# SOON LET CONTRACT ADVANCE IN ALL BIG MARKETS.

Plans for The Dalles-Celllo Canal Are Almost Complete.

# WILL BEGIN WORK AT UPPER END

Enough Money Now on Hand to Build Upper Lock and Entrance to the Canal.

Washington, April 13 .- Within two weeks, it is expected, Major Langfitt will be instructed to advertise for bids the fact that several details are not tion. quite clear, the papers are to be re-turned for explanation. When they get back to Washington it is thought the plans will be approved and author. Caution Saves Connecticut from Being

ity granted to invite proposals.

Major Langfitt's plans, which have been carefully worked out in great detail and with apparent care, contemdown stream. This is done to enable contractors to make use of the canal as it is completed, section by section.

Major Langfitt has prepared plans for approaches to the canal at its upper end, for the guard gates for the first lock near Celilo, and for a considerable stretch of canal. It is impossible to tell how much work can be done with the money appropriated in the rivers and harbors law, but it is anticipiated there are funds enough to complete the Celilo lock and canal entrance, and to do considerable blasting and straight canal work. Near the first lock it will be necessary to build an immense embankment as the north wall of the canal. This part of the canal, and in fact all other parts not cut through solid rock, will be lined with cement. All embankments will be solid of construction and will be faced with immense rocks to prevent washing in seasons of high water.

#### ONLY ONE FARE.

#### Reduced Rate to Portland Fair from All Eastern Points.

Chicago, April 13 .- The action of the Trunk Line association meeting held at New York yesterday was supplement- build a \$10,000,000 cut-off to the Paed in this city today by the Central cific coast with a view to getting rid of Passenger association meeting, which the mountain grades which now are endecided to concur with the former asso- countered in the trans-continental ciation in granting a one-way rate plus travel. Orders have been given for the \$1 from all points east to Chicago for purchase of all the material necessary, those desiring to attend the Lewis and and work will begin in 30 days. The Clark fair at Portland.

meeting yesterday receded from its former demand for a rate of 80 per cent of the round-trip fare, and agreed to make a one-way rate plus \$1 from all points be at Belen, N. M., 27 miles south of in its territory on the Atlantic sea- Albuquerque, on the El Paso line, and board west to Pittsburg and Buffalo. the Eastern will be at Texico, 250 This was to be done, provided the Cen- miles away on the Pecos valley lines of tral Passenger association would take the Santa Fe. The new road will cross the same rate from the two latter cities the Sierra Nevada mountains at Aho through to Chicago, where the rates Pass, at an elevation of 6,491 feet, but could be joined with the same conces- at a maximum grade east-bound of 114 sions made by the transcontinental per cent and west-bound of 6-10ths of 1 lines, giving a one-way round-trip rate from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Fe Central near Willard and the El action of the Central Passenger associ- Paso & Northwestern at Llano, N. M. ation ratified this agreement today, which makes the one-way rate from coast to coast certain.

This action assures a large attendance at the Lewis and Clark exposition from all of the territory lying east of the second Manchurian army at the Chicago, extending to the Atlantic coast, between the Canadian boundary and the Ohio river. The Central Passenger association territory takes in all the cities of the east, and the rate of er daily in battle formation. The Japone fare will induce thousands of wellto-do persons to make Portland the objective point in their summer and fall

Illinois Will Show Lincoln's Home. Springfield, Ill., April 13. - The commission which is to have charge of the state exhibit at the Lewis and

Freeport, as secretary. The commist the purpose of liberating James White, sion will hold a meeting at Springfield a white prisoner who is to be placed next Tuesday. Unless objections are on trial Monday on a charge of murraised the commission will make the der. The mob, consisting of only six state building a copy of the Lincoln or eight men, gained an entrance to home. It was practically decided to the jail. The sheriff's order to leave exhibit all available Lincoln mementos was ignored, whereupon the officer in the building during the fair.

Peasants Seizing the Land. St. Petersburg, April 13 .- The peas-

ants at Orgeleff, near Odessa, recently seized the land of some of the big estates and proceeded to divide it. their attitude became threatening, Cos- The commonwealth of Australia will

British Steamer Captured.

