

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

GOVERNOR AIDS.

Chamberlain Notifies War Department of Act of Legislature.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has sent letters to the secretary of war at Washington, D. C., saying:

"The legislature of this state at its last session passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 to be paid to the United States for the purpose of assisting the United States in acquiring by condemnation or construction of a boat canal and locks around the falls of the Willamette river at Oregon City, Oregon. The present and only canal and locks around these falls is owned by a private corporation which has the power and does impose a tax of 50 cents per ton on every ton of freight that passes from the upper to the lower river or from the lower to the upper river. This tax as the state grows is an annually increasing burden and the people for a number of years past have been strenuously demanding government ownership and control of the locks at the falls of the Willamette to the end the river may be opened to free navigation its entire length. The delegation from Oregon to the congress of the United States intend to bring this matter to the attention of congress and urge upon that body the importance to our people of an open waterway through the heart of the Willamette valley, and I am taking the liberty of enclosing you herewith a copy of the act of the Oregon legislature bearing upon the subject in order that your department may be fully advised in the premises."

Feed Cattle at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—Within the last 10 days there have been brought in over 9,000 head of beef cattle, which will be fed on the large feeding grounds bordering Lost river, between Klamath Falls and Merrill. The largest buyers of alfalfa hay this year have been C. Swanston & Co., of Sacramento, Louis Gerber of this place, and the Oakland Meat company. They have bought over 6,000 tons and paid on an average \$6.50 a ton. The cattle drive for the season will probably be nearly 20,000 head.

Polk's Prune Crop.

Dallas—From information given by prune growers in Polk county it is estimated that the prune crop this year will aggregate 1,675,000 pounds, or a gain of 625,000 pounds over the crop of 1906. Most of the growers have disposed of their output at 5 cents a pound, which makes the total amount received for this year's prune crop reach the handsome aggregate of \$837,500. The larger portion of the prune crop of Polk county is grown and dried in the immediate vicinity of Dallas, the town being surrounded on all sides by orchards, large and small.

Big Timber Deal in Clatsop.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record here whereby J. L. Washburn, of St. Louis, sells a tract of 4,715 acres of timber land located on Upper Young's river, about six miles from Olney, to the Youngs' River company, a Minnesota corporation. The consideration named is \$50,000. The tract is heavily timbered and the price is understood to have been considerably in excess of the amount named.

Umatilla Dams Kill Salmon.

Pendleton—One hundred and fifty residents of Pendleton have signed a petition to the state game warden protesting against the dams in the Umatilla river and the dam of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company in particular, as fatal to the salmon which are said to be dying by the thousands through a failure to provide proper fish ladders and means of passage.

Selling Cattle by Thousands.

Lakeview—The last drive of cattle to the railroad has commenced. When it is finished there will have been several thousand head of cattle shipped from Lake county, bringing into the county approximately \$250,000. The unusually high prices paid for beef cattle this year has caused an increase in the number sold.

Mill Makes Good Run.

Elgin—The most successful run made by any sawmill in the history of Elgin has just been brought to a close when Galloway Brothers finished a run lasting 137 days, during which time they cut 4,300,000 feet of lumber. This is considered exceptional for a small mill, and averaged about 31,640 feet per day.

Mothers' Congress Delegate Wanted.
Salem—A letter has been received at the governor's office asking him to appoint a delegate to represent the state at the Mothers' congress to be held at Washington, D. C., next March. President Roosevelt is named as one of the directors of the congress.

Bort Will Paint Asylum.

Salem—The contract for painting the interior walls of the state insane asylum has been awarded to Charles Bort, of Salem, at \$3,388. The contract for supplying the paint was at the same time awarded to Fisher, Thorsen & Co., of Portland.

O. R. & N. REPORTS.

Net Income of Road Nearly Six Millions—Accidents of September.

Salem—The O. R. & N. has filed its report. It shows the following: Total cost of construction and equipment to June 30, 1907, \$54,523,984.2; cost per mile, \$621,295.92; gross earnings from operation the past year, \$12,942,815.49; operating expenses, \$6,969,821.56; income from operation, \$5,972,815.93; income from other sources, \$1,204,362.13; total income, \$7,177,356.25; deduction, rents, taxes, interest, etc., \$1,383,572.04; net income, \$5,793,784.20; dividend 4 per cent on preferred stock, \$440,000; surplus for the year, \$535,378.20; total surplus entry general balance sheet, \$28,930,400.03.

