Work to Go Ahead.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The secretary of the interior today authorized the letting of contracts for the construction of the works necessary to the building of the big dam in connection with the proposed irrigation reservoir near Phoenix, Ariz. These works consist of a cement plant, an electrical power house, a steam power plant, a sawmill and a telephone.

BANDIT A MERE BOY.

Charles Hoehn Admits Flagging O. R. & N. Train Near Portland.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—Captain Nevins, superintendent of the Pinkertons at Portland, and Sheriff Storey, of Portland, passed through the city tonight with Charles Hoehn, a youth 17 years of age, who was arrested at the Equality colony, in Skagit county, on a charge of being one of the men implicated in the attempted hold-up of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation overland train, 21 miles east of Portland, on the night of September 23.

Hoehn admits that he is the man who flagged the train, and says there were four in the job, including Gay Harshman, the robber wounded by Messenegr Korner at the time of the attempt.

James James, another member of the gang, is believed to be in this vicinity, and the Pinkertons are on his track. Allen Miner, also a member of the gang, who accompanied Hoehn to Skagit county after the attempted robbery, and whose home is at Whatcom, this state, where his parents are respected, is also said to be in western Washington.

Morgan, the aged member of the gang, has not been located. Hereshman has made a confession to Captain Nevins, giving all the names of the gang, which is corroborated by Hoehn, excepting that he eliminates Morgan, who is his uncle.

Hoehn has lived at Equality colony for 10 years. His parents are dead, and his only criminal record heretofore known is that he was charged with petty larceny. He was working in a shingle mill when arrested by Captain Nevins. For a week a Pinkerton man worked with him.

RAID ON BOSTON CHINESE.

Three Hundred Without Certificates Taken to Police Station.

Boston, Oct. 14.—The murder of Wong Yak Chung, in Chinatown, two weeks ago, the result, it is claimed of the highbinders' plot, was followed tonight by a general raid on the section, under the direction of Immigration Commissioner Billings. Nearly 300 Celestials unable to produce certificates of registration were taken to the detention-room at the Federal building. The only accident that occurred during the raid was the overturning of a loaded barge containing 50 Chinamen and several policemen. Two policemen and a number of the Chinamen were badly bruised.

Every resort was visited. The appearance of the officers was followed by a rush into the streets, but the fleeing Chinamen found every means of exit closed. They were gathered up by the score.

Five patrol wagons were inadequate in transporting the prisoners to the Federal building, and milk wagons, a barge and an electric car were pressed into service. The barge had hardly moved a dozen feet when it overturned, and the occupants, consisting of 50 Chinamen and 15 policemen and two drivers, were thrown into the street in a confused mass.

GOLD ON OWL CREEK.

Montana Ledge Said to Be 1200 Feet Wide and Very Rich.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 14.—A special to the Miner from Hamilton says: This city is wild with excitement over a great gold discovery made on Owl creek, a few miles from here. A regular stampede is on. If half of what is said be true, it is the biggest strike in Montana in many years.

Mr. Cross, representing a New York syndicate, made the discovery on August 23 last. He returned to Hamilton and wired to the New York people what he had found. His syndicate sent an expert at once. Thirty-eight claims were located for the New York concern.

They say the ledge is fully 1200 feet wide and that there is ore enough in sight to keep a 50-stamp mill running for 10 years without doing any underground mining. Assays run from \$107 to \$1,000 in gold to the ton.

The expert claims all of the ore will run at least \$25 to the ton. From one phenomenally rich streak of the ore, 18 pounds gave from \$300 to \$500 in gold.

Will Try It On the Clerks.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The food tests conducted under the direction of Professor Wiley, of the Bureau of Chemistry, of the Agricultural department, will be resumed tomorrow when 12 young government clerks who have pledged themselves to partake of a piston diet for nine months in the interest of science will go to breakfast in the laboratory diningroom. Salicylic acid probably will be the first preservative used in the experiments. The report of the work accomplished with borax has been almost completed.

Village Sinks in Ground.

Budapest, Oct. 14.—Nine thousand acres of moorland in the neighborhood of Eted is on fire. The peat is burning to some depth and intense heat has loosened the ground causing a general subsidence of the village of Boervely. Several houses have collapsed and four persons have been killed. Troops are trying to extinguish the fire.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

RICH BOHEMIA LEDGE.

Shows Thousands of Tons of Quartz Carrying \$7.

Eugene—Information has been received at the office of the North Fairview Mining company, in this city, of a very rich strike that has been made in the Belle of Fairview claim, in the Bohemia district, showing probably the largest deposit of free-milling ore ever struck in this section.

