FLOODS IN NORTH

White, Stuck and Green Rivers Drive Farmers From Homes.

SMALLER TOWNS UNDER WATER

Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads Tied Up-Three Lives Are Lost.

Seattle, Nov. 15 .- Floods in the White, Stuck and Green rivers, which began Tuesday night, have swept away miles of railroad trackage, inundated all the valley towns, rendered hundreds of farmers homeless and cost three lives up to date. Until the Western Union last night succeeded in getting a wire to Portland, Seattle was entirely cut off from the outside world by either railroad or telegraph lines. The telephone company kept up two lines, but this was the only means of communication Seattle has had.

The three men lost in the floods were drowned while fighting to break up log jams that threatened railroad and coun-

It will be two weeks before the ular train operations. The Great course. Northern is tied up for a shorter period, for trouble on that road is due to an avalanche of mud that swept out a portion of track.

Auburn, Kent, O'Brien, Renton, Oriellia and half a dozen smaller towns in the valleys of three rivers are under Residents of O'Brien were flee to the hills. At Kent a raging tor-Auburn will suffer extensive damages unless the waters recede immediately.

The 50 employes of the Denny Renton Clay works plant at Renton were cut off by the flood and had to remain cooped up in the warehouse until they could be rescued by boats.

FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Great National Agitation to Improve Waterways Everywhere.

A national congress of American commercial bodies interested in the development of internal waterways and harbor improvements will meet in Washington on the sixth and seventh of December. Oregon will be represented by a delegation from the Portland chamber of commerce.

The purpose of the congress is mainly to prevail upon the United States authorities to pass a measure calling for an appropriation of fifty millions annually for river and harbor improvement. Even should such a measure pass it would still be but a fraction of what other great nations are expending annually upon their waterways. The many sums of money, large and small, movement is a national expression of that were sent from different states to Farmers Do Not Produce Enough to the knowledge that water competition San Francisco for the relief of the sufis the one great cheapener of railroad freight rates—railways that compete ferers from the calamity never reached with rivers for traffic do not pay ex- the relief committee. Some of these

canalizing of a very insignificant stream so as to be available for flat bottomed the relief funds shall escape justice. canal boats, lowered the freight rates canalized stream carried but a small inally tampered with. percentage of the traffic upon which the water competition.

will discuss the improvement of the relief committee says it never received, Oregon and Washington waterways and and which the company says was delivthe removal of obstructing bars at the ered to the representative of the comentrances of the harbors and will seek mittee to whom it was addressed. The to impress upon the congress of the nation the importance of these improvements to the farming and mercantile lief contributions. It is said that in population.

Commend Teaching System. New York, Nov. 15 .- After two days' inspection, the English teachers who came here to study United States methods of education have discovered several good ideas which they intend to suggest to the authorities in England. They like our system of medical inspection, our law which requires children between the ages of 14 and 15 years to attend evening schools if they work in the daytime, our discipline, which they all describe as "easy," and certain features of our kindergarten work. More teachers will arrive this week.

General William G. Ely.

Norwich, Conn., Nov. 15 .- General William G. Ely died suddenly at his home here last night of heart trouble. He commanded the Eighteenth Connecticut volunteers in the Civil war, and was brevetted brigadier general at its MUCH DAMAGE REPORTED.

Floods in Oregon and Washington Destroy Homes and Bridges.

Castle Rock, Wash., Nov. 16. - The Cowlitz river has become a raging torrent, carrying houses, barns, logs and other drift down in the flood. Many but few belongings from their ruined homes and are temporarily quartered with friends on higher ground. The Northern Pacific bridge across the Cowlitz at Olequa is washed out.

The town of Castle Rock is in a state of chaos. Electric lights are out be-

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 16 .-After falling slightly the Yakima and Naches rivers are again rising and the five-horsepower is required to run the Action damage to property of all kinds is with the outside by rail is cut off. Every county bridge in the valley is

damage will be inestimable, as the best fruit orchards and some of the fin-Northern Pacific is able to resume reg- est homes in the valley lie direct in its a very much smaller scale, with high

Wenatchee, Wash., Nov. 16.-The flood still rages unabated. Added to company to put in another mill next the destruction by the rain and water, year. Other owners of mining property the wind is blowing. The damage done by the flood between Cashmere and Wenatchee, in the Wenatchee valley, compelled to abandon their homes and cannot be estimated at the present time, but it will be heavy. The Werent is running through the town and natchee and the Columbia rivers are higher than they have ever been before. The former is eight inches higher than its former record.

