

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEED FROM EASTERN OREGON.

Willamette Valley Farmers Forced to Buy This Fall.

Salem—To relieve a very rare feed market valley dealers are importing Eastern Oregon barley, bran and chop, to be sold to the valley farmers. Owing to the great scarcity of oats, that article is selling at \$30 a ton and higher, with very little to be had in the local market. Dealers are importing to Salem alone about eight cars of feed a week. With this movement so soon after harvest, it is expected that much heavier shipments will be made when winter weather sets in. As a means of further relieving the situation the Southern Pacific has been appealed to for a special reduction in freight rates on feed shipped in for valley livestock.

The principal feed imported is rolled barley, which comes here from Portland, but is grown in Eastern Oregon. This feed costs the farmer \$27 a ton, and as a ton of it is worth more for stock generally than a ton of oats, the barley is being purchased by farmers who must buy feed of some kind. Dealers say that barley at \$27 is \$5 a ton cheaper than oats at \$30, hence the Eastern Oregon feed can be brought in to the advantage of valley farmers. Owners of driving horses must have oats for which they pay \$30 a ton, and dairymen are buying chop at \$20, bran at \$22.50 and shorts at \$23.

As a rule, grain farmers have feed enough for their own needs, but have none to sell. Fruitgrowers, hoggrowers, a few stockmen and some grain farmers are the heavy buyers of feed. They have been accustomed to buy from their neighbors who raise grain, but this year the grain farmers have little, if any, feed to sell. A great many farmers who have a few head of stock will be compelled to buy more or less feed, but they will not constitute the heavy buyers.

Eastern Capital Scared by Frauds.

Medford—B. H. Harris, who has returned from a trip East in the interests of the proposed railroad to the Big Butte country, states that he can give no definite information as to the present condition of affairs until the engineers' estimates and surveys are complete. The estimates, he reports, are to be rushed to completion at once. He says that there is a marked reluctance on the part of Eastern investors to go any further into Oregon timber on account of the many "land frauds" of which the Oregon newspapers have laid such stress.

Pushing Development Work.

Medford—The company headed by Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper, of San Francisco, which purchased the Monumental mine from I. L. Hamilton, H. W. Jackson and C. B. Baker, of Medford, in the Shelly creek district, several months ago, made the last payment of \$25,000 on the property several days ago and are pushing the development of the mine rapidly. They now have 45 men at work blocking out ore, erecting buildings and doing other work for the installing of a 200 ton mill at the mine.

Sugar Output Large.

La Grande—The sugar factory is running day and night with a full complement of men. It will run longer and make many more tons of sugar this year than in any previous year. The reason for beet growing has been an ideal one. The yield per acre exceeds any previous year, and next year will see a very large increase in the acreage throughout the entire county.

Woolen Mills Busy.

Pendleton—The Pendleton woolen mills are manufacturing a new line of goods this season—workmen's blouses and smoking jackets. The latter are manufactured from Indian robes of unique patterns. Although the mill has been manufacturing these garments since September 1, only three are on hand, the demand being so great. More garment workers will be employed later.

Lighting Plant for College.

McMinnville College, McMinnville—A new vapor gas plant for lighting the main college building and for use in the laboratories has just been installed and is now in use. The plant cost about \$400, which was subscribed by the people of McMinnville. The system will probably be extended to the gymnasium to light that building for the evening classes in physical culture.

Big Tract of Timber Sold.

Astoria—The sale of another large tract of timber land in Clatsop county has been closed recently, but the price paid is not obtainable. Deeds filed for record show that Horace Irvin, of Minnesota, has sold to the Nehalem Timber company 5,288 acres in the southwest portion of the county. The consideration named in the deeds is \$2.

DISCRETION WITH DIRECTORS.

State School Superintendent Recommends Change in Law.

Salem—In his annual report, now in the hands of the state printer, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, recommends to the legislature a change in the language of the school law so as to place upon sections 3,389 the construction which Judge Hamilton gave in his decision. Subdivision 11 of that section provides that the directors of a school district "may" transfer a pupil from one district to another upon the parents filing a petition, etc., and Superintendent Ackerman has always believed that the word "may" in this section left the matter discretionary with the school board.

A question having arisen, the matter was referred to the attorney general, who held that the parents have a right to have the child transferred and that "may" means "must." Superintendent Ackerman accepted the attorney general's ruling but recommended that the legislature insert after the word "may" the words "at its discretion," so that there could be no doubt as to the construction to be placed upon these words. The decision rendered by Judge Hamilton gives the words the construction desired by Superintendent Ackerman.

