

SUBURBAN TOWNS IN BRIEF.

LOCAL PORTS AND RAILWAYS

ASTORIA, June 11.—(To The Journal.)—Portland is more vitally interested than Astoria in having this port made a common point on exports by the Union Pacific system.

It is a conceded fact that Portland cannot obtain any important share of the Oriental commerce and will not be made a principal Western terminus by Mr. Harriman until the great ocean ships can reach her wharves; that is to say, until they can meet Harriman's transcontinental line on the Columbia water level.

This plain fact was recently stated by H. E. Huntington in a Seattle interview that has been printed in the New York papers. In that interview he says:

"This is to be an age of great ships. Mr. Hill knew what he was about when he ordered the building of those two great liners he is to put on the Oriental run. The Pacific Mail has recently launched two 15,000-ton vessels. It can be plainly seen that such ships as these cannot go to Portland."

Here, then, is the situation: Will Portland abdicate the commercial primacy to which she is entitled by grade and gorge of the Columbia; or will she utilize these advantages of Nature by making Astoria her Ocean port, as she can do, without possible menace to that primacy?

It is a simple problem. Her interest in using this port is plain. Yet the Oregonian refuses. Why? To let that interest be discussed in its columns and use every journalistic art to foster the ancient, provincial fear that it would result in Portland's ruin.

It is wholly against Nature that Astoria, as the seaport of the Columbia Basin, should ever become the commercial rival of Portland. In truth, the establishment of Astoria as the great seaport of the West by means of a 40-foot entrance and drydock, 2000-foot pier, gi-

gantle wharves and warehouses and all the fittings of an Oriental commerce, would make Portland the greatest city in the West. It would be the case of Liverpool and London over again.

The key to this entire problem is a simple fact of Nature and of commerce, viz.: That all seaport lines would have to pass through Portland on their way to Astoria from the Willamette, Columbia and Snake River valleys—the results of this great empire; and the resulting law of commerce that all local traffic in that region would have to pay more freight and fare to trade in Astoria than to trade in Portland.

A powerful pool, local and National, has at this time seized upon the Oregonian to hide this great truth from Portland—for the reason that, if Portland's merchants and property-owners understood it, their clamor would soon force the use of this ocean port by the Union Pacific and compel Willcox's wheat pool to let go of its graft.

The advent of The Journal is timely. It would prove Portland's most valuable friend if it should state the whole problem until Portland should make use of this greatest port on earth—her own port that is neglected on a false fear of Astoria's rivalry.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will, in a series of short articles, further discuss this problem in your columns in order to lay open to the Portland people this vital truth, now falsified by Willcox and "Jim" Hill for selfish purposes; to the ruin of the Columbia Basin commerce and to the ruin of Astoria itself. In these articles I shall not under-rate the inestimable value to Portland of her splendid inland waterway, which I deem a principal factor in making Portland one of the world's greatest cities.

SHEDLEY DELL.

INTERIOR INFORMATION IN COMPACT STYLE.

EUGENE ECHOES

been issued to about 125 guests. After a short wedding trip to Eastern Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Weed will make their home in the Third Ward.

J. A. Tabern of Clackamas Station, accompanied by Matt Ryckman, left yesterday for the Upper Mackenzie River in Lane County, where Mr. Tabern will equip and operate a new salmon hatchery under the auspices of the State Fish Commission. For the past two years Mr. Tabern was superintendent of the Umpqua hatchery.

Donn Meldrum, son of Surveyor General Henry Meldrum, left last night for Lake County, where he will assist in executing a government surveying contract. He was accompanied by S. D. Hedges and Gwin McIntyre of Cherryville and Ben Minton of Portland. Rufus Moore of Clackamas County is the principal in the contract.

Merton Latourette, a student at the University of Oregon, returned home yesterday for the summer vacation.

NEW WOOL

(Journal Special Service.)

