

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEATURES FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Distinguished Women of the Country Booked for Next Year.

Oregon City.—One of the main features of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly for 1905 will be the part to be taken by the leading women of the country and for which the board of directors is already arranging. It is the purpose of the Chautauqua management to devote two entire days of next year's session to women and women's work, and to insure the success of this feature of the assembly an effort has been started to secure the services of such distinguished women as Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, of New York, a grand niece of Henry Ward Beecher and a literary writer of wide reputation; Miss Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, and also Mrs. Catt, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs.

Secretary Cross is in correspondence with these celebrities and expects to be able to secure their attendance and services in making the 1905 Chautauqua a grand success. In forming the program and engaging lecturers for next year the officers of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association will take advantage of the holding of the Lewis and Clark fair, and will engage only the best of talent in every department, that the exercises may be up to a high standard for the entertainment of the many visitors from distant points, since the Chautauqua sessions will be held during the life of the 1905 exposition.

SEPTIC TANK A SUCCESS.

Trustees Inspect One Recently Installed at Mute School.

Salem.—The new septic tank recently constructed at the State Mute school is giving complete satisfaction. The board of trustees of that institution visited the school and were highly pleased with the improvement in the sewerage system, which makes the conditions there more healthful.

"It seems to me that the septic tank will come into general use in cities," said Governor Chamberlain, after his return from the Mute school. "By this process all solid matters are consumed and the outflow from the septic tank is clear and odorless liquid. I believe these tanks should be used even where there is good sewer connections, for by this means the sewer system can be made to carry a larger amount of refuse and the stream into which it is turned will not be so heavily polluted. In suburban districts where there are no sewer connections the septic tank will do much to improve sanitary conditions. I believe the people should investigate the subject and learn the value of the septic tank."

Coming Events.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.
Baker County Fair, Baker City, October 11-15.
Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.
Federation of Women's clubs, Baker City, October 12-14.
Fruit Fair, Hood River, October 13-15.
Oregon Press association, Hood River, October 14-15.
Baptist Young People's convention, McMinnville, October 14.
Oregon W. C. T. U., state convention, Portland, October 18-27.
Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

Power From the McKenzie.

Eugene.—Notice has been filed with the county clerk by the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad company of its intention to appropriate from the McKenzie river 15,000 cubic inches of water, by means of a dam, under six inch pressure, to be used in generating power to operate all kinds of electrical machinery. The point where the water is to be taken from the river is given as on the north bank near the line between sections 35 and 36, township 16, range 2 east, and describes the line of the canal 14,000 feet long.

Sugar-Making at La Grande.

La Grande.—The La Grande Amalgamated Sugar factory is running day and night, and will have a run of over 90 days on the sugar beets raised in the Grand Ronde, which amount to 25,000 tons. The beets from Umatilla county will keep the factory running considerably later this season than usual. Beets are being plowed and pulled in the valley, and tons are being hauled to the factory every day.

Development of Copper Mine.

Madford.—Two tunnels are being driven in the Blue Ledge copper mine, located about 30 miles west of Madford, near the California line, and owned by a New York company. These tunnels are driven to determine the extent and value of the property. The force of 13 men will be increased soon. So far, the quality of the ore is all that could be desired.

SAMPLE ORES FOR FAIR.

Prompt Action Urged on Blue River Mines.

Eugene.—D. H. Weyant, who is working up an interest throughout the mining districts of the state in preparing exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, was in Eugene. He was in conference with mining men and others and urging prompt action toward preparing an exhibit for the Blue River district.

Mr. Weyant urges that unless something is done immediately the district cannot be well represented, because it will be necessary to get out samples before winter sets in and closes up the mines. If left until spring, it will be too late, hence it is desired that the exhibits be collected and boxed this fall. The Commercial club has taken an interest in the matter and has called a meeting for next Wednesday evening, at which time a plan will begin forthwith.

CUT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

Many Cords of Wood Held Up in the Vicinity of Meacham.