Appointed by the Governor.

Salem—Tom Richardson, of Portland; A. B. Wood, of Cottage Grove, and J. W. Bailey, of Portland, have been appointed by Governor Chamberlain as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, which will meet in St. Louis October 25 to 29 inclusive. Mr. Richardson is manager of the Commercial club, of Portland, and Mr. Bailey is state food and dairy commissioner. Mr. Wood and Mr. Richardson and Mr. A. N. Solis, of Ontario, have been appointed delegates to the National Irrigation convention to be held at El Paso, Tex., November 15 to 18, inclusive.

150 Sacks per Acre.

Echo—Peter Sheridan, who resides at the mouth of Butter creek, 16 miles west of here, is harvesting 150 acres of potatoes. Mr. Sheridan says the field is yielding 150 sacks to the acre. He has already disposed of several hundred sacks and will probably keep the remainder until spring. A resident of the vicinity says that last season he raised 243 sacks to the acre without irrigation. Mr. Sheridan's field was not irrigated, but is situated on the bottom of the valley through which Butter creek flows.

Few Sales of Wheat Made.

Pendleton—Although the wheat market hovers around the 72 cent mark for club, no recent sales of consequence have been reported. Some grain is still being hauled into town mostly barley and wheat for the feed and chop mills. The mills are constantly receiving wheat, but the most of the crop is under shelter. Some of the warehouses along the railroad are so full that wheat is piled on the platforms.

Few Indians in Pendleton.

Pendleton—Seldom in Pendleton are so few Indians seen on the streets. Nearly all of the residents of the reservation are in the Grand Ronde valley harvesting the beet crop, in the Yakima valley picking hops, or in the mountains hunting or fishing. Until severe weather comes the hunters and fishermen will remain in their mountain camps.

Taking of Chinook Eggs Finished.

Astoria—A letter received at the fish warden's office states that the taking of spring chinook eggs at the Umpqua hatchery has been completed and 2,500,000 eggs secured. The superintendent expects to secure a large number of silverside eggs later in the season. Advice received from the various points along the coast indicate that the run of fish thus far is very light.

Timber Sells at \$25 an Acre.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record whereby the heirs of the late Francis Hood, of Saginaw, Mich., sell to William M. Bray, of Portland, 1,780.3 acres of timber land located short distances south of Westport and Knappa, in the eastern portion of this county. The consideration named is \$44,000, or \$25 per acre.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81@82c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 85c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 86c; club, 82c.
Colfax—Club, 70c; bluestem, 75c.

CRASH IN DEEP CUT.

Bad Freight Wreck on Northern Pacific in Montana.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 12.—One of the worst freight wrecks which has occurred on the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific in many years, from the standpoint of delayed traffic, took place at an early hour this morning, about five miles east of Garrison, Mont. Freight cars loaded with export shipments for the Orient, were piled 50 feet high, and the wreckage of two trains is scattered along the track for a considerable distance.

Traffic was brought to a complete standstill, and no trains were able to pass the scene of the wreck for 18 hours. One of the train crew, Fireman Bowman, of an extra east bound freight, was instantly killed, and two other trainmen were hurt, though not seriously.

The accident was due to a mistake in construing the orders on the part of the engineer of the eastbound freight. He had orders to meet three sections of No. 53 freight, west bound, on the siding at Big Bend. The third section had passed the extra ahead of the original second section. As the number of the engine of this second section corresponded to the engine supposed to be pulling the third section, as given in the orders, the extra's engineer pulled out.

The extra met the original second section in a deep cut, while both trains were running at a high rate of speed. The impact was terrific, throwing the debris mountain high, both engines completely telescoping. It was impossible to build a track around the wreck by reason of the deep cut.

PATENT DRUGS COUNTERFEITED.

Factory in New York Is Discovered by Detectives.

New York, Oct. 12.—The New York police are convinced that they have broken up a gigantic drug swindle by the arrest of several men in this city. The arrests were made on information that well known proprietary medicines were being counterfeited and sold as genuine, and the authorities assert that the investigation is not complete.

