

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

LINEN MILL FOR SALEM.

Plant Costing \$100,000 Will Be Opened Early Next Year.

Salem—Without asking for a dollar of subsidy or for financial assistance of any kind from the people of this community, Eugene Boese and associates will establish a linen mill in Salem this winter and have it in operation soon after the first of the year.

The plant to be established will require an initial investment of \$100,000. It will employ during the first year a force of 100 persons, two-thirds of whom will be women and children. It will handle a ton of flax fiber a day, and will use the product of 3,000 acres of land sowed to flax.

This very gratifying outcome of the flax fiber experiments and investigations may be credited in a large measure to the efforts of the Oregon Women's Flax Fiber association, the leading spirit of which were Mrs. W. P. Lord, Mrs. O. N. Denny and Mrs. H. L. Pittock. Seven or eight years ago these zealous women began the experiments which demonstrated the high quality of the fiber from Oregon grown flax. Since that time the attention of flax experts has been attracted to Salem, where the experiments were conducted. Though the Oregon Women's Flax Fiber association discontinued its work because it had accomplished what it had started out to do and was not able to carry the work further, its efforts were productive of results whose importance cannot yet be estimated.

SOUTHWARD FROM SEASIDE.

Extension of Astoria & Columbia River Road Again Discussed.

Astoria—The extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad from Seaside south is again being discussed, and this time there is evidently some basis for the rumor, although nothing official on the subject can be obtained. Below Seaside is a fine ledge of rock, and some time ago there was talk of opening it up to secure rock for the jetty extension. Engineer Hegardt, of Fort Stevens, and Superintendent McGuire, of the railway company, have made an inspection trip over the proposed line, and examined the rock in the ledge. They are said to be well pleased with the result of their investigations. When the extension is built, it will also be used to bring logs for the Seaside Lumber company from its timber holdings in that vicinity, and the asset on it made that A. B. Hammond has made a contract with the mill company to sell it his timber, also located in that section, at \$2 per thousand stumpage.

Tests Detroit Granite.

Albany—Major J. W. Abbott, of Washington, D. C., the national good roads expert who has charge of good roads work of the government in Oregon, was in Albany and tested the granite from the Detroit quarry. The granite is to be used on the roads of Marion county, and a street in Salem will be paved with the rock as an experiment. Major Abbott stated that the granite was of an excellent quality for building purposes, but might be too hard for road work. It will, however, make an excellent foundation for a pavement or road.

Pleased With Grand Ronde.

La Grande—Professor L. B. Greene, of the Minnesota agricultural college, who is making a tour of the state in the interest of the O. R. & N. Co., accompanied by Industrial Agent Colonel Judson, are in the city and have been looking over the Grand Ronde valley. It will be given a write-up in the Eastern press. Professor Greene spoke of this valley as being one of the finest and most prolific he had seen in all his travels, and was particularly interested in the growing of beets and the immense sugar factory in La Grande.

Opening Road to Blue River Mines.

Eugene—The work of rebuilding the wagon road to the Blue River mines will begin next week with a force of 30 men and 15 teams. The amount raised by private subscription will be about \$3,000 and an equal amount will be given by the county court, making a fund of \$6,000, which will put the road in good condition.

Farmers' Line in Linn County.

Albany—Another link in the chain of telephone lines that is rapidly connecting all the villages and hamlets has been completed. This one is between Peoria and Shedd, and connects all the farmhouses along the line with the two towns as well as with other farmers in the country.

TROLLEY AROUND GRAND RONDE.

New Electric Line Will Develop Union County.

La Grande—The people of Grand Ronde valley, who have long waited for the advance of an electric railway through Union county, will soon see their hopes realized.

Engineer Davidson and a corps of surveyors will be on the ground by the middle of this week. The company behind this scheme is known as the Eastern Oregon Development company, of which T. W. Davidson is president and W. E. Davidson is secretary and treasurer.

The road will connect all to the principal points in the valley in addition to circling the valley. The survey and first estimate will cost about \$10,000, and \$1,000,000 will be invested before the road is in operation.

In addition to the great amount of produce and fruits to be handled by the new line there are many hundred million feet of lumber that may thus be brought to market, and numerous big lumber plants will exist where at present are small mills. Real estate will be valued much higher and all will reap a harvest from their interests here.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY PRODUCTS.

