

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

AMENT DAM IS RUSHED.

Lower Rogue River Valley May Get Water This Season.

Grants Pass—Work is rushed on the Ament dam preparatory to furnishing water for this season in the lower part of Rogue river valley. Eleven hundred barrels of cement have been ordered and a large concrete mixer will be delivered at the works this week. This machine has a capacity of 30 cubic yards a day.

A professional diver has been employed to search the river bed for the big pump that went down stream in the flood last winter and was lodged in a deep hole just below the dam site. The fishway put in recently by the state is said to be a hindrance to building a cofferdam in the progress of the work under way.

There was at first some doubt about delivery of water this year to the farmers but it is now believed that all obstacles have been overcome and that the work will be completed sufficiently to pump water to the Highland ditches on each side of Rogue river. This will mean that the districts of Fruitdale on the south and the territory lying in the valley north-east of town will be supplied.

OREGON LEADS IN MOHAIR.

Industry Started in 1867 Now One of Most Important.

Portland—“The Angora Goat and Mohair Industry of the Pacific Northwest” is the title of a book recently issued by Alva L. McDonald, secretary of the Northwest Angora Goat association. It contains the full report of the convention of the association which was held in Portland in connection with that of the woolgrowers in January last, and much valuable information relative to the industry, including a historical sketch of its growth. The first Angora goats brought to Oregon were imported by A. Cantral from California about 1867, according to this publication. Oregon is now first in the number of Angora goats and the production of mohair in the United States. The value of the annual clip approximates \$50,000. The value of the yearly increase is approximated at \$400,000. Oregon mohair commands the highest market price.

WILL HAVE MONSTER PARADE.

Portland Rose Festival Pageant Will Break All Records.

Portland—The novel street spectacle called the “Shower of Roses” which is to be a part of the next Portland Rose Festival in the week of June 5-10, will cover more than 50 city blocks or nearly three miles in the central business district of the city. While the train of six cars is moving through the main thoroughfares, the 100 young women and girls in white will keep up a continuous bombardment of roses, showering them upon spectators along the way. Specially adapted cars will be used in this train so that the thrilling spectacle can better be observed from the street. Heretofore closed cars have been used and the fair rose throwers have labored under a handicap and part of the beauty of the spectacle has been lost.

Olcott Assumes His Duties.

Salem—Ben W. Olcott was sworn in Monday morning as secretary of state to succeed Frank W. Benson and shortly afterward took charge of the office. At noon the first full board meeting of the new administration was held, when Governor West, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary Olcott met to consider minor details of the plan Governor West has been fathering in using the labor at the state institutions.

“I will devote my time to learning the details of the office and not to hiring or discharging employees,” said Secretary Olcott. “Whether changes will come in the future is for future to say as at present I am endeavoring to learn the business of the office.”

“Now that I have received the appointment I desire to confirm the report that the state board will work in harmony so far as I am concerned. I view the state of Oregon as a large business proposition. If private business cannot be conducted successfully where harmony does not exist, no more can public business.”

Fraternal Orders Will Participate.

Portland—Every fraternal organization and secret society in the city is planning to have representation in the big demonstration which is to be held on one of the evenings of the forthcoming Rose Festival, June 5-10, in this city. Scores of these bodies which have uniform rank and trained drill teams will be found in the line of march.

Albany College Gets \$5,000 Gift.

Albany—News of another good donation to the endowment fund of Albany College has reached here. The donor was Ellen S. James, of New York, and the gift \$5,000.

FOREST FACTS GIVEN.

State Official Distributes Literature Urging Precautions.

Salem—As an additional inducement to the people of the state in taking steps toward the prevention of forest fires, State Forester Elliott has prepared some facts concerning Oregon forests which will be distributed in connection with the digest of the new forestry law. He says:

“Oregon has one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States, or about 500,000,000,000 feet.

“This timber is worth on the stump not less than \$600,000,000, and if manufactured will bring in over \$6,000,000,000 of outside money. It will either be manufactured or destroyed by fire.

“Oregon’s forests already distribute more wealth in the state than apples, fish, wool and wheat combined. Cutting has hardly begun. Of the revenue received from our lumber 80 per cent goes for labor and supplies.

“Last year approximately 1,750,000,000 feet of timber was killed by fire, representing a value of not less than \$2,000,000 in stumpage alone. Over 1,000,000,000 feet of the timber killed was on private lands outside national forests.

