

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

ROADBUILDING IN CLACKAMAS.

To Make Permanent Path Is Policy of County Court.

Oregon City.—During the last year Clackamas county has expended \$40,000 in roadbuilding," says Judge Ryan. "The policy of the county court is to build permanently when any piece of road is constructed and where the funds are available," continued Mr. Ryan. "This year Clackamas county has been especially fortunate in its roadbuilding, having funds on hand with which to meet every warrant that has been issued on this account. In our roadbuilding the court has been disposed very generally to follow the plan of reducing the grade of all roads that are treated, finding that this course contributes much to the permanency of the improvements that are made."

The announcement that Clackamas county roads will next year be experimented with in the use of oil has aroused much interest. Judge Ryan has received numerous inquiries from California producers, who have offered to deliver the oil here at no greater a cost than it costs in California. The court will place this oil on all of the different kinds of clay soil in the county and determine its value in road construction.

New Phone Through Polk.

Independence.—Riley Craven, W. W. Percival and W. A. Messner have organized a stock company to be known as the Independence Telephone company, the purpose being to build a telephone line from Independence to Monmouth and elsewhere in the county as desired. The line will connect with the Luckiamute line at Monmouth, and is to work in connection with the Corvallis, Dallas Falls City, McMinnville, Amy, Perrydale and McCoy Mutual lines, already established. The company will circulate papers and secure stock for promoting the enterprise. The privilege is given by the council of Independence to place the line in this city. Steps will be taken to obtain the same in Monmouth. The service for Independence and Monmouth will be through the Independence central office.

Road to Galice.

Merlin.—Work has begun on the new road to Galice, and it is expected it will be completed in six weeks. Considerable freight is here awaiting the completion of the road, among it a sawmill for the Rand mine. The Merlin Townsite company has material on hand for the construction of a telephone line to Galice as soon as the road is completed. It would be in operation now, but it was desired to have it follow the new road. It is intended to carry the line four miles beyond Galice, giving service to the Almada, Rand, Big Tank and other mines. The expenditure of a small amount of money will also complete the new road to the mines named.

Coming Events.

- North Pacific Unitarian conference, Salem, October 25-27.
- Annual meeting Oregon Miners' association, Portland, November 14.
- State Bar association, Portland, November 15-16.
- National Grange, Portland, November 16-26.
- Convention of County Clerks and Records, Portland, November 25-26.
- Poultry show, Corvallis, December 10-12.
- Oregon Good Roads convention, Salem, December 13-15.

Wheatmen Give Liberally.

Pendleton.—Leon Cohen, who is directing the work of raising \$5,000 in this county for the Open River association to build the portage road at Celilo, is meeting with success and says the necessary amount of money can easily be raised in another week. The large wheat raisers in the county, who have been approached, are subscribing quite liberally and already nearly half of the amount has been raised. Mr. Cohen has agents at work in the county, and they have been instructed to make a thorough canvass.

No Insurance on Flax.

Salem.—Upon examining his insurance policies, Eugene Basse found that his insurance on the flax burned expired a month ago. The policy was for \$3,000. Mr. Basse has this year's crop of flax spread in the fields or stored at Celilo, so that he has some raw material with which to start a linen mill. The fire, however, will cause delay in starting the mill.

Delegates to Commercial Congress.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has appointed J. E. Aitchison, of Portland, and F. B. Holbrook, of Iriragon, as delegates to the trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, to be held at St. Louis.

INCREASE IN IMPLEMENT TRADE.

Wheatgrowers Have Money With Which to Buy Tools.

Pendleton.—A traveling man for a leading implement company says the implement trade in the wheat districts of Oregon and Washington is better this season than ever before in the history of the two states. More money is evident among the growers and more cash is paid for implements than usual. Trade in the communities in the interior of Oregon, where nothing but stock is raised is slow, as the growers have not sold any feed during the past two years at a profit, consequently ready money is at a premium. All are confident the coming season will prove profitable. Much stock has been unloaded at the low prices, as it has not paid to hold and feed, and as a result next year will find fewer head of stock in the country and prices will necessarily have to advance.

Ores From Blue River Mines.