Drugs seized at the apartment of Howard E. Wooten today, it is said, are valued at \$10,000. Wooten is one of the men under arrest. The others are S. B. Minden, Manville Thomas, Charles S. Horn, Charles F. Risley and Walter S. Rocky. It is asserted by local detectives that slips were found in the places raided giving the names of 5,000 druggists throughout the country to whom dangerous mixtures made in New York were sold.

It is said that the most important finds in the raids was the circulars sent out to druggists and containing the code by which they could order the preparations. It is alleged by the police that preparations made by the best known chemical firms in Europe were counterfeited. Circulars discovered was the statement:

"All these goods are genuine, in original packages and unopened."

The price list showed that the drugs in the list were being sold at from 15 to 50 per cent below the usual selling price.

CHOKED IN TUNNEL.

Six Men Lose Lives Under St. Clair, Michigan River.

Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 12.—Six employees of the Grand Trunk railway were suffocated to death by coal gas today in the St. Clair tunnel, which runs under the St. Clair river, from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ont. A coal train broke in two while passing through the tunnel, and three of the train crew were suffocated while part of the train lay stalled in the tunnel. The engineer pulled out with his engine, but returned and lost his life in an endeavor to push the stalled cars back to safety. Superintendent A. S. Begg and another man perished in attempts to go to the rescue of the others.

Chinese Buy Provisions.

Shanghai, Oct. 12.—Chinese government officials are reported to be purchasing here foreign provisions which are to be shipped to Fien Tin. The purpose for which the provisions are being purchased is unknown. Well informed Chinese express the opinion that they are intended for the Russian army. A telegram from Kweilin, in the province of Kwangsi, in Southern China, says that the Chinese troops have defeated a large body of rebels at Loehensien, after a fight lasting three days.

Heavy Fire Loss at Columbia.

Columbia, O., Oct. 12.—Fire today in the five story building in North High street, occupied by the Columbia Dry Goods company, caused an aggregate loss estimated at \$200,000.

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.

Fire at Kansas City destroyed property valued at \$100,000.

The Russians are offering fabulous prices to ships to make Port Arthur with supplies.

President Francis says the St. Louis fair lost \$1,000,000 by being forced to close on Sunday.

The Rio Grande is still rising in New Mexico. The river is now the highest in 20 years.

The Duke of Cannaught, brother of King Edward, narrowly escaped death in an auto accident.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that five Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Vladivostok.

The New York Rapid Transit company's new subway will be opened to the general public October 27.

There is renewed anxiety regarding the condition of King George, of Saxony, whose difficulty in breathing and general weakness are marked.

The battle at Port Arthur is becoming fiercer than ever. The Japanese have succeeded in placing a mortar battery which has the range of the inner fortress.

The Japanese are preparing for another assault on Port Arthur.

The Portland postal receipts for the fiscal year just ended show an increase of \$51,000.

Hitchcock declares that the decision in the Benson case will not affect the prosecution of the land ring.

John Barrett, minister to Panama, is in Washington, where he will confer with the president about conditions on the isthmus.

A great battle is raging between Liao Yang and Mukden. The Japanese have again assumed the offensive and the Russian advance has been checked.

A terrible storm swept the Honduras coast the latter part of September which lasted for three days. Enormous damage was suffered. The banana crop is reported ruined.

Field Marshal Oyama is said to have ordered a retreat to Liao Yang and had it not been for General Nodzu the Japanese would have been defeated. Oyama is likely to be recalled and succeeded by Nodzu.

The steamship Swanley, from Hong Kong to South Africa, with 2,260 coolies, grounded in the China sea. After the ship was floated, several holes were found in her hull and it was necessary to land all her passengers with provisions for 10 days. Assistance will be sent them.

Germany and Russia are reported to have made a secret agreement.

St. Petersburg is confident that Kuropatkin will relieve Port Arthur.

Tokio has advised that three Russian ships at Port Arthur have been lost.

London war experts believe that the Russian advance is just what the Japanese want.

General Funston, in his annual report, urges an increase in the pay of enlisted men in the army.

Labor Commissioner Hoff, of Oregon, reports that the cost of living has increased 15 per cent in the past four years.

An officer who has just escaped from Port Arthur says there are plenty of stores yet untouched. The garrison now comprises 23,000 soldiers and 16,000 sailors.

The Baltic fleet has at last made what is declared by the authorities its actual start for the Far East. From other sources, however, it is said the fleet is unseaworthy and another postponement is expected.

