

# OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

### State Association Will Meet to Fix the Date.

Salem—President John H. Scott, of the Oregon Good Roads association, called a meeting of the executive committee of that organization to be held in this city at 1 P. M. Wednesday, August 10. The principal business of the committee will be to fix a date for the annual convention of the association. At the last meeting it was decided that the association shall meet in this city in August, and the date will probably be sometime in October or early in November.

Through the courtesy of Manager Eugene Stone, of the Corvallis & Easton railway, the members of the executive committee will be given an opportunity to visit the granite quarry on the Santiam river on Thursday August 9. A special train will be run from Corvallis to the granite quarry so that there need be no delays waiting for the regular train.

The members of the executive committee are: John H. Scott, Salem; Earl M. Palmer, Albany; George C. Blakey, The Dalles; W. W. Travillon, Corvallis; Virgil E. Watters, Corvallis; H. B. Thiesen, Salem; J. O. Acton, Grants Pass; B. F. Rhodes, Madras; T. F. Ryan, Oregon City. At the meeting the committee will make arrangements for preparing a program for the convention and will also take up the matter of formulating a campaign of education in favor of good roads. A number of counties have contributed to the educational fund, and the committee is ready to take up active work.

## PATENT FOR LIU LAND.

### Received by the State in Accordance With Recent Act of Congress.

Salem—The state land board has received a patent from the United States government conveying to the state 19,000 acres of lieu land in accordance with the act passed by the last session of congress. This land was selected upon Klamath reserve base, made available by the readjustment of the boundaries of the reserve. The selections were made in 1901, but there was some question in the department as to whether the state was entitled to use school sections within the new boundaries as base. The question was settled in April last by the passage of an act of congress directing that the state's selections be allowed, and the compliance with that act. The state will hold the lieu land as soon as it was selected, in 1901, at \$2.50 per acre, the legal price at that time.

## Grange Will Have Exhibit.

Oregon City—Acting in conjunction with the committee appointed for the purpose by the state grange, the various subordinate granges of Clackamas county are appointing committees to arrange for the holding of district fairs this fall. Collections will be made of all kinds of agricultural products for a competitive exhibition. The cream for these respective exhibits will be arranged in one grand exhibit for the inspection of the national grange which will be convened at Portland in 1905, during the Lewis and Clark fair.

## Smaller Loggers Lose Heavily.

Astoria—The failure of the usual freshets last winter entailed a considerable loss to the smaller loggers operating in this vicinity. It is estimated that there are at the present time over 10,000,000 feet of logs above tide water on the Lewis and Clark river. These logs were cut last fall and winter, but there was not sufficient water in the stream to float them down. They are valued at fully \$70,000.

## Resume Work on Umatilla Dam.

Echo—A crew of government engineers, headed by Edmund J. Davis, has arrived here and will proceed to the site of the big dam of the Umatilla irrigation project to take up the work which was dropped two months ago when the engineers were taken away to work on the Malheur county project.

## Mills Will Resume Grinding.

McMinnville—The large flouring mills known as the Atlas mills, which have been idle for the last two years, will again resume operations. The mills have been undergoing some repairs the past week and will begin next week on a large bill of flour for China.

## Profitable Seed Crop.

Amity—A. Sheldon, a farmer residing two miles west of town, hulled eight acres of Aleyke clover which yielded him 60 bushels. This is a very profitable crop, as it usually sells from 15 to 16 cents per pound, netting him \$7.50 an acre.

## HOLD-UP THAT FAILS.

### Rock Island Is Boarded by Seven Masked Men.

El Paso, Aug. 3.—The Rock Island passenger train, which left El Paso Saturday morning, north-bound, was held up Saturday night at 11 o'clock at Logan, N. M., a station 30 miles north of Tucumcari and 99 miles north of Santa Rosa, the division point. Seven masked robbers boarded the train just as it was leaving Logan, uncoupled the baggage and express cars and went on with the engine.

Conductor John York resisted and was shot in the leg. The engine was run ahead a short distance, when it was stopped and dynamite applied. The small safe was placed on top of the large one and then the charge was fired, but the only effect was to blow the small safe through the roof of the car, the larger one not being injured.

The smaller safe was replaced and the second charge of dynamite put between the two safes with the same result, except that the small safe this time was blown through the side of the car. The robbers then mounted their horses and rode away in the darkness.

Officers were advised this morning of the hold-up and are on the trail of the men who are believed to be the "Evans gang."

The passengers were not molested by the robbers, and many did not know the robbery was in progress, as most of them were asleep. Owing to the remoteness of Logan, the details of the hold-up were not obtained until to night, when a south-bound Rock Island passenger train arrived here.

The Wells Fargo officials say there was only \$7 in the safe when it left here.

