

REGISTRATION OPEN

Thousands of Homeseekers Are Flocking to Reserves.

ONE IN FIFTEEN CAN GET LAND

Registration Will Close August 5 and Drawings Will Be Held August 9 for Indian Land.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 15.—Registration for lands in the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation commenced in the city at 12 o'clock last night and will conclude at midnight on August 5. A heavy registration—at least 100,000 people is expected, and the notaries are ready to do their share of the labor connected with the opening.

Many of them were already centrally located and are in their old offices, but others have constructed temporary buildings in the business section. A charge of 25 cents will be made for receiving applications, but there is nothing to prevent a notary from acting as agent for applicants, in which case he will notify his clients as to their success in the drawing and receive a compensation for it.

All the hotels and lodging houses have prepared for the rush, and every available room will be used. Some of the hotels have rented buildings and equipped them with beds and many individuals have secured buildings and equipped them for sleeping purposes.

Yet with all these accommodations it is feared the large crowd will not be amply provided for.

James W. Witten, superintendent in charge of the opening of the reserves, estimates that 100,000 men and women will file for lands, many applying for all three reservations, making a grand total of probably 200,000 applications. From 15,000 to 20,000 applications from veteran soldiers and sailors are expected. A single notary already has 210 veterans listed for filings.

Some of the homesteads to be drawn August 9 are valued at \$15,000 to \$20,000. It is believed about one applicant in 15 will be able to secure a homestead worth taking up.

Miss Harriet Post, daughter of Attorney F. T. Post, of Spokane; Miss Helen Hamilton, of Coeur d'Alene, daughter of General Ortis Hamilton, and Miss Christina Donlan, daughter of Judge Dunlan, of Missoula, have been chosen to draw all the numbers for applicants for lands in the Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Flathead reservations respectively.

On August 9 these girls, who are about 12 years old, will be blindfolded and placed beside the high piles of probably 200,000 envelopes containing applications for lands. These they will draw at random, homeseekers being given their choice of lands in the order in which the names are drawn.

There is little evidence of a rush to file applications in Spokane for the Spokane reservation, but there will be a crush on the trains to Coeur d'Alene, 35 miles distant.

MISSOULA BECOMES CROWDED

About 3,000 Homeseekers Expected to Register for Land.

Missoula, Mont., July 15.—It is estimated about 1,000 homeseekers arrived in Missoula today to register for lands in the Flathead reservation, and it is expected before tomorrow night at least 3,000 will have registered.

In an effort to get ahead of the crowd from other parts of the country, homeseekers from various parts of Montana and surrounding states have been pouring into the city in crowds since yesterday. Hotel accommodations are at a premium. Lodging houses are filling rapidly and tomorrow night the visitors probably will sleep in tents.

Fifty thousand persons are expected to register in this city, and to handle this crowd 52 government notaries have been appointed.

A large number of people have passed through on their way to Kalispell, where there is another registration office for the Flathead reservation.

New Fight on Plague.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—The convention of the National Association of Billposters today voted to donate to the anti-tuberculosis fight \$1,200,000 worth of publicity. This means that all over the United States and Canada they will give not only space upon bill boards, but the labor of posting as well. On the heels of this offer the Poster Printers' association donated \$200,000. The railroads and express companies will carry free all paper for the work, and the Allied Printing Trades will be asked to do the printing.

Spaniards Shell Mollusks.

Madrid, July 15.—A dispatch from Melilla says Spanish troops at Atalaya shelled a body of tribesmen who were making preparations to attack the Spanish forces. Several tribesmen were killed or wounded and the others fled.

HOT CONTEST ASSURED.

Senate and House Will Each Hold Out for Lumber Rate.

Washington, July 16.—The make-up of the committee on conference that is now handling the tariff bill, endeavoring to compromise the differences between the house and senate bills, is not such as to inspire confidence in the hearts of those senators and representatives who favor the senate duty on rough lumber, \$1.50 per 1,000 feet. It may be that that rate will be retained, but there is only one Republican on the conference committee who is directly interested in the lumber schedule, and that man is handicapped because he is a big lumberman.