“Six human lives were lost in this state last summer through forest fires, the homes of many settlers burned and livestock on the range destroyed.

“Timber owners are spending each year for fire protection about \$130,000, the Federal government spends for patrol \$150,000, and under this law the state has at its command for the protection of its forests \$60,000 for the next two years.

“Oregon’s timbered area is approximately 25,000,000 acres. Of this amount one-half is patrolled by the Federal government, the rest must be looked after by the state and the private owner.”

BEAVER SLOUGH DRAINED.

Six Thousand Acres Along the Co- quille Redeemed at \$11 Average.

Marshfield—A big advance in the agricultural interests of Coos bay has been achieved in the completion of two drainage districts in the Coquille valley near Coquille, the county seat. One is the Beaver slough drainage district and the other is the Fat Elk district. In the two districts 6,000 acres of land, formerly waste, has been converted into some of the richest land in the county. In one case the cost of drainage was \$13.40 an acre and in the other \$8.50 an acre. The land, for years regarded as no good whatever, is now worth \$100 an acre, and will yield enormously anything in the way of grass, hay, oats, potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables. The land was covered with thick willows and marsh grass and covered most of the year with water. The brush is being cleared away and by a system of drainage ditches the water has been removed so that the land can be tilled. With land held for about \$100 an acre, in order to clear it and get it ready for the plow the cost would be from \$30 to \$40 an acre, and thus to make a home on the land would cost about \$150 an acre, but in some crops the land will almost pay for itself in one year. It is expected the drainage work will result in settlement of much of this land.

New Madras Warehouse.

Madras—Work has commenced on the new wool warehouse in the Oregon Trunk yards at this place by the Kerrick Construction company, which is to have the building completed by May 10. The building will be 60x150 feet inside, with an eight-foot covered porch on each side full length. Work is also being done on the new brick hotel, by the Bentley Construction company, of Portland. The excavating is finished and brick, sand and cement are being put on the ground. It is expected to complete the hotel by August at the latest.

Farmers' Union Will Meet.

Helix—Helix and Holdman locals of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of America will hold a joint meeting here May 6. The affair will last the greater part of the day and one of the features will be a noon-time feast. Prominent members of the union from all parts of the county are expected.

Grain is in Fine Condition.

Weston—Growing grain is reported to be in first class condition by Weston farmers. Fall wheat has attained a height of eight inches or more and is stooling nicely. The fields this season are unusually free from weeds.

Milton Fruit Outlook Good.

Milton—This section will have a good crop of peaches, cherries, pears and apples, despite the cold weather of last week. It develops that few orchards were damaged to the extent they at first feared.

ARMISTICE IS NEAR.

Mexican Rebels Propose Terms Which Are Favored.

City of Mexico, April 19.—A proposition for an armistice pending negotiations for a settlement of Mexico's internal troubles was received by the department of foreign relations today from Washington, presumably from Dr. Vasquez Gomez.

A reply was returned in which it was indicated the government looked with favor upon the suggestion.

The armistice proposal appeared to be an outgrowth of the battle at Agua Prieta and the loss of life and bodily injury in Douglas by the fire from the Mexican side. It points to the dangers of international complications which might follow a continuance of the fight.

Minister de la Barra sent to Washington the answer to the proposal made by the agent of the revolutionists. In it he stipulated minor terms, to which it is believed there will be no objection. It may be assumed that before a full agreement is entered into every detail of the proposal will be submitted to Francisco I. Madero, Jr. So far have negotiations now gone that it is not expected Madero will longer oppose the overtures his agents have made for peace.

It is believed no time will be lost either by the rebels or the government in concluding arrangements for the armistice, and that as soon thereafter as possible the drafting of terms for permanent peace will begin. It is conceded both sides realize the war is costing too much in money and lives.

HEARST ALLEGED TO BE IN PLOT TO UNSEAT CANNON.

Danville, Ill.—Sensational charges that William Randolph Hearst is at the head of a gigantic plot to unseat Joseph G. Cannon in congress and in the furtherance of his plans he has “subsidized” the grand jury now investigating Vermillion county's corrupt electorate, are made in the news columns of the Commercial News, the Cannon organ in Danville.

The article, which appears under a “scare head,” says that Hearst has already spent \$15,000 in the eighteenth congressional district in obtaining evidence and has a swarm of detectives in the district.

