

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

SETTLERS WILL LOSE LAND.

Klamath Falls Aroused Over Recent Ruling by Garfield.

Klamath Falls.—A decision recently made by Secretary Garfield has complicated matters in township 37, range 10. This tract of land was secured on scrip by Daniels & McKael, a Wisconsin timber firm, several years ago, but their filing was rejected at the Lakeview land office, the officials asserting that the scrip was fraudulent. On appeal to the commissioner of the general land office and to Secretary Hitchcock, the Lakeview land office was upheld. Recently the Wisconsin firm secured a rehearing before Secretary Garfield, who rendered a decision reversing the one formerly rendered and giving the lands to the timber company. The tract of land is within ten miles of this city and is especially valuable for timber, while some of it is suitable for agricultural purposes. Several persons from Klamath Falls have homesteads in the township and have made improvements on the land, but according to the secretary's decision, must give up the lands.

In a few instances holders made final proof on timber claims in this township and disposed of them to third persons. The situation is quite complicated, and it is likely that another rehearing will be requested.

No Sheep Killing Looked for.

Sumpter.—The recent rains have had a most beneficial effect upon the grasses of the ranges of this section of Eastern Oregon. Already sheep and cattlemen are beginning to occupy the localities they arranged for during the stockmen's convention here last fall with the forest reserve officials. Several bands of sheep are en route to this section and are expected in the vicinity of Sumpter any day. It is not thought there will be any ruthless slaughter of sheep like that which has disgraced the state during past years, owing to the satisfactory arrangements made in allotting the ranges of the reserve, as each individual is protected by his agreement with the government.

Prospects for Cherry Fair.

Salem.—Preparations are almost complete for the second annual Cherry Fair, to be held here July 10-12, under the auspices of the Oregon Horticultural society and in conjunction with the Northwest Nurserymen's association convention. Circular letters and invitations have been sent out broadcast by Secretary Armstrong and, judging from the number of applications for space already received the success of the exhibit is practically assured. Over 90 silver cups will be awarded in the different varieties and classes of cherry exhibits, while special premiums will be given for floral displays and creditable seedlings.

Hatch Shad at Oregon City.

Oregon City.—The shad hatchery established at Willamette falls by Superintendent Henry O'Malley, of the United States bureau of fisheries, is in operation and is an unusual sight. Already 1,120,000 shad eggs have been taken, though the hatchery was started only last week. George H. Talbert is conducting operations and the bureau expects to take 1,500,000 eggs. The fish are hatched in glass jars on the sixth day after being taken and are liberated as soon as hatched. Some of the shad are placed in the Willamette river and others are being sent to Skagit river and other Washington points.

Want Old Rate Established.

Salem.—A petition has been received from the Sunset Logging company by the railroad commission asking that the old rate upon shipments of logs and lumber, recently reduced by the commission upon complaint of the Keystone Lumber company from \$15 and \$12 to \$12 and \$10, respectively, be restored, because the latter rate is ruinous to the company's business, since it will not pay operating expenses.

Construction Starts Soon.

Drain.—Every indication points toward an early opening of construction work on the Oregon Western Railroad from here to Coos Bay. Concrete abutments for the steel bridges on the "Y" across Elk Creek are being built and all the steel for the two bridges is now in the yards in South Drain. At the tunnels the machinery is being put in shape and everything will be ready for work in ten days.

Marked Fish Find Way to Ocean.

Astoria.—One of the marked salmon that were turned out from the Clackamas river hatchery in 1904 was delivered at the Tallant-Grant Packing company's cannery recently. It was a chinook and weighed 28 pounds. Two more of the marked fish were caught a few days before and reported, but their weight is not known.

WHEAT NOT SPOILED.

Clackamas County Crops and Looking Well—Large Abbie Crop.

Oregon City.—The farmers of Clackamas county are encouraged over crop conditions, and believe that the yield will be large, especially in wheat. The aphids, which did so much damage last year, has not appeared, and the recent rains have been very beneficial. Last year the aphids prevented much of the wheat from heading, and the loss to the farmers was heavy. Reports from outlying districts are very satisfactory, and in the eastern and southern portions of the county there will be good crops. George H. Gregory, of Molalla, one of the few teasel growers of the Pacific Coast, says the crop this year cannot be excelled. While the prune crop in many sections will be short, there is a fine prospect for a large crop of apples. The strawberry crop is still being harvested, and Wilson berries sold for \$1 per crate in the local markets Saturday. Indications are bright for a large crop of cherries, and very few have been spoiled by the rains so far this season.

