

WRECK ON O. R. & N.

Sinking Fill Near Cayuse Casts Train into Ditch.

CARS BREAK LIKE EGG SHELLS

Four Persons Killed, Four Seriously Injured and More Than Score Badly Hurt.

Pendleton, April 11.—Four persons were instantly killed, four seriously injured and more than a score of others cut, bruised and badly shaken up in the worst wreck in the history of the O. R. & N., which occurred yesterday morning about 3:30 o'clock near Cayuse station, about 15 miles east of this city, just at the foot of the Blue mountains. The monster engine turned a complete somersault in the air, and now, completely wrecked, is standing on end in the Umatilla river. The mail car, two baggage cars and a smoker are piled in a heap, the former being smashed into kindling wood.

No passenger coaches with the exception of the smoker left the track, though passengers were hurled from their seats and berths, many of them receiving severe cuts and bruises. The smoker was left standing nearly on end and the occupants were thrown in a heap to the front end of the car, which was crushed in like an egg shell. Why many of them were not instantly killed and all seriously mangled cannot be explained by the trainmen.

The train was passenger No. 5, in charge of Conductor Coykendall, four hours late and moving at a slow speed, which accounts for the small number of passengers injured. The wreck was caused by a fill across the gulch giving way under the weight of the engine.

COMING IN DROVES.

Thousands of Homeseekers Flocking Westward Daily.

Portland, April 11.—After making a careful estimate of the colonist business coming West, A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, who has just returned from the East, estimates that between 5,000 and 7,000 homeseekers are leaving the Eastern gateways daily and that this tremendous movement will continue during the season.

Mr. Charlton paid particular attention to the colonist movement while away. He personally visited the depots, where crowds of west bound homeseekers are flocking to the trains and crowding the coaches. Many, not finding seats, are even willing to stand, so eager are they to get to the new promised land.

The Northern Pacific, according to Mr. Charlton, is hauling between 2,500 and 3,000 colonists out of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth every day. The Great Northern and "Soo" lines, of course, takes a great many more. Taking the southern gateways into consideration, Mr. Charlton believes that the total number leaving for the West with the avowed intention of making their homes here will run close to 7,000 every day of the 60-day season.

JUDGE BOISE DEAD.

One of Oregon's Ablest Jurists and Pioneer of Coast.

Salem, April 11.—Judge Reuben Patrick Boise, one of the earliest pioneers, ablest jurists, founders of the fundamental laws, and moulders of the destiny of the state of Oregon, passed away at his old home in this city shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His malady was a combination of stomach and kidney trouble. He had reached the advanced age of 87 years, 9 months and 22 days.

There was perhaps no better known and prominent man in the public mind of the state of Oregon or the Pacific Northwest than Judge Boise. He was one of the three who framed the first code of laws of the Oregon territory; one of the few surviving members of the constitutional convention of the state.

Try to Kill Grand Duke.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—It was announced today that another attempt on the life of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch had been frustrated. The grand duke was returning from Tsarskoe-Selo by train at 2 o'clock this morning. When the train was 13 miles from St. Petersburg it was brought to a sudden stop by a fusillade of shots from the track side. The entry said he had seen four men hiding behind an embankment. The men succeeded in getting away, though several shots were fired at them.

Drouth Kills Cuban Cattle.

Havana, April 11.—The rural guards report the death of hundreds of cattle throughout the island as a result of the continued drouth. Cuba has not had a good rain since the October cyclone and the crops are suffering.

REDUCE HARRIMAN POWERS.

Union Pacific Directors Believe He Has Too Great Control.

New York, April 12.—Some of the directors of the Union Pacific railroad favor a material reduction of the extraordinary powers conferred upon its president, Edward H. Harriman, which make the company a one-man affair.

At present the executive committee has all the powers of the directors when the latter are not in session, and Mr. Harriman has all the powers of the executive committee when that body is not in session. In other words, Mr. Harriman can do as he pleases, except for the few minutes once a week or once a month, when the committee is in session.

He has a power of attorney and could sell the millions upon millions of the securities of other roads owned by the Union Pacific at what price he pleased, or he could hypothecate securities, borrow tens of millions upon them from banks and engage in stock market operations on a colossal scale.

