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OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

WATER ECHO LAND.

Coming Season will See Rapid Ad-
vance in Irrigation.

Echo—The coming season will mark
more improvements and enterprises in
irrigation for Echo and the vicinity
tributary than ever before experienced.
Not only are there immense extensions
planned for old ditches, but new ones
are being constructed, and land lying
under both old ditches and proposed
ditches is prepared for cultivation for
the coming year.

With the hope of having more fa-
vorable irrigation laws passed in the
coming legislature, those who have
been planning projects are beginning
activities. Heretofore the present laws
or the lack of laws pertaining to water
rights have interfered with the devel-
opment of the country. Water has
been in dispute. Land has been in
litigation, and those who have been
anxious to see the betterment of Echo
and its splendid lands have hesitated
in risking their all in projects that
might at any time be taken into court.

The Butter creek water company has
purchased an elevating grader and has
commenced widening and strengthen-
ing their ditch. The Cold spring irri-
gation company is preparing to extend
the company's ditch across to their
lands on the north side of the Umatilla
river, and a company has been formed
to build a small ditch to water a tract
of land of 160 acres adjoining Echo,
now in sagebrush. The Maxwell ditch
people are improving and enlarging
their ditch until it will reclaim nearly
8,000 acres of land.

Besides these ditches smaller ones
are constantly being built, and in a
few years the entire section of waste
land will be homes for farmers. This
season a large number of land holders
are clearing large tracts of land vary-
ing in size from 20 to 60 acres, and
will sow to alfalfa.

Turns Out Many Bricks.

Weston—Clark Nelson, manager of
the Weston brickyard, has returned
from The Dalles, where he has been on
business connected with his yard. The
new L. O. O. F. temple, for which he
furnished brick, has just been complet-
ed and will be dedicated at an early
date. Four hundred thousand bricks
were used in its construction. While
in The Dalles Mr. Nelson closed a con-
tract for the sale of 300,000 brick to be
used in the construction of the new
bank to be erected at Condon. The
brick will not be delivered until the
railroad, which runs from Arlington,
to Condon, is completed, which will
be early in the spring.

Land Sales Fallen Off.

Salem—The 5 per cent land sales
fund in Oregon this year is \$64,562.24,
as compared with \$90,135.24 last year.
This fund is received from the United
States and is 5 per cent of the receipts
from the sales of government land in
Oregon. The year 1903 was a bumper
one in public land business in Oregon,
due in a large degree no doubt to the
activity of men who were securing tim-
ber land through the mediumship of
people who bought it and soon there-
after transferred it to the men who
furnished the money for the deal.

War on Scabby Sheep.

Eugene—County Stock Inspector A.
G. Mathews is now engaged in an at-
tempt at purifying the sheep of the
county, reports having been received
from some sections that scab has been
observed. Mathews went out to the
district northwest of Junction to in-
vestigate reports of stockmen driving dis-
eased sheep on the county road in vi-
olation of the law, and expects to make
some arrests. One arrest and conviction
for this offense has been made.

Will Chop the Alfalfa.

Echo—Robert Stanfield, who resides
on Butter creek, 16 miles west of here,
has received a large hay cutter to chop
alfalfa hay for winter feeding. A gas-
oline engine supplies the power. In
feeding the hay unchopped the large
stems remain uneaten and are wasted,
but by chopping the stock eat the hay
up clean, saving a large per cent of the
hitherto waste.

New Shipping Point for Coal Mine.

Coquille—The Coquille Coal & Lum-
ber company has rented part of the
Beaver hill bunker at Marshfield and is
now shipping coal by rail to Coos bay
where it goes to San Francisco. John
Tawse, manager for the company, is
working a five-foot vein of coal of good
quality. A large contract for machin-
ery has been let. Delivery will occur
in the spring.

Eugene to Springfield.

Eugene—A project is on foot to con-
nect Eugene with the bustling little
city of Springfield by a six-foot side-
walk. The distance between the two
cities is three miles, but only a little
over a mile of sidewalk will have to be
built to connect them. This walk, if
built, will be a great convenience to
bicyclists and pedestrians.