First Steps Toward Securing Exhibit for 1905 Fair.

Oregon City—The Clackamas county court has issued a call asking the farmers of each precinct of the county to assemble and name delegates to attend a sort of a convention that will be held at Oregon City October 6, in connection with the meeting of the court. This is a step preliminary to the gathering of an exhibit of the resources of Clackamas county to be made at the Lewis and Clark fair under the terms of the offer of the Lewis and Clark commission, which agrees to purchase at cash value the exhibit from each county at a cost not to exceed \$500. The call also requests the farmers to reserve the cream of their products this year as a nucleus of a creditable collection to be sent from Clackamas to the 1905 fair.

Marion Will Assist in Road Building.

Salem—The county court of Marion county has decided to act in conjunction with the Linn county court in considering the matter of opening a wagon road to connect the Corvallis & Eastern railway with the Deschutes country, east of the Cascades. If possible, County Judge Scott will go with a representative of Linn county and investigate the feasibility of the plan and the probable cost of construction. Hon. John Minto, who laid out the Minto trail through the Cascades, will accompany the party and act as guide, pointing out what he believes to be a shorter and easier route than the old trail.

Forty Acres of Walnuts.

Newberg—The 40-acre English walnut orchard at Dundee, two miles from here, which has been watched with so much interest and which bore a light crop last year, will bear heavily this season, considering the age of the trees, which are rugged and healthy. Captain G. W. Peters, who is in charge of the orchard, is very enthusiastic over English walnut prospects in this section. He says the nuts from this orchard have been compared with samples from over the United States and even foreign countries, and found very much superior.

Center at Eugene.

Eugene—The Willamette Valley Electric railway company has been incorporated for \$1,000,000. Eugene will be the center of operations. The county court is asked to give a franchise from Eugene to Blue river, Eugene to Florence, Eugene to Cottage Grove, Eugene to Junction and on north to the county line. Benton county will be asked to give a franchise to Corvallis. The idea is to connect with the line from Salem to Portland. Plenty of capital is behind the movement.

Survey of New Electric Line.

Salem—Manager L. B. French, of the Portland & Southern railway company, which proposes to build an electric line from Canemah to Salem, is in Salem making arrangements for a permanent survey of the route for his road. The survey will begin at once and it is his expectation that a considerable portion of the construction work will be completed this year.

AMERICAN CONSULATE STONED.

Troops Called Out to Protect Charge d'Affaires at Bogota.

Panama, Aug. 10.—No information has been received at the American legation here from Bogota regarding reports circulated in the United States and said to have been sent from Panama that an outbreak occurred at Bogota Friday last when the American consulate was stoned by a mob and troops called out to protect Alben G. Snyder, the charge d'affaires.

The American minister believes that the consulate was stoned and alleged it was the act of irresponsible persons, caused by the feeling against the United States, which obtains in Colombia.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Although the state department has not received any information of the reported stoning of the American legation at Bogota, yet the officials manifest a live interest in everything pertaining to the matter. Very recent advices from Colombia indicated a peaceful condition of affairs, with the exception of possible political complications growing out of General Reyes' presidential candidacy.

Presumably the feeling of dissatisfaction that followed General Reyes' failure to obtain any money from the United States in payment of Panama still exists in Colombia, and this may have given rise to unfriendly demonstrations against the American representatives at Bogota, if this has occurred. Still the confident belief here is that General Reyes will promptly deal with any trouble that might occur and thus avoid complications with this government.

The charge d'affaires is a West Virginia appointee and a newspaper worker by profession.

PLUNGE IN CREEK.

Engine and Five Coaches Wrecked in Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 10.—Train No. 11, the Missouri Pacific flyer, crashed through a bridge over an arroyo, on Dry creek, near Eden, on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, about eight miles from Pueblo at 8 o'clock this morning. The accident was caused by the heavy rains which wrecked the bridge. The extent of the injuries to the passengers has not been received here, but it is rumored that some fatalities resulted.

It is estimated that of the 125 passengers on board the ill-fated train, between 80 and 100 lost their lives, either by the waters of the raging torrent, or beneath the wreckage.

