

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

OREGON MEN TO SPOKANE.

Strong Delegation to Attend National Irrigation Congress.

Salem—Governor Frank W. Benson has appointed the delegates who will attend the National Irrigation congress in Spokane representative of the state of Oregon. In a few days five more will be appointed by C. N. McArthur, speaker of the late house, and five more will be appointed by Jay Bowerman, president of the late senate. Following are the delegates named by Governor Benson:

Professor P. L. Campbell, of Eugene, president of the University of Oregon; D. W. J. Kerr, of Corvallis, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. W. Fulton, former United States senator; J. N. Teal, F. S. Stanley, E. B. Piper, John T. Whistler, Tom Richardson, R. M. Brereton, C. B. Merrick, Joseph B. Knapp, all of Portland; Jay Bowerman, Condon; John H. Lewis, Salem; H. L. Holgate, Bonanza; Francis M. Saxton, A. V. Swift, John L. Rand, Baker City; W. J. Furnish, Gilbert W. Phelps, Pendleton; S. D. Peterson, Milton; Walter M. Pierce, W. J. Snodgrass, La Grande; Clyde T. Hockett, Enterprise; Malcolm A. Moody, The Dalles; E. T. Early, Hood River; F. H. Hopkins, Central Point; J. D. Heard, Jacksonville; Dan P. Ras, Jacksonville; H. A. Brattain, Paisley; A. T. Buxton, W. A. Williams, Forest Grove; H. V. Gates, Dallas; H. A. Randa, Oregon City; Drew Barnum, Moro; Will R. King, Ontario; R. N. Donnelly, Richmond; John Ellis, Frank White, Klamath Falls; H. C. Levens, Burns; F. E. Waite, Sutherlin, and George E. Davis, Canyon City.

The list of delegates probably presents the strongest selection ever made in this state by a chief executive to attend any convention. It is composed of leading men in all walks of life and all of them take a keen interest in the science of irrigation. Every one of them has promised to attend the congress.

BLIGHT IN DOUGLAS.

Pear Orchards Are in Danger From a New Pest.

Roseburg—A deadly blight on the pear orchards of this county that will require for its eradication more attention than one man could possibly give, has caused the county court, at the suggestion of District Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson, of Grants Pass, to appoint two fruit inspectors for Douglas county. The appointments fall to F. A. McFall, of this city, and E. F. Whitney, of Oakland, both of whom were recommended by Mr. Carson, who appeared before the court in person.

This blight, a species of fungus that emits a gum like substance, has practically destroyed the greater part of the fruitgrowing industry in the Eastern and Middle Western states and has given the Pacific coast orchardists a hard battle. California pear growers triumphed over it after having once given up. Then the blight reached the famous Rogue river valley in Oregon. The orchardists there promptly secured the services of two government experts, O'Gara and White, and these two men are now in that valley aiding the fruit growers to stamp out the pest.

Several months ago the blight began to be noticeable in the Umpqua valley, particularly around Roseburg and Winston. Then orchards in other localities became affected, until the present day sees the pear industry in this county threatened with damage unless the growers take action under proper instruction at once. Mr. Carson explained to the court that the blight can neither be prevented nor killed by spraying.

What causes it is not known, and there is only one way to get rid of it, and that is by burning the affected tree or branch immediately upon discovery of the blight. This has already been done in a number of instances.

Baker Courthouse Done.

Baker City—The County court has accepted the new courthouse from C. A. Gray & Son, of Portland, who were contractors for the interior work. The building is now completed and awaits the arrival of the new office furniture. It has cost Baker county less than the \$120,000 appropriated.

Asylum Improvements Awarded.

Salem—The asylum board has awarded the contract for improvements at the asylum farm to Dennison & McLaren, of Salem, for \$6,790. A new amusement hall will be built, the kitchen enlarged, the main building re-roofed and the dining room repaired.

New School for Marshfield.

Marshfield—The Marshfield school board has let to H. V. Wood a contract to build a \$7,000 schoolhouse in the southern part of the city. Marshfield has just completed a \$50,000 school, North Bend a \$60,000 high school, and Bandon a \$35,000 high school building.

BUILD TO SIUSLAW.

Holding Company Will Back Eugene & Western in New Road.

Eugene—The Eugene-Siuslaw railroad, which has long been talked of, appears now to soon be a reality. The proposition to build the road has reached a point where the promoters of the enterprise feel that the building of the line is a certainty. The Lane County Asset company, which was organized in Eugene last winter for the purpose of promoting the line, will be the holding company for the Eugene & Western Railway company, which was incorporated a few weeks ago to build the road. Offices have been opened here and operations will be directed by the asset company.