Tokio, April 13 .- The British steamer Henry Bolckow was seized by the Japanese guardships off the island of however, that the vessel was bound for clude French, British and American retary to fill the vacancy caused by the Eastern Oregon, 15@18c per pound; to death by the falling of the stone bar-form were ignominiously drummed deathe of J. W. Lewis. Vladivostok.

Packers Raise Price and Lay Blame

Chicago, April 14. - Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advanced price, which to him represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to ten No Further Obstacles to Construc-

Sam & Co., Armour and Nelson Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago or to any other market in the country during the last month and a half except at a loss. This, it is declared, has been partially due to the fact that breeders of stock and the handlers of range cattle have been holding back on supply until the grass o' the range becomes nourishing. Swift & Co., speaking for the packing interests, this afternoon, issued the following statement:

"During the last six weeks the profor the construction of the first lock of ducers of beef cattle have been receiv-The Dalles-Celilo canal, thus launching ing about \$1 advance over past prices a project that has been under consid- that the advance to the consumer in eration in one shape or another for a prices would be about \$2 on the onegeneration. The chief of engineers has half of choice cattle that can be used received Major Langfitt's plan for be- for food purposes. The range cattle ginning construction, but, owing to producer is the master of the situa-

#### ATTEMPT TO WRECK WARSHIP.

Ruined in Drydock.

plate beginning construction on the upper end of the canal and working proved a serious solution and the navy As a construction on the part beginning construction on the part beginning construction on the upper end of the canal and working proved a serious solution. proved a serious accident was avoided the keel blocks.

the rough plating while the vessel was on the ways and had not been released in launching. A failure to discover the timber, it is said, would have resulted and lower frames when the vessel setled on the blocks.

Several days previous to the launching of the Connecticut last fall divers been found. Later, an official investigation disclosed holes bored in one of

#### LOW GRADES FOR SANTA FE

#### Will Spend Ten Millions on New Road Through Mountains.

Chicago, April 13. - The Recordmade that the Santa Fe has decided to prevail early in the season. work will be pushed to completion rap-The Trunk Line association at its idly, and the new transcontinental low-

per cent. The line will cross the Santa

Ready to Fight Once More.

Paris, April 14 .- Captain Rode telegraphs to the Matin that he has been the guest of Kaulbars, commander of Russian front. The captain's observations showed that the Russian army had been reinforced and is prepared to renew the battle. The troops maneuvanese cavalry advance guard, the dispatch adds, is barely 10 miles away, and frequent cavalry skirmishes take place. The prisoners captured have sabre cuts on their heads, showing hand-to-hand skirmishes.

# Mob Murders a Sheriff.

Senatobia, Miss., April 14.—Sheriff Clark exposition at Portland, Or., this J. M. Poag, of Tate county, was shot summer, elected Cyrus Thompson and instanty killed today by a mob of chairman and Reuben H Tiffany, of masked men who entered the jail for fired, wounding one man. The mob then fired on the sheriff, two bullets taking effect.

# Invite Taft to Australia.

Manila, April 14.—Governor Gene ral Northcote, of the commonwealth of Troops have been dispatched to the Australia, will, it is understood, invite scene. Near Byelostok the peasants Secretary of War Taft and party to to place an order with a Portland firm demanded that the landlords cease to visit Australia during the party's use agricultural machinery, and as forth-oming visit to the Philippines. They will fill the jars with various An additional force of Cossacks has The American chamber of commerce of been dispatched to keep order.

Manila is preparing to entertain Mr. Taft and party on an extensive scale mer. during their stay in Manita.

Submarines at Vladivostok. Hokkaido, April 7. The character of that the Russians at Vladivostok are met in Dallas and set June 10 for the choice, \$1@1.25. her cargo has not been divulged and conducting experiments with six sub- annual reunion of the pioneers of Polk her destination is not stated in the marine vessels, and that these vessels county, the meeting to be in Dallas, pound. official announcement. It is presumed, are all of foreign manufacture, and in- J. D. Smith, of Dallas, was elected sec-

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CANAL DEED IS CLEAR NOW

tion of Cut by Government.