Of the senate conferees, not one has any direct interest in the tariff on lumber. Aldrich, Rhode Island; Burrows, Michigan; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Hale, Maine, and Cullom, Illinois, represent states that care far more about cheap lumber than they do about high protection for the American lumberman. A few years ago Burrows might have been somewhat concerned, but now his interest is secondary. On the house side, Payne, New York; Dalsell, Pennsylvania; McCall, Massachusetts; Boutell, Illinois; Calderhead, Kansas, and Fordney, Michigan, are the conferees, and Fordney is the only enthusiastic advocate of a high tariff on lumber, for he owns fabulous quantities of timber land and operates a number of lumber mills.

It will be the contention of the house members that the duty on rough lumber must be reduced \$1, the rate fixed by the house in the Payne bill. They will insist that the house will not stand for \$1.50, and will point to the fact that it was only by a narrow margin that the house rejected a free lumber amendment.

COREA ACCEPTS CHANGE.

Transfer of Courts to Japan Quietly Received.

Seoul, July 16.—The news of the new agreement between Japan and Korea arranging for the transfer of Korean judicial authority to Japan, is being quietly accepted here, now that its terms are fully understood.

It was feared that some disturbance might follow the public misapprehension that the disbanding of the court guards was included in the abolition of the Korean war office. Now that it is known generally that the guards are not to be discharged, but merely are to be placed under the command of the emperor's aide-de-camp, the cause for uneasiness has been removed.

It is believed that the convention between the two countries relative to the transfer was signed July 12. The provisions of the document, besides the changes mentioned, look to the control of Korean prisons by the Japanese.

EARTHQUAKE IN GREECE.

Province of Elis Suffers Loss of Score of Lives and 100 Injured.

Athens, Greece, July 16.—An earthquake has occurred in the province of Elis, the capital of which is Pyrgos. Several villages were destroyed and many people perished. The loss is heavy.

London, July 16.—A dispatch to a London news bureau from Athens says that a violent earthquake has occurred in Southern Greece, resulting in considerable loss of life and damage to property.

Twenty persons are reported dead and 100 injured at one village, and three other villages suffered heavily. The dispatch adds that, when the details are learned it is likely that the casualties will be greatly increased.

Convention Rates Open.

Chicago, July 16.—Reduced passenger fares to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and St. Joseph will be available this summer from all states west of the Missouri river, as a result of a decision just announced by a number of leading Western railroads, which, competitive conditions will make applicable to all roads. It has been decided to open to the general public rates of a fare and a half for the round trip from points west of the river which were granted on account of the many conventions.

Building Falls; 7 Dead.

Philadelphia, July 16.—Seven men were killed, one fatally injured and 24 seriously hurt today when a building at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Market streets collapsed. One man is also missing. The building, a five story brick structure in the heart of the business section was being remodeled, and it is supposed the removal of one of the girders caused the entire structure to weaken and crash to the earth.

Prefer American Labor.

Butte, Mont., July 16.—E. P. Mathewson, superintendent of the Washoe smelter, has announced that the policy of the company hereafter will be to employ American labor before alien labor. Mr. Mathewson also stated that the company store system has been abandoned in Anaconda.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WATER UMATILLA LAND.

Government Considering Huge Irrigation Project.

Pendleton—Official confirmation of the investigation of the large government irrigation project to reclaim 60,000 acres of arid land in Western Umatilla county came from Chief Engineer of Reclamation Service A. P. Davis and D. C. Henry, supervising engineer of the Northwest. These men were seen as they were passing through this city recently and both admitted that the government had ordered tests and complete investigation of the prospective project.

The project, they said, was one of about a dozen now under investigation in Oregon by the reclamation service. The most feasible will be undertaken as soon as money is available. While they would not say that the Umatilla project was most feasible, there are known to be many conditions in its favor. The new project would be practically an extension of the Umatilla project centering about Hermiton.

The water for the new project would be secured by building a giant reservoir to collect the surplus waters of Butter creek and Umatilla river. It is estimated that 60,000 acres would be reclaimed.

EXHIBIT TO BE SAVED.

Plans Made to Preserve Oregon Display at A.-Y.-P. Fair.