The following is a summary of the results of accidents within the state for the month of September prepared by the railroad commission from the reports of the various lines: Collisions of passenger trains, 1; freight trains, estimated damage to property of the railroad companies, \$5,150; killed passengers, none, trainmen, none, other employees, 5, other persons, 2; injured passengers, none, trainmen, 2, other employees, 6, other persons, 5. Total, 7 killed and 13 injured.

Hill Buys in Astoria.

Astoria—The announcement recently made at the annual meeting of the Union Pacific at Salt Lake that the company had purchased water frontage and terminals here is now supplemented by authentic information that the Hill interests have not been idle. A. B. Hammond, who owns large tracts of water frontage between Warrenton and Fort Stevens, has stated as a positive fact that the Hill interests purchased 2,200 acres in that vicinity at the time President Hill visited in the vicinity. The property includes 1,800 acres owned by the Flavel Land company, as well as the personal holdings of Hammond. The purchase price is said to be \$800,000.

Record Price in Barley.

Weston—A record price of \$25 per ton has just been paid for barley at Weston, where a great deal of this cereal is grown, and where the acreage is annually increasing. This was paid by S. A. Barnes, of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, who purchased 18,000 bushels from five Weston growers who formed a pool.

New Asylum Superintendent.

Salem—In accordance with an understanding, which has existed for some time, the board of trustees of the state insane asylum have elected Dr. R. E. L. Steiner to succeed Dr. J. F. Calbreath as superintendent of that institution.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 89c; valley, 87c; red, 85c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.

Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30@31.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.

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

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@1 per crate; watermelons, 1c per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 75c@1.15 per crate; casaba, \$2.25 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 7@8c per pound; cranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@1 per dozen; corn, 85c@1 per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound; tomatoes, 25@50c per box.

Onions—\$2.00@2.25 per sack.
Potatoes—Delivered Portland, 80c@1 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.

Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8½c; 125 to 150, 7½c; 150 to 200, 6@7c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 8@8½c; packers, 7½@8c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; spring chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, old, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 27½@30c per dozen.

Hops—1907, 7½@10c per pound; olds, 4@5c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

President Sets Apart November 28 as Day of Thanksgiving.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The president's annual Thanksgiving proclamation, issued Saturday, selecting Thursday, November 28, for the people to assemble to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of the manifold blessings of the past year, triumphantly declares that nowhere in the world is there such an opportunity for a free people to develop to the fullest extent all powers of body, mind and character.

"During the past year we have been free from famine, from pestilence, from war," it declares. "Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any nation. Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care the 10 talents have been entrusted, and we are to be pardoned neither if we squander and waste them, nor yet if we hide them in a napkin."

"We should earnestly pray that the spirit of righteousness may grow greater in the hearts of all and that our souls may be inclined even more toward the virtues that tell of gentleness, for loving kindness and forbearance one with another, for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can rise to the level of greatness."

FIXES SAILING DATE.

All Plans Complete for Fleet to Sail for Pacific December 16.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Metcalf today announced that it was definitely settled that the Atlantic fleet will leave Hampton Roads on December 16 for its cruise to the Pacific coast. This announcement followed a conference held at the White House, to which the president summoned Secretary Metcalf, Rear Admiral Evans, who will command the fleet on its cruise to the Pacific, and Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation of the Navy department. The conference was called to continue more in detail the cabinet meeting discussion of naval affairs. The discussion related particularly to details of the Atlantic fleet's cruise to the Pacific.

It is understood that matters were in such shape that the president was thoroughly informed on all important items in the itinerary. Admiral Evans, who has been confined to his apartments on account of an indisposition, looked and declared himself to be much improved in health. The bureau of insular affairs today received a cablegram from Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, asking that the Atlantic fleet be permitted to visit Manila during the week beginning February 10, in order to attend to pre-Lenten festivities.

The fact that the fleet will not have arrived in Pacific waters by that time precludes this.

Mr. Metcalf stated that the question of allowing newspaper correspondents to accompany the fleet was discussed and the conclusion reached not to allow newspaper men aboard, but that officers of the fleet would be designated to send such news as might be thought desirable to make public.