In the hope of appeasing the Union Pacific stockholders and eliminating the public distrust in the securities of the Harriman roads, it is proposed to put some new blood in the executive committee, reorganize the body and adopt resolutions taking away from Mr. Harriman some of the powers which have provoked so much criticism.

GIVE GOOD REPORT.

Congressmen Say Work on Canal Is Progressing Rapidly.

Washington, April 12.—Chairman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriations and Representative Olcott, who have recently returned from a visit to the isthmus of Panama, today discussed with the president conditions as they found them. Mr. Tawney is favorably impressed with the progress being made in the canal work, and told the president he thought that at the present rate the waterway should be completed in five years.

He said he regarded it as unfortunate that the engineering world had been representing to the people that an almost impossible engineering problem confronted it. The principal conditions now to be met, he said, were those of sufficient railroad capacity to take care of the dirt excavated, and sanitation with the view to keeping the place in a good, healthful condition.

Mr. Tawney also discussed with the president questions affecting congressional appropriations for canal work, and it is likely some legislation bearing on the subject, will be recommended to congress as the result of the visit to the isthmus.

PREMIER DEFIED BY PUBLIC.

Questions Authority to Forbid Gathering of Statistics.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—Premier Stolypin, in attempting to limit the competence of the lower house of parliament by forbidding its committees to obtain statistics from the Zemstvos and avail themselves of outside expert advice, has been defied by the public. President Golovin had written a curt letter to the premier asking him, on what grounds and under what law he is entitled to address such demands to the imperial parliament. The law, M. Golovin says, contains a paragraph authorizing the lower house of parliament to interpellate the government but nowhere was there a reciprocal right on the part of the ministers.

The actions of President Golovin and the budget committee were taken after a long conference between the president and leaders of all the parties in parliament except the extreme right, and brings the issue squarely before the cabinet.

The discussion of the budget in committee is expected to last from four to six weeks. The estimates probably will be accepted, with minor changes by the house, when presented.

Obey Colorado Laws.

Denver, April 12.—Insurance Commissioner Bittenhouse, who has been in Indianapolis for several days conferring with the officials of the State Life Insurance company, of Indiana, whose license to do business in this state was revoked recently, telegraphed State Auditor Statler yesterday to issue a new license to the company, which was done. The company agreed to abandon its plan of issuing stock to policyholders, which was construed as a violation of the state law, resulting in their permit being cancelled.

Navy to Have Four Bases.

Shanghai, April 12.—It is said the organized navy of China is to have four bases, one on Chang Chow island, one in the Miao Tao group, a third in the Chusan archipelago and a fourth on Hainan island. The scheme involves the outfit of 12,000,000 taels annually for the construction of new moderate sized armored cruisers, a number of torpedo boats and a dozen submarines.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

MOSTLY SPRING GRAIN.

Dry Fall in Wasco Prevents Seeding of Usual Acreage.

The Dalles—Farmers from the interior of Wasco county say it is still too early to predict with any degree of certainty, what will be the prospect for this year's crops. The season is about three weeks late, and the rain, which has fallen to the depth of 1.5 inches since April 1, has greatly interfered with plowing and seeding. From farmers in different parts of the county, it is learned that there is more moisture in the ground now than for a number of years past. On account of the lack of moisture last year, a small proportion of the acreage was sown to fall grain, probably not more than 25 per cent. The grain that was sown, however, came through the winter in splendid shape, the heavy snowfall making a good protection. As soon as the ground settles enough to begin, work will be pushed forward with great rapidity in order to make up for the lateness of the season.

SALEM TO HAVE HORSE FAIR

Growing Demand Creates New Interest Among Stockmen.

Salem—The horse shows held at Stayton and Woodburn recently were so successful and so great has the interest in horses become throughout this county that Secretary Frank Welch, of the state board of agriculture, has called a meeting of horsemen to be held here to prepare plans for an exhibition horse fair to be held in this city soon.

On account of the market advance in prices and the demand for fine horses, which are very scarce on account of Eastern buyers having secured the county and taken out so many, a premium fund will be inaugurated and every horseman and those interested in horses will be asked to contribute something to the fund. In this way prizes can be offered.