Seattle—Practically the entire exhibit of the state of Oregon at the A.-Y.-P. exposition, with whole sections of the interior decorations of the building, will be removed to Salem, Or., and made a permanent part of the Oregon state fair, according to plans discussed by the Oregon commissioners during the visit of Governor Benson to the exposition.

Governor Benson will probably suggest to the next Oregon legislature the idea of taking the Seattle display to Salem. The cost has been figured about \$10,000 and for this expense two-thirds of the \$100,000 display in the Oregon building could be preserved.

The elaborate decorations and panorama worked in Oregon grains, the handsome wood panelings and other decorative features of the interior of the Oregon building will be moved intact, if the plan is carried out.

It is believed at the close of the exposition the Oregon building will be presented to the state university.

Form New Phone Company.

Ontario—At a called meeting of Ontario citizens an independent telephone company was organized. It will be incorporated for \$10,000. The Bell company recently removed its toll station from here to Payette, Idaho, and the citizens, desiring better service, subscribed several thousand dollars for a new company in which the members of the Boise independent company will be stockholders. Nearly every citizen of Ontario is a stockholder in the new company. Officers and directors were elected, also a committee on bylaws to file incorporation papers.

Trolley Line for Rogus.

Jacksonville—The Jackson County Light & Power company has been granted a franchise over the roads of Jackson county by the County court of Jackson county. The company in its petition asks for the right to erect electric light poles along the highways in certain townships for conducting light, heat and motive power. It is the intention of the company to begin at once the construction of an electric railway to traverse the Rogue river valley.

Water Suits Stir Echo.

Echo—Joe Ramos, whose alfalfa fields are one mile up the river from Echo, is defendant in an injunction suit brought by the Henrietta Milling company, of Echo, to prevent Ramos from placing a dam across the river just above the company's headgates. There is much litigation to be threshed out before determining the rights of water users from the Umatilla river at this place.

Mill Will Remove to Kalama.

Rainier—The big plant of the Willard Case Lumber company has closed, and as soon as a small lot of planing is finished, the task of moving the plant to Kalama will begin. The company had intended to finish cutting out their timber at this place, but owing to some legal tangle with local parties, have concluded to raft their logs from here to Kalama.

Dufur Farmers Organize.

The Dalles—Articles of incorporation of the Farmers' Union Warehouse company of Dufur, have been filed with the county clerk by Theodore Buskohl and Lester D. Kelly, of Kingsley, and Alex Strachan, of Dufur. The capital stock is \$4,000, divided into 800 shares of the par value of \$5 each. The headquarters of the company will be at Dufur.

BLIGHT IN DOUGLAS.

Pear Orchards Are in Danger From a New Pest.

Roseburg—A deadly blight on the pear orchards of this county that will require for its eradication more attention than one man could possibly give, has caused the county court, at the suggestion of District Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson, of Grants Pass, to appoint two fruit inspectors for Douglas county. The appointments fall to F. A. McFall, of this city, and E. F. Whitney, of Oakland, both of whom were recommended by Mr. Carson, who appeared before the court in person.

This blight, a species of fungus that emits a gum like substance, has practically destroyed the greater part of the fruitgrowing industry in the Eastern and Middle Western states and has given the Pacific coast orchardists a hard battle. California pear growers triumphed over it after having once given up. Then the blight reached the famous Rogue river valley in Oregon. The orchardists there promptly secured the services of two government experts, O'Garra and White, and these two men are now in that valley aiding the fruit growers to stamp out the pest.

Several months ago the blight began to be noticeable in the Umpqua valley, particularly around Roseburg and Winston. Then orchards in other localities became affected, until the present day sees the pear industry in this county threatened with damage unless the growers take action under proper instruction at once. Mr. Carson explained to the court that the blight can neither be prevented nor killed by spraying.

What causes it is not known, and there is only one way to get rid of it, and that is by burning the affected tree or branch immediately upon discovery of the blight. This has already been done in a number of instances.

Cross Ties for Panama Road.

Portland—Oregon lumbermen have the opportunity of aiding in the construction of the Panama railroad. E. C. Giltner, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has received from the railroad commission requests for bids on 150,000 cross ties for delivery at Colton or the Port of Ancon. Indicating that construction work is to proceed rapidly, it was urged that bids be submitted as soon as possible.

