

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

COST OF ALIEN'S LIVING.

Chinese Spend \$7.40, Japanese \$9.50 Per Month.

Salem—The cost of living of Chinese and Japanese laborers form a part of the biennial report of Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff and it is shown that the expense of the former is \$7.40 per month and of the latter \$9.50 per month. The information was derived from numerous reliable sources and the figures given are an average of the estimates received.

Though the total difference in the cost of living is not great between the two nationalities, there is a great difference in the proportion of the money expended for American goods. A comparison is thus made:

Of the total cost of living for Japanese, 85 per cent is for food and of this 87 per cent is American product and 13 per cent foreign. The expense for clothes is 15 per cent of the total, and all of this is for American goods.

Of the total cost of living for Chinese, 81 per cent is for food, and of this 25 per cent is for American goods and 76 per cent for foreign. The expense of clothes is 19 per cent of the total, and all of this is for American goods.

FULL REGIMENT AT CORVALLIS.

Growth of Attendance Makes a Change Necessary.

Corvallis—An almost complete reorganization of the cadet battalion, and its evolution into a regiment, is a consequence of the largely increased attendance of students at the Oregon Agricultural college. Instead of about 250 men, the ranks are now swollen with about 380, and instead of the battalion of two small companies in vogue a few years ago, the regiment will now comprise four full companies of infantry, a detachment of artillery, a signal corps and the regimental band.

The infantry companies each comprise 64 men, or two more than in the regular United States service. Mounts are provided for the cavalry detachment, comprising 24 men in addition to officers. Two field pieces with assignments of horses and 16 men and officers constitute the equipment and personnel of the artillery detachment. The signal corps numbers in men and officers over 30, and the regimental band, under command of a lieutenant colonel, the officers being newly elected under the orders providing for the organization, and issued by Lieutenant Quinlan.

Athens Wheat Crop Shipped.

Athens—But little of Athens's immense crop of wheat remains in the warehouses, with the exception of that purchased and stored here by the mill. As the greater part was sold early in the season and shipped before cars became scarce, there remains but a small part of the crop to be shipped. The Preston-Fardon Milling company purchased about 120,000 bushels at Adams, Eastland and Athens, and have their warehouses filled to their capacity. The elevator could not be used this season owing to its unfinished condition and lack of machinery. As soon as power can be obtained a part of the bins will be filled for immediate use.

Good Road to Blue River.

Eugene—W. T. Carroll, who has been in charge of the improvement work on the road leading to Blue river, has completed his work and returned to Eugene. A force of men and teams has been employed for two months and a large amount of good road along the McKenzie river is the result. Teamsters hauling over the road report that the work has been done in a most satisfactory manner, and that it is now an excellent mountain road. The cost to the county and people contributing is nearly \$6,000.

Goats Take Fair Prizes.

Monmouth—Riddell Bros., who are breeding pure bred Angora goats, took some of their stock to St. Louis and entered them in the contest for premiums. They were awarded one first sweepstake on doe kid and fourth on buck kid. They have for years been improving their stock by addition of only pure breeds until they have a model herd.

Spur for Logging Company.

Albany—A new spur of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad is being constructed above Detroit. It will run from a little above Detroit almost to the Breitenbach river and will be one mile in length. It will run through splendid timber and is being constructed for the benefit of the Curtis Lumbering company, which will establish logging camps along its extent and secure logs for its mills at Mill City.

DUTY OF COUNTY JUDGES.

British Consular Officers to be Informed of Subject's Death.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received from the secretary of state of the United States a copy of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, wherein it is agreed that in case of the death of a subject of one country while residing in the other, and leaving no heirs or testamentary executors in the country where he died, it shall be the duty of the local authorities to inform the nearest consular officer of the nation to which the deceased person belonged of the circumstances, in order that the necessary information may be immediately forwarded to persons interested.

Acting Secretary of State Loomis says that the British ambassador complains that the local authorities have failed to carry out the provisions of this treaty and that it has sometimes been found impossible to obtain reports from administrators in regard to the distribution of the interstate estates. The duty of giving the notice specified, falls, in this state, upon county judges, who have charge of probate matters.

FEED 9,000 SHEEP.

Rugg Bros. Decline to Sell Any of Their Holdings.