At the meeting a soliciting committee will be named to undertake the work.

Rains Delay Seeding.

Pendleton—As a result of the rainy weather that has prevailed all over this section during the greater part of the spring it has been difficult for farmers to get spring work done as early as usual. Under ordinary conditions practically all of the spring seeding is done by the middle of April, but much land meant for spring grain this year is yet unsown. To make the situation worse, there is more than the usual amount of spring grain to be sown this year, because of the dry weather during the early fall, and some of those who seeded in the late fall met disaster because cold weather kept the wheat from germinating. Consequently the latter have to reseed now. However, the only re-seeding of consequence is in the northwestern part of the county, where more late sowing was done than on the reservation.

Fruit Commissioners Named.

Salem—At the meeting of the state horticultural board the following appointments were announced for the next term of four years: Judd Geer, of Cove, to succeed himself from the Fifth district; C. A. Parks, of Salem, appointed to succeed himself from the Second district. There are yet two candidates for the third appointment, which has not been decided upon. They are A. H. Sechler and R. H. Webber, of The Dalles. It is thought possible Webber will be reappointed.

Newport Hotels Filling Up.

Newport—Newport has begun to entertain her usual summer visitors. Her hotels, boarding houses and cottages are well filled with visitors. The open air band concerts twice a week, masquerades, dancing parties, bowling contests, roller skating, lawn tennis and whist parties furnish ample opportunity for amusement. The fishing and hunting are good and the beach is literally piled high with beautiful and precious stones.

Work Must Be Done Over.

Albany—Members of the State Grange who have been circulating petitions asking for a referendum vote on the University of Oregon appropriation bill have worked in vain. It has been discovered that an error was made in preparing the form for the petitions and which renders them worthless. Several hundred names have been signed to these petitions and the work of several days has come to naught.

Cove Fruit Outlook.

Cove—The prospects for a heavy crop of fruit from this section of the Grand Ronde were never brighter at this time of year, and the outlook for easy and rapid shipment was never before so good, even in the minds of the doubters, as the Central Railway company assures shippers it will be ready to lift the strawberry crop in June.

BUY SACKS DIRECT.

Inland Association Cuts Out Middlemen's Profit on Big Order.

Pendleton—C. A. Barrett, president of the Inland Wheatgrowers' association, announced a few days ago that he had just purchased for the association 250,000 sacks from Koshland Bros., of San Francisco, and 75,000 from a Portland firm. The exact price paid was not given out, but under the contract which the association has with the farmers, the sacks are not to cost more than 9 1/2 cents delivered in carload lots to the different stations in this and Morrow county.

The present quotations from the local grainbuyers who have heretofore supplied the local market is 10 1/2 cents. About two and a half million sacks are used in this county annually, more than one million of which have now been purchased by the association for this year, and applications for more are coming in daily.

This is the first attempt the grain growers have made to cut out the profits of the middlemen, and so far it seems to have been successful.

Governor Names E. L. Smith.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed E. L. Smith, of Hood River, to act as Oregon's official representative in opening the Jamestown exposition. Upon his shoulders will devolve the important duty of being present at the inaugural ceremonies of the fair, and he will present on behalf of the state the governor's formal announcement of the state's representation, if he does not attend himself, and Mr. Smith will also be the state's official guide through the departments of exhibits and will take care of the correspondence from Oregon people and see that they are properly treated while there.

Incorporate Fruit Farm.

Eugene—A stock company capitalized at \$20,000 has been formed in Eugene for the purpose of growing fruits, owning lands, buildings and operating canneries. The members of the company are W. G. Allen of the Allen Canning & Packing company, P. E. Snodgrass, cashier of the Eugene First National bank, and F. L. Chambers of the Chambers-Bristow Banking company.

Beautifying Fair Grounds.

Salem—Secretary Welch, of the State Agricultural board, has announced his intention to beautify the fair grounds this year with flowers in a manner that has never been equaled in the 47 years that state fairs have been held here. He has conferred with the other members of the board and they have practically given him carte blanche in the matter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club 73¢@74¢; bluestem, 75¢@77¢; valley, 70¢@71¢; red, 71¢@72¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$28¢@29.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; chest, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10.

