

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WANTS BETTER SERVICE.

Attorney Files Formal Complaint Against Southern Pacific.

Salem—John F. Logan, a prominent Portland attorney, has filed in the office of the Oregon Railroad Commission a vigorous complaint against the Southern Pacific because of its irregular and uncertain passenger train service northward. There is no complaint concerning south-bound trains.

Mr. Logan sets forth the incidents of a recent effort to catch a train from a Valley town to Portland. He says the train was reported several hours late, but that station agents were not kept advised as to the time the train would arrive, with the result that he and many others were caused much inconvenience and loss of time. He wants the commission to compel the railroad to establish a schedule it can follow and then keep its agents advised of the time of trains that are delayed.

The afternoon trains going north through the Willamette Valley have not been regular for nearly three months.

Farmers near Heppner have filed a complaint against the O. R. & N., asserting that the freight rates between Heppner and Portland are excessive. The complaint sets forth that the rate on wheat between Heppner and Portland, 198 miles, is 18 cents per hundred, while the rate from Pendleton to Portland, 231 miles, is 15½ cents per hundred. On other commodities the same difference prevails.

SAWS OUT WOODEN GOAT.

Polk County Farmers Exhibits Great Natural Curiosity at Salem.

Salem—Breese Gibson, a prominent farmer in Polk County, who has originated many curiosities in which both art and nature combine their efforts, has presented the Salem Board of Trade with a goat made by sawing a section out of the side of a tree. When the bark was taken off the tree the surface was very rough, presenting at a short distance the appearance of the hair of a goat. To the ordinary observer that was all that was unusual about it; but Gibson could also see that by sawing straight down the trunk he would get a slab that would not only be a profile of a goat, but that would show the rounded sides, the flanks, legs and head. He sawed out the section, stuck in a couple of sticks for horns, and had a wooden goat that it would tax the efforts of a wood carver to excel. The piece has been given a place in the Salem Board of Trade's new quarters, on State street, where it excites the wonder of all who see it. The Board of Trade has a fine-haired stuffed goat in its rooms, but the real goat cannot hold its own in interest while Breese Gibson's wooden goat is on exhibition.

Forestry Commission Named.

Salem—In accordance with the provisions of the act of the last legislature, Governor Chamberlain yesterday announced his appointees to compose the Oregon Forestry Commission, with himself and the Director of Forestry of the Agricultural College, who are designated as members of the act, as follows: Upon the recommendation of the Lumber Manufacturers' Association of Oregon, Leonidas S. Hill, of Eugene; upon recommendation of the Oregon Forestry Association, E. P. Sheldon, of Portland, and upon recommendation of the United States Forestry Service, Mr. Bartrum, United States Superintendent of Forestry of Oregon, at Portland.

Governor Chamberlain has fixed June 5, in his office at Salem, as the date for the commission to meet and effect organization.

Wide Difference in Bids.

Salem—The Board of Capitol Building Commissioners today awarded to Welch & Maurer the contract for constructing the new wing of the state insane asylum.

The bid of this firm was \$81,895. Other bids were: F. B. Southwick, \$96,778; H. N. Eley, \$99,280; F. A. Erixon, \$102,000. It is considered remarkable that there should be such a wide difference in the bids, the highest being 25 per cent above the lowest. It is apparent that if the successful bidder makes a fair profit, the highest bidder would have had a pretty good thing.

This is the largest building contract the state will let this year, unless, perhaps, the construction work for the home for feeble-minded should be let in one contract, in which event it might exceed this amount a little.

Salmon Prices Up.

Astoria—At a meeting of the Columbia River cannery the selling prices for canned salmon were fixed at the following rates per dozen: Tails, \$1.65; flats, \$1.75; halves, \$1.05; plain ovals, \$2.30; key ovals, \$2.35; nominal, \$2.50; squats, \$1.75. Compared with last season's prices these figures are an advance of 15 cents on tails and flats, 5 cents on halves and 10 cents on ovals and nominals.