Trout Planted Near Astoria.

Astoria.—A shipment of 2,000 brook trout and 12,000 rainbow trout has been received from the government hatchery on the Clackamas river. The brook trout were planted in streams near Forts Columbia and Stevens, while the rainbow trout were planted in streams tributary to upper Young's River and running through property owned by Dr. Vaughn and C. V. Brown of this city. Messrs. Vaughn and Brown will prohibit fishing in the streams for three years, will feed the young fish for a time, and will also fence off with wire screens the portions of the streams where the fry were planted.

Will Water Malheur Land.

Vale.—A big irrigation project is being developed on the Owyhee river, tributary to Nyssa. The project covers something like 200,000 acres of land and is being worked out by Messrs. Test and Gregg, of Ontario, who have interested Chicago capitalists in the matter. The plan is to take water from the Owyhee river about 16 miles southwest of Nyssa, place reservoirs at different points on the river and cover all the higher land lying east and south of the point of intake. A number of people are securing land now, for the territory covered by the project will be rich and valuable when irrigated.

Brook Trout Planted in Molalla.

Oregon City.—Through the efforts of Oregon City and Molalla sportsmen, the United States bureau of fisheries has planted 1,500 Eastern brook trout in the waters of the Molalla river and tributaries.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 88c; 89c; valley, 86c; red, 84c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.50; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.
Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 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.
Fruits—Strawberries, \$1.50@2 per crate; cherries, 3@12½¢ per pound; apples, \$3@3.50 per box; apricots, \$1.25@1.65 per crate; plums, \$1.65 per box.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$2.50 per sack; asparagus, 10¢ per pound; beans, 10@12½¢ per pound; cabbage, 2½¢ per pound; corn, 35¢@50¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 75¢ per dozen; lettuce, head, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; peas, 2½¢@4¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 3½¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$3.50@4 per crate.
Potatoes—Oregon, \$2.50@3 per sack; new potatoes, 4¼¢@4½¢ per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½¢@25¢ per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 13¢@14¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 13½¢; spring fryers and broilers, 16¢@17¢; old roosters, 9¢@10¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 10¢@12¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, per pound, 8¢; young ducks, 13¢@14¢; old ducks, 10¢.
Eggs—Candled, 21¢@22¢ per dozen.
Veal—Dressed, 5½¢@7½¢ per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 3½¢@4¢ per pound; cows, 6¢@6½¢; country steers, 6½¢@7¢.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9¢ per pound; ordinary, 5¢@7¢; spring lambs, 10¢@10½¢.
Pork—Dressed, 6¢@8½¢ per pound.
Hops—6¢@8¢ per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16¢@22¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20¢@22¢, according to fineness; mohair, choice 29¢@30¢ per pound.

STORY BACKED UP.

Bank Records Show That Orchard Told Truth.

Boise, Idaho, June 21.—Yesterday the state proved by documentary evidence that money was sent Orchard at San Francisco from Federation headquarters as he testified. They showed by the records of the Postal company at Denver that two remittances were made, one by Wolff, Pettibone's representative, and the other by P. Bone, the latter name being a play on the words. Orchard testified that such a name was often used by Pettibone. Further, it is understood that a handwriting expert will testify at some time before the case is ended, that both applications were made out by Pettibone. An interesting feature of those remittances is that identification of the payee was waived in both cases.

Another link in the chain of documentary evidence of payments has been forged. A dispatch received from the First National bank states that the stub of the \$100 draft purchased for Simpkins in December, 1905, showed it was secured on December 21, the day on which the money was sent to Simpkins for Orchard, as shown by the letter sent by Pettibone to the latter. In that draft the second figure of the date had been punched out, and it was necessary to refer to the stub to determine that the draft was issued to Simpkins on the day that Pettibone gave as the date on which the money was sent.

HOLDS LAND IN TRUST.

Laud Convention Told President's Policy Will Be Kept Up.

Denver, Colo., June 21.—President Roosevelt has served notice on the West, in a letter that was read at the Public Lands convention, which came to an end last evening after adopting resolutions much less radical than those who had the affair in charge originally had intended, that the present administration will until its end pursue a policy of fostering actual homemaking and preventing the remaining public lands from being exploited by men and corporations and of prosecuting those who perpetrate frauds.