Pendleton—Rugg Bros. are preparing to feed their 9,000 sheep through the winter. Five thousand will be fed on their farm east of this place for spring mutton and will be sheared just before turning on the market. The remaining 4,000 will be ranged on their farm east of Pilot Rock and will be held over the next season for wool.

The Rugg brothers have nearly 13,000 acres of land in the mountains on the head of the Grand Ronde river in Union county for summer range and 8,000 acres between Birch creek and Butter creek, where they feed during the winter. Snow scarcely ever lies on the ground at the latter ranch, and little hay needs be fed during the winter months.

Mr. Rugg says they have no sheep to sell this fall, although they would have no trouble in disposing of them should they so desire. Old ewes are selling from \$1 upward and young ewes as high as \$2.75 a head, with a market for every sheep. They will keep their sheep until spring.

Cordwood Must Find New Market.

Oregon City—The Oregon City manufacturing company has completed the installation of oil-burning machinery at its woolen mills in this city and will use this more satisfactory and economical fuel in the operation of its large mills in this city. The substitution by both of the paper mills and the woolen mill of crude petroleum for wood as fuel reduces to a large extent the demand for cordwood in the vicinity and dealers will have to find another market for their produce. Fully 5,000 cords of wood have been required annually for the operation of the manufacturing institutions that have within the last six months arranged to use oil.

Exhibit from Clackamas Schools.

Oregon City—H. S. Lyman, superintendent of the educational exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair, will meet the teachers of Clackamas county at the court house in this city when details will be arranged for the making of an exhibit of educational work from this county at the 1905 exposition. It is proposed to have an educational exhibit from this county at the Lewis and Clark fair. In the display in the educational department at the St. Louis fair the exhibit from this county compares favorably with that of other county represented.

Packing Houses Closed.

Freewater—All fruits with the exception of winter apples are disposed of, and all of the packing houses except the Walla Walla Produce company are closed. This company is packing a few winter apples for Fargo, N. D. Low prices are being received for these apples, as they are inferior in quality, being quite wormy. Growers sprayed faithfully, but conditions were such that there are more wormy apples than usual this season. Better prices than usual were received by growers, and all realized good prices.

Fall Work Begins.

Adams—The past few days of rain have enabled farmers to commence seeding and harrowing. Fully as large an acreage of wheat will be fall sown as was sown this season.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 82c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 85c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 89½c; club, 85½c.
Colfax—Club, 70c; bluestem, 75c.

OUT OF SERVICE.

The President Moves in Slocum Disaster Inquiry.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The report of the United States commission of investigation into the disaster to the steamer General Slocum was made public today. In connection with the important findings of the commission presented in the report, President Roosevelt, to whom the report was submitted, has written a letter to Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, briefly summarizing the report and directing him to carry into effect the recommendations of the commission.

The president also directs that Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the second district, steamboat inspection service, and James A. Dumont and Thomas H. Barrett, local inspectors, in charge of the port of New York, be discharged from the service, the commission holding them directly responsible for the laxity of the steamboat inspection to which the Slocum disaster was directly attributable.

Appended to the report is a report from the department of justice on the criminal proceedings connected with the disaster and the life-preserver cases.

SUFFOCATED AT A FIRE.

Four Persons Lose Lives in a New York Tenement House.

New York, Oct. 19.—Four persons were suffocated and 15 were overcome by smoke in a fire which gutted a five-story brick double tenement house at 15 Moore street, Williamsburg, early today. Two of the injured, a boy and a girl, probably will die. Incendiarism is suspected.

The fire originated in the basement and ran up a dumb waiter shaft causing the crowded flats to fill rapidly with smoke. The flames spread through the flats on the fourth and fifth floors, and escape for the persons asleep there was cut off. Firemen and police did heroic work and soon rescued more than a score, 15 of whom were almost suffocated. These were removed to St. Catherine's hospital. Two children among the number were in a dying condition.

One fireman in attempting a daring rescue was overcome by smoke and had to be carried out by his fellows.

The loss was only about \$3,000. Several fires occurred in the neighborhood during the early hours today, all of suspicious origin. They appeared to have been started by the same hand as all were discovered in the basements of tenements. Only the one noted, however, was accompanied by loss of life.

EARNESTLY DESIRE PEACE.