It is the intention to offer for sale to the people of Eugene and vicinity at least \$150,000 of the stock of the Lane County Asset company, the funds to be used in building the first section of 20 miles of the road. When this has been accomplished it is proposed to turn all the assets over to the Eugene & Western Railway company, issuing stockholders the same amount of stock in the railroad company as they have paid for in the asset company and to issue and sell the bonds of the railway company for the purpose of completing the road to Florence.

Calf Costs Ten Thousand.

Klamath Falls—It took the jury just 25 minutes to find a verdict for the defendant in the Kelley-Arant damage suit, last of the cases resulting from the criminal prosecution of Jay Arant, who was indicted for the larceny of a calf more than two years ago. Arant was twice tried on a charge of larceny, the first trial resulting in a disagreement, while the second acquitted him. Three cases resulted over the ownership of the calf. The calf involved in the litigation was worth approximately \$10. The money expended in litigation will aggregate close to \$10,000, and of this amount the taxpayers of the county will be forced to pay not less than \$6,000.

Surveying for New Road.

Marshfield—Chief Engineer Haines, of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railroad, who has been making preliminary surveys, reports that in a few days the first 12 miles will have been surveyed. The preliminary work of finding a grade through the mountains has been carried on in a thorough manner, and the engineer is pleased with the result so far. It is hoped to finish the survey work before fall.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, milling, \$1.30; club, \$1.18@1.20; valley, \$1.17.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@40.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$26.50 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$29@32; chop, \$24@30; rolled barley, \$34@35.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$17@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20 @23; mixed, \$16@20.

Grain Bags—5½c each.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; strawberries, \$1.75@2 per crate; cherries, 3@10c per pound; gooseberries, 4@5c; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; currants, 7½c per pound; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.50; black caps, \$1.75@2.

Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2½@2½c per pound.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75c@90c per dozen; beans, 8c; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 12½@15c; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 26½c; fancy outside creamery, 25@26½c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 25c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 12@13c; springs, 16½c@18c; roosters, 8@9c; ducks, young, 12@13c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 18c; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Veal—Extras, 8@8½c per pound; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c.

Hope—1909 contracts, 16c per pound; 1908 crop, 11@12c; 1907 crop, 7c; 1906 crop, 4c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@21c per pound; valley, fine, 22c; coarse, 21½c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8@8.15; fair to good, \$7.50 @ 7.75; stockers, \$6 @ 6.50; China fat, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.75@4; spring lambs, \$4.75@5.25.

YIELD NEAR RECORD.

Northwest Wheat Crop Now Placed at 55,000,000 Bushels.

Portland, July 9.—Estimates compiled from data received from more than 350 of the principal wheat stations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, indicate the 1909 wheat yield for the three states to be approximately 55,000,000 bushels, compared with 40,000,000 bushels last year, 60,000,000 bushels in 1907, and a five-year average of 48,500,000.

Of the three states, Idaho has the best crop, with Washington showing up exceedingly well, while Oregon, especially in the river counties, suffered from dry weather to such an extent that the damage could not all be repaired by the late rains.

Some of the poor yields in Oregon have been offset in the totals by an increased acreage in new territory. The most noticeable increase of this nature is along the Willowa extension of the O. R. & N.

Another locality in which new acreage will aid in swelling the totals is the Haystack and Bakeoven country, where there is an increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage, with the yield about 10 per cent better than last year.

Sherman county is somewhat spotted, and early in the season the outlook was poor. Rains in the latter part of June helped, however, and there will be a material increase over last year's output. Conditions in Wasco are similar to those in Sherman county.

Umatilla, the banner wheat county of the state, is not coming up to its usual standard. The light lands suffered by the dry weather early in the season, and the showers that came later were not general throughout the county.

Along the Arlington branch of the O. R. & N. the crop is light until Condon is reached. Around Condon, however, the outlook is far from gloomy. With the exception of about 20,000 acres, which have been taken by weeds, there will be a pretty fair yield.

Morrow county is not quite so good as Gilliam, but there, as elsewhere in the river counties, some very short stalks of wheat are turning out well filled heads.

Union county has an excellent crop and 40-bushel yields will not be uncommon around Elgin and Summerville.

The Willamette valley has ceased to be a figure in the export wheat market, but the yield is an important factor in the milling business.

