

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

INDIANS ON THE MOVE.

Roving Portion Begins to Leave Reservation for the Summer.

Pendleton—The roving portion of the Indians on the reservation or those who wintered on the Columbia, is already stirring abroad, and making in some cases for the foothills. The summering season of the small bands of nomads begins early in April. There are many Indians scattered over the country who do not cultivate the advantages of the reservation.

The more industrious and less proud of these red men make money off wool at this season. With a packhorse or two, they wander around the sheep districts, and while the buck gets the living by hunting and fishing, the squaw pulls or picks up wool wherever she can find it. Bits of fleeces pulled off wool wagons, when the latter start running, or even wool from sheep which have died on the range all go to make up the sackfuls, which are afterward packed to town for sale. Indians will carry loads like this 100 or 150 miles for eight cents a pound.

The migration of the reservation Indian does not take place until May, when hundreds of them go to the mountains for the summer to spend the season hunting and fishing. As summer progresses, he pushes farther and farther into the hills, not to come back to the reservation until the early snows of autumn drive him back.

LOGGER LEASES NECANICUM.

Clatsop County Court Grants Carefully Guarded Privilege.

Astoria—The county court has granted the petition of C. C. Clarke, the Seaside logger, to lease the portion of the Necanicum river that runs through section 28, township 6 north, range 10 west. The lease is for a period of five years and gives the lessee the right to improve the river channel, to erect and construct such dams, booms, and make such other improvements as may be necessary for the purpose of making the stream a public highway for floating logs, timber and lumber.

He is also given the right to collect tolls for the rafting, floating and booming of logs, timber or lumber at the rate of 30 cents per thousand feet. Under the terms of the lease the lessee is to secure the necessary right-of-way from owners of property along the course of the stream, and he gives a bond in the sum of \$2,000 to hold the county of Clatsop harmless of any and all damages occasioned to any person or to property by the use of the stream for floating logs. The county reserves the right to annul the lease without notice, should any of its provisions be violated.

Grand Ronde Drive Starts.

La Grande—The logs on the Grand Ronde river at Perry have begun to move. The monster drive has started from the headwaters of the stream toward the mills at Perry. The Grand Ronde Lumber company will drive about 16,000,000 feet of logs this spring. It will become necessary to build railroads to the vast belts of pine lying on the head of the Grand Ronde river and Meadow creek, as it will be too costly and tedious to haul the logs to the river and depend on the annual drive to supply the mills.

Hospital for Chemawa School.

Salem—Congressman Binger Hermann has been honored by having his name bestowed upon the new hospital building which is to be erected at Chemawa Indian school this year. An inspector of the department of Indian affairs has been here and a site for the new building was selected. The structure, which will be of brick, and will cost \$15,000, will be located on the east side of the Southern Pacific track, and north of the new school building. It will be known as Hermann hospital.

Factory May Resume Work.

Pendleton—Steps are being taken to get the Rigby-Clove combined harvester manufactory and foundry on a solid basis again. W. T. Rigby, the principal owner, was hard hit by the C. B. Wade failure. T. J. Giesler, a Portland man, is here with the intention of organizing a stock company to operate the concern. The harvester manufactured is the invention of Mr. Rigby.

Warrants to Bear Six Per Cent.

La Grande—The county court of Union county has cancelled \$27,000 of county warrants, and the list included all warrants that were bearing 8 per cent interest. Hereafter the interest charge on county warrants will be but 6 per cent. Much of the time of the court was devoted to road and school district matters, and at this session the list of judges and clerks of election was completed.

GOOD WEATHER FOR SHEEP.

Eastern Oregon Wool Will Be of Better, Cleaner Quality.

La Grande—The sheepmen of Eastern Oregon say that the late spring, which is 30 days behind time, will have a splendid effect upon all of the flocks of Eastern Oregon, and the great supply of water now pouring down the hills on every side will insure good pasturage way into the summer, and yearlings this summer will be stronger and fatter and bring better prices than ever before.

Lambing is now at its height, and the increase in the flocks promises to be very large. Wool this year will be of much finer quality and cleaner than last year because the sheep will not have to run in dust so long before shearing time, which in this part of Eastern Oregon will be about May 25, and the sheepmen throughout the country seem very jubilant.

Wool from last year's crop in Eastern Oregon has been sold in Philadelphia within the past week for 17 cents, and this is a good indication that prices this year will go high.

STOCK LOSSES REDUCED.

Warmer Weather Averted the Dangers Threatening the Herds.

Pendleton—Stock reports from southern Umatilla and Grant counties show conditions much improved since the heavy snowstorm of two weeks ago, and stock losses, which threatened for a short time to materially thin out the herds, have been to a great degree averted. In valleys, where it was possible, range stock was gotten out to where grass could be found, while enough feed was on hand for domestic cattle.

In valleys where stock could not be gotten out to better locations, cattle and sheep went on short rations for some time, but escaped after nominal loss, as warmer weather came. Nights were not severe after the storm, a condition which also greatly helped. Several thousand head of sheep and cattle perished, but the loss was probably not over one or two per cent above nominal.

Stock Escaped Severe Season.