A daring jail break has been frustrated at the Multnomah county jail. Five prisoners proposed to kill the jailer, but the plot was revealed by a man condemned to be hung, who is awaiting a decision of the supreme court.

Burglars gained entrance to a Silver City, Nev., store and secured \$2,300 in cash.

It is believed a peace treaty will be signed by Bolivia and Chile within a week.

The national 1905 fair committee will allot space and funds for exhibits this week.

Russian police have discovered that exiles are leaders in a movement to revive a reign of terror.

Robbers dynamited the safe of the Freeland, Ind., bank. It is reported that they secured \$20,000.

Tokio has advised showing that the Japanese losses are not nearly as large as reported by the Russians.

OUTRAGE BY RUSSIA.

United States Mail Is Confiscated by Vladivostok Squadron.

Portland, Oct. 11.—The Russian government, not content with stopping vessels from the Pacific coast, because they carried merchandise intended for private firms and individuals in Japan, has now taken to confiscating United States mails. This has been done with the mail carried on the steamer Calchas, and the act has caused a protest to be made by the owners and agents of the steamer, which has been filed with the postoffice department at Washington. Alfred Holt & Co., the owners of the Calchas, also give notice that during the duration of the war they will carry no more United States mail to Japan.

The latest move of the Russians will probably involve them deeper than any of their other arbitrary acts since the war opened, as the government is not likely to permit its mails to be molested by the czar's officials or by any one else.

The particulars of the Calchas affair were forwarded by Dudwell & Co., the Tacoma agents of the line, to Frank Woolsey & Co., their Portland representatives, in the following telegram yesterday:

"We have just sent the following telegram to the postmaster general at Washington, D. C.: 'Following cable just received from Alfred Holt & Co., Liverpool, owners of the British steamer Calchas, which vessel was seized by Russian Vladivostok fleet off Japan coast about July 26: 'Calchas release appealed against by Russian crown advocate, because amongst mail matter was information addressed Japanese officials containing financial information of value to enemy. We give you definite instructions to notify postoffice department that we refuse to carry any mail for Japan during duration of war.'"

"The Calchas is one of the regular liners operating between Puget sound, London and Liverpool, via Japan, China and the Suez canal. She was on her regular voyage and her cargo contained no contraband. We understand that the Russian crown advocate is basing his appeal against her release on the fact that United States mails carried by the Calchas contained information for Japanese officials.

"We hope the United States government will take immediate action against the confiscation or detention of the Calchas on account of carrying United States mail. This is certainly an outrage against the United States by the Russian government that should not be allowed to pass. Please be notified that during the duration of the war we must decline to carry United States mails for Japan. Kindly advise what action will probably be taken by the department and whether there is anything that we could or should do."

MUST DRIVE JAPAN FROM ASIA.

Leading Russian Paper Declares There Can Be No Compromise.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—Replying to the statement of Count Okuma, leader of the Japanese progressive party, that the war with Russia would be long, but that the Japanese would win in the end, the Novoe Vremya today declares the idea of a possible compromise with Japan has been abandoned and that the war must be prosecuted by Russia in such a way that there can be no possibility of Japan's renewing the struggle. Europe for 30 years was under the menace of revenge for Alsace.

"If we conclude peace with Japan, all our efforts in the Far East will be valueless and we shall have to spend enormous sums to keep up our armament there. The Japanese once for all must be driven out of the Asiatic continent."

It is now accepted here that the reported naval battle off Port Arthur was purely imaginary. The naval reports of the newspapers dwell on the difficulties which the Port Arthur squadron must experience in breaking after the disastrous sortie of August 10. The general opinion is that the squadron could not venture out unless something happened to the Japanese warships of which there is no knowledge here.

Filipinos Delay Meeting.

Manila, Oct. 11.—The mass meeting of Filipinos, called for the purpose of considering the question of Philippine independence, has been postponed. Teodoro Sandico, an ex-member of Aguinaldo's cabinet, who in 1899 signed an order for the massacre of all foreigners and Americans in Manila, and ex-Governor Reyes, of Abra province, and about 1,500 Filipinos, most of them clerks, gathered at the appointed time but did not organize. Sandico advised the meeting to disperse and to await developments.

Rumor of Transport Scandal.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The Call this morning states that complaint has been made to Brigadier General Humphrey, quartermaster general, regarding the conduct of the transport service, and that a searching investigation is being made by a board consisting of three army officers. It is added that an upheaval in the department is anticipated.