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GOOD TO OREGON

Congress Deals Liberally With State.—Delegation on the Results.

Washington, July 1.—The session of Congress which came to close today accomplished much for the Pacific Northwest. Both Oregon and Washington have fared well at the hands of the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress. In fact, at no other Congress have these states fared so well as at this session, although large appropriations were made by former sessions for river and harbor improvements. For rivers and harbors, Oregon, including the Columbia River, gets about \$2,589,000, and Washington over \$961,000. The Indian bill carried the necessary amount for continuing schools and agencies in both states, while minor appropriations were made in the sundry civil bill. The Portland Postoffice is assured of \$200,000 and \$10,000 allowed will put the finishing touches on the Custom House.

Aside from appropriations, Oregon has been exceedingly fortunate in local legislation, getting an Indian war pension bill; the Crater Lake National Park; authorization of the sale of Umatilla lands, and relief for Sherman County settlers, aside from a number of private pension bills.

Commenting upon the results of the session, Senator Mitchell said: "In the main I am greatly pleased, as I think the members of the delegation have been more than usually successful in accomplishing what they started in to do. Many measures of importance to Oregon have become laws. A fairly good Chinese restriction act, although not all that was desired generally by the people of the Pacific Coast; good appropriations for the various rivers and harbors, a good appropriation for the commencement of the construction of a canal and locks at Celilo, which at last insures the opening of the Columbia and Snake Rivers to free navigation above Lewistown, have been passed. The irrigation act is of great importance to the West generally, including Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

"The bill pensioning the old Indian war veterans is paramount to all in the interests of a long-neglected class of early pioneers. Authority has been given to the Treasury Department looking to the settlement and payment to the State of Oregon of about \$340,000 due on account of aid furnished by the state during the War of the Rebellion. Provision has been made by the Senate for the settlement of a long-standing controversy between the Klamath Indians and the United States, and the bill will undoubtedly pass the House next session. Twenty-five thousand dollars is appropriated for the new brick dormitory for the Chemawa Indian school, and a great many private pension bills have been passed.

"The bill for a civil government in the Philippines is also a matter of vital importance. The Philippine tariff also is of importance, but could be improved on. There is much more need in the interest of the Western Coast for reciprocity with the Philippines than with Cuba, although I am in favor of a fair treaty of reciprocity with Cuba that will deal not merely with one product, but with many, and I am satisfied such a treaty will be negotiated. It will command the support, perhaps, of all Republicans.

"There is one other measure I regret I was not able to make more progress with, but the failure was occasioned by the absence almost

all of the last month of the chairman and one or two other members of the Senate committee on public lands. It is my bill for the relief of the settlers in Sherman County within the wagon-road grant. Representative Moody's bill looking to their relief, and which may and I hope will bring relief to a portion of the settlers, has passed both Houses and will become a law. This will only give relief, however, to those whom the wagon-road company is willing to give a release and take exchange, and this legislation will not in any manner conflict with my bill to indemnify all the settlers who have lost their property with a money indemnity, and I intend to press it strongly at the next session, having obtained a favorable report from the Department of the Interior.

"And last, but not least, an isthmian canal has been provided for, which will result, if it is within physical and engineering possibilities, in the construction of a canal on one or the other of the two routes—the Panama or the Nicaragua—which route will depend on the decision of the President as to whether a satisfactory title can be obtained to the Panama plant and property."

Representative Tongue said: "I am pleased beyond expression at the accomplishments of this session. The final enactment of the Indian war veteran bill, for which I have been working ever since I took my seat, is particularly gratifying. The creation of the Crater Lake National Park, another problem of long standing, was also accomplished after hard work. Oregon, I believe, fared as well in the river and harbor bill as any state in proportion to its population. The permanent improvement of the mouth of the Columbia, and more particularly the opening of the Upper Columbia, are matters for congratulation. Other matters of local interest, coupled with the passage of the irrigation bill, the isthmian canal bill and the Chinese exclusion act give our people much to be thankful for."

Senator Mitchell and Representative Moody had an interesting session with the President and Secretary Hitchcock at the Capitol today over the bill authorizing the sale of the unsold portion of the Umatilla Indian reservation. Although Hitchcock recommended in favor of it, when the bill was before the House he attempted to defeat it in the Senate, and when it came to the President for his signature this afternoon, Hitchcock again raised objections, holding that the appraisal was made 10 years ago, and was now too low, as the land had greatly increased in value. Both Senator Mitchell and Representative Moody labored with the Secretary, and finally he yielded, and Roosevelt affixed his signature to the bill in the presence of both of them.

Senator Mitchell and Representative Tongue today recommended the reappointment of O. H. Applegate as agent at the Klamath Indian agency. They also recommended the appointment of W. F. Arent to be superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park. Secretary Hitchcock has not determined what other officials will be needed for the park.