Upon the news reaching Pueblo a special train, bearing all the available surgeons and the Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific officials, left for the scene. About 11 o'clock a second train, carrying stretchers, coffins and a number of officials, was sent out from the union station.

About 1:45 o'clock the relief train returned to the city bringing those who escaped with their lives, numbering 17, all so far as now known who have not fallen victims of the disaster.

FUNDS FOR FIGHT.

Chicago Unions to Be Assessed for Striking Meat Packers.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—All the labor unions in Chicago have indorsed the stockyards strike. After listening to the strikers' side of the controversy, which was presented to them by Michael J. Donnelly, president of the striking Butchers' union, the Chicago Federation of Labor, which is composed of every labor organization in Chicago and has a membership of nearly 300,000, adopted resolutions tonight pledging the moral and financial support of the federated body as long as the strike continues.

Each member of the central body will be assessed a small sum per week, and the whole amount will be turned over to the striking unions to help in the support of the strikers and their families during the struggle with the packers. The exact amount each member is to be assessed was left in the hands of a committee, with orders to report results tomorrow.

While the officials of the Federation of Labor were unable tonight to give an exact estimate of the amount of money they would secure from this source, it was stated that the total sum would be well up in the thousands each week.

Vessels Will Carry Coal.

Constantinople, Aug. 10.—The porte has practically accepted the verbal notification made Saturday by the Russian ambassador, M. Zinavieff, of the impending passage of the Dardanelles by some vessels of the volunteer fleet laden with coal. This notification was accompanied by assurances that the vessels would preserve the character of the merchantmen throughout the voyage. To avoid difficulty, it also included a textual reproduction of the Russian declaration in the official note addressed to the Russian embassy.

Advancing on Mukden.

Liao Yang, Aug. 10.—The Japanese are advancing on Mukden and it is probable that a simultaneous attack will be made on Mukden and Liao Yang, in which case a decisive battle is assured.

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.

Whitecaps are terrorizing Cripple Creek.

A North Carolina mine was suddenly flooded and eight men drowned.

The owners of the German steamer Thea will appeal from the decision of the prize court.

The Russian Port Arthur fleet is believed to have eluded Admiral Togo and joined the Vladivostok squadron.

Two Japanese torpedo boats entered Chiefo harbor in the night and towed the Russian cruiser Eyshtelnei away.

Great Britain is far from satisfied with the finding of the prize court in the case of the steamer Knight Commander.

A Russian military expert argues that Kuropatkin cannot afford to leave Liao Yang on account of the stores and fortifications.

Packing house employees will begin suit to force the government to make an injunction against the beef trust, in the hope of ending the great strike.

Secretary Hay will address a strong note to Russia regarding the seizure of the steamer Arabia, Minister McCormick's report showing her to be in the wrong. It is probable Russia will pay for all the cargo taken promptly, as the czar's troops can use it.

The Japanese have begun using the Chinese railway to move men and supplies.

The Japanese are concentrating in three groups with a view of flanking Liao Yang.

Another fierce land and sea battle has been fought at Port Arthur which was very costly to both sides.

Great Britain's views as to contraband goods are thoroughly in harmony with those of Secretary Hay.

Chicago packing employees find the boycott against retailers not the success expected, as they are hauling their own ice.

Unless Turkey meets the terms of Hay by the time the fleet reaches Smyrna, Minister Leishman will leave his post.

A Chicago flagman gave the wrong signal and in the collision which resulted five people were killed and a number of others injured.

The bodies of seven more victims of the terrible Colorado disaster have been recovered. Eighty-two dead have been found and 32 others are known to be missing.

Turkish soldiers attacked and murdered a large number of Armenian women. Two Turkish garrisons have been turned into graveyards by the avenging Armenian men.

The Japanese fleet has met a reverse off Port Arthur.

New York butchers will join the packers' strike.

The government has abandoned the Harney valley, Oregon, irrigation project.

General Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, is reported to have committed suicide.

The British steamer Calchas, from Tacoma, seized by Russians, has been towed into Vladivostok.

Eighty-two bodies have been recovered from the wreck near Pueblo, Colo., and more are known to be lost.

Famine conditions at Port Arthur are becoming appalling and hospitals are crowded with sick and wounded.

Russians are busy strengthening the defenses of Port Arthur for the final struggle, which they are expecting at any time.