La Grande.—It is reported that there is tied up by government inspectors around Meacham, 25 miles west of this city, 2,000 cords of wood believed to have been cut from land not yet out of government ownership. A large number of men have filed on land in the mountains. Of each 160 acres 120 is grazing land and 40 acres timber land. The pre-emptors can get the grazing land on time, and yet use it for grazing purposes. To acquire title enough to give them the right to cut wood on the remaining 40 acres they must pay down in full for the land. This it is alleged many have not done.

The marketing of the 2,000 cords depends upon the outcome of the investigation. It is believed it will be released upon the settlement of each individual for the 40 acres of timber land by paying the cash for it, as was the original intention.

LEDGE SIXTY FEET WIDE.

New Camp Will Be Opened in the Bohemia District.

Eugene.—According to the report of W. S. Crabb, a prospector who has just come down from the mountains in the vicinity of the Upper Willamette, another rich mining camp is about to be opened up in this county.

Mr. Crabb reports the discovery of a very rich ledge of quartz, which he says is 60 feet wide, samples of the ore from which he brought out for assay. From his description of the location, it is 20 miles above Hazel Dell postoffice, and must therefore be about that distance to the east and north of the Bohemia mining district.

Fruits for the St. Louis Fair.

La Grande.—W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Or., and George H. Lamberson, of Portland, have been in the valley during the past week, gathering Grand Ronde fruits for the St. Louis fair. Judd Geer, of the Cove, horticultural commissioner for Eastern Oregon, and A. C. Gail, a prominent fruitgrower at Union, assisted them in gathering a choice assortment, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the excellent fruit grown here. Apples are being picked and packed for the fair markets. Over 100 cars will be sent out from the valley this season. Prune packing and picking is still going on. The fruit growers of Grand Ronde will organize and hold meetings pertaining to the growth and sale of fruits and other things concerning their common good.

Sheep Poisoned on the Trail.

Lakeview.—Three hundred mutton sheep en route to the railroad for shipping are said to have been poisoned along the main traveled road between here and Bend. The alleged poisoning happened near a spring, and analysis of the stomachs of some of the sheep is said to have disclosed saltpeter and strychnine. The name of the owner could not be learned, nor the motive of the reported deed. The scene is in one of the remotest portions of Central Oregon, and only slight details reached Lakeview.

Many Agrics Enrolled.

Corvallis.—The enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college has passed the 500 mark, and is now 103 greater than in the same day last year. The count is confined to students in the actual college courses, and is not inclusive of music pupils and other side issues. The number is more than double that in the academic and college course of any other educational institution in Oregon.

Wheat Market.

Portland.—Walla Walla, \$1@82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 87c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 87c; club, 83c.
Colfax—Club, 70c; bluestem, 76c.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD.

Twelve People Drowned at Watrous, New Mexico.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5.—Half the town of Watrous was destroyed by the flood and at least 12 persons were drowned.

Many persons were rescued from trees and rooftops. The greatest damage was around the junction of Mora and Sapello creeks. The rock crusher, the great iron bridge and much track at Watrous were washed away.

The Gallinas river formed a new channel here. In the Gallinas canon, the dams of the Aqua Pura company broke, bringing a terrific flood on the city. The Montezuma-Hot Springs track went out in many places. Half a dozen bridges were destroyed and the Montezuma bath houses were partly carried away. The Santa Fe loss here is \$40,000. The Aqua Pura company's loss is \$15,000.

For two blocks on Bridge street every business house was flooded. The big five-story brick store was ruined and the bridge undermined. Twenty merchants estimate their loss at from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.

Gallinas park is under water and the trolley line cannot be repaired for two weeks. The race meet to have been held here next week has been declared off. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss to the town and the railroad loss is equal to that of recent floods in Arizona.

TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

Rio Grande Cuts New Channel and Hundreds are Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Reports from the floods in the Rio Grande valley above and below this city are coming in. The towns of Valencia and Los Lentes were practically washed away and several hundred families are homeless. The river swung to the east, cut a new channel, and poured a torrent through the two towns. No lives were lost.