Salem-The Celifo canal commission,

officials, the state has several times circulating subscription papers. made corrections in conveyances in order to remove defects from the chain the construction of the canal.

\$74,000.

The Portage Railway commission, peared on the scene last week and induced the workmen on the piledrivers New York, April 14 .- During the to strike for a nine-hour day at the

#### Reseeding Done in Wasco.

The Dalles-Farmers whose crops were damaged by the severe weather of in the buckling or crimping of the keel February have about finished resceding, and the new-sown grain is coming up nicely. It is estimated that about ten per cent of the fall-sown grain in the county froze out, and had to be reseedwere sent down to examine the ways ed. This has been a heavy expense on and found a large spike placed where it those whose grain was frozen, and as would have pierced the hull, had it not spring sowing never yields as good crops as fall sowing, unless the season is unsuually favorable, the wheat crop this year will be somewhat shorter than that of 1904, although, so far, the weather has been most favorable, and crops are making an excellent growth. The season is at least a month earlier than last year, which will enable the gardeners and orchardists to market their crops early, and thereby get the Herald says: Official announcement is advantages of high prices that always

# Assessment Soon to Begin.

Pendle on - The deputies appointed by Assessor Strain to take the assessments and the state census will commence their work immediately. The work will be continued, but the values of the property will not be placed by Mr. Strain until late in the season, when he learns what stand the assessore of counties having railroads will take regarding values. Mr. Strain is in favor of placing the values of all property at their true worth. Umatilla county would thus show a property statement of nearly \$30,000,000.

# Oregon Fruit Crop is Assured.

mountains, near here having kept the in the Weston district generally is in ping of Blue river exhibit. good condition, and will probably yield well if the weather continues good.

# Halsey Ships Lots of Eggs.

adjacent to this city. The farmers re- about May 20. Lee is paying 50 cents ceived an average of 17 cents per dozen a fleece cash to bind his contract. for the eggs, making a total of \$1,800 Lambing in Baker county is just begindistributed among the farmers of this ning, and it is estimated there will be vicinity in exchange for eggs in one about 105 per cent increase. Sheep the same size in the state.

# Clear Track for Grand Jury.

Salem-Judge Burnett has dismissed prison in 1902.

# Exhibit Independence Fruit.

Independence-At a meeting of the Lewis and Clark club the ladies decided for 150 dozen of one-half pint jars. kinds of fruit, which will bear the Clark club. They will be given away \$11@12. Manila is preparing to entertain Mr. to Eastern visitors to Oregon this sum

# Palk Pioneers to Meet June 10.

Dallas-The executive committee of common, 80@90c. Tokio, April 14.-It is reported here the Polk County Pioneer association

SPEND \$15,000 ON ITS ROADS

#### Marion County Plans for Better Highways with Farmers' Aid.

Salem-"The people of Marion councomposed of the governor, secretary of ty will contribute \$10,000, \$15,000 or state and state treasurer, has signed the purhaps as much as \$20,000 to labor deed conveying to the United States for the improvement of the public roads the right of way for the construction of this summer," said County Judge a government caus) between The Da'les Scott, as he finished preparing a number of blank agreements for use in road At the request of the government districts where the property owners are

"The county court has decided to spend its surplus road funds in those of title, and now the commission feels districts where the people contribute confident that the title is perfect and work, and it is very evident that this that there is nothing, so far as the year will see more progress in road right of way is concerned, to prevent building than in any previous year in the government from proceeding with the history of Marion county. Our planis to use what money is necessary in The canal right of way cost the state the building of bridges, and in the repair of roads in a few places where county work is of immediate necessity, which is composed of these same offi- and the balance of the fund will be direport of the engineer in charge of the know yet what rate of distribution will work on the portage road. The report be adopted, but the amount distributed shows satisfactory progress, though it will be enough to encourage the enter-is stated that a "walking delegate" ap- prise of the people in road building by prise of the people in road building by contributed work."