New Railroad Commission.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has announced the personnel of the new Portage Railroad Commission, as follows: H. F. Allen, of Allen & Lewis, Portland; W. J. Mariner, of Blalock, and Joseph T. Peters, of The Dalles, all members of the Open River Association.

PUSH WORK ON SALEM LINE.

Trains Will Be Operated Over Road in October.

Portland—Work is being rushed on the Portland end of the Oregon Electric Railway, and 300 men and 150 teams are at work grading between Portland and the Willamette River at Wilsonville. Two locomotives, grading outfits, a steam shovel and considerable other construction material are busy. With the present favorable weather, very good progress is being made, and it is now regarded as practically settled that the first electric trains will roll over the new road between Salem and Portland in October.

Work on the bridge at Wilsonville is progressing favorably. The piers are well along toward completion, and 700 tons of steel for the superstructure is on the ground, ready to erect. This bridge will be complete by the end of July. Rails, ties, overhead wires and all materials are strung along the line of the new road in large quantities almost the entire distance from Salem to Portland. R. L. Donald, chief engineer, says the completion of the road on time is now merely a matter of getting the required number of workmen. Cars and electric locomotives, to be used on the line, are scheduled for delivery in Portland during July.

Fares Are Reduced.

Astoria—Through the activity of the Railroad Commissioner, passenger tariffs on the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad have been materially reduced. All stations between Goble and Astoria profit by the change, the reduction in almost every case ranging from 5 to 25 cents in fare. Tickets between Astoria and Seaside will hereafter be 50 cents instead of 75 cents as formerly. There has been a complete revision of the passenger tariffs and rates have been equalized.

Astoria Regatta.

Astoria—A mass meeting of citizens was held Saturday night and it was decided to hold the annual regatta during the coming August in connection with the sangerfest of the Norwegian singing societies of the Pacific Coast. A committee of nine was appointed to select a chairman and secretary of the regatta and to request the Congressional delegation to ask the Navy Department to send one or more warships to Astoria at that time.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86@87c; bluestem, 88@90c; valley, 86@87c; red, 85c. Oats—No. 1 white, 28@30; gray, nominal.

Barley—Feed, 22@22.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled 23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, 26; cracked, 27 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Domestic fruits—Strawberries: Oregon, 15@22½c per pound; cherries, \$1.40@1.75 per box; apples, \$1@2.50 per box; gooseberries, 6@7c per pound.

Tropical Fruits—Lemons, \$5.50@6.25 box; oranges, navels, \$2.50@3.50; grapefruit, \$3@3.50; bananas, 5c per pound.

Root Vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 7½@10c per pound; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; chicory, 30c.

Fresh Vegetables—Cabbage, California, 3@3½c per pound; cauliflower, \$1@1.25 dozen; lettuce, head, 35@45c dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; tomatoes, \$2.25@4.50 crate; parsley, 25@30c; artichokes, 65@75c dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$2 box; peas, 7@8c; radishes, 20c dozen; asparagus, 6c per pound; bell peppers, 30@35c pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound; cucumbers, 50c@1.50; spinach, \$1.50 per crate; beans, 15c per pound; squash, 50c@1 per box.

Onions—Oregon, \$2@2.50 per hundred; Texas, 4c per pound.

Butter—City creameries: Extra creamery, 22½@24c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20@22½c; store butter, 17@17½c.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 22½c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Cheese—Oregon full cream twins, 16c; Young America, 17c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 14c; mixed chickens, 13½c; spring fryers and broilers, 18@20c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 10@12c; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, per pound, 8c; young ducks, 18c; old ducks, 13c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—17½@18c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 75@125 pounds, 8c; 125@150 pounds, 7c; 150@200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 4@4½c per pound; cows, 6@7c; country steers, 7@8c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9c per pound; ordinary, 8@8½c; spring lambs, 10@10½c.

Pork—Dressed, 100@130 pounds, 8½@9c; 150@200 pounds, 7@7½c; 200 pounds and up, 6@6½c.