The Barelas suburbs of this city suffered the most in this immediate vicinity, about 50 houses being destroyed.

Ignacio Gutierrez, a commissioner of Sandoval county, telephoned that the damage at Los Cordales and Alameda, above the city, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

There is one passenger train from Southern California at Gallup and another from San Francisco at Winslow, while the other trains from California are held here. The local officials cannot say when the trains will arrive or depart, and the traffic situation is serious.

Many feet of track is reported gone at Ortiz, at Cerrillos, Waldo, Thornton and Bernalillo, and above and below this city at Rincon, Amarillo, N. M., and Isleta.

DROP INTO CELLAR.

Many People Injured at Church Corner Stone Laying.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 5.—While Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus' Polish church, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beaven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremony and about 200 were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone a section of the flooring, about 40 feet square, collapsed, dropping 12 feet, and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated. Bishop Beaven was caught in the crush but was able to save himself from serious injury. He was bruised about the body and had his hands scratched.

Bloodiest of the Siege.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—Reports have been received by the war office to the effect that the death struggle at Port Arthur has been resumed. The Russians have made several valiant attempts to retake the strong positions around and including Fort Kurapatkin, but were repulsed after three hours' fighting. The engagements were among the bloodiest since the siege began, and the losses on both sides number many thousands. Several times during the assault the troops came so near each other, they fought hand-to-hand.

Gunboat Hit by a Mine.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat hit a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued. The navy department does not deny the report, but says that the department lacks confirmatory information.

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.

The volcano Pelee, Martinique island is in violent eruption.

Brigadier General William S. Worth, retired, is critically ill.

Harriman is endeavoring to gain control of the St. Paul railroad.

The Japanese are capturing many junks loaded with provisions trying to enter Port Arthur.

The Russians are displaying great activity at Mukden. The meaning of the move is in doubt.

A Japanese leader predicts a long struggle and expects that Japan will be out \$1,000,000,000 in two years.

Filipinos are holding meetings at Manila for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing independence.

Fire of an unknown origin started in the hold of the cruiser Washington, being built at New York. It was extinguished before serious damage was done.

A robber walked into the bank of a small town near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and after compelling the assistant cashier to hand over \$1,500, locked him in the big vault and departed.

Russia is finding it very difficult to secure ships to carry coal to Vladivostok.

The Russians have frustrated several attempts of the enemy to break through their lines.

The International Peace congress has made an earnest appeal to all nations to take steps to avert more wars.

The Japanese are feeling out the Russian positions around Mukden and a general advance is expected next week.

It is said that Secretary Hitchcock's report on land frauds was largely intended to cover up his own shortcomings.

Hops have made another advance in the Willamette valley, several sales being reported at Independence at 31 cents.

The Chinese government says that if foreign capital is needed for proposed railway construction, it will first turn to America.

Chinese refugees from Southern Manchuria say the Japanese are administering affairs with a high hand. There is a great scarcity of provisions among the native population.

Lieutenant Granville Fortescue, American attaché, who has been with the besieging forces at Port Arthur, is returning home. He is pledged to secrecy as to the conditions around the fortress.

Four persons were killed and fifty injured in an English railway accident.

Tokio is advised that the army is making steady progress at Port Arthur.

Fire wiped out an entire village in Southern Russia. Five hundred families are homeless.

The Norwegian bark Sir John Lawrence, from London, struck on rocks off the coast of Norway and went down with all on board.

The Santa Fe has large gangs of men at work in Colorado repairing the work of the flood. It will take a week to make the road passable.

Detectives are unable to find any clew to the persons who have attempted to destroy the battleship Connecticut. There is little danger that any further attempt will be made. Marines are stationed all around the boat and others on it.

According to dispatches from Oklahoma the South Canadian river is higher than in 40 years. It is feared that the loss to cotton and corn crops and bridges, with other properties along the river, throughout the territory, will be enormous. No loss of life has been reported.

Sir William Harcourt, a noted British politician, is dead.

Trinidad, Colo., reports that it can relieve all distress caused by the flood.