In the immediate vicinity of Salem work to the amount of at least \$7,000 process of placing the new battleship same pay received for a ten-hour day, will be done, and it will probably much Connecticut in drydock at the navy As a consequence the bridgework was exceed this amount. The business rest here today what might have retarded. The greater part of the grading and and the county court \$800 more, and by the officer in charge sending down a bridgework has been completed, and to this the farmers will add \$4 200 or diver to make thorough examination of one and three-quarters miles of track more in contributed work. In nearly the hull before the water should be bave been laid. Four cars of steel rails every part of the county agreements pumped out and the vessel lowered into have been received and the track-laying are in circulation for the purpose of asthe keel blocks.

Will proceed ravidle. To all appear certaining what donated work can be ances, the road will be completed by secured. The initiative has been taken stuck fast to the hull on the port side the appointed time, May 15. There by the farmers, and the county court is of the keel, where it had adhered to are now at work 29 teams and 136 men, giving whatever help and encourage ment it can to the movement.

#### Mount Hood Road Rates.

Oregon City-The Clackamas county court has fixed the charges that shall be made over the Mount Hood toll road. In arranging the schedule of charges, provision is made for automobiles, for which a charge of \$2 each plated. will be made. In addition to automobiles the schedule includes the following items: Four wheeled vehicle, drawn by one span or yoke, \$2, with 40 cents for each additional yoke; vehicle drawn by one horse, \$1.25; saddle horse, 75 cents; pack horse, 40 cents; horse or mule, loose, 15 cents; cattle, losse, 10 cents per head; sheep, goats and hoge, 2 cents.

#### Lumbering Picking Up.

Sumpter-The lumbering business in this section is picking up. The Oregon Lumber company has started its ogging camps up along the line of the Whitney and Tipton branch of the Sumpter Valley railway, and all are running full blast. Service's sawmill, located on Deer creek, six miles below Sumpter, has started sawing on 2,000,000 feet of logs. This mill is expected to run five months on present by the Federal grand jury which is inorders. The Sumpter Lumber com- quiring into the working methods of pany is operating its planing mills, but the alleged beef trust, of a much deeper

# Blue River Exhibit Ready,

Eugene - The exhibit of ores from the Blue river mines for the Oregon display at the Lewis and Clark ex-Weston-The snow on the foothills Position, will be shipped from the has been a boon to the fruit and straw. mines to Engene at once, and transberries on the Weston and Basket ported immediately to Portland. With what has already been shipped blooms from maturing and being caught from there, the exhibit of the filme by the nightly frosts. With the con- river mines will amount to a carload. tinuance of the cool weather until the D. H. Weyant, who is the official ore proper time for the trees to bloom the fruit and berry crop is assured. Wheat has been here to see to the ship-

# Sheep Conditions in Baker.

Baker City-Miles Lee, representing Koshland Bros., has bought 100,000 Halsey- During March the three pounds of wool at 16 cents. This mercantile houses of Halsey exported cleans up the advance purchases of 10,590 dozen of eggs. These eggs were clips to be made. It is expected that all secured from farmers of the country shearing will commence in this county month. This is a record which cannot are in good condition, the winter has be equaled by any farming district of been mild, and there is now plenty of green grass for the flocks.

# Lorane Fair May Be Revived.

Cottage Grove-The farmers in the all trial jurors until May 22, the evi- Siuslaw country, near Lorane, are condent purpose being to give the grand sidering the advisability of reviving jury time to complete its work of in- the fall fair, which they were accusvestigating the land fraud cases. The tomed to hold until 1903. With ingrand jury has thus far given most of creased population this fair would units time to the investigation of numer- doubtedly be a success now, if managed ous local cases and to the men who are properly. The Lorane district is a supposed to have provided the rifles good farming settlement, 10 miles west which Tracey and Merrill used in of here, and the farmers find ready effecting their escape from the state help from the people of this town in anything they undertake.

# PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, saorsec per hushel; bluestem, 91@93c, valley, 88c. Oats-No I white, \$286:29 per ton

gray, \$27@28 per ton. Hay-Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; sacks were required to disperse them. defray the entire expense, it is said. label of the Independence Lewis and clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat,

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 1714@18c per dozen.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 2114@24c. Potatoes - Oregon fancy, \$1@1.15; Apples-Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box;

Hops - Choice 1904, 231/4@25c per

Wool-Valley, 20@22c per pound;

HE IS DEFIANT.

Castro Insults United States Minister

#### Washington, April 12.—Throughout he diplomatic corps keen interest exists regarding the sensational answer which President Castro is said to have unde to Minister Bowen's latest request for arbitration of the pending postions between the United States and Venezuela. Although the Veneguelan legation officials say the text of the dispatch was not included in the mail reaching the legation today, which eft Caracas after the answer was 'deivered to Mr. Bowen, it has become oised among the diplomats that the mswer was undiplomatic and almost threatening in wording.

The knowledge possessed by certain liplomats on the subject here indicates dearly that the character, if not the exact text, of the answer has been known for some time to the diplomatic to believe that several foreign governments have already been advised of its

While diplomats who have inquired at the State department have been informed that practically no action will be taken regarding Venezuela until President Roosevelt returns from his Western trip, they also have received the information that, if the exact text of Castro's answer comprises an insult to the American minister, it will not pass unnoticed.

#### WILL DOUBLE FIELD FORCES

#### Japan is Ready to Meet Russia's Reinforced Army.

reinforcement of its armies in Man-carefully guarded, had startled the churia with an extensive expedition grand juries with revelations as to the from its own military organization, former business methods of the pack-The details and figures are carefully ers. He is said to have testified that a double the present army units, but it employed by certain packing firms, one is reliably estimated that by autumn set of books showing the secret relations next the total military organization of the alleged combine and being acwill exceed 1,000,000 men actually em- conside only to trusted employes, and ployed in the field. The fighting force the other set showing figures to which is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, the packers invited the attention of the with increases largely in the infantry government experts who investigated and artillery, although an enlargement for Commissioner Garfield. m the cavalry branch is also contem-

tures and purchases of guns, it is pre- done on March 23, three days after the dieted that this year will see a Japan- grand jury began its investigations. ese artillery super or to that of the Russlans, in quality as well as numeri- a long time by the Federal officials concally, and it is confidently believed nected with the investigation that the that the Russians will be incapable of readiness with which the packing firms overcoming these numerical advantages. welcomed an examination of their Wherever railway improvement are books by the government experts was possible they will be carried out, when not altogether genuine. The work of Japan will be sucfliently strong to take the secret service operators produced and hold Harbin, and simultaneously results, it is said, which tended to continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city. witness who testified more than a week

#### Seized Trunks Reveal Inner Workings of Packers' Combine.

has not yet made arrangements for cut- nature and a wider scope, it is asserted, ting its logs at the mill south of town, is to result from the examination of the contents of the eight trunks taken yesterday from the safety vanalts in First National bank building. these tranks were opened, it is said, the entire secret transactions of the Actna Trading company, a corporation year. through which the secret business of the big packers was transacted, was revealed to the jurors, and as a consequence many new witnesses will be

subposmied. The trunks and contents have been impounded by an order by Judge Sanborn, so that no one by legal process can obtain possession of them.

Among the names of new witnesses subposensed today is said to be that of G. H. Godfrey, alleged secretary and treasurer of the Aetna Trading company, and R. H. Cowan, another official of the company. The initials "R. H. C." appear on each of the eight trunks taken from the vaults, and it is believed they belong to Cowan.

# Frauds in Trinity Timber.

San Francisco, April 12.—William H. Boren, indicted for subornation of perjury in the frinity county land frauds, was on trial before Judge De-Haven in the United States district court today. Boren's co-defendants, Harry W. Miller and Frank E. Kincart, will be tried in Portland. is accused of having persuaded John M. Layton to falsely swear out an application for a parcel of land under the defendants were representatives of the Tacoma Land & Lumber company.

Says Farmers Formed Trust. Topeka, Kan., April 12.—Attorney General Coleman has rendered an opinion to the effect that the farmers of the state are organized in violation of the anti-trust law. The question was raised by the Kansas Graindealers association, and the attorney general will be asked ers. E. J. Smiley, secretary of the lation of the unti-trust law.

