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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### BELIEVES MILL FEASIBLE.

R. C. Stohr a Convert to Flax Doc-  
trines of Eugene Bosse.

Salem — J. C. Stohr, of Chicago, assistant traffic director of the Harri-  
man lines, accompanied by General  
Freight Agent R. B. Miller, of the O.  
R. & N.; General Passenger Agent W.  
E. Coman, of the Southern Pacific, and  
H. E. Lonsbury, traveling freight  
and passenger agent of the latter com-  
pany, were here last week to make in-  
quiries into the practicability of the  
establishment of a linen mill here,  
and held a conference with Eugene  
Bosse, the flax expert, and Mrs. W. P.  
Lord, a flax enthusiast, in the reception  
room of the Willamette hotel. As a  
result of the conference Mr. Stohr states  
that he is convinced that a quality of  
fiber that cannot be excelled any place  
else in the world can be grown in this  
valley, and that everything from the  
coarsest of twines and cordages, crash,  
etc., to the very finest linens and laces  
can be manufactured from it.

He is also assured by Mr. Bosse that  
with the aid of a new flax pulling  
machine which is now in course of per-  
fection and completion the raw material  
can be produced quite as cheap, if not  
cheaper, than in the foreign countries,  
and that the finished product could be  
placed upon the market at such prices  
that the foreign or eastern mills could  
not compete with.

Mr. Stohr collected a great amount  
of reliable data concerning the industry  
while here, and will carry it back to  
Chicago with him to make his report.  
He would not state what particular  
action the Harriman system proposed,  
to take toward promoting the develop-  
ment of the industry, but he says if  
the project looks feasible to the man-  
agement it will exert its influence  
toward interesting Eastern capital to  
invest in the enterprise.

### WANT SALARIES BY WARRANT

State Employees Dislike Certificates of  
Allowance.

Salem—At a meeting held last week  
the state employees decided to levy an  
assessment upon themselves to raise a  
fund to defray the expense of hiring an  
attorney to test the question whether it  
is the duty of the secretary of state to  
issue salary warrants on the first of  
each month. The assessment levied  
was at the rate of 2 per cent on the  
monthly salary.

John A. Carson was employed to con-  
duct the mandamus proceedings, which  
will probably be commenced this week,  
after the monthly payroll has been pre-  
sented to the secretary of state and he  
has refused to issue a warrant.

Secretary of State Dunbar takes the  
position that it is his duty to proceed  
under the general law and issue certi-  
ficates of allowance for the reason that  
no appropriation is available.

The employees contend that under the  
Kay law, passed by the last legislature,  
it is the duty of the secretary of state  
to issue warrants for salary claims,  
even though there be no appropriation  
available. The difference to the em-  
ployees is that if they receive certificates  
of allowance they must discount them  
at 10 per cent. A warrant would be  
worth its face value.

### Sumpter Valley Extension to Begin.

Sumpter—A working crew has gone  
out over the Sumpter Valley railway  
bound for the front. Work has been  
started on the extension from Tipton,  
and will be pushed with all possible  
speed until Austin station has been  
reached. It is reported that this is  
the objective point of the road this  
season, and that the company will be  
satisfied with this much of an exten-  
sion for the present. The large force  
of men being put to work leads to the  
impression that if it is possible the  
road will be extended further.

### Continued Rain Helps Crops.

La Grande—The continued rains of  
the past week have been of great ben-  
efit to growing crops and grain and  
grasses have never been better than at  
the present time. Farmers are jubi-  
lant over the prospect of abundant  
crops and fruitgrowers are also rejoic-  
ing at the improved condition of their  
orchards, as the damage by late frosts  
is not nearly as bad as at first reported.

### Census Returns Coming In.

Pendleton — Assessor Strain has re-  
ceived part of the returns from the  
state census being taken in this county  
and reports that Milton city has 990  
people and Freewater between 300 and  
315. The North Milton precinct, in  
which Freewater is located, has 1,500  
inhabitants, being one of the most  
thickly settled in the county.

### Fewer Hops This Year.

Salem—President Conrad Krebs, of  
the Hopholders' Protective association,  
has issued a circular letter saying that  
reliable dvices from New York and  
California growers are that the 1905  
hop crop in those states will be smaller  
than last year.

### PROMISE BIG POOL.

Conrad Krebs Declares Project for  
Big Combine Will Win.