Athens—Foothill stockmen east and southeast of here have not sustained nearly as severe stock losses as was feared three weeks ago, when a sudden heavy snowfall with severe weather when feed was about run out, caused apprehension that hundreds of good cattle would be lost. Snow is now out of the lower hills sufficiently to allow grazing, and no more will probably die. As it was, it is said 200 or 300 head, principally old cattle or those in poorer condition, will cover the loss in the mountain section.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c@81c, export values.

Barley—Feed, \$13.50 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.

Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.25; clears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.17½@1.20; gray, \$1.12½@1.15 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$10@11; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.

Vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; cabbage, 1½@2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per dozen; parsley, 25c; cauliflower, \$1.75; celery, 60@90c per dozen; squash, 2c per pound; cucumbers, \$1.75@2 per dozen; asparagus, 8c; peas, 6½c per pound; rhubarb, 7@9c per pound; beans, 10c; onions, Yellow Danvers, \$2@2.40 per sack.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Fancy, \$1.20@1.35 per cental; common, 75c@81c; new potatoes, 3½@4c per pound; sweets, 5c per pound.

Fruits—Strawberries, \$3.75 per crate; apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c@81c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@18c.

Butter—Sweet cream butter, 30c per pound; fancy creamery, 25c; choice creamery, 22½@24c; dairy and store, nominal.

Butter Fat—Sweet cream, 28½c; sour cream, 26½c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 13@13½c per pound; springs, small, 20c; hens, 13½@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live, 8c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12@13c; Young America, 14@15c.

Hops—1903 crop, 23@25c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 12@14c; mohair, 30@31c per pound for choice.

Beef—Dressed, 5@7½c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 6@7½c per pound; spring lambs, 8c.

Veal—Dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 7½@8c per pound.

FIND EXCLUSION TOO SEVERE.

Senate Committee Objects to Hitt Bill Regarding Chinese.

Washington, April 23.—The general deficiency bill reported by the senate committee on appropriations carries \$11,342,146, an increase as it passed the house of \$940,525. It contains an amendment the Hitt Chinese exclusion bill, which was accepted by the house before the bill was passed. The Hitt bill was introduced in the senate by Penrose and referred to the committee on foreign relations. In this committee the discovery, it is said, has been made that the bill will affect the introduction of Chinese coolie labor into the Panama canal zone, and to a considerable extent affect the immigration to this country of Koreans and Filipinos and the deportation from the United States, Hawaii, Porto Rico and any territory, "subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of any person held to come within the definition of the words 'Chinese persons,' and objection has been made to the far reaching effects of the bill.

When the senate committee on foreign relations began consideration today of the Chinese bill it was suggested that the bill might be of wider scope than was at first thought. Sections defining the words "Chinese person" were called to notice, and it was suggested that these might be held to relate to Filipinos, Koreans and others not intended to be included, and that the purpose of the bill might be in conflict with the existing treaties. It was late when the discovery was made, and finally the members of the committee concluded that no action should be taken on the Penrose bill in view of the fact that the Hitt amendment was reported in the deficiency bill, but that the matter might be discussed in open senate. It is understood an attempt will be made to amend the measure before the deficiency bill passes the senate.

FLY FROM JAPANESE.

Russians are Rapidly Crossing the Yalu—Many are Drowned.

Nin Chwang, April 23.—A messenger from the Yalu river reports that the Japanese outposts are near the Russian intrenchments with large bodies of troops five miles distant. He also states the Russians are fleeing north across the river in overcrowded boats, losing hundreds by drowning. The messenger himself met only a few of the Japanese, but they were reported to have shown themselves in force on various occasions, afterward quickly disappearing.

The newspaper correspondents accredited to the Russian forces have left for Mukden. They bind themselves not to divulge news respecting the results of engagements, or give any information which may awaken public uneasiness.

The Russians have issued placards in Chinese explaining away the Japanese victories, detailing Russian successes, magnifying the Russian strength, and prophesying victory for Russia. The Chinese are not misled, but still believe the Japanese will conquer in Manchuria.

RUSSIA HOLDS IT BACK.

Extent of Disasters to Her Arms Cannot Be Sent Out.

Paris, April 22.—The Yinkow correspondent of the Paris Journal says he has tried repeatedly to ascertain the extent of the recent disasters to the Russian arms, and he has failed to do so because of the perfectly-organized secrecy of the Russians. In his concluding statement, he says:

"The people of France will be obliged to be satisfied with notices marked 'official' or semi-official statements sent from Harbin or Mukden many miles removed from the actual scene of war. I am close to Port Arthur, and might give the true version of many incidents, the news of which, as published, has been mere conjecture, but the Russians strictly forbid all communications of land or sea events. At the moment of sending this message, grave happenings are proceeding on the peninsula; in fact, I am told that another battle is being fiercely contested in the neighborhood of Port Arthur."

Bolshai Sympathy Much Appreciated.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—While accepting gratefully the world-wide expressions of sympathy which Russia has received at the death of Vice Admiral Makaroff and the Petropavlovsk disaster, the papers seem especially impressed with the sympathy shown by the British press, several using the text to argue on the opportuneness of the decision in favor of a Russo-British treaty. The Novisky says: "A sincere approachment with Great Britain would guarantee our future development."

Kouropatkin Waits for More Troops.

Paris, April 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal says friend of General Kouropatkin has received a letter from him in which the general says he intends to await the arrival of another 100,000 men before risking a battle with the Japanese.

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