## TO BRING MINERS BACK.

### Western Federation Is Working for Cripple Creek Deportees.

Denver, Aug. 3.—Attorneys H. N. Hawkins and John H. Murphy, counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, are devising ways and means to enable the deported Cripple Creek miners to return to their homes. Papers are being drawn and application will be made to some court, possibly the federal court, for an injunction restraining the Citizens' alliance and Mineowners' association from interfering with any deportees who return to the Cripple Creek district.

The Western Federation officials are also making arrangements to reopen the union stores in Cripple Creek and Victor that were raided and looted by mobs June 6 and 7.

Sheriff Edward Bell, of Teller county, has advised against the reopening of the stores or the return of deportees, fearing that such action will lead to violence.

## NEW YORK SUBWAY STRIKE.

### Effort to Patch Up Quarrel of the Rival Unions.

New York, Aug. 3.—It is said here today that if the members of the union who are held responsible for the strike in the subway do not adjust matters promptly, a general lockout may be ordered by the Building Trades Employers' association to be followed by an attempt to establish an open shop.

At the meeting of the Central Federal union a more conciliatory attitude was adopted. At the close of the secret session it was announced that a committee had been appointed to bring about an amalgamation of the two painters' unions—the Brotherhood of Painters and the Amalgamated Painters' society, whose fight, one against the other, led to the subway strike.

## THREE DESTROYERS CRIPPLED.

### Japanese Flotilla Makes Safe Get-away in the Bay.

Tokio, Aug. 3.—The Japanese naval department asserts that in the attack made by the Japanese torpedo boat flotilla on the Russian Port Arthur defense squadron, July 24, which was previously reported without details, resulted in the crippling of three Russian destroyers so badly as to render them useless for any future fighting.

The attack took place in East Hai-cheng bay and the Japanese destroyers discharged three fish-model propeller torpedoes and then made their escape in the fog without waiting to see if the machines reached their mark.

## Outposts are Engaged.

With the Japanese army in Manchuria, at the headquarters of General Kuroki, July 29, via Antung and Seoul, Aug. 1.—The conditions on the right remain practically unchanged, although numerous engagements between the outposts of the two armies are of constant occurrence. There has been severe fighting in the center, although no details have as yet reached here. The Russians are strongly entrenching their secondary position five miles west of Liao Yang and are expected to make a stand there.

## Philadelphia Fire Loss.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—The group of four buildings of the ornamental Terra Cotta works at Wissackon avenue and Bristol streets was entirely destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$150,000.

# WEEK'S DOINGS

## Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

#### General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Germany has a fleet near Chefoo.

Ex-Governor James T. Lewis, of Wisconsin, is dead.

Port Arthur is preparing for a final stand against the Japanese.

The Japanese army attacking General Knopatin is estimated at 200,000.

While the battle was raging July 31 the thermometer was up to 102 degrees near Hai-cheng.

The old Grimes hotel at Seaside has burned. It was one of the oldest buildings at the coast.

A fast train on the Frisco system was derailed in Indian Territory and a number of persons injured.

While trying to come ashore from a stranded yacht a number of persons were drowned in Nova Scotia.

The government is awaiting further news of the seizure of part of the Arabia's cargo before taking action.

The Japanese are supposed to be delayed in the pursuit of the Russians by a lack of ammunition, which is being hurried to the front.

No word has been received from Generals Stakelberg or Zarnobaleff for several days and it may be that General Nodzu has cut them off from General Kuropatkin.

Packers claim victory over the Chicago strikers.

El Paso will fight for the American Mining congress for 1905.

The London Times declares the sinking of merchantmen piracy.

Insurance rates have decreased since the return to Vladivostok of the Russian raiding squadron.

The assassin of Von Plehve has been identified as a student at Kharkoff university. He has died of his injuries.

A small German vessel loaded with fish for Yokohama was also sunk by the Vladivostok squadron on its recent raid.

An inspection of the excursion steamer Grand Republic shows conditions similar to those on the death-ship General Slocum.

Washington Democrats have nominated George Turner, of Spokane, for governor and Steven Judson, of Pierce county, for lieutenant governor.

Railway telegraphers on Texas roads are on a strike.

The government statement for July shows a large deficit.

Large receipts of livestock are being received and handled at the Chicago stockyards.

Special efforts will be made at San Francisco by the government in the land fraud cases.

The battleship Ohio fell below the required speed in the first trial trip in Santa Barbara channel.

The New York Building Trades alliance has caused work to cease on a number of large buildings.

The "Diamond Special" on the Illinois Central was held up near Chicago by four masked men who went through the coaches and secured \$10,000 in booty and escaped.