> Portland, Nov. 16 .- Streams throughout the state which have been swollen by the recent rain storms and the Chinook wind in the mountains are thought to have reached their highest point, and a half from the farms. Most of of October shows that the season's Willamette was stationary last night. It is probable that the river at Portland will commence to fall today. Exdanger from high water is thought to two weeks will be required to get all be over in Oregon.

RELIEF FUND IS LOOTED.

Money Sent Mayor Schmitz Is Not Accounted For.

San Francisco, Nov. 16 .- The Chroncle says today:

A new investigation is progressing in the course of developments in the local graft scandal. It now appears that one-sixth of those ruling where water agents have been making an investigacompetition is not a factor. It is told tion. President Roosevelt is the movof a cotton section in Texas that the ling spirit behind the inquiry, and he declares that no man guilty of diverting

The cases come within the jurisdicso radically as to make a saving to a tion of the Federal authorities because lars annually. As a matter of fact the service, which, it is alleged, was crim-

A considerable sum of money was althis large saving was effected, but the so sent through the express companies fact that the stream was available for and Wells-Fargo, which companies are traffic compelled the railways to meet now investigating the disappearance of \$10,580 sent in one package from the The Rivers and Harbors congress citizens of Searchlight, Nev., which the crime of forgery is said to be included

New Zealand Favors Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 16 .- The Canadian commission reports that substantial over those of the United States in the ments are to be made. new tariff adopted by New Zealand. On many classes the tariff on United States goods will be 20 or 30 per cent above that on Canadian goods. On bicycles, gas and oil engines, gum boots, printing paper, railways and tramways, printing paper, railways and trainways, \$10 each last Spring are selling for sail cloth, canvas, surgical and dental \$100 and finding a ready market at instruments United States products will that price. Activity in manufactur-

Washington, Nov. 16.-The total wealth of the country in 1904 was

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUCCESSFUL STAMP MILL.

STRIKE A RICH VEIN,

Activity in the lumbering business is

constantly on the increase, notwith-

standing the operators are unable to

move their products. The car shortage is seriously felt by the 18 mills in this

100 carloads on the docks, and is simply unable to secure cars. This is the case,

lowever, with all the mills. The lum-

matter, as the railroad company im-

the time it is spotted. The railroad

company, on the other hand, takes its

own time and pleasure to furnish cars. With about \$250,000 worth of lumber

cut and ready to move, the lumbermen

are hopeful that they will soon get re-lief. They are running full capacity and orders for more lumber are pouring

WORK OF HATCHERIES,

in All Coast Stations.

Ontario salmon hatchery 2,130,000

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Barley-Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$23.

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$116012

Fruits-Apples, common to choice, 25

@75c per box; choice to fancy, 75c@ \$1.50; grapes, \$1.40@1.65 crate; pears,

75c@\$1.25; eranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; per-

eauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 75

per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack;

earrots, 90c@ \$1 per sack; beets, \$1.25@

1.50 per sack; horseradish, 9@10e per.

Onions-Oregon, 75c@\$1 per hundred.

Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 8@9e per

pound; ordinary, 6@7e.

mmons, \$1.50 per box, Vegetables—Cabbage, 14@14c pound;

Rye-\$1.35@1.40 per cwt.

60%:61e.

per pound.

gray, \$23.50@24.

Salem-The report of Master Fish

families are homeless and have savep Five-Horsepower Plant Opens New Era Large and Well-Defined Ledge Discovin Mining Industry. ered at Cottage Grove,

La Grande-Assay returns have been Cottage Grove-A flattering find is received by the Aurelia company from reported from the Bohemia mining disconcentrates turned out on the trial run triet. It was made recently in the of the mill recently installed by that claim known as the Big Maud, owned by company on its mining property up the Colonel W. H. Blair. The ore is said Grand Ronde River. These assays show to be high-grade and the ledge is large cause of the flood. The town marshal values ranging from \$225 to \$250 to the and well defined. The usual degree of has closed the saloons to add to the ton, with a loss of about 15 per cent activity prevails throughout the camp, public safety. The people are meeting the situation in a philosophic way and are not becoming panic stricken.

In the waste. The recent ran of the wall and good results and Vesuvius are in more per ton, and when the machinery is placed in first-class working conditions, comploying large forces of men. The annual assessment work tion from 90 to 95 per cent of the valfor this year is nearly completed on the ues can be saved. large number of claims held by private

The mill installed is but small. Only crusher and other machinery, and but one man is needed to superintend the growing worse. All communication entire plant. Mining men are enthusiastic over the success of the mill, and believe this character of mill has solved the problem of how to handle the ore of under water and the city is isolated from the surrounding country.