Hops—6@8c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness.

Mohair—Choice, 29@30c per pound.

KUROKI DECORATES.

With Bared Head He Places Wreath on Statue of Lincoln.

Chicago, May 31.—General Baron Kuroki last night gave a banquet to 50 Chicagoans, which, for expense, splendor and unique features, has rarely been equaled. The baron gave orders that no expense was to be spared, and his orders were carried out to the letter. The banquet hall was transformed into a marvelous maze of Japanese lanterns, draperies and dainty scrolls, while the menu included the finest wines to be had.

Baron Kuroki entered heartily into the spirit of Memorial Day. Early in the morning the warrior-visitor and his staff donned their regimentals and it was decidedly a military party which emerged from the Auditorium Annex to go to the home of the Imperial Consul, S. Shimizu. It was the first time the Japanese visitors had worn their military uniforms. General Kuroki was attired in a clay colored uniform, with but one decoration, a medal for bravery presented by the Mikado. The other members of the party were ablaze with decoration, but Kuroki wore the really valuable emblem.

In the afternoon the general paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in an impressive way—a way that touched the hearts of the Americans who witnessed it, and a way that Chicagoans probably will remember as the one thing more than any other which gave an insight into the brown, little, grizzled warrior's character.

At 3 o'clock the party left the Auditorium Annex in two automobiles, carrying a wreath of white roses four feet in diameter. All the way to Lincoln Park the general was silent, as if impressed with the importance of the tribute he was about to pay, and aware apparently of whatever value it might have as an international episode of his trip to America. At Lincoln Park, President Francis I. Simmons, of the Park Board, met the party, and at the base of the great St. Gaudens bronze statue brief speeches were made.

The general, head uncovered and in full uniform, presented a great contrast as he stood bareheaded before the tall statue of the great emancipator, and the sight was one long to be remembered. A vast crowd had assembled, and General Kuroki, aided by some of his officers, raised the wreath and placed it reverently on the feet of the statue. Then salutations were exchanged all around, and the visitors departed, cheered by the crowd.

Another incident was a call made upon the general early in the morning by a few baseball enthusiasts. General Kuroki, holding a ball in one hand and a bat in the other, eulogized the American game, and said he would boom it in Japan. He intends to see the game between the world's champion White Stockings and the Detroiters here Saturday.

RIOTS IN IRELAND.

Peasants Rebel Against Leasing of Farms for Grazing.

Dublin, May 31.—The latest phase of the land agitation in the congested districts of Ireland is taking the form of a crusade against the holders of grazing farms on the 11 months' lease system, and is developing with great rapidity. Kings County and North Tipperary are the centers of rioting. In bygone days these counties saw many evictions, and today the peasants are determined that the land shall be redistributed to small holders.

Reports are received daily of the gathering of large bands of peasants, who destroy gates and fences and clear the grazing ranches of cattle, which they drive back over miles of country to the farm of the owners. In two cases men who had leased ranches were compelled to abandon their homes because of intimidation. There have been serious conflicts between the police and peasants, and many persons on both sides have been injured. There have been numerous prosecutions, but the sympathy with the peasants is so strong that in one of two instances even the magistrates have declined to concur in the conviction of the disturbers of the peace, one magistrate even going so far as to declare himself ready to go to prison with the defendant.

Strike for Union Shop.

Louisville, May 31.—A general strike of machinists upon the Louisville & Nashville Railroad was ordered today. Between 600 and 700 machinists are employed upon the road, and 245 of them working in the South Louisville shops. The machinists ask recognition of the union and a uniform scale of wages in each shop. No increase in prices is asked. Reports received here early this afternoon showed that the machinists went out in response to the call as follows: At Covington, 15; Mobile 60; Birmingham, 54; Nashville, 10.

Will Not Pay Damages.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—It is announced from official sources that the Southern Pacific Railroad will decline to pay any damages for injury to passengers in the Glendale wreck May 21. The fact that the accident was caused supposedly by wreckers is given as the reason. Upwards of 20 passengers were injured, some of them seriously.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

Bonaparte Tells Cabinet About Row in San Francisco.