Apples—Common, 75¢@81.25 per box; choice, \$1.50@2.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7¢@8¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1 per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35¢@45¢ per dozen; sprouts, 9¢; radishes, 25¢ per dozen; asparagus, 13¢@15¢ per pound; rhubarb, 6¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$3.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.40@1.65; extra fancy, \$1.75; No. 1 choice, \$1.25@1.40.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2¢ per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 33 1/2¢ per pound; second grade cream, 3¢ less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15¢@16¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 14 1/2¢@15¢; spring fryers and broilers, 20¢@22 1/2¢; old roosters, 10¢@12¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 13¢@15¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 1/2¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢; ducks, 16¢@18¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19¢@20¢ per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2¢@8 1/2¢ per pound.

Beef—Dressed bull, 3¢@3 1/2¢ per pound; cows, 5¢@6¢; country steers, 6¢@7¢.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10¢@10 1/2¢ per pound; ordinary, 8¢@9¢; spring lambs, with pelt, 12 1/2¢@13¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound.

Hops—8¢@11¢ per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13¢@18¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20¢@22, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28¢@30¢ per pound.

HERMANN FLOUNDERS.

Testimony While on the Stand Makes a Poor Showing.

Washington, April 10.—Binger Hermann literally went to pieces yesterday afternoon when subjected to cross examination by District Attorney Baker.

Where previously he had been calm and suave, though sometimes evasive, he frequently exhibited temper, when pressed with embarrassing questions, and repeatedly avoided giving direct answers to questions put to him by the prosecuting officer. When pinned down he made several reluctant admissions that reflected anything but credit upon him. At other times, though confronted with documentary evidence showing that the district attorney styled violations of the law upon his part, Hermann repeatedly denied all guilt and undertook to explain away transactions which involved him in various land deals. The most pitiable feature of Hermann's explanations was that they did not explain.

Altogether Hermann showed up in an extremely bad light. Unless he improves when the bulk of the cross examination is conducted, it is evident he will have done his cause more injury than good by going upon the stand.

Hermann was asked if he had recommended Mays' appointment as district attorney. He had no recollection of taking such action. When the document was produced showing a joint recommendation of Mays, signed by Mitchell, Dolph and Hermann, the witness vividly recalled the circumstances.

MAKE HARRIMAN ANSWER.

Commerce Commission Will Ask for Order From Court.

Washington, April 10.—According to a decision reached by the Interstate Commerce commission today, E. H. Harriman will be made to appear in the United States Circuit court in New York in answer to proceedings to compel him to answer certain questions which he refused to answer when he was on the stand at the recent hearing by the commission in New York. The action will be brought as soon as Messrs. Kellogg and Severance, special counsel, can prepare the case for court.

The hearing at which Mr. Harriman appeared was in connection with certain transactions of the Union Pacific. On advice of counsel he refused to answer the questions put to him. It was brought out in the testimony that the Union Pacific owned a large amount of Southern Pacific stock. Mr. Harriman was asked whether any and, if so, how much of that stock belonged to himself, when he bought it and what price he paid for it, but he declined to answer.

Another question which he refused to answer and that on which the commission desires light was whether or not any of the directors of the Union Pacific were interested in the sale of certain shares of stock of the New York Central railroad at the time they were sold to the Union Pacific.

DAY SPENT IN CONFERENCE.

Nicaragua Makes Counter Proposition to Salvador and Guatemala.

Washington, April 10.—A day of conference between the Central American representatives here in their efforts to reach a basis for peace had no marked results. Having deciphered the cable response from his own government to the propositions submitted to him yesterday by the representatives of Salvador and Guatemala, Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, called today upon Senor Creel, the Mexican ambassador, who had taken the part of mediator, and acquainted him with President Zelaya's answer. This made necessary further conference, which fact was taken as an indication that the Nicaraguan response was in the nature of a counter proposition.

Messrs. Corea and Creel then repaired to the State department to confer with Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon. This conference also advanced matters only so far as to pave the way for another conference, which was held late in the afternoon between Messrs. Creel and Corea and Herrante and Mejia, the latter two representing Guatemala and Salvador, respectively.