The fears of the poeple are that the the up-river country ores could not be Naches river may change its course and worked with small capital; that not less come down the old river bed to the than \$50,000 or \$100,000 would be re-west of the city. If this happens the quired to install a suitable plant for the treatment of the ores found there.

The trial of the Aurelia company has percentage of profits, or even higher, to the ton than with heavy stamp machinery. It is the intention of the Aurelia in the same district will follow their example.

SUGAR OUTPUT IS LARGE.

in, and if cars are not furnished soon they will be compelled to close their La Grande Factory Will Turn Out Over plants. 50,000 Sacks.

La Grande-The new track of the Central Railway has reached the Hunt grade opposite Cone, and a spur for loading beets has been put in. This Beason's Work Has Been Batisfactory reduces the hauling distance from the Cone beet fields materially, as the end of the track is now about three miles Warden H. G. Van Dusen for the month Some have commenced to fall and the the Cone beets remain to be delivered work has been satisfactory in all Coast and the harvest in that locality has stream hatcheries, but not so good in been postponed as long as possible, the hatcheries on tributaries of the Co-awaiting railroad facilities. Superin-lumbia. Regarding hatchery operacept along the lower Columbia, the tendent Barnwell says that ten days or tions the report says:

The factory has been running most through with the work of collecting satisfactorily, without a hitch or halt, chinook salmon spawn at our different addition to the fine output of beat the salmon to spawn at our different addition to the fine output of beat the salmon spawn at our different addition to the fine output of beat the salmon spawn at our different addition to the fine output of beat the salmon spawn at our different addition to the fine output of beat the salmon to spawn at Ontario, we are addition to the fine output of beets, the River, and from reports received the sugar percenage is higher this year following collections have been made: than ever before. It is estimated that the sugar output this season will be Salmon River hatchery 875,000 between 50,000 and 60,000 sacks, or McKenzie River hatchery sta-

from 250 to 300 cars, The factory will probably run four

HAY SHORTAGE ON COOS BAY.

Supply Local Market.

travagant dividends upon watered stock. amounts, which aggregated a large Marshfield is something like carrying In those sections of the country sum, were mailed to the care of Mayor boat that comes here from Portland wherein the railroads are compelled to Schmitz. F. J. Heney, Detective Willands a quantity of hay. Around Cocarry freight in competition with river craft the rates are from one-third to liam Burns and about 100 government quille some hay is grown for the market but it costs nearly as much to ket, but it costs nearly as much to bring hay from that point to Marshfield, a distance of 15 miles, as it does to bring it from Portland. If the hay is consigned to North Bend it must be transferred from the cars to boats at Marshfield, and that costs \$1 a ton exso radically as to make a saving to a tion of the Federal authorities because tra. Valley grass hay can be pursuall community of three million dol. of the interstate character of the postal chased in Portland for \$9 a ton, and it costs \$3 a ton for freight. This hay retails for \$13 a ton. There is no clean timothy or clover hay to be had here at any price and Oregon grass is

On the bottom lands in Coos County four and five tons an acre of oat hay can be raised, and clover and timothy grow well on the rich bench lands.

Organize a Water Company.

Organize a Water Company. | ach, 4@5c per pound; tomatoes, 30@50c La Grande—Articles of incorporation per box; paraley, 10@15c; squash, 14c have been filed for the Mill Creek Water Company, with a capital stock of in the offense of the raiders of the re- \$12,500. La Grande will be the principal place of business. The incorporthe aggregate the stealings will amount ators are George Krieger, Ambroso to \$1,000,000. Wright and August Bahrens. The object is to appropriate 1000 inches of water from Mill Creek, above Summerville, to be used for irrigation and other purposes. The incorporators have re-cently become interested in large tracts preferences are given to Canadian goods of land and some extensive improve-

Bandon Enjoys Prosperity.

Bandon-Bandon is enjoying something of a real estate boom, and lots that might have been purchased for 15c be taxed a duty of 20 per cent while ing accounts for the boom. The salmon cannery, broom-handle factory, wood-pipe plant, brewery, match factory and foundry are running full time and the Bandon woolen mills are running day and night to keep up with or-The shingle mills are running to

Federal Authorities Take Cognizance of Action of Standard Oil.

GRABBING UP OIL LAND.