SIUSLAW WORK UNFINISHED.

Congress to be Asked to Make Use
of Plant Already Installed.

Eugene—In view of the uncompleted
condition of the bar improvement at
the mouth of the Siuslaw river, prom-
inent citizens of this county are now
interested in bringing the matter be-
fore the river and harbor committee
of congress, hoping to make it clear to
that body that the continuation of
work on that harbor would be wise.

Many years ago the government be-
gan the improvement of the Siuslaw
harbor, after abundant reports had
been secured from engineers regarding
the proper method of deepening the
water on the bar. The plan adopted
was the jetty system. Small appro-
priations were made and the work
progressed to the extent of the funds
available. Then all would rest until
another small appropriation would be
made. The jetty was only fairly under
way and just beginning to show what
might be done, when appropriations
ceased to come.

The business of the harbor has been
increasing and now amounts to consid-
erable, and business men of Florence
and Eugene hope to prevail upon con-
gress to go ahead and finish the work
now well begun. The government has
a plant with which to work and could
in a short time deepen the channel
several feet by the confining of the
water to the channel.

QUIT WOOD FOR COAL.

Wood for Fuel is Getting Scarce
About Pendleton.

Pendleton—Fuel dealers of the In-
land empire are of the opinion that the
day of wood burning is soon doomed,
as coal is rapidly replacing it. The
best of coal from the Wyoming beds is
sold at this place for \$5.50 a ton, and
the coal from British Columbia and
Washington beds is fast becoming gen-
erally used, both in Oregon and Wash-
ington.

At Kamela and Meacham, from
where Walla Walla and Pendleton draw
the greater part of their wood, there
seems to be immense quantities stacked
in ricks for shipment, but competent
judges of fuel say that but about 25
per cent of it is clear, dry, green-cut
wood, such as commands the high
prices. So closely has the timber sup-
ply been cut away that two trips a day
hauls are being made from back in the
mountains six and eight miles. Al-
though spurs from the main line back
in the mountains might easily be built,
they will probably never be built, as
coal will be much cheaper than the
construction of a road.

Safe Cracked at Hood River.

Hood River—Robbers cracked the
safe in the Hood River postoffice and
got away with \$227 in stamps and \$173
in money. There is no clue as to the
thieves, except that a crowbar and other
tools used in effecting an entrance
came from the railroad shops here. On
discovering his loss Postmaster Yates
immediately wired the postal inspectors
at Portland, who will make efforts
to apprehend the culprits. Common
black powder was used in cracking the
safe door. One or two persons sleeping
near by claim to have heard a slight
explosion during the night, but paid
no attention to the noise.

Big Business by Sugar Plant.

La Grande—The whistle of the beet
sugar factory here has sounded the last
call for its employees, and has shut
down after one of the most successful
runs it has made since its establishment
in this valley, it having consumed
something over 21,000 tons of beets,
which yielded over 55,100 pounds of
sugar. The entire season's run was
made without a hitch, much to the sat-
isfaction of all concerned, and the many
persons who embarked in the raising
of sugar beets express themselves as
well satisfied with their venture.

Indians in Better Health.

Pendleton—Dr. T. M. Henderson,
who has been in attendance upon the
cases of diphtheria among the Indians
at the mission on the reservation, re-
ports that no others have taken the dis-
ease, and that those affected are rapid-
ly recovering. Only one of the patients
has died, the others having been inoc-
ulated with toxine in the early stages
of the malady.

Coming Events.

Poultry shows—Salem, December 15-
17; Portland, December 20-26; New-
berg, January 10-13; Albany, January
18-21.

Oregon Good Roads convention,
Salem, December 13-15.

Oregon State Dairymen's association,
December 20-21.

Inland Empire Sunday School insti-
tute, Pendleton, January 30.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; blue-
stem, 88c; valley, 87½c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, December 5.