Tunnels and shafts already made, block out over 100,000 tons of oxidized decomposed quartz, carrying an average of \$7 per ton in free gold. The ledge is a great true fissure, and is from 18 to 40 feet wide where it has been opened. In the different cross-tunnels the ore shows continuous crossings for 2,300 feet over on the west slope of Fairview mountain, and from the present indications there are over 1,000,000 tons of the same quality as that already blocked out, and the vein is 40 feet wide at the west end of the claims, where a tunnel on the vein will tap the ore body at a vertical depth of 1,200 feet.

This ore can be mined and milled for \$1.50 per ton, which leaves a handsome profit for the owners.

TO TEACH FARMING.

A New Study for Common School Course Is Proposed.

Salem—The teaching of the elements of agriculture in the common schools of Oregon is advocated by Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman. The purpose of the introduction of this study would not be to teach the children the technical side of scientific farming, but rather to give them an understanding of such elementary facts and principles as every person who resides in an agricultural country should know. Superintendent Ackerman believes that at some future time such a study should be placed in the common school course, and that before the teaching of this branch is commenced, time should be given for the teachers to prepare for the work they will be required to do. He would have every applicant for a teacher's certificate take an examination in the subject of elements of agriculture.

Seeding Season at Pendleton.

Pendleton—This is the busy season for the farmers of this portion of the Blue mountains district. Not for years has wheat been planted so early as it is this year. Some of the grain is already above the ground and so rapidly are the farmers rushing the work all seeding will be completed by the end of this month. The rains of a few days ago put the ground in excellent condition. The acreage planted this year is about the same as last year. Some of the wheat this year, however, was spring sown, but there will be less of that for the 1904 crop.

Cascara Hunters Disappointed.

Corvallis—Corvallisites who went to Alsea and Fachats region in search of cascara homesteads are returning home. They did not generally meet with the success they anticipated. Cascara tree locators whom they were to pay \$50 for each quarter located failed to place them on lands that promised to justify the required outlay. None of those who returned have as yet filed homestead papers. Something over six sections of land have, however, been filed on under the homestead arrangement within the immediate past.

Governor Bestows Some Honors.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following residents of Oregon as delegates to the Mississippi River Improvement association convention: Dr. S. M. Hanby, J. Wesley Ladd, W. L. Brewster, John Van Zante, William Reid, Phil Herz, Portland; W. M. Kaiser, Salem; Mose Fonchs, I. B. Bowen, Baker City; C. E. Oliver, Portland; Eugene Schow, La Grande; Owen Caraher, Portland. The convention will be held at New Orleans October 27.

Few Hop Sales in Polk County.

Independence—There are large quantities of hops stored in the warehouses here and but few have been sold. A part of some of the crops were contracted last year and have been delivered. Some few growers have sold and have sold well. Those selling have received from 24 cents to 25½ cents per pound. The latter price seems to be the highest that has been paid in the county yet. Many are holding, expecting to get even better figures than 25½ cents.

Building Material Scarce.

La Grande—La Grande is in a bad way for lumber and other building material. The construction of a sewer through the main business portion of the city is at a standstill for the want of lumber. Dwelling and business block building is at a standstill for the want of material. There are a number of buildings under construction, but they cannot proceed because of the shortage.

SMELTER FOR UNION.

Great Plant to Be Installed Shortly in Eastern Oregon.

Union—The consummation of one of the most gigantic mining propositions ever promoted in Union county, if not in the entire state, was announced here a few days ago. George H. Downs, the mining promoter, who has been making the town of North Powder his headquarters the past two years while at work upon this big deal, stated that his project has the backing of New York capitalists, and that the matter has reached the point of certainty of consummation.

The company has just perfected its incorporation, and the articles will be filed with the county clerk here and with the secretary of state. The name of the corporation is the Eastern Oregon Mining, Milling, Transportation, Smelting & Generating company. The capital stock is placed at \$5,000,000. The first officers of the corporation will be: H. O. Gorham, president and treasurer; W. H. Gorham, vice-president and George H. Downs, secretary and general manager.

The company proposes to erect a 250-ton smelter near the town of North Powder, in Union county, about 15 miles south of Union, for treating all the various grades of gold and copper ores found in the southern part of Union county and northern part of Baker county, and in order to bring such ores to the reduction works it is proposed to build a number of short electric lines to the mines, covering a distance of over 50 miles.

These lines are to be built not only for carrying ores, but passengers and freight as well. Manager Downs declined to give particulars as to the routes of the lines, but says the entire project is a certainty.

Must Supply the Water.

Ontario—Some weeks ago a suit was instituted against the Ontario Land & Irrigation company for damages caused by insufficiency of water during the season, when the water had been paid for. A decision has been handed in by the jurors of the circuit court allowing Dr. G. A. Pogue \$1,800 damages. This ditch over which the suit arose, is controlled by David Wilson, and goes by the name of the Wilson ditch. The winning of the suit gives ground for damages each year until the ditch is improved.

Sale of Rogue River Fruit.

