

RIVER BOAT BURNS

Explosion on J. N. Teal Results In Loss of Two Lives.

ANOTHER BOAT TO PUT ON RUN

Connected With Portage Road at Celilo to Handle Traffic of Upper Columbia.

Portland, Oct. 24.—In a fire that followed an explosion on the Open River Transportation company's steamer J. N. Teal, at the foot of Oak street, at 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Amanda E. Jackson and James Collins were incinerated, Jack Hasley was seriously burned and the vessel's superstructure was totally destroyed. Whether the accident was caused by the explosion of an oil burner or of one of the boilers is in doubt. An official investigation will be started by the United States inspectors to determine the facts.

The steamer was practically new, having been launched the latter part of May. On June 20 she was placed in commission between Portland and the state portage road at Celilo, connecting with the steamer Relief, which was operating on the upper stretches of the Columbia. During the 4½ months the craft had been in service she never missed a trip. She completed three round trips a week. It is declared that no other boat on the river ever ran more steadily than she, and this is the first accident the boat ever experienced. Though not regarded as an unusually speedy boat, she succeeded in maintaining an average speed of about 15 miles an hour.

Aside from carrying general freight both up and down, the steamer handled a large number of passengers. Primarily she was built for the purpose of getting an independent steamer line established and to add to it as occasion demanded, with the view of having water transportation facilities as far inland as Lewiston, Idaho. The slogan of the company was an "open river," hence the name chosen for the corporation.

Of late the major portion of her cargoes on the down trips have been made up of wheat. The Relief, running from Celilo, or the upper terminus of the portage road, brought grain on the down trips almost altogether and managed to keep enough of the cereal at the portage to keep the Teal busy in connection with the other line of freight she handled. Joseph N. Teal, secretary of the company, states that the Relief will be kept in service.

Before too great a quantity of freight accumulates at the portage he is confident that another boat to handle the traffic at this end of the line will be chartered.

EMPRESS OF CHINA SINKS.

Crack Oriental Liner Resting on Mud at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 24.—The Canadian Pacific Railway company's crack Oriental liner, Empress of China, sank last evening alongside her dock in this port. Her seacocks must have been opened, but how, no one can explain.

Her main deck on the port side is awash with several feet of water. She sank and keeled over on her port side, so that the main deck is now at an angle of about 45 degrees. Her engines and dynamos are entirely under water. She is resting on a mud bottom, but the problem in saving her will be that of fighting the vessel and preventing her from completely turning turtle.

Just after 6 o'clock the steward noticed that the water was coming in over a lower deck. All day the liner had been loading flour, 500 or 600 tons of which is now being slowly turned into paste in the watery hold. Instantly the steward gave the alarm. Officers at dinner hurried to their stations as the big vessel began to list. All hands manned the pumps, but it was too late to save her from sinking and soon every person was ordered ashore.

Will Pound to Bits.

Crescent City, Cal., Oct. 24.—The stranded British steamer Queen Christina lies in the same position she took when she ran aground last week. The sea continues running smooth and the upper deck has been dry ever since the accident. It is the opinion of local seafaring men that the first heavy storm will pound the vessel to pieces. There is no chance to salvage the heavy articles aboard from seaward, as it is too late in the season and because there are too many sunken rocks around the steamer.

Ruef Sentence Postponed.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—Judge Dunne yesterday postponed the trial of Abe Ruef on the four charges of extortion for two weeks. Ruef was also given two weeks' respite before being sentenced on the extortion charge, to which he confessed.

HIS MEMORY REFRESHED.

Gallagher Confirms Confession and Says Ruef Expected Immunity.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—When the Ford bribery trial was resumed yesterday the cross examination of ex-Supervisor James L. Gallagher was continued by Earl Rogers, for the defense, who laid stress on the meetings of the witness with Rudolph Spreckels at the Presidio when the promises of immunity were alleged to have been made. Gallagher said he understood that Ruef also could have immunity if he would testify. Mr. Heney protested at attempts of Mr. Rogers to confuse the witness by testing his memory, but Judge Lawlor allowed the examination to proceed.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Heney, while re-directly examining Gallagher, called to the counsel table Miss Ella Coldot, the grand jury's stenographer, and from her procured the shorthand notes of Gallagher's confession to Messrs. Spreckels, Heney and Langdon, made in the latter's apartments, and in consideration of which the witness gained his immunity contract. Gallagher identified his signature to these notes.