Salem — Although a week has not  
passed since the issuance of the circu-  
lar letter to the hopgrowers of the Pa-  
cific coast, New York and England, by  
the firm of Krebs Bros., of this city,  
proposing the organization of a gigantic  
hop pool or corporation, President Con-  
rad Krebs, of the firm, says he has re-  
ceived replies from almost every hop-  
growing section of this state, and that  
all spoke favorably of the proposition  
and pledged their hearty support. He  
has already received promises aggre-  
gating 25,000 bales of the 1905 crop of  
hops.

So far letters have been received  
from growers in the districts of Forest  
Grove, Woodburn, Dayton, Corvallis,  
Eugene, Amity, Oregon, and Cowlitz,  
Washington, while verbal assurances of  
support have been received from the  
growers of the Independence, Dallas,  
Champoeg, St. Paul, Aurora, Brooks  
districts and Washington and Yamhill  
counties.

"I feel much encouraged over the  
outlook," said Mr. Krebs, "and I  
think there is no question that the  
move will win. The letters I have re-  
ceived are from the principal growers  
and represent the business element of  
the industry, and when they recognize  
the feasibility and practicability of the  
scheme it only remains for others to  
fall into line and the thing is done.  
We shall probably wait two weeks to  
hear from all over the coast and east  
before any steps are taken to call a  
meeting, but I now feel quite certain  
that it will be called."

### BIG STRIKE IN OPP MINE.

Sacks of Ore are Taken Out Worth  
\$20,000 a Ton.

Medford—When the first big strike  
was made in the Opp mine, two weeks  
ago, many people expressed opinions  
that it was a bunch and that the vein  
would pinch out, as so many other veins  
have done in Southern Oregon. Events  
have proved, however, that if it is a  
bunch it is the biggest, richest and  
most extensive ever found on the Pacific  
coast. Last week a second strike,  
somewhat smaller than the first one,  
was made, and a body of ore richer and  
larger than both others has just been  
uncovered, proving conclusively that  
the Opp mine is one of the most prom-  
ising quartz gold mines ever discovered  
on the coast.

Besides this extremely rich ore, they  
are taking out large quantities of high  
grade free milling ore, and the width  
and depth of the vein increases. The  
first strike amounted to 20 sacks of ore  
that was almost pure gold; the second  
one consisted of five sacks of an esti-  
mated value of \$1,500; the third one,  
the ore of which is considered richer  
than either of the other two, consisted  
of 40 sacks, already taken out, and  
there remains an unknown quantity of  
ore still in sight. This would make  
the three strikes aggregate a value of  
over \$20,000.

Hon. H. E. Ankeny has visited the  
mine and while there offered \$1,200 for  
three pieces of ore weighing altogether  
110 ounces. The offer was refused.  
At this price the ore would be worth  
\$133 a pound, or \$236,000 per ton.

### June 14 a Salem Holiday.

Salem—The Greater Salem Commer-  
cial club has adopted a resolution ask-  
ing all business houses to close on June  
14, which will be Salem day at the  
Lewis and Clark fair. The Business  
Men's league will take a similar action,  
and at the request of the city council,  
Mayor Waters will issue a proclama-  
tion asking that Salem day be observed  
as a holiday here, so that as large a  
number as possible may go to Portland  
to attend the fair. President Hofer  
says that Salem should send 2,000  
people to the fair on June 14.

### Will Hanley Selling Cattle.

Burns—W. D. Hanley left for On-  
tario at the close of the month with  
cattle. He took about 1,500 head from  
the P ranch and picked up enough more  
at Venator and Anderson valley to swell  
the number to 2,500 or 3,000. The  
bunch is mostly 2-year-olds, with a  
few yearlings and 3-year-olds.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat — Club, 84c per bushel;  
bluestem, 80@91c; valley, 85@87c.

Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$30.00 per  
ton; choice milling, \$30.

Hay — Timothy, \$14@16 per ton;  
clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat,  
\$11@12

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18½@19c per  
dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@21½c

Strawberries—\$1.25@1.50 per crate.

Apples—Table, \$1.50@2.50 per box.

Potatoes—Oregon fancy, \$1.35@1.50;  
new potatoes, \$1.50@1.65.

Hops—Choice, 1904, 22½@24c per  
pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, best, 19@  
23c; valley, 27½@29c; mohair, choice,  
31@32½c.

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