The west, by reason of the president's written declaration and statements made in detail during the last few days by Secretary of the Interior Garfield and United States Forester Pinchot, will have a much better understanding of the administration's intention with respect to a matter that is second in importance to no other now occupying public attention. The better understanding has been indicated already in the resolutions adopted by a convention organized with intent hostile to the national administration. These resolutions do not in their entirety express what conservative representatives of the public lands states declare would be the registered sentiment of the west itself if unrestricted expression thereof had been permitted in Denver.

LAST EFFORT OF UNION.

Telegraph Operators Ask Neill to Use Influence.

Chicago, June 20.—With the general executive board of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union yesterday approving a strike against both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies, the eyes of the country are now fixed on Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, who is looked upon as the last source through whom peace may come.

The strike situation reached a most critical stage during the day. In the hope that strife may yet be averted, Wesley Russell, general secretary of the union, telegraphed from Chicago to S. K. Koenekamp, deputy president of the National Union, to find Commissioner Neill in New York and ask him to use his influence in arranging a meeting of representatives of both sides.

No Inducements Offered.

New York, June 21.—A Berlin dispatch to the Herald says that the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American steamship lines have refused to act on a resolution adopted by the Southwestern Immigration congress and will do nothing toward the development of New Orleans as an immigrant station. No official reason for the decision is given, but the Herald's dispatch quotes an agent of one of the steamship companies as saying that until employers of labor in the Southern states learn to treat whites as they should, immigration will not be encouraged.

Treasure Ship From Mome.

Seattle, June 21.—The steamship Victoria arrived from Nome yesterday. She is the first boat to return. A treasure shipment of \$1,000,000 was brought down. Only 27 passengers came out. Much ice was met in the Behring Sea. Conditions in Nome were reported good. There is a scarcity of Orientals for the Alaskan canneries.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHANGE OF POSTS.

General Moving of Foreign Representatives of Uncle Sam.

Washington, June 22.—Feeling that his usefulness as American consul at San Salvador has been impaired, the State department has decided to find another post for John Jenkins. This office became embroiled in the quarrel between Nicaragua and Salvador. Samuel E. Magill, at present American consul and Tampico, Mexico, will be transferred to San Salvador, where Mr. Jenkins has been stationed since 1899. The appointment of Percival Dodge, at present secretary of the American embassy at Tokio, Japan, to fill the new post of minister to Guatemala, leaves a vacancy at Tokio, which will probably be filled by the transfer of Peter Augustus Jay from the American embassy at Constantinople.

This change in turn will afford an opportunity for the State department to reward Philip M. Brown, at present secretary of the American legation at Guatemala and Honduras, for services rendered in bringing about the termination of the war between Salvador and Nicaragua.

NO THROUGH ROUTE LIKELY.

Interstate Commerce Cannot Adjust in Time for Convention.

Washington, June 19.—The Interstate Commerce commission will take no further steps looking to the establishment of a through route for passengers going to Seattle to attend the Christian Endeavor convention by way of Portland. Efforts made this week by Commissioner Lane to adjust the differences between the Harriman and Hill interests over this through business was based on an informal request, the matter being incident to freight discussion, and the commission cannot take action unless formal complaint is filed. If such complaint is filed now, however, the commission could not act in time to benefit Christian Endeavor visitors, as it would require a hearing and argument, both of which consume time.

Given Medal for Bravery.

Washington, June 20.—A bronze West Indian medal was today awarded by the Navy department to Rear Admiral Bowman H. McCalla, U. S. N., retired, for specially meritorious conduct other than in battle. The medal was bestowed for "rescuing crews from and in close proximity to burning ships, after the battle of Santiago, July 3, 1898." McCalla, then commander of the Marblehead, took his ship close to the burning vessels of Cervera's fleet and rescued Spanish sailors at great risk of the exploding magazines.

Sends Charleston to Astoria.

Washington, June 21.—At the request of the chamber of commerce of Astoria, Senator Bourne secured an order from the Navy department directing the cruiser Charleston to be in Astoria harbor on July 15, the day of Vice President Fairbanks' reception in that city.

Portland Boy for Annapolis.

Washington, June 22.—Henry W. Blagen, of Portland, will be admitted to the naval academy at Annapolis, as the appointee of Representative Jones, of Washington, provided he passes the examination. He was appointed midshipman last week by Senator Bourne.

New Northwest Postmasters.

Washington, June 22.—Joseph J. F. Waser has been appointed postmaster at Englewood, Wash., vice Mary Gardiner, resigned, and George E. Payne appointed regular, and Frank Lackey substitute rural free delivery carrier, route 2, at Hillsboro, Oregon.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, June 19.—Gillis O. Dizney has been appointed regular, Charles M. Dizney substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1, at Madras, Or. Beulah J. Atherton has been appointed postmaster at Nolin, Or., vice W. W. Atherton, resigned.