The prosecution called ex-Supervisor John J. Furey, now a saloon keeper. The offer of his testimony marked the commencement of introduction of "evidence of similar offenses," the court overruling the objection by the defense to this class of testimony. Furey told the story of his acceptance of a bribe of \$4,000 from Abe Ruef through Gallagher for his vote in favor of the United Railroads trolley franchise.

IMPORTANT WATERWAY OPEN.

First Link of Deep Water Channel from Lakes to Gulf.

Sterling, Ill., Oct. 25.—A distinct and important step in the movement to secure a deep waterway from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico was taken yesterday with the opening to navigation of the Illinois and Mississippi canal, which has been completed after 30 years of work. The importance of the event was evidenced by the attendance of Governor Deneen and many other notables at the opening ceremonies. The work of constructing the canal, which was formerly known as the Hennepin canal, was commenced many years ago. In 1890 congress appropriated money to carry on the work and altogether the appropriations have amounted to about \$5,000,000.

The main line of the canal, 75 miles long, extends from the Illinois river, near Hennepin, to the Mississippi river, three miles below Rock Island. The navigable feeder, about 30 miles long, extends from Rock river at this point to the main line near Sheffield and is of the same general dimensions as the main line. The canal is 52 feet wide at the bottom, 80 feet at the water line, and has a minimum depth of seven feet. There are 32 locks on the main line and one on the feeder. Water is to be forced down the canal by a great dam, one-fourth of a mile long, located at this point. At one end of the dam are 21 sluiceways, which will be used for electrical power development.

DEATH IN EARTHQUAKE.

Five Hundred Perish in Italian Tremor at Calabria.

Rome, Oct. 25.—Horrible loss of life resulted from the earthquake shocks that occurred throughout Calabria yesterday. At first it was thought few persons had perished, but later reports add to the mortality list.

At 6 o'clock this evening about 200 bodies had been taken from the earthquake ruins. It is now estimated that the deaths will surpass 500, but it is impossible to get accurate information on the subject, as many villages are still cut off by the floods and the destruction of roads and telegraph lines, and no word from them can be had.

The earthquake shocks continue, but they are slight. The people are still in a condition of apprehension, which is increased by each tremor. In spite of the torrential rain that is falling, they absolutely refuse to remain under cover.

Talk on Trust Problem.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The second day of the convention of the National Civic federation was devoted to the consideration of "The Corporation, Its Construction and Regulation." Prominent speakers who addressed the convention set forth the benefits to be derived from combination when properly regulated. The opinion of several who spoke favored national control as opposed to state regulation. National regulation was heartily supported by Isaac N. Seligman, of New York. Seth Low, of New York, also favored that plan.

Five Drowned in Alaska.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Five men were drowned at Katala, Alaska, Sunday, October 13, according to information brought to this city yesterday by the steamer Saratoga. The dead are: J. Higgins, Seattle; H. Hendrickson, Port Blakeley; Edwin Olson, Arthur Williams and Tony de Pasquale.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

MONEY IN CRANBERRY MARSH.

Cooz Bay Farmers Add New Crop That Brings Profit.

Marshfield.—The growing of cranberries is proving to be one of the most profitable farm crops for Cooz county. Several ranch owners for a number of years past have raised the crop with profit, but it was not generally taken up until the past year. Now quite a number have cranberry marshes.

Land which is known as peat or vegetable bog is required for the raising of the crop, and nearby there must be an unlimited supply of fresh water, which can be placed under control. There are, however, many such tracts of land in the county, and cranberry growing promises to be one of the most important of the farming industries of the community.

W. D. McFarlan, who is the pioneer cranberry man of the Pacific coast, has followed the business in Cooz county for many years. He has a six-acre marsh which has never failed to yield a large crop. He has never made less than \$200 an acre clear profit, some seasons the net amount has been greater. Excepting at harvest time, when help is needed in picking, one man can attend to a marsh of 15 or 20 acres and have time for other farm work, as the crop is flooded during the winter and needs no attention. The yield on the Cooz county cranberry marshes this year is particularly good.

Polk's Prune Crop.

Dallas.—From information given by prune growers in Polk county it is estimated that the prune crop this year will aggregate 1,675,000 pounds, or a gain of 625,000 pounds over the crop of 1906. Most of the growers have disposed of their output at 5 cents a pound, which makes the total amount received for this year's prune crop reach the handsome aggregate of \$837,500. The larger portion of the prune crop of Polk county is grown and dried in the immediate vicinity of Dallas, the town being surrounded on all sides by orchards, large and small.