Wallows Fruit Inspector Named.

Wallows—Ford C. Potter has been appointed fruit inspector for this county by the County court. Mr. Potter has had wide experience in fruit and berry culture and is thoroughly conversant with the various fruit pests. His services will be of great value to the fruit raisers of this valley.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Bluestem, nominal; club, \$1.17; valley, \$1.17.

Coro—Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked, \$38 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@42 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@23; mixed, \$16@20; alfalfa, \$14.

Grain bags—5¢ each.

Fruits—Strawberries, \$2.25 per crate; cherries, 20¢ per pound; gooseberries, 40¢; apricots, \$1.75 per box; currants, 8¢ per pound; loganberries, \$1.40 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.40; black caps, \$2; blackberries, \$2.

Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2½¢@2½¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 6¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 12½¢@15¢; parsley, 35¢; peas, 50¢@70¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 28¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 26½¢@27½¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 28¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢@15¢ per pound; springs, 19¢; roosters, 80¢; ducks, young, 12¢@13¢; geese, young, 90¢@100¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound.

Veal—Extras, 60¢@8¼¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢; heavy, 6¢.

Hops—1909 contracts, 16¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 11¢@12¢; 1907 crop, 7¢; 1906 crop, 4¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; valley, 23¢@25¢; mohair, 24¢@25¢.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4.1; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.50; fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$6@6.25.

CUSHMAN IS BURIED.

Thousands of People Pay Tribute to Dead Congressman.

Tacoma, July 14.—Thousands of people paid the last tribute of respect and friendship to the late Congressman Francis W. Cushman yesterday.

The body lay in state at the armory from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., where a wealth of flowers from Point Defiance park, which he was instrumental in securing from the government for the city of Tacoma, were banked about the casket. Among the floral designs was a large floral flag at half mast, sent from the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association in recognition of his services in the tariff legislation. Floral emblems were also sent by the Elks, Knights Templars, National Union, Grand Army of the Republic, chamber of commerce, Commercial club and other organizations.

The funeral address was made by Rev. Alfred W. Martin, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Cushman's sincerity. Ex-United States Senator John L. Wilson followed in a brief but eloquent eulogy.

The musical selections were Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," and "Lead, Kindly Light." Following the public services, a private service was held at the armory and then the body was escorted to the Tacoma cemetery by Knights Templars and Masons and a detachment of troop B, National Guard. The services at the cemetery were in accordance with the Masonic ritual.

The honorary pall bearers included ex-United States senators, governors, federal and state judges and representatives of civil and municipal organizations. Business was generally suspended and public offices were closed from 1 to 3 p. m.

NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Will Succeed Von Buelow.

Berlin, July 14.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg has been practically decided upon as Prince von Buelow's successor as imperial chancellor. The appointment will be recommended by Prince von Buelow at his audience with the emperor tomorrow and there is every reason to believe it will be made.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg is now vice chancellor and minister of the interior. He is a college friend of the emperor. He is of Jewish origin and is 53 years old.

After the clerk of the reichstag had announced today the passage of the bill providing increases in the salaries of civil servants, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg rose and said that, as the representative of Prince von Buelow, he had a message from the emperor to be read. His communication was a decree closing the present session. The house will not reassemble until next autumn.

As had been expected for some days, the Socialists, to show their disregard for monarchical institutions, remained seated while the message was being read. All other members arose. The Socialists then left the chamber, while the other delegates gave three cheers for Emperor William.

TWO PEAKS SINK.

Quakes and Volcanoes Play Queer Tricks in Far North.

Washington, July 14.—The destruction of two imposing mountain peaks, the transformation of a bay into a lake, and the creation of two new islands are feats of nature discovered in Behring sea, by a government party and reported to the Treasury department today.

A report received by Captain Commandant Ross, of the revenue cutter service, says that a party from the revenue cutter Perry landed on Bogoslof island, on June 10 last, and found that a number of changes had taken place.

Perry peak and McCulloch peak have disappeared and the opening of the bay or lagoon, a pretty spot shown in pictures on file in the Treasury department, has closed up, forming a lake of warm salt water of a sea level.

In its center two small islands have sprung up. One of these islands is throwing off a volume of steam.