The short session of the 58th congress
met at 12 o'clock. No business was
transacted in either house excepting
the usual routine work of opening day.
Both houses adopted resolutions of re-
spect to the late Senators Hoar, of Mas-
sachusetts, and Quay, of Pennsylvania,
and their adjournment was a further
mark of respect.

Tuesday, December 6.

President's message read.

A number of resolutions have been
introduced in the house looking to a
change in the tariff laws.

The president sent a large number of
appointments and nominations for pro-
motion in the army and navy to the
senate.

A bill has been introduced in the
senate providing a pension of \$15 a
month for the widows of Union sol-
diers, sailors and marines.

Wednesday, December 7.

The legislative, executive and judi-
cial appropriation bill, carrying \$28,-
838,709, was reported to the house to-
day. This is \$846,498 less than the es-
timate and \$235,881 more than the
current appropriation.

Platt, of New York, caused a stir in
the senate by introducing a bill pro-
viding for a reduction of the congres-
sional representation of the southern
states, on the ground that many of the
citizens of these states are deprived of
the right to vote.

Senator Hale introduced a bill to re-
quire the employment of vessels of the
United States in the transportation by
sea of all supplies of every description
for use of the Panama canal commis-
sion or the contractors in the construc-
tion of the Panama canal.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, de-
clares he will oppose to his utmost
the proposed change in the Panama
canal from a lock to a sea level canal.
He says it is a scheme of the trans-
continental railways to delay the con-
struction of an isthmian waterway.

Thursday, December 8.

The senate held only a short session
and adjourned until Monday.

An attempt to secure consideration
of the pure food law by Senator Hey-
burn was defeated.

Tillman brought the case of William
D. Crum, the colored man nominated
for collector at Charleston, S. C., into
prominence by asking for a report from
the committee on judiciary as to the
status of recess appointments.

In the house the civil service com-
mission was attacked because of a pro-
posed increase of 23 employees to con-
stitute the rural examining board.

The pay of stenographers to the house
committees has been reduced from \$5,-
000 to \$3,000 per annum.

A proposition to increase the salary
of the secretary of the civil service
commission was defeated.

Friday, December 9.

The house passed the legislative, ex-
ecutive and judicial appropriation bill
almost as it came from the committee
and adjourned until Monday.

Throughout the session today the
policy of retrenchment held full sway,
and all attempts to increase salaries
failed.

The house passed a resolution to ad-
journ December 21 until January 4 for
the usual Christmas holiday.

NO OFFENDER TO BE SPARED.

Hitchcock Will Go to the Bottom of
the Land Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An official
statement was given out by the In-
terior department today announcing
the government's purpose to prosecute
every guilty man in the public land
frauds to the full extent of the law and
regardless of position in life. The
statement follows:

"The conviction in Portland, Oregon,
of five persons for land frauds, which
will be followed next week by the trial
of several others indicted for the same
offense, is but another step toward the
consummation of the policy entered up-
on by the secretary of the interior when
it became known nearly three years
ago that frauds were being perpetrated
in connection with the public lands, to
run down and prosecute the guilty ones
to the full extent of the law without
regard to their position in life."

Experts Examining Ballots.

Denver, Dec. 9.—The ballot box
from precinct 6, ward 5, was opened
today by order of the supreme court, in
the contempt proceedings against offi-
cials of that precinct, and its contents
were turned over to two handwriting
experts, who were directed to examine
the ballots and report their findings to
the court tomorrow. The court ad-
journed until tomorrow without its de-
cision on the question of rejecting the
entire vote of precincts in which its in-
junctive order was violated. This
would change the result of the election.

Will Prevent Running Blockade.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—According to a dis-
patch from Tokio to the Lokal Anzeig-
er, the placing of heavy cannon on 203-
Meter hill will enable the Japanese to
fire on and sink junks and other craft
bringing supplies for Port Arthur from
Chefoo.

STARVE FORT

Japs Make Fewer Assaults on
Port Arthur.