Must Extend Original Taxroll.

Salem.—The Oregon Supreme court has handed down a decision in the case of Waterhouse vs. Clatsop county, affirming the decree entered by Judge McBride, in favor of plaintiff. County Clerk Clinton proposed to deliver to the sheriff a copy of the assessment roll for 1907, and this suit was brought to enjoin that action. The lower court held that under the act of the legislature of 1907, the taxes for 1907 should be extended on the original roll and not on a copy.

Big Timber Deal in Clatsop.

Astoria.—A deed has been filed for record here whereby J. L. Washburn, of St. Louis, sells a tract of 4,715 acres of timber land located on Upper Young's river, about six miles from Olney, to the Youngs' River company, a Minnesota corporation. The consideration named is \$50,000. The tract is heavily timbered and the price is understood to have been considerably in excess of the amount named.

Umatilla Dams Kill Salmon.

Pendleton.—One hundred and fifty residents of Pendleton have signed a petition to the state game warden protesting against the dams in the Umatilla river and the dam of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company in particular, as fatal to the salmon which are said to be dying by the thousands through a failure to provide proper fish ladders and means of passage.

Good Water for University.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Eugene has just voted to issue \$300,000 in water bonds for the purpose of securing a supply of absolutely pure mountain water. A stream in the forest reserve will be tapped and the water brought thirty-five miles by a gravity system. This will insure to the students of the University of Oregon pure water without the necessity of boiling it.

Selling Cattle by Thousands.

Lakeview.—The last drive of cattle to the railroad has commenced. When it is finished there will have been several thousand head of cattle shipped from Lake county, bringing into the county approximately \$250,000. The unusually high prices paid for beef cattle this year has caused an increase in the number sold.

Mothers' Congress Delegate Wanted.

Salem.—A letter has been received at the governor's office asking him to appoint a delegate to represent the state at the Mothers' congress to be held at Washington, D. C., next March. President Roosevelt is named as one of the directors of the congress.

Bort Will Paint Asylum.

Salem.—The contract for painting the interior walls of the state insane asylum has been awarded to Charles Bort, of Salem, at \$3,388. The contract for supplying the paint was at the same time awarded to Fisher, Thorsen & Co., of Portland.

O. R. & N. REPORTS.

Net Income of Road Nearly Six Millions—Accidents of September.

Salem.—The O. R. & N. has filed its report. It shows the following: Total cost of construction and equipment to June 30, 1907, \$54,523,984.2; cost per mile, \$621,295.92; gross earnings from operation the past year, \$12,942,815.49; operating expenses, \$6,009,821.86; income from operation, \$6,932,993.63; income from other sources, \$1,204,362.13; total income, \$7,137,355.76; deduction, rents, taxes, interest, etc., \$1,383,572.04; net income, \$5,753,783.72; dividend 4 per cent on preferred stock, \$440,000; surplus for the year, \$5,313,783.72; total surplus entry general balance sheet, \$28,930,400.03.

The following is a summary of the results of accidents within the state for the month of September prepared by the railroad commission from the reports of the various lines: Collisions of passenger trains, 1; freight trains, estimated damage to property of the railroad companies, \$5,150; killed passengers, none, trainmen, none, other employees, 5, other persons, 2; injured passengers, none, trainmen, 2, other employees, 6, other persons, 5. Total, 7 killed and 13 injured.

Hill Buys in Astoria.

Astoria.—The announcement recently made at the annual meeting of the Union Pacific at Salt Lake that the company had purchased water frontage and terminals here is now supplemented by authentic information that the Hill interests have not been idle. A. B. Hammond, who owns large tracts of water frontage between Warrenton and Fort Stevens, has stated as a positive fact that the Hill interests purchased 2,200 acres in that vicinity at the time President Hill visited in the vicinity. The property includes 1,800 acres owned by the Flavel Land company, as well as the personal holdings of Hammond. The purchase price is said to be \$800,000.

Record Price in Barley.

Weston.—A record price of \$25 per ton has just been paid for barley at Weston, where a great deal of this cereal is grown, and where the acreage is annually increasing. This was paid by S. A. Barnes, of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, who purchased 18,000 bushels from five Weston growers who formed a pool.

New Asylum Superintendent.