Medford—The Rogue River Fruit-growers' association shipped two carloads of winter Nellis pears this week—one to Cincinnati and the other to New Orleans, La. They also shipped one carload of apples to New York. E. J. DeHart just received returns from a carload of very fine Buerre de Anjou pears, which were shipped to Chicago. The pears were sold J. O. B. Medford for \$1.50 per box, and Mr. De Hart was highly complimented on his methods of packing and the quality of fruit.

Johns Will Lecture on Mining.

Baker City—Hon. C. A. Johns, of this city, has received an invitation, which he has accepted, to deliver an address on the subject of mines and mining at Eugene December 16. Mr. Johns is already collecting data for his address, which will certainly be most novel and interesting. Mr. Johns is a forceful and interesting speaker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74c; bluestem, 78c; valley, 76c-77c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10; gray, \$1 @1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$10; cheat, \$10.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c per pound; dairy, 16½@20c; store, 15@16c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15@16c; factory prices, 16½c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@10½c per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 11@11½c; broilers, \$1.75 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound; dressed, 16@18c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27½c; Eastern, fresh, 26c.

Potatoes—Oregon, 65@75c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c.

Hops—1903 crop, 19@22c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Beef—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Small, 7@8c; large, 5½@6c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 5@5½c; lambs, dressed, 6c.

Pork—Dressed, 7½@8c.

STILL EVADH POSSE.

Utah Escapes Go On Their Way Unmolested.

Salt Lake, Oct. 13.—At 8 o'clock tonight James Lynch and Nick Haworth, the two men under death sentences for murder, who succeeded in effecting their escape from the state prison here, were still at large. Poses with bloodhounds have scoured the hills north and east of this city without finding any definite trace of the two men, and tonight the prospect of their capture is not so bright. Both of the escaped convicts are well armed, and, as they are thoroughly desperate, it is believed neither will be taken alive.

Dayton, the convict killed by one of the guards, was buried today in the prison burial ground. When his clothing was searched, a slungshot weighing about a pound and a half was found. A similar weapon was found in Abe Majors' cell.

Guards Wilcken and Jacobs, who were wounded during the fight, are now in the hospital. Jacobs was badly injured about the head, having four scalp wounds and a cut on the chin. Wilcken, who was shot while fighting Majors on the prison wall, has a bullet wound in the right leg near the hip, which may necessitate amputation of the limb. The wounded convicts are all doing well, and will recover.

The prison officials are unable to explain how the revolvers were smuggled into the prison, but say the weapons were undoubtedly taken in by some of the many callers at the penitentiary during the last week.

Governor Wells has offered a reward of \$500 each for the recapture of Haworth and Lynch, and the prison authorities have offered an additional \$100, making a total of \$600 for either man.

NOT TOO LATE YET.

War Between Russia and Japan Can Be Very Easily Prevented.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—Russia and Japan act as though either would fight if the other should hold immovably to the position taken at the last exchange of communications. This is the actual situation as understood officially from reports received from the German embassy at St. Petersburg and the German legation at Tokio. Yet this mutual attitude at hostile preparations by both countries is still regarded here as not excluding an honorable arrangement.

Neither government has gone so far that it must fight or be humiliated, but either cabinet by a single step can put the other in that position. This delicate balance may, of course, be violently disturbed any day, though no ultimatum has yet been thrown on either side.

It is believed here officially that war, should it occur, would be between Russia and Japan alone, and that neither England nor France would be involved.

AID TO ALASKAN PROJECT.

President Presents Scheme of Cable Company to Departments.

Washington, Oct. 13.—President Roosevelt today had a talk with John E. Ballaine, chairman of the finance committee of the Alaska Central railway, concerning some details of that enterprise about which Mr. Ballaine desires the assistance of the war and interior departments. The president extended to him some assistance in the matter of presenting his project to the department.

Mr. Ballaine desires to interest the war department in the laying of a cable from Juneau to Seward, about 800 miles. The war department has nearly completed a cable line between Seattle and Juneau and probably will extend the line still further. Mr. Ballaine and his coadjutors desire that it should be extended to Seward.

Anarchist Fugitive Heard From.

New York, Oct. 13.—William Macqueen, the anarchist who was convicted of rioting in Paterson, N. J., sentenced to five years in prison and escaped justice by jumping his bail, has been heard from in London, where he has taken to writing letters to various newspapers. He asserts that he was induced to flee by the "committee of defense," on the ground that his bondsman was a capitalist. William Grossman, who fled at the same time from Paterson to escape imprisonment, is said to be in Chicago.

Wright Named for Umpire.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 13.—Judge Gray, of the anthracite strike commission, has appointed Carroll D. Wright umpire in connection with the short working day on Saturday in the Schuylkill region. He has acted in a similar capacity over five previous questions.