Japanese Shocked at Victory With Such Shedding of Blood.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—There is a strong appeal for peace in the appalling tragedy which is now under enactment in Manchuria. Both armies have fought ferociously for a week, and desperate fighting still continues. It is probable that the death toll will be largely increased before the final shot is fired.

The preliminary reports indicate that about 69,000 men on both sides have been either killed or wounded, the larger portion of them being Russians, since the armies of the two belligerents closed in combat.

Even the Japanese, to whom the great victory is of paramount importance, seem to be shocked by the slaughter of their enemies. The Japanese people are receiving the news from the field of battle calmly, and there can be heard no shouts in the streets proclaiming the victory of their nation. Few flags are displayed. Probably later on there will be a procession with the consequent justification, but there are heard many expressions of opinion that no demonstration of any kind could be held. A prominent Japanese said to the Associated Press correspondent tonight:

"We have won a sweeping and a decisive victory which may prove to be the salvation of our country's existence, but we regret both our own losses and the terrible slaughter which our forces have inflicted on the enemy. We regret still more the necessity which forced us to engage in this war."

Pine Land May Be Thrown Open.

Honolulu, Wash., Oct. 19.—D. B. Shellar, supervisor of forestry of the state of Washington, returned yesterday from a trip in the Quinault valley, where he had been for the purpose of examining several townships of land now in the Olympic forest reserve. While Mr. Shellar gave no idea as to what his report will be, the settlers are highly satisfied that with an examination these lands will be eliminated as none but agricultural lands are asked for. This elimination will open a fine body of farming land.

Fleet Battered by Guns.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—It is authoritatively reported that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is suffering severely from the fire of the Japanese land batteries. Reports of a recent attempt by the fleet to sortie are unfounded, as is the reported capture of another blockade runner.

WEEK'S DOINGS

News 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 destroyed several business houses in Oakwood, Texas. Loss, \$75,000.

A resolution disapproving of reciprocity with Canada was adopted in the Vermont house without opposition.

Intense fog and terrible condition of the roads have put a stop to all movements of the two armies south of Mukden.

Dr. Atkinson, who organized the school system in the Philippines, declares the natives are not capable of self government.

There are rumors of Colombian troops gathering near Culebra with the intent of making an attack there on November 3, the first anniversary of the secession of Panama from Colombia.

The British army council has issued an order which, instead of enlisting three years with the colors and nine in the reserve, infantry of the line will in the future enlist for nine years with the colors and three in the reserve.

For the first time in the history of the money order system, the number issued during the last fiscal year reached 50,000,000. The value of the domestic orders issued was \$378,778,478 and the international money orders issued were valued at \$42,550,571.

Russia resents peace talk and regards it as a most inopportune time to broach it.

China's opposition to the treaty of Great Britain with Tibet may upset British calculations.

General Kuropatkin has abandoned his headquarters at Mukden, remaining with the troops in the field.

Since the fighting began south of Mukden the Russian losses have never been less than 2,000 per day.

Troops and bandits engaged in a battle near Mexico City. Three men were killed and a number wounded.

Fire destroyed the works of the Anchor Rubber Tire company, at Setocket, L. I. Loss, \$200,000.

A dispatch from Shanghai says that it is reported the Japanese shells have sunk the Russian cruiser Bayan in the harbor at Port Arthur.

The jury in the case of Philip Weinsheimer, a trial in New York for accepting a bribe to settle strikes, returned a verdict of guilty.

A general falling off from the attendance of last year is shown by the official enrollment figures at Harvard university. The authorities attribute the decrease to some extent to the increasing rivalry of Western colleges.

A treaty of peace has been signed between Chile and Bolivia.

Russia still realizes that the position of her Manchurian army is critical.

Fire destroyed a large raisin plant near Fresno, burning 200 tons of seeded raisins.

English war experts agree that the temporary success of the Russians can have little effect in the end.

Hunters are reported to have killed a number of elk in the mountains of the eastern part of Linn county, Oregon. The game warden is investigating.

According to a Japanese official the Russian forces engaged in the battle south of Mukden consisted of about 200,000 infantry, 26,000 cavalry and 950 guns.

J. E. Bennett, of Portland, has submitted the lowest bid for the construction of the government buildings at the 1905 fair and he is likely to be awarded the contract.