In Command of Louisiana.

Washington, June 25.—Captain Richard Wainwright, at present on duty here in connection with various naval boards, has been selected to command the battleship Louisiana to succeed Captain Couden, who is to be promoted to Rear Admiral.

Oregon Postal Changes.

Washington, June 18.—On July 1 the postoffice at Seaside, Or., is to be raised to the presidential grade, and the salary of the postmaster fixed at \$1,400. Culdesac, Idaho, is raised to \$1,100.

National Bank for Corvallis.

Washington, June 20.—The Benton National bank of Corvallis, Or., has been authorized to begin business with a \$50,000 capital. A. J. Johnson is president and John F. Allen, cashier.

LUMBER TRAFFIC ENORMOUS.

More Than 150,000 Carloads of Sawed Timber from Northwest.

Washington, June 20.—Official Washington was given some astonishing statements when counsel argued here before the interstate commerce commission for their clients in the case involving the through joint rate via the Portland gateway, asked for by Puget Sound millmen, on forest products originating in Western Washington. Official Washington—and through it the nation—learned that Western Washington and Western Oregon alone cut annually 17 per cent of the entire output of sawed lumber in the United States; and that nearly 90 per cent of the shingles supplied to the Middle West come from the North Pacific coast; that something like 150,000 to 175,000 carloads of forest products annually is the freight originating in the two North Coast states; that the gigantic railroad systems comprising the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Oregon Railway & Navigation company, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line have been utterly unable to move more than one-third of this offered traffic, and that enough sawed lumber and shingles lie in the mill yards in the North Coast to load to engine capacity thousands of trains hauled by eight-driver mountain "hogs."

BUY UP SOLDIERS' CLAIMS.

Missouri Sharper Plead Guilty to Fraudulent Transactions.

Washington, June 25.—Information was today received at the General Land Office that B. A. Jetter and C. B. Van Tress, of Butler, Mo., have pleaded guilty before the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri and have been fined \$1,000 each and sentenced to four months in jail for conspiracy under section 5440 of the United States Revised Statutes.

These men, in conjunction with other persons, all of Butler, Mo., at the time of the opening of the Indian reservation in South Dakota last year, secured a number of soldiers' declaratory statements, which, as agents for the soldiers, they offered for filing. At the same time they secured promises of relinquishments of soldiers in case the soldiers were lucky enough to draw a number, the idea being to secure purchasers for the soldiers' rights, and, it was charged, defrauding the government by cutting out bona fide entry.

The land office has also been notified that there is a similar scheme in process of formation for the opening of the land to be capable of irrigation under the Huntley project in the Billings, Mont., district, which will soon be made available.

Many Will Lose Navy Jobs.

Washington, June 20.—With the approach of the new fiscal year, when, according to the terms of the naval personnel act there must be some heavy pruning in the various commissioned grades in the navy, more concern is being expressed among the officers on duty at the department over the fact that up to this moment not nearly enough officers have applied for retirement to meet the needs of the system upon which the law was based. There are 24 vacancies to be made above the grade of junior lieutenant.

New Northwest Postmasters.

Washington, June 21.—Washington postmasters appointed: Elk, Irving Miller, vice W. B. Kelsey, dead; Hammond, Mary C. Dietrich, vice Gebhard Dietrich, resigned. Oregon—Clyde L. Trapp vice E. M. Trapp, resigned; Roseburg, H. J. Almar Candoll vice August Byny, resigned.

Diplomat Not Recognized.

Washington, June 22.—Secretary Root has declined to grant the request of Dr. Angel Urgarte to be received at the department as the diplomatic representative of the Honduran provisional government, which amounts to a refusal to recognize that government at this time.

Northwest Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, June 25.—Oregon postmasters appointed: Harney, Harney county, John H. Logan, vice M. E. Bower, resigned; Pittsburg, Columbia county, James W. Armstrong, vice W. D. Case, resigned.

New Northwest Postmasters.

Washington, June 20.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—Yainax, Alice L. Spink, vice J. W. Evans, resigned. Washington—Bluestem, Henry Lloyd, vice O. F. Manges, removed.

Enlarge Fort Wright Guard House.

Washington, June 19.—The secretary of war today allotted \$15,000 for the enlargement of the guardhouse at Fort Wright, Wash.