Eugene.—At a special meeting of the Eugene Commercial club the committee appointed to look after an exhibit of minerals from Blue River mining district reported promising ores for the Lewis and Clark exhibit amounting to 38,000 pounds, and that this amount will be swelled by mine owners who have not yet been seen to at least 45,000 pounds. The miners are reported as taking the matter in hand with energy and they are desirous of doing all in their power to further the matter. The ores will be hauled to Eugene yet this fall, in order to be ready for installation at the beginning of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Sowing Fall Wheat.

Albany.—Linn county farmers are sowing a great deal of fall wheat now, and from present prospects the acreage of wheat sown in this county will be three or four times as large as that sown last year. There are several reasons for this. Last fall was not auspicious for sowing grain, and the acreage was small, while this fall has been a good one for seeding purposes. The spring grain this year was a complete failure, and the spring yield for several years has been light, so farmers in this part of the state are beginning to abandon the practice of sowing at that time.

Logging Road to Be Built.

La Grande.—The surveys are about completed for a narrow-gauge logging railroad from Hilgard, eight miles west of La Grande, up the Grand Ronde river about 30 miles, to a heavy body of timber owned by the Grand Ronde Lumber company, of Perry, on the slopes of the Blue mountains. The company has been driving its logs down the river for the past 12 years, but it is now becoming almost impossible to get a sufficient amount of logs by this method for the season's run, and the company has determined to build a road to the timber. These mills employ about 200 men during the busy season.

Mine Promoters' Improvements.

La Grande.—The promoters of the Camp Carson mines, southwest of this city, which were recently purchased by a company of California capitalists with James R. Elmendorf as manager, have made arrangements with the Grand Ronde Lumber company, at Perry, five miles west, to build a good wagon road up the Grand Ronde river from Starkey to Prospect ranch. This road will shorten the distance to the mines several miles and will cut out several steep and bad grades, which will be a great advantage to the timbermen in getting the pine over better roads, as also to the mining company.

Marion Will Have Exhibit.

Salem.—At a mass meeting of citizens and taxpayers of Marion county, held at the courthouse, it was decided by unanimous vote that Marion county shall be properly represented at the Lewis and Clark fair. The meeting was attended by representative citizens from all parts of the county, and from the remarks made by those who spoke upon the subject, it was apparent that the people are enthusiastically in favor of making a good showing for Marion county and its industrial resources.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland — Walla Walla, 83c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 85c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 89½c; club, 85½c.
Colfax—Club, 73c; bluestem, 75c.

LAND RESTORED TO ENTRY.

Great Tracts in Eastern and Southern Oregon Not in Reserves.

Washington, Oct. 25.—By direction of the president, Secretary Hitchcock has ordered restored to entry a considerable portion of the withdrawals made with a view to creating the Rogue river, La Grande, Joseph river and Maury mountain forest reserves in Oregon. The restorations are made in accordance with the new rules of the department, permitting the immediate settlement on the land, but not allowing entry or filing to be made until after a period of 90 days' advertising by the local land officers.

It is proposed to eliminate from the Rogue river withdrawals 65,000 acres, leaving 1,271,000 acres remaining withdrawn. From the La Grande withdrawal 26,000 acres will be eliminated, leaving in withdrawal 265,580 acres, while 144,640 acres will be taken out of the Joseph river withdrawal, leaving but 177,920 acres remaining. The Maury mountain withdrawal, when 10,000 acres have been restored to entry, will embody only 58,320 acres.

All the lands that are being restored to entry have been found upon examination, not to be suitable for forest reserves, either because they are not timber lands, or if they are timbered, because they are located with lands in private ownership, so it is impracticable permanently to reserve them. The elimination of these lands from withdrawal does not mean that all the remaining lands will be reserved. It merely means that these are all lands reported by the forestry bureau that should not be included in forest reserves. The general land office is now making its own examination, which is expected to show additional areas not desired for permanent reservation. When the land office completes its examination, permanent reserves will be created where deemed advisable, excluding practically all land in private ownership, and restoring to entry such other lands now withdrawn as may not be reserved.

HOPES OF PANAMA.

Reforms Visit of Taft Is Expected to Bring About.

Panama, Oct. 25.—Modification of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty in several important respects, and negotiations between the Washington and Panama governments for a supplementary commercial treaty granting to Panama important concessions is what the Panamanians hope to realize as a result of Secretary Taft's mission to the isthmus, according to a statement made to the Associated Press tonight by Senator Obaldia, the Panamanian minister at Washington.