Standard's Rival Indicted.

Topeka, Kan., April 10.—H. H. Tucker, Jr., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, with headquarters in Kansas City, was indicted by the Federal grand jury this morning on the charge of using the mails to defraud. His arrest at Kansas City, Kan., followed a writ of capias having been issued. The penalty on conviction may be either a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years. In February, 1905, Mr. Tucker organized the Uncle Sam Oil & Refinery company and incorporated under the Arizona law.

Texas to Close Bucket Shops.

Austin, Tex., April 10.—Both branches of the Texas legislature today passed a bill prohibiting the operation of bucketshops, cotton exchanges or any dealings in futures in Texas.

FOR OREGON CLAIMS

Commissioner Ballinger to Rust Action on Land Patents.

GREAT WRONG HAS BEEN DONE

Assures Senator Bourne That No More Claims Will Be Held Up on Mere Suspicion.

Washington, April 13.—Land Commissioner Ballinger today assured Senator Bourne of his intention of "raising the lid" in Oregon, meaning that he intended to take up and pass all valid public and entries that have long been under suspension in that state.

A great many entries were held up by the old administration on mere suspicion that there was something crooked about them. There was no actual evidence of wrongdoing or wrong intent on the part of those entries. Mr. Ballinger will pass to patent every Oregon entry which, upon examination, appears to be made in good faith, and those entries that are irregular or show evidence of fraud will be examined as promptly as possible and appropriate action taken.

Mr. Ballinger agrees with Mr. Bourne that Oregon has suffered unjustly in late years, and he is willing to do everything in his power to place the state on the same footing with all others. He has hopes of disposing of all pending entries during the coming summer, and it is his expectation that a great many will pass to patent in the near future.

The commissioner is rapidly putting the land office on a sound business basis, he himself working until midnight every night at reorganization. He is determined to make the land office a thorough business institution and bring its work up to date.

DOLLAR SAVES A LIFE.

America Urged to Give \$3,000,000 for Chinese Sufferers.

Shanghai, China, April 13.—Telegrams received here from 20 points in the famine district reported that the conditions are growing worse. The Chinese government and people, up to date, have contributed more than four million dollars for famine relief, and the sums received from all foreign sources total half a million dollars, including the supplies on their way to America.

The relief committee here is promptly sending supplies to the front, but the funds are not yet in its possession. Measures adopted up to date are inadequate. Ten million persons are suffering from lack of food and facing starvation.

A dollar, the relief committee reports, will save one life until the harvest, June 25, and \$10,000,000 is needed. The whole amount cannot be raised in China. The situation is desperate, and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks, not for Christian, but for humanitarian works. It is suggested that it would be best to cable money to the consul here, James Linn Rodgers, as supplies can be purchased in Shanghai.

SANTA FE MUST STAND TRIAL.

Judge Welborn Declines to Quash Indictments for Rebating.

Los Angeles, April 13.—In a lengthy verbal opinion, Judge Olin Welborn, in the United States District court, declined to quash the indictments against the Santa Fe Railroad company for alleged rebating, and the company must stand trial upon 65 separate counts. Judge Welborn's opinion reaffirmed the doctrine set forth in the American Tobacco company case, that a corporation is not a person, as defined in the fourth and fifth amendments to the constitution of the United States, and may be compelled to give testimony tending to incriminate itself.

Judge Welborn gave the defendants permission to file a demurrer, if they desire to do so, by April 22.

Buy Off Canadian Sealers.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, in the senate today, read a cable dispatch from Great Britain saying that an agreement had been reached between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, whereby Canada agreed to give up deep sea sealing rights for a monetary consideration. Mr. Scott said in reply that, as far as the Canadian government knew, nothing had been done toward abrogating the agreement made two or three years ago as to the seal fishery.

Smuggled Japanese Caught.

El Paso, April 13.—Inspector Shumacker, in charge of the immigration office here, received a telegram today telling of the capture of eight smuggled Japanese. Five were caught at Fort Worth, one at Pecos and two at Albuquerque. They had escaped across the border east and west of the station.