The interesting phenomena are believed to have been caused by earthquakes and volcanoes.

Hill Contractors Active.

Missoula, Mont., July 14.—The arrival here yesterday of Chief Engineer W. L. Darling, of the Northern Pacific, and his departure tonight for Spokane, accompanied by a number of contractors who have been engaged in construction work for the road, has given rise to the report that the bids for the construction of the proposed Lolo pass cutoff between Missoula and the coast are to be opened in Spokane within the next few days and that contracts for the work will be let in that city and the work rushed.

Governor Johnson Ill.

St. Paul, July 14.—Governor John A. Johnson is seriously ill. He has already undergone three operations for appendicitis.

QUAKE CLAIMS 300

Property Damage in Greece Will Be Tremendous.

WATER IN SPRINGS TURNS HOT

Earthquakes Seems of Volcanic Nature and Uphavals Reported Near Village of Ponthioli.

London, July 17.—Special dispatches received here from Athens say that 300 persons were killed or injured by the earthquake that occurred yesterday in the province of Elis, in Southern Greece. The damage to property also was very great. Hot water is flowing today from many of the springs in the stricken district, while the water in the rivers and brooks has turned a reddish color.

The earthquake demolished 400 houses in the village of Havari, in Elis province. Thirty persons lost their lives at that point and a number were injured. Neighboring villages suffered greatly. All the houses of Amalaya were rendered uninhabitable. The shocks were felt at Patras, Pyrgos, Malamas and Tripoli, but outside of Havari only a few deaths or injured have been reported. A volcanic upheaval is said to have occurred at the village of Ponthioli.

WARSHIPS ON THAMES.

British Admiralty Attempts to Allay Fears of People.

London, July 17.—One hundred and forty-eight British warships dropped anchor in the Thames tonight, the array extending from the estuary at the south end of the river to Westminster bridge, in the heart of London. The object of this extended and superb display of Britain's fighting power is an anti-panic show. Uneasiness prevails in every quarter of Britain. Anxiety in higher circles as to the condition of the country's defenses has caused apprehension and pessimism throughout the body politic.

Lord Roberts says the army is a tragic joke. Admiral Bessford says the navy is not what it has been considered and Germany is accused of having aggressive designs against the peace and liberty of the Britons. The result of all this ferment is that the country is in danger of "going off its head." The mighty armada on the Thames is the admiralty's heroic sedative.

RICH WOMAN SMUGGLED

Carried \$50,000 Worth of Goods Under False Bottom of Trunk.

New York, July 17.—An indictment for smuggling was handed down today by the Federal grand jury against Mrs. Fremont Chesbro, owner of the Chesbro Coastwise line of steamers running out of Boston.

The case was placed in the hands of the United States district attorney for the district of New Jersey after the discovery of a double bottom in one of the trunks which Mrs. Chesbro brought to this country with her on the Kaiser Wilhelm II last May.

Wearing apparel appraised at \$50,000 was found in this hidden compartment, together with bills and invoices indicating the purchase abroad of a pearl necklace valued at \$23,000. The necklace was not found among Mrs. Chesbro's effects, but was yesterday turned over to the customs officials by Mrs. Chesbro's attorney.

Big Muddy Rises Again.

St. Louis, July 17.—The Missouri river last night rose so that the gauge today registers 35.3 feet. Manufacturing concerns across the river in Illinois are moving their stocks to higher ground, fearing a storm will wash the waves over the levees which the citizens are counting on to protect them.

Citizens of Cahokia, Ill., worked last night strengthening the levees, which will stand but a slight rise. Five thousand acres of farm land were flooded early today by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas embankment breaking.

New Shah Rules Persia.

Tehran, July 17.—Mohammed Ali, shah of Persia, was dethroned today and the crown prince, Sultan Ahmed Miraza, was proclaimed shah by the national assembly, composed of the chief Mujtehids and the leaders of the Nationalist forces, in the presence of an immense crowd in Parliament square. Mohammed Ali has taken refuge in the Russian summer legation at Zersende.

Kaiser Favors Football.

Berlin, July 17.—The emperor has directed that football be included in the military exercises. His majesty is reported as saying that football as played in the United States and England is fine training in temper, as well as for the body.