BAKER CITY, Or., June 11.—The largest crop of wool ever produced in Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties has been clipped this spring, and is now coming in the warehouses. The crop is not only large, but the quality is far superior on the average to that of many years past. Prices are good, so far as sales have been made, and the sheep industry has been given an impetus the most enthusiastic have little dreamed of.

The Hethner C. & C. Company has already contracted for 225,000 pounds of wool, which is steadily being delivered at its warehouse. The Murphy & Stuchill Forwarding Company has contracts out for about 40,000 pounds of wool, and may run it up to 50,000 pounds. Casaday has already marketed 30,000 pounds of cents above the average rate, while individual ranchers perhaps have 25,000 pounds more, which they have marketed privately. This will bring the shipments of wool from Baker City this season close to the million-pound mark, and the ranchers are more encouraged than they have been in a long time.

For the first time since the extension of the Sumpter Valley Railroad, large shipments of wool are being received at Whitney, the new terminus of the line, for trans-shipment to Baker City. This wool comes from Grant County and the wool shipped from Baker City to Portland and John Day country, and is of very fine quality. Four or five carloads of wool land today, and other large shipments will be made in the near future for the new woolen mills at the metropolises.

FAIRVIEW.

Robert Hofer and Ed Wetmore were in Portland on business Tuesday. E. J. Snow received painful, though not very serious, injuries yesterday. This platform on which he was working broke under him, throwing him to the ground. Mrs. E. Fisher, daughter of R. Hunter, and children are here visiting their relatives.

M. C. Johnston of Portland was in Fairview yesterday, looking up the prospects of putting in a milk-condensing plant here.

It is expected that a celebration will be held in Fairview the Fourth of July. Pearl Dolph is visiting with friends in Portland.

SUES FOR DAMAGES.

(Journal Special Service.)

BAKER CITY, June 11.—Alvin Craig, postmaster at Whitney, has brought suit against the Bank of Sumpter and A. P. Ross, president of the bank, for \$20,000 damages, for defamation of character, growing out of his arrest last winter on the charge of embezzlement of the bank's funds. The case against Craig was dismissed by the Circuit Court here, and he now seeks restitution of \$20,000 of expense money, costs of suit and damage to his character in the above sum.

at Portsmouth. He was seen to have a sudden attack of heart trouble and then fall over dead. Dr. Rossmier was called but it was too late.

Dr. W. H. Boyd reports one of the little children of M. M. Barron on the sick list.

Harry, the little son of W. W. Winder, the University Park butcher, is reported to be in a better condition.

R. D. Thurman, a painter, while carrying a ladder Saturday morning strained his side and as a result is reported very ill at his home in the Miner Addition.

The little daughter of Mrs. N. J. Nail has scarletina.

The Ladies Aid Society of the University Park Methodist Church, gave a social in a large tent opposite the Park station Saturday evening for the benefit of the organ fund. The affair was a complete success. The ladies have the reputation of being very hard workers for their church.

The Walby family of Portsmouth will leave this week for Seattle, where Mr. Walby has secured employment.

B. J. Rand, clerk in the Davis grocery at University Park, made a flying trip to Hood River on a visit last Friday.

INDEMNITY REDUCED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Minister Conger, at Peking, cables the announcement that the powers agree to reduce the amount of the indemnity demanded from China by about \$10,000,000.

Revenue District Changed.

The state of Washington has been detached from the internal revenue district of Oregon. A new office will be instituted in Tacoma. This will necessitate a reduction in the force of clerks in the internal revenue office in Portland and probably a transfer of some of them to Tacoma.

Veterans Hold a Session—Oregon University's Commencement.

(Journal Special Service.)

EUGENE, June 11.—The Lane County Veterans' Association met here today for a three days' reunion. The association is composed of soldiers and sailors of all wars, and has a membership of several hundred. Thursday a monster parade will be given, and Friday, the last day of the reunion, business of the association will be transacted and officers elected.

In compliance with a request by Mayor Christman, a large number of the business men decorated their stores with the national colors in honor of the occasion.