San Francisco, Nov. 14 .- The Call eral circles yesterday that recent locations of land in Kern county by agents of the Standard Oil company have been made the subject of investigation by government officials. As a result it is asserted andictments will follow. The land was taken up by the petroleum combine, ostensibly for the gypsum deposits, but in reality for oil purposes. That the character of the land had been carefully studied is shown by the fact that a flowing oil well has already been developed.

The inquiry is being made through the office of United States Attorney Devlin, of San Francisco. Federal agents have been at work for several weeks in Kern county. From their preliminary reports it is believed that the manner in which the land was secured will warrant indictments on the part of the Federal grand jury.

locality. One company alone has about The information secured by these agents will be placed in the hands of United States Attorney Robert T. Devbermen are advocating the enactment of a law making it a penalty for a rail-read company when it fails to furnish cars within a specified time after the order is placed. They contend that they are not dealt with fairly in the lin, who in turn will forward it to Washington to the attorney general.

SELL NO MORE ALASKA COAL.

Government Stops Sale Pending Acposes a demurrage of \$1 a day when a car is not loaded within 48 hours after tion on Leasing Bill,

Washington, Nov. 14 .- The secretary of the interior today issued a general order withdrawing from entry all publie coal lands in Alaska. How much land it affected no one knows; indeed, no specific tracts could be withdrawn, as Alaska is still unsurveyed and the extent of its coal deposits unknown. But this general order will shut off all entries of land known to contain coal. It is issued in line with the policy receently adopted in the states, and will prevent wealthy corporations from corpering Alaska's coal resources.

It is probable that further efforts will be made to secure legislation repealing the coal land law and substituting a law which authorizes the government to lease its coal lands.

A tract of 1,700 acres north of Valapart as a rifle range for the use of troops at Fort Liscum.

PLANTERS SHORT OF LABOR.

Cuban Sugar Men Ask Magoon to Aid Immigration.

Havana, Nov. 14.—Certain members of the Agrarian league, which is comosed of prominent planters, accomthe probable scarcity of labor in the of Auburn, Pat Clance and John Viele, handling of the maturing sugar crop. ranchers of Orillia, and two loggers whose names are unknown. None of North Bend-Bringing hay from the Wheat-Export basis: Club, 63@64c; The planters urged the necessity of the bodies have yet been recovered. Willamette Valley to North Bend and bluestem, 66@67e; Valley, 66e; red, making use of the \$1,000,000 appro- From Tacoma come rumors of several Outs_No. 1 white, \$24.50@25.50; the stimulation of immigration, and but the reports are so far unverified. pointed out that Cuba was suffering severely from the competition of other nations seeking immigration and the importation of labor to Panama.

Corn-Whole, \$25.50; cracked, \$26.50 The next sugar crop promises to be Chief Engineer Mackenzie Recomvery large, and the planters, expressed per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$1469 grave fears that the present labor sup-16; clover, \$7@8; cheat, \$7.50@8.50; grain hay, \$7.50@8.50; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$7@7.50. ply would be insufficient to handle it.

The governor arranged to hold further conferences with the planters.

Nearly Twenty Missing.

the dead and missing in the wreck of He says that, in addition to the \$1. the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. lits contains 30 names, and it is believ. authorize a continuing contract to the ed nearly 20 are yet to be obtained. It extent of \$1,450,000 additional. He crate; lettuce, head, 20e per dozen; onions, 10@12je per dozen; bell pep-pers, 5c; pumpkins, 1je per pound; spinwill be several days before the coroner can return a verdict. The freight crew plete the south jetty. insists that the first section carried no lights, but the train sheet of the operator at Suman indicates that green lights were displayed. As the charred bodies are taken from the wreck they pound; sweet potatoes, 2@2is per are being labeled and sent to the under-

Allows No Silver Exports.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, 85@90c; common, 60@75c. Lima, Peru, Nov. 14.- Although Butter-Funcy creamery, 25@271c Eggs-Oregon ranch, 33@35c per Poultry-Average old hens, 12@13e per pound; mixed chickens, 12@124e; Furthermore, the authorities are search- From the same source came the an-Spring, 12@13c; old roosters, 9@10c; ing the baggage of passengers leaving nouncement that he will also give up dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, the country, and all silver coin in ex-16@17je; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21@ 22je; geese, live, 9@9je; ducks, 14@ coss of 10 sols is being seized. The his family to Albany. price of silver in Pera is advancing, Veal—Dressed, 54@84c per pound, Beef — Dressed bulls, 2@24c per bound; cows, 4@5c; country steers, 5@ gress to discuss action in the premises.