Washington, May 30.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday, Attorney-General Bonaparte laid before the President and Secretary Root the report of District Attorney Devlin, of San Francisco, upon the alleged assault on Japanese residents of that city. The report, Mr. Bonaparte says, shows that the first stories of the alleged assault were exaggerated, and that the difficulty appeared to be a lack of police protection, owing to a strike. Secretary Root took the report with him, and if any further action is taken it will be by the State Department.

Mr. Root received the following telegram from the governor of California in answer to a message of inquiry relative to the attack upon Japanese in San Francisco last Tuesday: "Your telegram of May 23, concerning assault made upon Japanese received. Will call attention of Chief of Police of San Francisco at once to your telegram and request him to use every effort to protect these people. Think the assaults were due largely to uncertain conditions existing in San Francisco by reason of the labor troubles."

The State Department has taken no further action in the matter as yet, but undoubtedly will communicate Governor Gillett's telegram to the Japanese embassy, and the belief is expressed that it will sufficiently meet the complaint.

TAKE UP JAPAN'S KICK.

San Francisco Business Houses At- tacked—Federal Inquiry Ordered.

Washington, May 29.—Information that Japanese have been subjected to ill-treatment and indignities in San Francisco came to the State Department today from two sources, and Secretary Root has taken measures for the protection of the Japanese through two channels. Ambassador Wright at Tokio cabled that a Japanese restaurant and a Japanese bathhouse in San Francisco had been demolished by a mob, and Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador here, laid before Mr. Root dispatches from the Japanese Consul-General at San Francisco detailing the same occurrence.

Mr. Root at once made request on Attorney-General Bonaparte, that the United States District Attorney in San Francisco be directed to make an immediate investigation. Mr. Bonaparte thereupon telegraphed both the United States District Attorney and the United States Marshal at San Francisco to forward reports by telegraph.

Forest Guards for Northwest.

Washington, June 4.—D. W. Meyers, J. W. Kelso, Clarence J. Ingram, Clarence W. Jackson, G. C. Cottrell and George L. Ford have been appointed forest guards in the Cascade forest. Other guards appointed are: L. D. Hammock, Coquille forest; Jesse Devitt, Siskiyou forest; Orloff A. Stafford, Heppner forest; F. P. Pettit, Fremont forest; Maurice Hamilton and John Snow, Washington forest; J. H. Bolen, W. J. Ryan and C. W. Ray, Yakima forest.

New Governor Appointed.

Washington, May 30.—Ambassador Creel now has a clear field for the governorship of Chihuahua, the other two nominees having withdrawn in his favor. The election will take place next Sunday. His election will not, however, necessarily mean his withdrawal from Washington, as the Mexican law permits designation of an acting governor.

Land Commissioner Coming.

Washington, May 31.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the General Land Office, will accompany Secretary Garfield next month on his proposed tour of the Western States, and will make a general inspection of land offices. The tour will begin at Denver June 1, when the Secretary will attend the land convention.

Promote Japanese Friendship.

New York, May 30.—The Japanese Society of New York was formally organized today. The objects of the society will be the cultivation of friendly relations between the United States and Japan, and diffusion among the American people of a better knowledge of the Japanese people.

Hear Arguments on Damages.

Washington, May 31.—Notice has been given to interested parties that the Interstate Commerce Commission will conduct a hearing on June 15 next in this city, on the general question of the liability of carriers for property destroyed or damaged in shipment.

Survey New Section.

Washington, June 4.—Topographic work on the Mount Baker quadrangle near the Canadian boundary in the Washington forest reserve will soon be begun by Robert Muldrow, of the Geological Survey.

New Rural Route.

Washington—Rural Route No. 1 has been ordered established August 1 at Kerby, Josephine County, Oregon, serving 492 people and 110 families.

WANTS NO WAR.

Mexico Angry With Guatemala but Not Dispose to Fight.