A Wheeler of this city was brought home from Albany yesterday with a broken leg. He had been temporarily employed as bookkeeper in the western mills of that city, and was getting out of bed to prepare himself for work when the accident happened. As he alighted on the floor, the bone of the right leg just below the thigh was broken in two. Upon his arrival here he was taken to the Eugene hospital.

A game of baseball between the Eugene and Mount Angel College teams will be played here next Sunday.

Company C, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., has received its quota of khaki uniforms from the state, and Captain Williams had the company outfit with them last night. The suits for Company A and the Fourth Regiment band have not yet arrived.

At the regular meeting of the City Council last night, three new are lights were ordered placed in different parts of the city. This makes 2 are street lights now in use here.

The sale of what is known as the McKenna stock farm, six miles east of Eugene, owned by Dr. Charles E. Moore, was made today to O. W. Johnson, just from Whiting, Ia., the consideration being \$10,000. Mr. Johnson also purchased from Dr. Moore's fine lot of blooded stock, including a large number of Hereford and Shorthorn cattle.

Eugene will not celebrate the Fourth of July, but her citizens will attend the celebration at Junction City, Cottage Grove and other nearby places. The local merchants have all agreed to close their stores on that day.

Following is the general program for the commencement exercises of the University of Oregon next week:

Sunday, June 14, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. Thomas L. Elliott.

Monday, June 15, 8 p. m.—Closing exercises of the school of music.

Tuesday, June 16, 8 p. m.—Class day exercises at 3 p. m.; fern and flower procession at 7:15 p. m.

Wednesday, June 17, 10 a. m.—Alumni day; alumni business meeting at 9:30 a. m.; alumni class reunions at 10 a. m.; alumni dinner at 3 p. m.; president's reception at 8:30 p. m.

Thursday, June 18, 9:30 a. m.—Commencement exercises.

SALEM BRIEFS

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, June 11.—In the Circuit Court yesterday, George Barker, indicted on a charge of aiding prisoners to escape from jail, pleaded guilty to the charge, waived time and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Barker was arrested by Sheriff F. W. Durbin, on a charge of passing a saw into jail to some pals, also serving short sentences there, and they made use of the tool to attempt a jail break. Barker has a month to serve. Henry Sharp, a young blacksmith residing at Seila, who was arrested on a charge of assault on a young woman, was ordered released from custody upon the filing of a not true bill by District Attorney J. N. Hart. Birdie Fuller, the young woman involved, and Sharp had long kept company. It was impossible on the part of the state to produce evidence sustaining the charge brought against Sharp.

ROSE SHOW

Portland Rose Society's Exhibit June 18.

Multnomah Field will be a sweet smelling place on June 18 and 19, when the Portland Rose Society will hold its great rose show there.

The Portland Rose Society is actively at work preparing details and making final arrangements for one of the most attractive and elaborate floral exhibitions which has ever appeared in Portland, said a prominent member.

One of the great features will be a floral parade, in which the Riverside Driving Club will take part. There will be a tally-ho filled with two kinds of Oregon beauties in it—girls of the Flower Mission and roses.

Every person who grows roses is requested to bring them to the show, so that every variety may be represented and the visitors given an opportunity to view and compare them and learn the names, colors, forms and qualities of them all. No prizes will be given.

The object of this exhibition is to stimulate in every home a desire for roses, and by so doing not only beautify the place, but when the Lewis and Clark Fair comes around, Portland should rightfully be called "the Rose City."

FIR FOR AFRICA

(Journal Special Service.)

TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—Immense shipments of fir lumber to South Africa are being resumed, following the restoration of peace. That market has been closed three years. The Russian bark Ocean began loading the first cargo today.

STRIKE

Situation Encouraging to Strikers.

"The strike situation looks good to me" is the manner in which the union men are expressing themselves today.

More applications for men than can be filled are being made at the Building Trades Council headquarters, and this is the reason given why the prospects look encouraging.