TACOMA RECALLS MAYOR

Activity of Women Voters Believed to Be Responsible.

Tacoma, Wash.—Mayor A. V. Fawcett, of this city, was recalled Tuesday in one of the most hotly contested municipal elections ever held in this city. W. W. Seymour is the new mayor elect.

The election was the second mayoralty recall contest within two weeks, Seymour and Fawcett being the two high candidates at the first election, when a Socialist was also in the race.

An election will be held May 3 for the purpose of recalling the four city commissioners.

Imported Filipinos Break Agreement.

San Francisco—It is unlikely that the steamer Senator of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's fleet, will engage in any further attempts to bring Hawaiian and Filipino laborers here from Honolulu for transshipment to Alaska for work in the Alaska Packers' association canneries. Under charter to the Alaska Packers' association, the senator sailed from this port for Honolulu, March 28, last, equipped to carry 1,000 laborers here. She returned last Sunday with 145. They left the steamer Wednesday afternoon, after refusing to take passage on the Star of Italy for Bristol Bay.

Anarchist is Arrested.

Bordeaux, France.—The police arrested Fernandez Francisco, alleged to be a Spanish anarchist, at the railway station here just before the arrival of the train on which King Alfonso was to leave the city. Since the arrival here of the Spanish monarch every precaution has been taken to secure his safety. In anticipation of seeing the king many persons had gathered at the railway station. King Alfonso came here to see Professor Moure, who has frequently treated him for an affection of the nasal organs.

Salmon Prices Advanced.

Astoria, Or.—The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union, at a special meeting held here, has fixed the rates to be paid for raw salmon during the fishing season, which opens May 1, at 6½ cents a pound for small or cannery fish, and 8½ cents a pound for large, or cold storage salmon, those weighing 25 pounds or over. These rates are an advance of 1 cent a pound on each class of fish over the prices that prevailed last season.

Much Opium Destroyed.

San Francisco—Customhouse officials destroyed about \$70,000 worth of contraband opium here. This is the largest amount ever confiscated in San Francisco. The opium was taken from the liner Korea.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE DAILY WORK OF NATION'S LAWMAKERS

Washington, April 21.—Ex-Speaker Cannon, Representatives Hanna, of North Dakota, Nelson, of Wisconsin, and Sloan, of Nebraska, attacked the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the debate on the reciprocity bill in the house today. Gudge, of North Carolina, a Democrat, also attacked it.

Rapid-fire speeches were made by Republicans in reply to Republican and Democratic supporters of that measure, headed by Representatives Underwood and McCall. Hubbard, of Iowa, spoke in favor of reciprocity.

Mr. Sloan referred to the house supporters of the reciprocity bill as “a Tammany and Dixie combination against the welfare of the country.”

The general debate of the measure will continue tomorrow, but Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, will endeavor to get the bill before the house under the five-minute rule before adjournment.

Aided by a large map of the United States and Canada, Cannon played the role of a schoolmaster to a crowded floor and filled galleries. His remarks followed those of Representative Gudge.

Cannon assailed the proposed agreement as dangerous to American trade, inimical to the best interests of American farmers and certain to result in depreciation of American farm lands.

“Not since the war with Spain and all that followed it has there been considered by the house of representatives so important a bill as the one now pending,” he declared.

“On the action of the house rests the well being and the prosperity of the people of the United States. Is it proper on slight consideration to vitalize into law an agreement that affects the prosperity of every home in the land?”

Mr. Cannon declared that the treaty had been made in secret. The country, the senate and the house had actually nothing to do with the preparation of the agreement with Canada, he declared.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Work's maiden speech caused a brief revival of the Lorimer controversy in the senate today. The speech was delivered in support of the initiative, referendum, recall and direct election of senators.

The senator touched on the Lorimer case in connection with his plea for honest politics. Senator Works was named in the resolution introduced at the present session by Senator La Follette calling for another investigation of the Lorimer case, as chairman of the committee on investigation.

“This widespread unisring against the corruption that, if persisted in, must eventually overthrow our representative form of government,” he said, “is founded upon the most convincing evidence that corruption is eating at the very vitals of the republic and threatening the perpetuity of our free institutions.

“We need not go outside of this chamber to find evidence of this fact. The pages of the Congressional Record of the past few months will disclose a condition that has brought the whole nation to shame. It was charged that the election of a member of this body was procured by corrupt practices and the bribery of votes in the legislature.”