Washington, June 1.—Concerning sensational reports about expectations of war between Mexico and Guatemala, Ambassador Creel, of Mexico, said today to the Associated Press:

"There is nothing pending and no reason for any fear of war between the two countries. The assassination of ex-President Barillas by a Guatemalan developed in Mexico a feeling of indignation and a strong protest by public opinion against such a criminal action, more so when it was known that General Lima, from Guatemala, was supposed to be implicated. Mexico asked for the extradition of General Lima, not as compulsory under the treaty, but offering Guatemala the privilege that might have been accepted. Guatemala declined, and this was the end of the conflict.

"There remains in Mexico a feeling of grievance and condemnation in public sentiment, but not a spirit of war. The troops that have been located on the frontier of Mexico and Guatemala are there for the purpose of keeping order and to give protection to the people of all nationalities."

SCOUT CRUISER LAUNCHED.

Swift New Vessel Is Expected to Steam 24 Miles an Hour.

Quincy, Mass., May 31.—The scout cruiser Birmingham, one of the latest types of fast warships, was launched today. Miss Mary Campbell, of Birmingham, Ala., broke a bottle of champagne upon the steel prow as the big vessel started down the ways.

The Birmingham, which is expected to make 24 knots an hour, is a departure in shipbuilding in the American Navy. The Birmingham is 429 feet over all, 46 feet 8 inches in breadth, and has a draught of 19 feet. The coal capacity is 1,250 tons, and her steaming at full speed is estimated at 1,875, or 6,250 miles, at 10 miles an hour. It is estimated that she will develop 16,000 horse power.

The hull is built of steel throughout, with two longitudinal bulkheads and five decks, the main and berth decks being continued from stem to stern. Her battery will consist of two five-inch and six three-inch rapid-fire guns, and two 21-inch submerged torpedo guns. Her motive power will be derived from vertical engines with four cylinders, triple-expansion type, and she will have the usual twin screws.

Presidents Arbitrate.

Washington, May 31.—The State Department today received a translation of the treaty of peace, negotiated at Amapala, Honduras, under which friendly relations were re-established between Nicaragua and Salvador, following their estrangement over the conflict between the former and Honduras.

The treaty stipulates that differences between Salvador and Nicaragua shall be adjusted by the obligatory arbitration of the Presidents of the United States and Mexico, who shall have the power, in case of not arriving at an agreement, to name a third, whose decision shall be final. The President of Mexico will have the right to delegate his functions as arbitrator.

Sent to Watch Rebellion.

Washington, June 1.—Instructions have been cabled to the commander of the gunboat Helena, which arrived at Fouchow, China, a few days ago, to return at once to Amoy, the nearest port to the scene of the armed uprising against the Chinese local officials. The purpose is to have a warship available to protect foreigners in Kwang Tung province in case the rebellion threatens to get beyond control of the local authorities. Already a German and British warship have been sent to Amoy and Canton respectively.

Americans Win Contract.

New York, May 29.—In the face of the keenest competition on the part of foremost Italian, German and other European concerns, another important contract has been allotted to American electrical interests by the Italian government. The contract, valued at about \$3,000,000, was obtained by the Westinghouse Company and calls for the conversion from steam to electricity of the suburban state railway lines operating around Genoa.

Cowboy Lost His Wager.

Washington, May 30.—President Roosevelt today made the following entry on a paper brought to the White House by Floyd Pegg, the cowboy, who left the mayor's office, Chicago, at noon, May 6, on a pony, on a wager that he would get to Washington in three weeks:

"Theodore Roosevelt, the White House, 11:50 A. M., May 28." Pegg was allowed until 7 o'clock last night to complete the trip, but missed it by 16 miles.

Jobs for Two Men.

Washington, May 29.—David Blakeley, of Portland, Or., has been appointed meat inspector under the Bureau of Animal Industry, Agricultural Department. John McNulty, of Potsdam, has been appointed nautical expert at \$1,000 salary, in the hydrographic office, Portland.