Salem.—In accordance with an understanding, which has existed for some time, the board of trustees of the state insane asylum have elected Dr. R. E. L. Steiner to succeed Dr. J. F. Calbreath as superintendent of that institution.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 89c; valley, 87c; red, 85c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.

Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30.31.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.

Hay—Valley, timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$13; cheat, \$13; grain hay, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate.

peaches, 60c@81¢ per crate; watermelons, 1¢ per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 75c@1.15 per crate; casaba, \$2.25 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 7c@8¢ per pound; cranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1c@1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, 25c@31¢ per dozen; celery, 50c@61¢ per dozen; corn, 85c@91¢ per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15c@20¢ per dozen; parsley, 20¢ per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1½¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; spinach, 6¢ per pound; squash, 1c@1½¢ per pound; tomatoes, 25c@55¢ per box.

Onions—\$2.00@2.25 per sack.

Potatoes—Delivered Portland, 80c@81¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½¢ per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c@35¢ per pound.

Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8½¢; 125 to 150, 7½¢; 150 to 200, 6@7c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 8@8½¢; packers, 7½¢@8c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12½¢@13¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 12¢@12½¢; spring chickens, 12¢@12½¢; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13¢@14c; turkeys, live, o'd, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, 2¢@3c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, canned, 27½¢@30¢ per dozen.

Hope—1907, 7½¢@10c per pound; olds, 4@5c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16¢@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20¢@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29¢@30c per pound.

JURY IS COMPLETE.

Second Trial of Ford for Bribing Frisco Supervisors On.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The jury to try ex-Attorney General T. L. Ford, chief counsel of the United railroads, accused of bribing Supervisor Jennings J. Phillips in the sum of \$4,000 to vote for the trolley franchise was completed shortly before the noon hour yesterday. The prosecution exhausted all five of its peremptory challenges in the selection of the jury. The defense used only five of its ten.

At 2:10 p. m. Mr. Heney began his opening address. After stating that the indictment charged Patrick Cahoun, T. L. Ford, Thornwell Mullally and William M. Abbott jointly with the bribing of Supervisor Jennings J. Phillips in the sum of \$4,000 to vote in favor of the United Railroads trolley franchise, Mr. Heney sketched in outline the facts he expects to prove in asking for a conviction of Ford. He followed closely the lines of the opening statement made by him to the jury in the first trial of Ford, in which the jury disagreed.

The only marked difference lay in the fact that throughout his statement yesterday Mr. Heney intimated that he would prove these allegations without the testimony of Ruef. The general belief is that Ruef is holding out for a contract with complete immunity. Notwithstanding his submission of himself to the bribery graft prosecution, Mr. Heney and his associates have repeatedly declared that it is their intention to send Ruef to jail when they are through with him.

The surprise of the day was the seeming recalcitrance of Jennings J. Phillips, the second witness called. He declared himself unable to remember whether Supervisor James J. Gallagher, allegedly acting in behalf of the United Railroads and by direction of Ruef, had paid him the first half of the \$4,000 bribe before or not until after the passage of the franchise; and Mr. Heney had great difficulty in getting him to admit that "to the best of his recollection" the offer of money was made in the period that elapsed between its introduction and its passage.

STRIKE OVER IN NORTHWEST.

Union Calls It Off at Helena, Big Relay Point.

Helena, Oct. 23.—That a third great dam across the Missouri river near here will be built immediately is no longer a possibility, it is an assured fact. Ex-Governor S. T. Hauser has just returned from New York, and stated that the necessary \$3,000,000 had been secured before the great slump in stocks and tightening of money. The statement is further borne out by the fact that the Capital City Power company today bought from the state of Montana all of the remaining land which is to be flooded by the backwaters, and which lies on either side of the river.

While a portion of the power generated will be utilized in the Butte mines and Anaconda smelter of the Amalgamated Copper company, no small amount will be used in the reclamation of arid lands in this immediate vicinity. Speaking on the subject, Governor Hauser said that the financial success of the first two dams was all the argument needed to enlist capital for the third.

THIRD DAM ON MISSOURI.

Capital Secured and Bottom Lands Bought for Undertaking.

Helena, Oct. 23.—At a meeting of the local Telegraphers' union in this city last night the strike was formally declared off and 10 men have asked Manager Taylor, of the Western Union, or their old positions. Forty men walked out in this city when the strike was first inaugurated, and the first break in the ranks came several days ago when one of the strikers asked for reinstatement and was sent to the St. Paul office.