# Total Deaths by Earthquake.

Labore (Punjaub), India, April 12. -Commissioner Jullundur reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000, and in the Palampur district at 3,000. The total number of the battle of Mukden, publicly disgracpersons killed at Dharmsala was 424, ing them by posting their names at all besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed the division headquarters, while some

# FOUND IN TRUNKS

# Federal Grand Jury Has Secrets

# BOOKS GARFIELD DID NOT FIND

of Beef Trust.

Chicago Inquisitors Dive Into Eight Trunks Containing Story of Packers' Dealings.

Chicago, April 11.—The contents of eight myesterious trunks, unearthed by overnment secret service men in the vaults of the National Safe Deposit orps in Caracas, and there is reason company, occupied the attention today of the Federal grand jury which is inventigating the affairs of the heef trust. subposma duces tocum for Daniel Peckham, secretary of the safe deposit impany, was issued by Judge Landis to force the company to produce the trunks in the jury room. The trunks were taken to the office of District Attorney Morrision, where, it is said, they were opened and their contents examined:

What the trunks contained and what connection they have with the case is not known, as the government officials refuse to discuss the matter, declining to either deny or confirm the explanation current that the trunks might belong to the packers.

District Attorney Morrision institut-Tokio, Apri 12 .- Japan is meeting ed the action by which the trunks were the Russian plan of reorganization, and seized after a witness, whose identity is oncealed of what seems to be a plan to double system of bookkeeping had been

While Mr. Peckham declined to disclose the identity of the person or per-As a result of the manufacture at the sous who stored the trunks with his argenals in Japan, together with cap- company, he admitted that this was

Suspicions have been entertained for strengthen these suspicons, and when a ago let drop the hint that Commissioner Garfleid's experts had not seen all ALL BEEF TRUST SECRETS OUT the books of the packers, he was called spon to explain.

# INSTALLING BLOCK SIGNALS.

#### Northern Pacific Making Extensive Improvements for Safety of Traffic.

St. Paul, April 8 .- President Howard provements tending to increase public safety which will place the Northern Pacific system second on the list of American railways in the installation of the block system for the current

The new improvements will afford continuous signal protection over all the principal districts of heavy traffic from the eastern terminus at St. Paul through to the Pacific coast. Construction has already commenced and will be rushed forward to completion. The districts over which new block signal protection will be afforded will add 613.5 miles to that already in use and are as follows:

Minneapolis to Staples, Minn.; Livingston, Mont., to Logan, Mont.; Garrison to Dixon, Mont.; Spokane, Wash., to Pasco, Wash.; Pasco to Ellensburg, Wash.; and Seattle to Ta-

The block system being installed is the "telegraph block," a system found watisfactory on all lines now using it over long stretches.

# American Squadron is Out.

Manila, April 11.-The American vice consul at Singapore reports that a Russian fleet consisting of six battleships, six cruisers, six converted cruisers, eight torpedo hoat destroyers, on hospital ship, one repair ship and 16 colliers, have passed Singapore, headed this way The American cruiser Ralhomestead act. It is claimed that the eigh, the torpedo boat destroyers Barry and Chauncey and the supply ship General Alvarado, have been dispatched to patrol the west coast of Palawan island to enforce neutrality. other destroyers are preparing to sail.

Can't Convict for Deporting Miners-Cripple Creek, Col., April 11 .- District Attorney Clarence Hamlin today nolled the cases of the people against Nelson Franklin and 46 other prominto bring proceedings against the farm- ent citizens of Cripple Creek district who were charged with the deportation grain dealers, has been sentenced to of certain persons August 20 last and serve 90 days in th county jail for vio. prior to that time, and with looting union stores. Mr. Hamlin said the cases had already caused an expense of nearly \$5,000 and in his opinion there was small chance of convicting.

# Brands Officers as Cowards.

Gunshu Pass, April 11 —General Linievitch has pilloried a number of officers who displayed cowardice during out of camp.