COST OF LIFE IS TOO GREAT

Sinking of the Russian Fleet Was
Main Object of the Recent
Desperate Attacks.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—In disabling the
Russian fleet at Port Arthur, preclud-
ing the possibility of its being able to
reinforce the second Pacific squadron,
the Japanese have accomplished the
main object of the desperate assaults
against the fortress which they have
been making for the past three months.
There is now a strong probability that,
while continuing the siege, they will
avoid losses of the magnitude already
attending their efforts, and, instead of
assaulting will rely on starving out the
garrison until it is finally captured.

Considerable astonishment is ex-
pressed here over the fact that the Rus-
sians in no way resisted the disabling
of the Port Arthur fleet. In certain
quarters the opinion is expressed that
the Russians opened the sea-cocks of the
submerged vessels to lessen their ex-
posure to the Japanese fire.

The recent cessation of mine clearing
was taken as evidence that the fleet did
not intend to make a sortie.

There was no sign of life on the Rus-
sian ships during the bombardment,
and from this fact it is concluded that
the bluejackets took refuge on land or
that they are engaged in the land de-
fenses.

With the Russian second Pacific
squadron approaching, those in Tokio
cannot comprehend the failure of the
Russians to die hard and to inflict all
possible damage on the Japanese fleet,
even at the cost of weakening the ef-
fective garrison.

Now that the Port Arthur fleet has
been disabled, it is deemed impossible
for the Russians to overcome the infe-
riority of the second Pacific squadron to
Togo's fleet, unless at present unfore-
seen, the Black sea fleet should pass
the Dardanelles.

DEAL IS CLOSED.

Stamp Mill to Operate During Lewis
and Clark Fair.

Portland, Dec. 12.—Negotiations
were practically completed with a big
Colorado mining company yesterday
for the installation at the Lewis and
Clark exposition of a stamp mill, con-
centration plant and other mining ma-
chinery, showing the treatment accord-
ed raw ore in converting it into bull-
ion. This will form a valuable addi-
tion to the mining exhibit, which
promises to be the most notable ever
made.

The company in question is the Colo-
rado Fuel & Iron company, one of the
largest of its kind in existence. The
proposition was made to the exposition
management in the form of an offer to
install the machinery providing Ore-
gon mining men would furnish suffi-
cient ore to keep the machinery busy
during the exposition hours. After a
canvass of Oregon producers the ex-
position management was able to assure
the company that no difficulty will be
experienced in supplying all of the ore
that will be required.

It is possible that an annex to the
mining building will be required for
the new working exhibit, as the space
in the main building is now well taken
and no great allotments can be made to
one enterprise since the interests of in-
dividuals and districts which wish to
participate must be protected.

General interest is being displayed
in the Lewis and Clark mining exhibit.
Miners and mining men all over the
country are preparing their choicest
ores for shipment here, and judging
from the number of offers of minerals
now on file at exposition headquarters
there will be more ores on hand than
can possibly be shelved. This will ne-
cessitate the selection of choice speci-
mens, although it will not cause any
exhibit to be ruled out, as all exhibit-
ors will be given a chance.

\$1,000,000 For Improvements.

Denver, Dec. 12.—The News today
says: Plans to spend \$1,000,000 in im-
provements at Pueblo have been an-
nounced from the office of the Colorado
Fuel & Iron company in Denver. The
money is part of the \$8,000,000 appro-
priation under the recent reorganiza-
tion scheme for extension of proper-
ties. The big tin plate mill and the
merchant mill, both of which are in-
complete, will be finished at once, and
the latest machinery for the manufac-
ture of all sorts of merchant steel is to
be installed.

Denies She Offered to Buy Ships.

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office
says there is no foundation for the
story that Great Britain has offered
Turkey money to buy Argentine and
Chilean warships in return for con-
cessions which would permit Great
Britain to erect a second Gibraltar on
the coast of Yemen, which would give
Great Britain control of the lower en-
trance to the Red sea.