It is believed that the action of the local union here will have the effect of breaking the backbone of the strike throughout the Northwest, as Helena, being a big relay point, is one of the most important offices west of Chicago. Mr. Taylor believes that before tomorrow night practically every operator who quit the service of the Western Union here will ask for reinstatement.

Stamping Out Plague.

Seattle, Oct. 23.—Mayor Moore yesterday formally requested Governor Mead to request the surgeon general of the Public Health and Marine Hospital service to take charge of the prophylactic measures that may be necessary to stamp out bubonic plague in Seattle, and Governor Mead immediately wired the department at Washington. The city council has prepared an ordinance providing for a bounty on rats and the board of health has divided the city into sanitary districts for the purpose of cleaning up the city.

Emperor is Much Improved.

Vienna, Oct. 23.—Information obtained from all sources indicates that the condition of the emperor is very much improved. Last night was a good night for him and yesterday was a good day.

WONDERFUL CHANGE

Great Structures Stand Where Earthquake Left Waste.

SAN FRANCISCO HOLDS RECORD

Since the Great Fire 18 Months Ago Buildings Have Been Begun to Cost \$100,000,000.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—It is 18 months ago that San Francisco was swept by fire and earthquake. Since then she has been afflicted with industrial strife, civic corruption and bubonic plague. It is no opportune moment to take stock. It does not require an optimist to write the rosy story of the revival. The facts and the figures tell their own story and they are here for everyone to see. Great buildings with their rigid frames facing across the sky, commercial avenues crowded with pedestrians and a vast industrial army tell a tale that even the casual observer must note.

The San Franciscan may be in truth pardoned if he shows a disposition to place his thumbs in his vest and boast of what he has done. But he hasn't much time for boasting. The terrible pace begun when the first frame structure was started has not abated. The point has been reached where results are beginning to show, and with this has come a new zest for the vast work.

Since the fire buildings have been begun to cost \$100,000,000—five times as much as in any similar period of time before the fire. They range all the way from the small structure to skyscrapers 14 or 15 stories high. It is as though a building were begun every day to cost \$180,000. There is no sign of a decrease, although it is expected that there will be a natural falling off over the winter months. The remarkable feature of the matter, however, is the stability of the savings accounts. Predictions were freely made that San Francisco could be built only upon the savings of its citizens. Although \$100,000,000 in buildings are under way or completed, the savings accounts in the local banks have shown but a small decrease and still stand at the comfortable figure of \$157,000,000.

It has been pointed out that it required two years for Baltimore to erect buildings to cost \$50,000,000 after its fire, but San Francisco has done four times as well in six months less time. Baltimore's achievement was commented upon at the time as marvelous.

Burlington is Afer Coal.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 26.—A special to the Record from Bridger says that Chief Engineer Ensign, the superintendent of right of way of the Burlington, and George Crosby have arrived there and make the positive announcement that the Burlington has accepted the survey of a proposed route from Frannie, Wyo., to Fromberg, Mont., and that construction work will begin at once. This will give the Burlington access to the rich coal fields of Southern Montana, as well as tapping a splendid agricultural and horticultural section. The road will follow the Clark's Fork river.

Grangers Tell Stories.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—Ex-Supervisors P. McGushy, James Kelly and E. I. Walsh yesterday morning testified at the T. L. Ford bribery trial. Each related the story of his bribery in the interest of the United Railroads trolley franchise. Their cross examination elicited nothing of importance. Ex-Supervisors Charles Boxton, Fred P. Nichols and C. J. Harrington also testified before the noon recess, their evidence being substantially the same as was given at the former trial of Ford. A few discrepancies, however, were developed on cross examination.

Cleaning Oriental Quarter.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 26.—Dr. A. S. Oliver, appointed special medical inspector of the city on the bubonic plague preventative work, started out with a force of eight sub-inspectors to clean up the Oriental district yesterday. More men will be added to the force if the demand arises. The leading Japanese and Chinese met the board of health and gave every assurance of their support to the work of the board. Notices in Chinese and Japanese will be circulated explaining the measures necessary in the Oriental quarter.

Strikers Go Back to Work.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Twenty-six striking Western Union telegraph operators reported back for work yesterday and were employed in the Western division. Of these 10 were employed at Helena, Mont., where the strike was called off.

Emperor is Nearly Well.

Vienna, Oct. 26.—The physicians in attendance upon Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday decided not to issue any further bulletins, as they consider that his convalescence is progressing satisfactorily.