A field party sent out by the reclamation service to investigate the possibility of diverting the waters of the John Day river to the Umatilla lands in Eastern Oregon, says it is too costly. A rough estimate places the expense at \$1,600,000 for a canal.

Prominent Oregon men are likely to be indicted for land frauds.

All hope of relieving Port Arthur this season has been abandoned by the Russians.

Kuropatkin is fighting doggedly to prevent an utter rout of his forces.

The Montana mineral display will be transferred from St. Louis to Portland.

A Massachusetts commissioner has started for Portland to select a site for 1905 fair building.

A number of torpedo boats believed to have been built for Japan have been shipped from Newport News, Va.

A mortar battery exploded at Fort Banks, on the Atlantic coast, killing three artillerymen and injuring eight others.

SETTLERS WILL GET DUES.

Government Completes Investigation of Eastern Oregon Cases.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The interior department, acting under a special act passed at the last session, has completed an investigation of the cases of Sherman county settlers who have been dispossessed of lands lying within the limits of the grant to The Dalles Military Wagon Road company, in Eastern Oregon. The report of the findings is confidential, and will be submitted to congress early in December.

The evidence collected will be sufficient to enable congress to take final action for the relief of these settlers. It will show the terms on which the Eastern Oregon Land company, the successor to The Dalles Military Wagon Road company, is willing to relinquish its title to the disputed lands, and allow them to revert to the settlers. It will also show the state of improvements which the settlers made on these lands while temporarily in possession. Congress must decide whether an appropriation shall be made to buy from the company its title to the lands, in order to restore them to the settlers, or whether it is better to reimburse the settlers for the losses they sustained by reason of being dispossessed.

The land company, it is said, is inclined to deal fairly with the government in this matter, and will waive its title to these lands provided the government pays its price.

Many years have elapsed since these disputed lands were eventually awarded to the land company, and in that time a number of original settlers have disappeared. These few cases cannot be reported upon. All the facts obtainable have been collected, and congress will be able to compensate settlers who sustained losses through no fault of their own, but rather through a faulty decision of the land office.

COLORADO TRAINS COLLIDE.

One Man Is Dead and Fifteen Others Injured, Two Badly.

Pueblo, Oct. 18.—As a result of a head on collision today between the east bound California limited passenger train No. 6 and a west bound freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad a mile and a half west of Portland this forenoon, one man, J. E. Duey, was so badly hurt that he died tonight and 15 others received injuries two of them perhaps fatally.

The accident was due to the failure of the freight to take the siding at Portland and allow the passenger train, which was running on schedule time and had the right of way, to pass. Both locomotives were completely wrecked, the baggage and express cars were telescoped and piled up in a heap, the forward end of the day coach was smashed and five freight cars loaded with merchandise were demolished. The Pullman cars were not damaged. The passenger train was running about 35 miles, and the freight 20 miles an hour, when the collision occurred. Great confusion followed the collision, and exaggerated reports regarding the disaster were circulated. The injured were taken on relief trains to hospitals at Pueblo and Salida.

JAPAN HAS SHIPS IN WAITING.

Torpedo Boats Built at Newport News Transferred at Sea.

Newport News, Oct. 18.—Two of the Lake submarine torpedo boats built at the shipyards here, and believed to be destined for the Japanese or Russian governments, were hoisted on board the Kennebec today. According to the foreman in charge of the 200 men engaged in loading the craft, the Kennebec will sail for Boston before daylight.

It was stated on apparently good authority tonight that the Kennebec will be met up the coast by a steamship now lying far at sea, and the big floating derrick, the Ox, from New York. The Ox, it is asserted, will lift the submarines from the deck of the Kennebec, and transfer them to the waiting steamer, which will proceed with them to their destination.

Engineer to Investigate.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, has referred to Supervising Engineer H. Savage, at Spokane, the proposition of the O. R. & N. Co. to remove its tracks from Washouac Coulee, in Northern Idaho, provided the government will bear the expense. The tracks now occupy lands which the government would like to use for a reservoir, but unless they are removed the project must be abandoned. It is probable the cost will be so great that the government will not be justified.

Flood Still Delays Trains.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 18.—The Santa Fe road still has a washout of about 12 miles between here and Albuquerque, and it will be several days before trains are running. All other roads are running trains regularly. It is still rainy here, however, and the Rio Grande river is rising slowly.