General Count Keller was killed by a Japanese shell July 29 while resisting the preliminary attack of General Kuroki's army. He is the first high Russian officer to be killed in the Manchurian campaign.

A cloudburst in Nevada flooded several towns.

The assassin of Von Plehve still refuses to talk.

Packers and strikers both claim victories at Chicago.

Relations between France and the Vatican have been broken off.

The Japanese are said to have made great gains around Port Arthur.

Count Ignatieff will succeed to the Russian ministry of the interior.

The Santa Fe tracks were washed out for 12 miles by a flood in Arizona canyon.

Thirteen passengers on a Rochester, N. Y., trolley road were injured in a collision.

Clash between Russians and Japanese armies is soon expected. The Japanese have 120,000 men and 100 guns and the Russians 100,000 men and 120 guns.

The steamer Arabia and her cargo may yet be confiscated. Much of the dour aboard was unassigned. The Russian government has no official notice of her release.

Packers say they can now afford to ignore the strikers.

## WATERS OF THE ANA.

### May Be Used for Irrigation in Southern Oregon.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The reclamation engineers have turned up another promising irrigation project in Oregon, this time in central Lake county, on the north shore of Summer lake. A tract of about 125,000 acres has been withdrawn from all save restricted homestead entry, pending further investigation to determine whether or not it will be practicable to irrigate a portion or all of the area with the waters of the Ana river, a small stream which feeds Summer lake. It is thought the Ana river is an outlet of Silver lake, which lies a few miles northwest.

This project will be under examination the remainder of the summer, to determine whether practicable means can be found of applying water to the land in such quantities and at such cost as will justify undertaking the project. The lands withdrawn for the Ana river project are included in township 29, ranges 17 and 18; township 30, ranges 16, 17 and 18; and township 31, range 17, all south and east.

A new project has also been found in Washington, known as the Priest Rapids project. Nine townships lying along the Cloumbia river in Yakima, Douglas and Kittitas counties have been withdrawn pending final determination of the feasibility of removing water from the Columbia river at Priest Rapids and bringing it down upon the Columbia valley lands lying below the rapids, on either bank of the river. The lands withdrawn are: Townships 13, 14 and 15, range 23, and townships 13 and 14, ranges 24, 25 and 26, all north and east.

This project, while adjoining the Big Bend project, is separate and distinct and will be made the subject of special study this summer. Its success depends largely upon the ability to get water upon the land at reasonable cost. A considerable portion of these lands are now under cultivation and the concurrence of farmers must be had before this work can be undertaken.

## DIFFICULTIES WITH WIRES.

### The Long Circuit Through Siberia Is Affected by Fire and Storm.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—M. Durnovo, the minister of telegraphs, who is in temporary charge of the department of the interior, will place the department of posts and telegraph in the normal as well as virtual control of Under Secretary Sevastianoff, under whose administration the postal and telegraph systems of the empire have made great strides.

The greatest difficulties are due to the operation of 10,000 miles of overhead wires in the Far East. Thunder storms are of daily occurrence throughout this vast stretch of wires and the forest regions are subject in summertime to continual fires. These facts are sufficient to explain why the dispatches from the front are sometimes delayed a couple of days.

The telegraph department makes a practice of holding up ordinary messages at Harbin and forwarding them by post, but in the meantime they are blocking the Siberian wires. It must be noted that official dispatches in cipher are not abbreviated and have to be repeated, and these take precedence over all other telegrams.

## REMOVING THE MINES.

### Japanese Search for Deathtraps at Niu Chwang.

Niu Chwang, Aug. 2.—The Japanese have just removed two large electric mines from the mouth of the Liao river, and they are searching for 16 other such mines known to be there. The people who left Niu Chwang before the Japanese came in are now returning, and confidence has been restored. The Japanese specie bank will open next week.

General Oku has written a special letter from Tsche Kiao, thanking United States Consul General Miller for having maintained order and protected public property here.

It is reported here that the Russian gunboat Sivouch has been destroyed at a point 30 miles up the Liao river.

Major K. Yokura has been appointed military administrator of Niu Chwang. Martial law regulations are being framed.

Continuous and heavy firing is heard from the direction of Hai Cheng.

## Troops Will Go to Bonesteel.

Bonesteel, S. D., Aug. 2.—Troops have been requested by Sheriff Taylor, and Governor Herreid has agreed to send them. From August 8 until September 10, the filing period, this place will be under martial law. The militia will be on hand when the filing begins. The guards are considered necessary to protect \$300,000 which will be brought to town each day. Plans to meet every train have been made. Every passenger will be topped at the town gates and made to prove that his business is legitimate.

## Raiders Going Home.

Tokio, Aug. 2.—The Vladivostok squadron passed Taugar straits, on the way to Vladivostok, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.