Representative Moody regards the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia as of prime importance, seconded by the opening of the river at The Dalles. He said: "The irrigation legislation is most valuable. Its importance to the state cannot be estimated. The passage of the bill authorizing the sale of 90,000 acres on the Umatilla reservation will not only increase the population, but add materially to the taxable property of the coun-

ty. The passage of the bill which extends to owners of wagon-road grants the right to relinquish to settlers lands which they have erroneously patented in lieu of others will relieve many settlers throughout the state of the loss of their improvements and restore their title. The Indian War veteran bill naturally appeals to a native Oregonian as the act of all the most deserved."

SHEEP CROWD THE RANGE

Increase of Season Brings Number up to 5,000,000.

Livestock Agent C. T. Millis, of the O. R. & N., says there are more sheep on the Oregon ranges than they ever knew before at one time says the Oregonian. Comparatively few were sent to market last year because the price was not so high as the year before, and this resulted in a large accumulation of sheep that would have moved under other conditions. The large increase this season has still further crowded the range and brought the number of animals well up toward 5,000,000. This is more than there is range for ordinarily.

The season thus far has been exceptionally favorable for the sheep, however, and there has been comparatively little trouble where in an ordinary season there would have been great slaughter of the innocents, and there has not been entire harmony this year. But the cool, moist weather has made grass plentiful and there has been little occasion to fight for pasturage. But it is also early in the season. It is expected that the sheep will experience considerable difficulty in getting feed along in dog days or later. Then will come the real test to see how many sheep can be maintained on the Oregon range. And the conditions are such that the market is rather expecting the price of sheep to fall.

No large shipments of sheep have gone East this year. If the corn crop of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa shall turn out good, a considerable sheep movement in that direction may be looked for, for the price of screenings, on which sheep are fattened, is governed by the price of corn, and a large corn crop will mean cheap screenings and a heavy demand for range sheep to fatten.

The present prospect for corn is good, and it is certain that the overpressure on the Oregon ranges will welcome the relief that will come from an active demand in that quarter. A few bands of sheep have been driven into California this year and many more are likely to go that way, but the 100,000 or so sent to adjoining states are hardly missed from our millions.

The wool clip has been unusual for both quantity and quality. The quantity is not adequately represented by figures of weights, for the wool is so clean that the fleeces are lighter than common. But the wool is there, just the same, and it is of long, even fiber that gives it added value. Favorable weather during the growing season accounts for the extra quality and the large number of animals shorn accounts for the extra quantity. Satisfactory prices are paid for the clip and the wool is moving off to market freely and even without the rate disturbances that have characterized the business heretofore since railroads began competing for it.

Meat cattle have brought too good a price in the Coast markets to permit much of a movement East. Prices have been so high that Wyoming, Montana and the

Dakotas, which formerly drew heavily on the Oregon ranges for feeders, have this year been stocked from Texas, and they are likely to continue to draw from that source.

A few thousand cayuses have been taken from the ranges for Army use in Africa and for the Linnton pickling and fertilizer works, but there are still a vast number of animals at large that ought, in the interest of the stock business, to be gotten out of the country. An ornery cayuse pony that will hardly bring enough in the market to pay his freight to the boneward consumes as much pasture as would be required for a 1000-pound steer. Many thousands of these worthless animals eat out the range of Eastern Oregon and make hard picking for cattle. And, of course, they increase faster than the useful and profitable animals, for which there is a good demand at all times.

The prosperity of the livestock men tends to overgrazing of the range. They do not care to sell until they can get the top prices of the year before, and often the market will not justify them. Then the stockmen, not needing the money, hold their animals for better offers. And the stock accumulates and the range suffers.

Ed. Stauffer, one of the old timers and large stock men, of the upper country is in town for the second time in six years. Ed is one of the kind that never forgets friends and always has a pleasant word. He says that there is not a place that he knows of that has put on such a change in appearance as Ontario has in the last six years. He brought in 500 head of horses which were shipped to Omaha, Nebraska.

J. H. Holland, bookkeeper for the P. L. S. Co., at Burns, arrived in Ontario Sunday to move his family and effects to their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Holland and little daughter, Gladys left Thursday for Burns. Their many friends in Ontario wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Home merchants who will not advertise have no kick coming if people send away for goods. It is true that the home merchant can furnish the same goods cheaper than the big catalogue houses, but how are the people to know this if he does not tell them: through the columns of the home paper? A merchant who cannot realize the value of advertising does not amount to much, anyhow, and never carries an up-to-date stock. Always deal with the merchants who invite your patronage through a neat ad in the home paper.—Ex.

J. S. Locke was in from his ranch yesterday. He has just returned from a horse buying trip through the interior and while out he succeeded in purchasing forty-three carloads. The horses were shipped east last Sunday, twelve carloads going to Minot, S. D., and the balance of them to Chicago.—Huntington Herald.

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