A contractor who has fair material made a futile attempt this morning to secure carpenters. They were all at work, and he left after being assured that he would be supplied with help as soon as available men could be notified.

The carpenters are mostly busy, and the same condition exists in all other building lines, such as painters, plumbers, plasterers, bricklayers, masons, etc. Material is arriving daily from the outside, and there seems to be no immediate danger of a cessation of building operations, as was feared a short time ago.

Hookways & Burdett, proprietors of the new union mill at Tenth and Flander streets, started up steam this morning, but will not be in good running shape before Monday. They are awaiting the arrival of two more machines, and when these come they will have 11 different kinds of machines. They will then be prepared to turn out any kind of material produced in an up-to-date planing mill shop.

One of the proprietors this morning said:

"For the present we will only run one shift of between 15 and 20 men. If our orders demand it we will put on two shifts. We will work our men but nine hours a day, and believe that they will take enough interest in the business to accomplish fully as much as if they worked 10 hours. We have received assurances that we can get all the lumber from the outside that we want."

The Schmitt mill, on the East Side, also started up this morning, and there will soon be enough union product turned out in the city to supply the demand. The Schmitt mill is preparing to run two shifts of 10 men each, and the smaller union concerns running to their full capacity will shortly relieve the anxiety which the public has felt for some time that there would soon be a great shortage of building material here.

The members of the Millmen's Association met yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Barker, their secretary, says that the business of importance was transacted. He says that they have not recorded in the least from their former position, and are as strongly opposed as ever to the arbitration. They remain firm as ever, he stated, and expect to get along without the union.

FOUGHT DUEL IN A SALOON

One Man Used a Shotgun the Other Took Revolver.

(Journal Special Service.)

GRAND VALLEY, Cal., June 11.—A bloody duel with shotgun against shotgun was fought here, in which Robert Crase, secretary of the contents of his barrels of James Rodda's shotgun in the head, face, shoulders and chest, while Rodda was punctured with a bullet in the left shoulder.

The affair happened in Boston Ravine, a suburb of Grand Valley, at Crase's saloon, being the outcome of a flat fight earlier in the evening, when Rodda suffered a broken nose and went away avowing to kill his antagonist. Shortly afterward Rodda's little daughter came rushing into Crase's saloon, telling him to close his doors. "Papa's coming with a gun to shoot somebody," she gasped between breaths, after her running.

Crase closed the doors. Shortly afterward Rodda appeared in front of the place, peered in through the glass doors and leveled his shotgun at Crase, with the muzzle instant Crase came from behind the bar with a revolver in his hand and fired two shots before Rodda could pull the trigger. One of his bullets hit Rodda in the shoulder, while Crase received two charges of bird shot and fell wailing in blood to the floor. Rodda leisurely staggered homeward and Crase was removed to the home of his mother, near by. Crase will recover, and Rodda is only slightly injured.

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Estey, beautiful fancy oak case, used 2 mos.	\$58.00
Smith-American, a fine instrument	\$42.00
Peloubet	\$38.00
Western Cottage, chapel, a bargain	\$30.00
Starr, walnut, a good organ	\$12.00
Crown, exceptional value	\$22.00
Estey, nearly new	\$30.00
Chicago Cottage	\$37.00
Earhuff	\$28.00
Storey & Clark, beautiful case	\$45.00
Mason & Hamlin, chapel style	\$10.00
Smith-American	\$18.00

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GRAND ARMY OF VERMONT

Is in Session Today at the State Capital.

(Journal Special Service.)

MONTPELIER, Vt., June 11.—Montpelier is gayly decorated in honor of the Grand Army veterans of Vermont, whose 35th annual encampment is in session here. The formal opening took place in the Blanchard Opera-House this morning with Department Commander Louis Presiding. Simultaneously the Women's Reserve Corps began its annual meeting in the Church of the Messiah. A big campfire takes place tonight and the happiness of the encampment will be continued and concluded tomorrow morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAN GRAND THEATRE—

CALVIN HEILIG, Manager. Friday night and Saturday, June 13-14, David Garrick's comedy, "THE COUNTRY GIRL." Saturday night, Allyn and Purnas' emotional play, "THE KIDDER." Evening prices—\$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c, 10c. Matinee prices—50c, 25c, 10c. Seats now selling.