"Widespread enthusiasm has been aroused on the isthmus," said the minister, "by the publication of President Roosevelt's letter to Secretary Taft. President Amador has cabled me that he has proclaimed this letter throughout the isthmus, and the idea of the grateful feeling has already turned in favor of the United States. Preparations have been begun for a grand reception to the Taft commission."

"Popular as is the American minister to Panama and the governor of the canal zone, there are a number of questions of vital importance to the isthmus which have not yet been settled to the satisfaction of the Panamanian government. In the foremost of these are the problems which Secretary Taft will be asked to solve, the postal regulations, the question of customs duties and the far reaching question of jurisdiction in the terminal cities of Panama and Colon. The Panamanian government declines to accept the interpretation placed upon the treaty by Mr. Bunau-Varilla, which practically takes away all the land in those cities not now actually covered by residents. Panama and Colon will prosper rapidly after the canal work has started; they will need considerable territory over which to expand. We are confident Secretary Taft will be quick to see the justice of our contentions."

Bomb Outrage in Barcelona.

Barcelona, Oct. 2.—What is believed to have been an attempt upon the life of Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and of Public Works Salazar occurred today. A dynamite bomb was exploded in the street while crowds were welcoming the minister, who had come here to preside at a meeting of the chamber of commerce. No one was injured, but the buildings in the vicinity of the scene of the explosion were damaged, and the crowds were thrown into a panic. Several arrests were made.

Trains Meet Head-On.

Vicksburg, Miss., Oct. 25.—Three are known to have been killed and a number injured in a head-on collision between a north bound passenger and a freight train about midnight, three miles south of Fayette, Miss., on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad. The dead are two firemen and an engineer. The wreck is reported burning. Assistance has been sent from this city.

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 great New York subway has been opened for traffic.

Chinese at Mukden expect severe fighting and are closing up their business affairs.

An Indiana woman admits poisoning her step-daughter and gave the judge her own case to read.

The skipper of a Swedish steamer declares that his vessel was chased and fired upon by a Russian cruiser previous to the Hull affair.

The Japanese army in Manchuria have resumed the offensive. The Russians are reported to have lost a number of important positions.

The Tribuna, a leading Italian paper, calls Rojstvensky a lunatic, and adds that if complete and prompt satisfaction is not given, war will be inevitable.

Spain will allow the Russian war ships to remain at Vigo long enough to make necessary repairs. The others sailed after taking on 400 tons of coal each.

Fire on the Brooklyn water front destroyed a pier 700 feet long which was stored with cotton and general merchandise. A steamer tied to the pier was also destroyed. One fireman and one policeman are reported missing. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Postmaster Vancott, of New York, is dead.

Both armies in Manchuria continue to rest.

General Kuropatkin has been made commander in chief of the Russian army.

Many of the Hull fishermen believe the attack of the Russian fleet was premeditated.

The town of Berkeley, Va., continues under martial law. The authorities are fearful of a race riot breaking out.

John C. Haddock, a New York independent coal mine owner and operator, declares the coal roads have ruined him.

Arrangements are almost complete for opening schools on the island of Guam. There are 2,300 native children on the island.

Governor Chamberlain charges the commissioner of the general land office with failure to keep promise in regard to Hen lands in Oregon.

A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000 has virtually been concluded. Half the loan has been reserved for Germany and the balance to France, Belgium and Holland.

Eight Japanese warehouses on the Yalu river at Antung, filled with rations, clothing, ammunition and the prizes secured at the battle of the Yalu, have been burned.

The weather in Manchuria is very cold and there is great scarcity of fuel.

By a sale just made, 340,000 acres of land in Mexico has been sold to a Mormon colony.

The Standard dictionary received the grand prize, the highest award, at the St. Louis fair.

Many Japanese on the Pacific coast are leaving for their home country to join the army.

James F. Cooper, associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine islands, has resigned.

Fire at the plant of the New Home Sewing Machine company, Orange, Mass., entailed a loss of \$100,000.

It is probable that the Mississippi will soon be dredged, as engineers fear the great river will soon become clogged and useless as a waterway.

The Russian minister to Great Britain had a narrow escape from violence at the hands of a mob who would avenge the death of the Hull fishermen. He is now guarded by police.

The armored cruiser Colorado is the fastest in her class. On her trial trip she made 22.26 knots an hour. This is slightly in excess of speed called for by the contract.