More rumors that Port Arthur has fallen continue to arrive in St. Petersburg, but it is believed in the Russian capital that the Japanese are still unable to capture the outworks.

German papers condone the sinking of the steamer Thea.

A railroad collision at Boxeman caused the death of a traveling engineer.

An attempt was made on the life of the president of Uruguay.

Kuropatkin's position at Liao Yang has strong railroad defenses.

The destroyer Goldsborough will soon have another trial on the Sound.

Packers continue to add to their forces and are confident of victory.

No new forest reserves are to be created in the West until after election.

French troops are being hastily forwarded to Tonquin by the French government.

TO AVOID DELAY.

Philippine Army Supplies May All Go by Transports.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The war department is considering the advisability of shipping all supplies for the Philippines by army transports, until the hostilities between Japan and Russia are concluded. Commissary General Weston, in a letter to the secretary of war, calls attention to the possibilities of delays on shipments made on commercial steamers and strongly urges that all shipments be made by transports until the danger of seizure is over.

Contrary to previous reports, it is learned that the British steamer Ardova, seized in the Red sea and subsequently released, carried United States army supplies, but that is the only instance so far in which the Russians have interfered with the supplies of this government. Under the new law all army supplies must be carried by American bottoms, so the only Pacific lines affected, if the department adopts General Weston's recommendations, will be the Boston steamship company and the Pacific Mail.

General Weston's recommendation has been referred to the quartermaster general for his opinion. His recommendation will probably be carried out. While the department does not fear that any of its supplies will be confiscated by the Russians, it is not desired that there should be delay in the delivery of these supplies, many of which are sent on short notice, or to fill emergency orders, and might, if sent by commercial steamers, have to go along with the contraband goods.

PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM.

Geological Survey Gives Figures for Last Year.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The United States geological survey has issued reports on the production in the United States during the year 1903 of petroleum, asphaltum and bituminous rock and copper.

The petroleum production was 100,641,337 barrels, valued at \$94,694,050, against 88,766,916 barrels, valued at \$71,178,910, in 1902.

Production in California increased more than 10,000,000 barrels, while the Texas production decreased more than 1,000,000 barrels.

The production of asphaltum and bituminous rock was 101,255 tons, valued at \$1,005,466. This was a smaller amount by more than 4,000 tons in quantity than the previous year, but its value was 31 per cent greater. Of the total production, 46,178 tons, valued at \$522,164, was from California.

ASK BIG SPACE.

Can Fill Foreign Building at Lewis and Clark Fair.

St. Louis, Aug. 9.—The determination of the Japanese to foster American friendship and introduce themselves thoroughly to the people of this country has again been strikingly illustrated by the commissioners from Japan to the St. Louis exposition, who, it is stated by Colonel Henry E. Doeh, the St. Louis representative of the Lewis and Clark centennial at Portland next year, have asked for the entire floor space of the foreign building at the exposition of 1905.

When it was explained that nearly all of the foreign countries now participating in St. Louis have promised to send part of their exhibits to the Pacific coast next year, and that all the exhibits from foreign countries will be housed under one roof, the nature of the request made by the Japanese commissioners may be better understood.

Although Colonel Doeh, as director of the exhibits at Portland, was forced to tell the commissioners that he could not grant them all the space in the building, he states that he will probably erect a special Japanese pavilion for them. This has never been broached at the meetings of the exposition managers, but Colonel Doeh says that from present indications it will have to be done.

"I was very much surprised," he said, "at the request of the commissioners here, and told them that they could not use all that space, but they replied so earnestly that they could that I was forced to consider the proposal seriously."

Decision Sent to United States.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—Russia has communicated to the United States the decision of the Vladivostok prize court, August 4, in the case of the Portland & Asiatic line steamer Arabia, captured by the cruiser Gromoboi, of the Vladivostok squadron, July 22, confiscating such part of the cargo as was consigned to Japan ports. The foreign office is carefully considering the objections raised abroad in regard to Russia's list of contraband, but no decision has been reached.

Monster Coal Combine.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 9.—The Post today prints a story that a new \$26,000,000 coal combine composed of 28 independent companies is in process of formation. The principal objects of the new combine, it is said, are to maintain prices.