Washington reports are uniformly good. Walla Walla, with its never-failing foothill land, promises an output of 4,500,000 bushels. Barley is also turning out well in this county, and has made some inroads on the wheat acreage.

Columbia and Garfield counties are both expected to turn off record yields of wheat and barley. This region was favored with rain at a time when the river counties in Oregon were missed.

Whitman, the banner wheat county of all the Northwest, gives excellent promise of breaking records. The acreage is large and the crop conditions are far above the average. Estimates run from 9,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, the latter being generally regarded as too high, while 9,000,000 bushels is regarded as conservative.

Lincoln county, which in "light land" years has come very close to Whitman's yield, has suffered this year by dry weather.

Adams county is still in the uncertain class, as the crop is late in that region and even the winter wheat is not out of the woods. At the best the crop will be only fair, except down in the southeastern part of the county.

Douglas county lost the greater part of its wheat territory when the new county of Grant was carved out this year, and Grant, which has an increased acreage as well as a fair yield, gives promise of about 3,000,000 bushels. Some new wheat land in the northern part of Douglas county will make the yield for the old county in excess of 500,000 bushels.

Spokane county was in the moisture belt with Whitman, and as a result has a fine crop in prospect.

Franklin county is somewhat behind its neighbors in yield, and in the vicinity of Connell the crop will be smaller than that of last year. Farther east the outlook is more favorable.

Klickitat county, which has always been in Portland territory, gives promise of a very good yield, with some increase in acreage.

The Horse Heaven country, lying just across the Columbia from the river counties in Oregon, suffered from the dry weather that cut down the Oregon yield. Spring wheat in this district is almost a total failure, but some of the winter wheat will make a fair crop.

Aasin county was also in the rain belt and promises to turn off a crop that may break records.

The crop for the entire state of Washington will approximate 35,000,000 bushels.

Idaho has the best crop on record. There is not very much increase in acreage, and there is a big crop of barley and oats, so that the wheat yield may not quite reach that of 1907. Latah county will probably harvest nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Nez Perce and Idaho counties will have from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Monday, July 12.

Washington, July 12.—By the decisive vote of 317 to 14, more than the necessary two-thirds, the house today passed the senate joint resolution providing for the submission of an income tax constitutional amendment to the states. The negative votes were all cast by Republicans. The resolution now goes to the president for his signature.

The debate lasted four hours. Chairman Payne, of the committee on ways and means, voiced the sentiment that such a tax would make "a nation of liars." The burden of the Democratic speeches was that it was simply a case of stealing Democratic thunder, although some of the remarks on that side incidentally touched upon tariff and the corporation tax, with no little amount of castigation of the Republicans for failing to keep party pledges.

Friday, July 9.

Washington, July 9.—During a session lasting nearly four hours, the senate today passed the Philippine tariff bill, and the bill automatically continuing the Porto Rican budget. Only a nominal resistance was offered by the minority to the measure. An amendment to the Philippine bill by Johnston, of Alabama, declaring the intention of the United States eventually to grant independence to the Philippines, was rejected.

Washington, July 9.—The tariff bill is now in the hands of the conference committee. After an hour and a half of debate the house today, by a vote of 178 to 151, disagreed to the senate amendments. Eighteen Republicans voted against sending the bill to conference, and one Democrat voted with the Republican majority.

Washington, July 9.—The house and senate conferees on the tariff bill this afternoon mapped out the program for the many sessions they must hold to make the final draft of the measure. An agreement may be reached in 10 days, though the house conferees are expected bitterly to contest many of the senate amendments.

Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne are fearful lest the final action on the conference report in the two houses be delayed, and an effort is being made to have President Taft take part in the threatened controversy.

Thursday, July 8.

Washington, July 8.—The tariff bill passed the senate just after 11 o'clock tonight by a vote of 45 to 34. Ten Republicans voted with the Democrats against the bill and one Democrat voted for the bill.

As it passed the senate, the bill contains almost 400 paragraphs. The senate made 840 amendments to the house bill, many of which were added today. Consequently the enrolling clerks are finding the preparation of the bill for the house an arduous task. They have been following as closely upon the heels of the senate as was possible, and have the work well in hand, but say they probably will not be able to complete their labors before late tomorrow.

There will be no delay in sending the tariff bill to conference after it reaches the house. It is expected that the bill will be sent to that body by the senate late tomorrow. The house will meet daily from now until the end of the session.

As soon as the bill is received, Dailzell is expected to offer a resolution by which the house will disagree to the senate amendments en bloc and agree to a conference.

Wednesday, July 7.