A third attempt has been made to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

The September receipts of the St. Louis fair amounted to about \$2,500,000.

The Russians have temporarily checked the Japanese advance east of Mukden.

It is reported that General Basilio Munos, leader of the Uruguayan revolutionists, has been shot by his former followers.

Considerable loss of life and property was occasioned by fire in the artillery and ammunition magazines at Sebastopol, Russia.

TO DEFAUD NATION.

Iron Said to Have Been Put in Life Preserver Blocks.

Washington, Oct. 4.—An alleged conspiracy, which has been developed by officials of the department of commerce and labor and of the department of justice today resulted in the arrest at Camden, N. J., of J. H. Stone, H. C. Quintard, Charles W. Ross and James Ross, officers of the Nonpareil Cork works. They were apprehended by the United States marshal for the district of New Jersey, under an indictment found on September 29 by the United States grand jury at Trenton, charging them, under section 5440, of the revised statutes of the United States, with conspiring to defraud the government and prejudice the administration of the steamboat inspection laws by putting upon the market compressed cork blocks for use in making life preservers, each of which blocks contained in its center a piece of bar iron about six inches long and weighing eight ounces. The iron bar was inserted and concealed in the block for the purpose of increasing the weight to the legal requirement of six pounds of good cork for each life preserver. The men arrested will be arranged before the United States district court of New Jersey, to plead to the indictment.

Early in August, David Kahnweillers' Sons, manufacturers of life preservers in New York city, ordered from the Nonpareil Cork works at Camden, N. J., blocks of compressed corks for 1,750 life preservers. Eight of these corks are used in each preserver, and the United States law requires that the eight blocks shall contain six pounds of cork. When the cork blocks were delivered, it was discovered that eight of the blocks weighed only 5½ pounds.

Kahnweillers' Sons thereupon wrote the Nonpareil Cork works and that company replied that it would adjust the matter by sending to Kahnweillers' Sons some extra heavy blocks, one of which could be used in each life preserver, thus increasing its weight to the legal requirement. In due time the blocks arrived. They were so heavy as to arouse suspicion. One of them was broken, and imbedded in its center was found an iron bar six inches long, one inch wide and a quarter of an inch thick, weighing eight ounces. The Kahnweillers again wrote to the officers of the Nonpareil Cork works, demanding to know what they meant by putting iron in the cork blocks, and informing them that as Kahnweillers' Sons were obliged to put their names on each preserver, such a fraud would ruin their business.

According to the indictment a letter was received in reply suggesting that the Kahnweillers were foolish to make so much trouble about a small affair of that kind.

Further examination of the "extra heavy" blocks disclosed the fact that each of them contained an iron bar similar to that which was found in the first one. In all 261 of the extra heavy blocks were received by Kahnweillers' Sons. Kahnweillers' Sons communicated with Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the steamboat inspection service for the district of New York, and he reported the facts to acting secretary of the department of commerce and labor, Lawrence O. Murray. The investigation and indictment followed.

Two Hundred Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 4.—The wild sweep of water, raising the Rio Grande to the highest point for more than a year, has made 200 people in this vicinity homeless. Barelas, a suburb, is under two feet of water and many homes are abandoned. Alameda is threatened by the terrific pressure upon the dam, which it is feared may give way. The railroads have suffered greatly in the Rio Grande valley. The Santa Fe is at a standstill all through New Mexico.

Injunction of No Effect.

Leadville, Colo., Oct. 4.—The injunction which was issued by Judge Owens to restrain the so-called Mine-owners' union from discriminating against the Western Federation of Miners was in full force and effect today, but to all outward appearances it had no visible effect. About 2,000 cards have already been issued, and as the crews on all the large mines hold cards, the men went to work as usual. In fact, it was stated at the office of the mining association that in no case men appeared for work without a card.

American Diplomat Fined.

New York, Oct. 4.—Arthur Denn Platt, American vice consul, has been fined 10 shillings, according to an American dispatch from Dublin, for furious riding on a motorcycle within the city limits. His case was heard in a police court.