The Fredericksburg—

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GRESHAM WORK

Important Improvements on the Base Line Road.

GRESHAM, June 11.—A great amount of road work has been done in this section during the past two months and is still in progress. The Base Line road has been graded about one-half its length—about seven miles; the Powell-Valley road also received the same attention, as well as all the other roads leading out of Gresham for several miles. Near Troutdale the rock crusher made a long run and the roads there are in excellent condition. The crusher has since been moved to a point three miles west of this place and work is being prosecuted on all the roads in that neighborhood. On rural mail route No. 2 there have been two long sections of grading done through heavy timber. Work on them is still under way and will continue the balance of this month. Several other short cross roads have been graded and are now being gravelled. There are several other cross-roads which need attention, as they will be used by the rural free delivery carriers from Troutdale and Clatsop. The new Road Supervisors will give them early attention.

THE DALLES.

THE DALLES, June 11.—The official count of the ballots increases Mr. Furber's plurality over Chamberlain in Washington County from 190 to 230 votes. Furber received 146 and Chamberlain 114 votes. Williamson's plurality is 478 over Butcher.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's Academy will occur next Friday night. There will be no graduates this year. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music and oratory, to be concluded with a light drama. Studies will be resumed the first Tuesday in September. Stadelman Bros. have just completed their large establishment for the manufacture of ice. The daily capacity of the

ACROSS THE RIVER

Still Not Settled.

The School Board has met, and, after talking over the proposition of building a new school for the Woodlawn district, decided not to take any steps in the matter at present. Two of the directors present, Messrs. Warren and Wittenberg, comprising the building committee, were in favor of purchasing the ground proposed by the Piedmont people, but the other directors objected on the ground that the old school property would become a loss, as it could not be sold for some time.

This is a partial victory for the Piedmont people, who in a united body presented a petition to the board asking that the location of the school be changed from the hollow at Woodlawn to a point on the hill near the Portland Railway Company's gravel pit between Woodlawn and Piedmont. It is now said that the Woodlawn people will soon present another petition against the removal of the location.

Talk to Band of Mercy.

The members of the Stephens School Band of Mercy will be present at the address delivered by Miss A. McGraw of San Francisco this afternoon. Miss McGraw is the organizer of the Bands of Mercy in the San Francisco schools. The Stephens School band is composed of about 200 members, Edwin Haslam being president. The address will be delivered in Gruher's Hall.

Street Is Dangerous.

The condition of the elevated roadway on East Morrison street from Union avenue to East First street is in a very dilapidated condition. It has been only a few years since the roadway was new, but at the present time its condition is considered so dangerous that drivers of heavy teams do not care to venture upon it. The street will soon

have to be improved or closed up. This will work a hardship on residents in that vicinity, as the street is the main thoroughfare to the Morrison-street bridge.

Left for His Health.

Eugene Ferguson, superintendent of the street-cleaning and sprinkling department, has left for St. Martin's Springs, near The Dalles, where he goes in search of health. Mr. Ferguson has been working very hard lately, and his health broke down. He expects to be absent about 10 days. His wife accompanies him.

CHOICE ROSE THIEVES.

Complaint has been made by a large number of residents of the East Side that thieves are again raiding their gardens of all the choicest roses. One party on Northeast Eighth street said that while the family were at breakfast yesterday someone came along and appropriated 12 of the best roses in the garden. The same complaint is general all over the East Side. The police have made no arrests.

ON THE PENINSULA.

A "bloomer" social will be given by University Park Assembly, No. 3 United Artisans, at Odd Fellows Hall, University Park, Thursday evening. Ice cream and cake will be served. All the ladies attending are requested to wear bloomers. The most unique costumes will receive a prize.