TWO-CENT FARE PROFITABLE.

Two Roads in Missouri Make Money Under New Law.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28.—Having found the two-cent fare profitable, two of the railroads operating in Missouri have decided to give the new law another month's trial.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, said this morning that he had information from a reliable source that two of the railroads operating in Missouri had found the 2-cent fare to be profitable.

"The auditors of two of the railroads say the 2-cent rate has proved profitable, while others take a different view of it," said Mr. Hadley.

"The fact that the railroads can't agree on the proposition caused them to decide to give it another month's trial before going into court again. I shall not take any further steps in the matter unless the railroads make a move. I shall be satisfied if they decide to continue the 2-cent rate indefinitely."

Senator Owen for Suffrage.

Muskogee, I. T., Oct. 28.—The advocates of women suffrage will find a powerful ally in Robert L. Owen, senator elect from Oklahoma. Senator Owen has long held strong ideas relative to the rights of women to the ballot. Last fall when the constitutional convention was in session in Guthrie, he openly espoused the cause and assisted in every way he could to get a favorable clause in the constitution. Colonel Owen is also a "white ribboner," and never touches liquor in any form.

Considers Suez Route.

Rome, Oct. 28.—The United States consuls at Naples, Palermo and Messina have received instructions from Washington to ascertain what amount of coal and provisions the three cities can supply on short notice. The inquiry is believed here to imply that the United States Navy department contemplates sending part of the Atlantic battleship squadron to the Pacific by way of the Suez canal.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNCLE SAM'S MEAT TRADE.

Over Ten Billion Dollars Represented in Industry in America.

Washington, Oct. 25.—A capital of \$10,625,000,000 is directly concerned in the raising of meat animals and their slaughtering and packing, according to a report on meat supply issued by the department of agriculture. This amount is five-sixths as large as all capital invested in manufacturing in 1904. Seven-eighths of the meat and meat products are consumed within this country. The stock of meat animals has increased since 1840, but has not kept pace with the increased population. The report adds:

"That meat consumption per capita has declined in this country since 1840 is plainly indicated. How important meat is in the diet of the different countries is shown in the following meat consumption per capita in 1904, in dressed weight:

"United States, 185 pounds; United Kingdom, 121 pounds; Australia, 263 pounds; New Zealand, 212 pounds; Cuba, 124 pounds; France, 79 pounds; Belgium, 70 pounds; Denmark, 76 pounds; Sweden, 62 pounds; Italy, 56 pounds."

LITSLER COKE ON COAST.

Washington Only State Which Produces Any Amount.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Washington is the only one of the Pacific coast states which produces coal of quality suitable for the manufacture of coke. The cokemaking operations of Washington are not of special importance when compared with the output of other cokemaking states, but they are of interest as establishing the fact that it is possible to produce metallurgical coke from Pacific coast coal.

There are five coke establishments in the state, three of which made coke in 1906. Two plants, having a total of 31 ovens, have been idle during the last two years. The production in 1906 amounted to 45,642 short tons, valued at \$226,977, against 53,137 short tons, valued at \$251,717, in 1905. All of the coal used in cokemaking in Washington in 1906 was washed. Two of the plants used washed run-of-mine, and one plant used washed slack. The washed run-of-mine coal amounted to 70,685 tons and the washed slack to 6,211 tons. The cokemaking industry of Washington began in 1884, when 400 tons of coke were produced.

Williamson Case Goes Over.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Argument in the case of ex-Representative J. N. Williamson was today indefinitely postponed by the United States Supreme court in order to afford the attorney general an opportunity to prepare his argument. The motion to postpone made by the government was resisted by the attorneys for Williamson, who were anxious to push the case to immediate hearing, it having been originally set for argument today. As customary in such cases, the court granted a postponement.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Washington postmasters appointed: Christopher, Maurice W. Thompson, vice J. A. Shoff, resigned; Eagleton, John E. Bunker, vice Niel Anderson, resigned; O'Brien, Anna K. Burke, vice F. S. Warner, resigned; Richmond, Ralph P. St. John, vice S. E. Holloway, resigned. Elmer E. Hales has been appointed regular, A. H. Kirby, substitute, rural carrier, routes 1 and 2, at Adams, Oregon.