Washington, April 21.—Party affiliations were broken repeatedly today in the house in the concluding hours of the fight on the Canadian reciprocity bill.

Democrats denounced fellow Democrats for supporting a Republican protective principle and Republicans hurled criticism against fellow Republicans for marching with the Democrats toward the free trade goal. During the seven hours of debate 24 men spoke on the measure.

Most criticisms of the bill were from agricultural sections and were based on the position that reciprocity with Canada under the agreement would injure the agricultural interests of the United States. Differences in the North Carolina delegation, all Democrats, were vigorously aired on the floor. Representative Webb said Claude Kitchin, who opened the reciprocity fight last Friday, had no right to criticize him or other members of the state delegation who proposed to vote against the reciprocity agreement, because they thought it was opposed to Democratic ideals.

Harper Lands Collectors.

Washington, D. C.—Fred C. Harper, of Seattle, will be confirmed as collector of customs for Washington, in view of the announcement made today by Senator Poindexter that he would not oppose Harper's confirmation. Senator Jones has already reported favorably on it.

Washington, April 17.—“After a thorough canvass of the Republican membership of the house, I can say positively a substantial majority of the party will vote against the Canadian reciprocity bill,” said Dwight, of New York, the Republican whip, tonight. The bill is to be put upon its passage this week.

This will not prevent its passage, even though several Democrats vote against the majority of their party. When the reciprocity bill passed the house in the last session, a majority of the Republicans voted against it, but the Democratic majority in favor of it has greatly increased in the new congress.

Five speakers participated in the debate today. Fordney, of Michigan, a Republican member of the ways and means committee, and Lenroot, of Wisconsin, an insurgent Republican, spoke against the bill. Harrison, of New York and Peters, of Massachusetts, Democratic members of the ways and means committee, and Crumpacker, of Indiana, approved its passage.

Lenroot gave an emphatic statement of insurgent policies and views. Questioned from the Democratic side, he said he opposed the reciprocity agreement because he believed it increased many duties. He said if the Democrats were sincere in their desire to put more articles on the free list, they would attach the free list to the reciprocity bill. He then accused them of wanting the president to veto their free list bill when it finally passed, so as to make political capital for them.

“The progressive Republicans have never been free traders,” said Lenroot. “I challenge anyone to point to any speech made by a progressive Republican in congress or elsewhere advocating free trade. I stand for a protective tariff, measuring duties by the difference in cost of production at home and abroad.”

“President Taft,” said Fordney, “will be the candidate of the Republican party for re-election, and I will vote for him gladly, but I differ from him radically on this Canadian tariff question.”

Fordney said he had lost all the money he had put into the flour milling business at the time of the Wilson tariff bill, and that he had been a “dyed-in-the-wool protectionist ever since.”

Washington, April 18.—Centending that the constitutions of New Mexico and Arizona are in accordance with the constitution of the United States, Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, today delivered an argument in the senate in support of the Brown resolution approving the two instruments.

He pointed out that the constitution was similar to the systems of Oregon, Oklahoma, Montana and South Dakota.

Mr. Chamberlain defended the provision for the recall of state officers, including judges, contained in the Arizona constitution. He said there is no reason why members of the judiciary should not be subjected to the will of the people as much as other officials, and that such a law would have no tendency to deprive that branch of the government of its independence.

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the effort to reopen the case of Lorimer and expressed the opinion that this matter is not yet settled. “No matter can be,” he said, “until it is settled right.”

TAFT LOATH TO INTERFERE.

Motives Might Be Misconstrued If Troops Crossed Border.

Washington—President Taft replied to a message from Governor Sloan, of Arizona, asking protection for citizens of Douglas from the fire of federalists and insurgents, that he was loath to endanger Americans in Mexico by taking so radical a step as sending American troops across the border to prevent further fighting.

The president in his telegram to the governor said the situation might justify him in ordering troops to cross the border and attempt to stop fighting or to fire upon both contestants from the American side.

He hesitated to take such a step because of the possibility of resistance and greater bloodshed and the danger of having his motives misconstrued and arousing Mexicans against Americans now in Mexico.

Price of Timber Limited.

Washington—Congressman Lafferty introduced a bill to require the sale of unreserved timber land to individuals at \$2.50 an acre, in tracts not exceeding 160 acres to any one purchaser. Until two years ago the timber and stone act had been construed to require the sale of timber lands.