More Boers on Warpath.

Pork Dressed, 6@8c per pound, Hops-1906, choice, 15@16c; prime, 13@14c; medium, 12@124c per pound; Cape Town, Nov. 14 .- According to the latest information received here,

DAMAGE ENORMOUS

today says: It became known in Fed- Loss From Flood On Puget Sound Over \$1,000,000.

CROPS IN GROUND ARE RUINED

Railroads Lose Most Heavily and tha Farmers Come Next-Lumbermen Lose Logs and Bolts.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17 .- The floods in the great river valleys south of Seattle, at their height yesterday morning, are today subsiding. In the central part of the White River country about the towns of Kent and Auburn, dev. land is appearing and the people, driven to the surrounding high land for refuge, are returning to their homes. The outpouring waters maintain a high level, at the mouth of the Duwamish on the north and the month of the Payallup on the south where they are backed up by the tide.

The property less will be heavy, probably exceeding \$1,000,000. The destruction of the Northern Pacific rails way grades and trackage involves a oss of \$300,000. The Interurban electric road between Scattle and Tacoma will have to spend \$100,000 for repairs, and the individual losses of farmers and dairymen make up the remainder. The loss of live stock is not as heavy as at first feared, being probably within \$50,000. The less on crops still in ground and in cellars and barns in about \$300,000.

Hundreds of houses and barns were swept from their foundations, but comparatively few were actually broken up or carried any great distance. The damage to furnishings in homes and merchandise in stores by the water formed the heaviest item of loss.

Floods in the White, Green and Stuck River valleys are subsiding rapidly, but the Dawamish river, whose waters empty into Poget sound at this place, is a mighty lake, four miles wide by 12 in length, backed up and held in leash by the tide from the sound. When that goes out late tonight, great havor is looked for from lez, Alaska, lying on the glacial flats the pent-up waters. A similar condibelow the Valdez glacier, has been set tion exists at the mouth of the Puyal-

lup at Tacoma The floods found the city already short of coal and temporarily cut off from access to all sources of supply. The great water power plants of the ompany providing electric power and light were flooded out of use, and the street car and lighting service of the city depends on the meager supply of coal in the local bins of the big com-

panied by a number of steamship rectly attributable to the floods have So far as known, but five deaths diagents, held a conference with Gover- occurred north of the Stuck rivernor Magoon today on the question of These were F. W. Kallmer, a logger oristed by the late Cuban congress for deaths near the mouth of the Puyallup,

FINISH SOUTH JETTY.

mends Continuing Contract.

Washington, Nov. 17, - In his estinates submitted to the secretary of War, General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, adds for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Columbia river jetty. In his annual report, however, he La Porte, Ind., Nov. 14 .- Coroner points out the necessity for continuous Carson has received no complete list of work on the jetty until it is completed, The 000,000 appropriated, congress should estimates that \$2,000,000 will com-

If General Mackenzie's recommendation is carried out, \$1,000,000 will be inserted in the river and harbor bill this winter and the remaining \$1,450,-000 will be carried in the sundry civit bill passed at the first session of the next congress.

Quits Law to Serve People.

New York, Nov. 17 .- Governor elect there exists no law to the contrary, the | Charles E. Hughes, who returned last government today refused to allow a night from a brief vacation, will, aclocal firm of bankers to ship 12,000 sil- cording to statements made by his ver sols (about \$60,000) to London. friends, retire altogether from the law. Mr. Hughes, it is stated, has told his friends that he and the ministry of finance has been intends to devote the next two years in conference with local bankers, finan-exclusively to being governor, and he exclusively to being governor, and he ciers, merchants and members of con- believes that he can do this best by severing all professional connections.

Terrorists Rob Railroad Safe.

Warsaw, Nov. 17 .- A band of terrorists attacked the Vistula railroad depotthe colony has been invaded by two at Suchedniow this morning, killed a \$106,881,415,000, according to figures issued by the census bureau today. In 1890 the total wealth was \$65,037,091,1897; in 1900, \$88,528,348,798.

ders. The shingle mills are running to the running to their full capacity, and the Cody Lumber Oregon average best, new parties of Boer freebooters in addition to the men operating under Fertage with a small sum of money, will have a capacity of 75,000 feet a age; Valley, 20@21c, according to fine reira. The police have had an ineffect-ness; Mohair, choice, 26@28c.

197; in 1900, \$88,528,348,798.