Wall Loses Rich Mine.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The Supreme court today decided the case of Leonidas M. Lawson and others versus the United States Mining company favorably to the company. The case involves a question as to the right to follow mineral veins from the apex in the Jordan extension, Northern Light and other mines in the West Mountain district, near Brigham, Utah.

Commissioners Hear Complaints.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The members of the Interstate Commerce commission go this week to various parts of the country to hear hundreds of complaints. Chairman Knapp goes to New York, Commissioner Prouty to Buffalo, St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver, and Commissioner Clarke to Kansas City. All told, 2,700 complaints will be heard.

Barred from Use of Mails.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The postmaster general issued an order denying the right of the Health Appliance company, of Seattle, to hereafter use the mails. This is a reputed quack medical concern of unsavory character.

Plans to Receive Warships.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Secretary Metcalf today received a communication from San Francisco setting forth plans for the reception of the battleship fleet upon its arrival there.

TOO VALUABLE TO BE SOLD.

Japanese Say Philippines Thrive Under American Rule.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Mail advices from Manila report that Akasa Tsuka, the Japanese consul for the Philippines, has recently concluded his first visit to the southern islands. Upon his return to Manila, the consul said that the great natural wealth of the Southern Philippines astonished him and that he can readily see that the United States will never desire to sell the islands.

He was very much impressed also with the military government of the Moro provinces. He considers it one of the most effective and practical systems that could be devised for the Moros.

"The Moro," he said "seems to be bright and honest, and will, under the present system of government, develop into a fine citizen some day, as have the natives of the mountains of Formosa under the Japanese government."

"Everybody in the southern islands seems to be talking hemp and copra and leaving politics to shift for themselves, and there seems to be no question of race, or anything except the development of the country. This and bettering their own condition seem to occupy Americans, Japanese and Filipinos, and I think that this account for the present prosperity," said Mr. Akasa Tsuka.

ARE GOING BEYOND.

Civil War Pensioners Decrease Rapidly During 1907.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The decrease of 18,600 in the number of pensioners on the rolls at the end of the fiscal year 1907, as compared with the year previous, is the feature of the annual report of Pension Commissioner Warner just issued. This is the greatest decrease in the history of the pension bureau.

The total number of pensioners June 30, 1907, was \$67,371, and the total value of the pension roll at that date was \$140,850,880. This is greater by \$4,613,131 than the value of the roll for the year previous and is accounted for by the higher rates of pensions provided for by the act of February, 1907, under which act there had been enrolled June 30 of the present year 116,239 pensioners.

The total number of pensioners on the roll on account of the war with Spain was 24,077.

Army Activity in Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 29.—There are strong surface indications that important military developments are looked for in the Philippine islands in the near future. Chief among the things pointing to that conclusion is the fact that Major General Leonard Wood, commanding that military division, and Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the department of Mindanao, have asked for further service in the archipelago. General Wood will start for the United States next month by way of Europe to take command of the department of the east at New York. After a brief stay in the United States, General Wood plans to return to the islands and resume command. General Bliss also has asked that he be continued in command of the Philippines for another two years, following his present term of service in the islands.

Report on Land Grants.

Washington, Oct. 24.—A. McD. McBlair, special assistant to the attorney general, who has been assisting B. D. Townsend in the investigation of the Oregon & California land grant case in Oregon, will report soon. When Mr. Townsend's report is received, steps will be taken by the department looking to the preparation of a bill, special counsel will be engaged and the case will be taken into court in the hope of compelling the railroad company to dispose of its surplus land in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Earthquake in Indian Ocean.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The Weather bureau today announced that its instruments registered an earthquake beginning at 11 o'clock last night and lasting until early this morning, and that its origin may have been at a point west of Australia, in the Southern Indian ocean. It is believed to have been of considerable intensity at its origin.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Charles E. MacLean has been appointed regular, Margaret E. MacLean substitute, rural carrier, route 1, at Georgetown, Wash. Washington postmasters appointed: McCormick, Arthur N. Reges, vice H. W. McCormick, resigned; Plaza, Harvey H. Mott, vice W. J. Nickerson, resigned.

Bourne Stays in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Senator Bourne will not return to Oregon before the convening of congress. He finds that various matters of importance to the state require his presence in Washington and he believes he can accomplish more by remaining here than by making a brief visit to the state.