The people of Japan are reported to resent the suppression of war news.

The armies in Manchuria are fully rested and a battle that should prove decisive is looked for.

Sentiment in French governmental quarters is growing more favorable to the American proposition to call a second peace congress at The Hague.

The Russian admiralty council sitting in review of the Vladivostok prize court, has decided that the British ship Allanton, seized June 16, and her cargo must be released.

FIRE ON FISHERS.

Russian Baltic Fleet Sinks British Fishing Vessels.

Hull, England, Oct. 25.—I. M. Jackson & Co., solicitors for the owners of the 50 Hull fishing boats have notified the foreign office and admiralty of an attack on the Hull fishing fleet by the Russian Pacific fleet (commonly designated as the Baltic squadron).

The official information is that soon after midnight Friday the Russian squadron fell in with the Hull fishing fleet in the North sea. The first portion of the fishing fleet passed safely. Then the Russian ships turned their searchlights on the British vessels for some time and a little later opened fire.

The steam trawler Crane was sunk, and the decapitated bodies of her skipper and mate have been brought to Hull. The boatswain and other members of the crew, who are understood to be seriously wounded, are on board the missing ship. The only slightly injured members of the crew has arrived at Hull.

The steam trawlers Moulmein and Mino have arrived at Hull seriously damaged by shots, the latter having 16 holes in her hull. It is feared that other damage was done to trawlers and that at least one more was lost with all hands.

ALASKANS NOT WANTED.

Indian Bureau Desires They Be Educated at Home.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The Indian bureau in the interior department is decidedly opposed to accepting Alaskan pupils at any of its schools. It is the opinion of this bureau that Indian appropriations are made for the sole benefit of the Indians of the United States proper. Proceeding on this theory, the Indian office is endeavoring to eliminate from all Indian schools all pupils other than true Indians. The Alaskans are in the excluded classes; the Indian bureau does not regard them as Indians, though their exact classification has never been finally determined.

There are but two Indian schools which have Alaskan pupils—Chemawa with half a dozen, and the Carlisle school, in Pennsylvania, with 50. The Alaskan pupils at both schools are to be eliminated gradually from the classes and returned to their homes unless congress intervenes in the meantime and authorizes their retention in these two big Indian institutions.

BARRETT SUITS ROOSEVELT.

Secretary Taft Sent to Panama at Minister's Request.

Washington, Oct. 26.—John Barrett, minister to Panama, will be unable to visit Portland and cast his vote next month. The president has requested him to start for Panama November 2 in order to prepare for the reception of Secretary Taft a week later.

Secretary Hay took particular pains today, in talking with a group of newspaper men, to make it plain that the sending of Secretary Taft to Panama was in no way a reflection upon Minister Barrett. The secretary said Barrett had been unjustifiably criticized by some opposition papers, and it had been hinted that the president was dissatisfied with his conduct of affairs at Panama. Secretary Hay went so far as to say the reverse was true—that the president was entirely pleased with Minister Barrett's work, and was sending Secretary Taft to Panama at Mr. Barrett's suggestion.

NO UNION WITH NEW MEXICO.

Arizona Will Not Accept Statehood on Those Terms.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The annual report of the governor of Arizona to the secretary of the interior says the territorial population has increased materially and the total population now is between 165,000 and 170,000. It expresses a desire on the part of the people of Arizona for statehood, but says that "finding themselves confronted with a plan to unite their territory with New Mexico, the people of Arizona have protested vigorously and will continue to do so until they have defeated this repugnant scheme."

To Cement Ties.

Yokohama, Oct. 26.—Lieutenant General Prince Fushimi, special imperial envoy to the St. Louis exposition, sailed today with his suite on the steamer Manchuria for San Francisco amid great enthusiasm. Prince Fushimi was attended from Tokio by officials of the imperial household, the American minister, Lloyd C. Griecom, and the entire American legation staff in uniform. Prince Fushimi embarked in the presence of an immense crowd and amid shouts of "Banai" and "America."

Mexico Will Send Delegates.

Mexico City, Oct. 26.—This government will send delegates to the irrigation congress to be held in El Paso next month. It is said that a \$10,000,000 bond issue exclusively for irrigation purposes will be issued here. The government for some time past has had engineering parties in the field studying plans for redeeming arid lands.