Washington, July 7.—With a general understanding that the final vote on the tariff bill should be taken by 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the senate adjourned at 7 o'clock this evening.

The arrangement for a vote tomorrow was arrived at as an alternative for a session tonight. The income tax question, including the corporation tax provision and inheritance tax, received much attention in the senate today and the straight income advocates were afforded the opportunity to get a vote in favor of the income tax as opposed to the corporation tax. The income tax was defeated by 48 to 7 and with the corporation tax provision securely established as a part of the bill, there was considerable effort to amend it.

Tuesday, July 6.

Washington, July 6.—The Republican majority of the senate finance committee today stirred up a hornets' nest by reporting the new schedule of tobacco taxes as having been recommended when it had not even been submitted to the minority members, much less laid before a meeting of the whole committee. Aldrich was forced to back water and recognize the rights of the minority.

Aldrich said that he would call a meeting of the finance committee for tomorrow morning, giving the minority members a chance to express their opinion.

All sections of the bill that senators

do not desire to reserve for further amendment will now be agreed to en bloc. The senate then will consider the tobacco amendment, the only amendment not adopted in committee of the whole.

FALL EXAMINATION DATES.

Civil Service Tests Will Be Held in Northwest Cities Generally.

Washington, July 9.—Civil service examinations to fill vacancies in the government departmental service in Washington are to be held generally throughout the country this coming fall, and will cover appointments as clerks, stenographers, typewriters, etc. The examinations will be held at Portland September 8 and 20 and October 13; at Astoria, Baker City and Eugene, September 8 and October 13; Grants Pass, September 18, and Pendleton, September 30.

In Washington the examinations will be held at Seattle September 8, 23 and October 13; Spokane, September 8 and 29; Pullman, Bellingham, North Yakima and Port Townsend, September 8 and October 13, and additional examinations at Bellingham September 15 and North Yakima September 28.

The Idaho examinations will be held at Boise September 8 and October 1 and 13; Pocatello, October 4, and Moscow, September 8 and October 13.

Will Cruise Asia's Coast.

Washington, July 12.—Tentative arrangements have been made by the Navy department to have the first and second divisions of the Pacific fleet cruise in Asiatic and Philippine waters during next autumn and winter. Rear Admiral Sebree, commander-in-chief of the fleet, will arrange the details. The vessels probably will leave the Pacific coast late in August and return to the United States late in March.

McCleary for Mint Head.

Washington, July 10.—There are strong indications that James T. McCleary, of Minnesota, former representative in congress and later assistant postmaster general, will be appointed superintendent of the mint, succeeding Frank Leach, who resigned to accept a business proposition in California. His nomination is expected before the expiration of the present session of congress.

Cannon Will Leave Vacancy.

Washington, July 9.—It has been decided by Speaker Cannon not to fill the vacancy on the ways and means committee resulting from the death of Representative Cushman. That committee will not meet again to consider tariff legislation and until another tariff bill is framed, will be less important than it has been this session. The Republicans still have a majority of four.

Twenty-One Lose Places.

Washington, July 10.—Seventeen inspectors and four revenue agents on the denatured alcohol rolls of the internal revenue bureau have been dismissed because their services are no longer needed. The expectation that denatured alcohol would make rapid strides in supplanting gasoline as a motive power for small farm engines, automobiles, etc., has not held good.

Professor Newcomb Dies.

Washington, July 13.—Professor Simon Newcomb, the famous astronomer, died at his home in this city at an early hour this morning at the age of 74. Probably the most noted American astronomical mathematician since the days of Benjamin Franklin, Professor Newcomb was recognized at the time of his death as one of the world's greatest scientists.

Corporations Plan Fight.

Washington, July 10.—Confirmation of the expectation in many quarters that the large corporations of the country will seek to hold up the collection of taxes under the corporation tax bill by an appeal to the courts to test the constitutionality of the law, was given here today by a prominent official of the Treasury department.

Many Places Want Taft.

Washington, July 13.—Since the announcement of President Taft's tentative itinerary for his Western trip, the White House has been fairly flooded with telegrams and letters requesting that the tour be extended to include various states and cities that did not have a place on the president's list.

Yakima Land Again Opened.

Washington, July 13.—The Interior department has cancelled an order withdrawing 250,000 acres of public land in connection with the Yakima irrigation project in Washington, and the same becomes subject to settlement October 5 and to entry November 4.

Wheat in Farmers' Hands.

Washington, July 13.—It is estimated by the Department of Agriculture that on June 1, 1909, there was in farmers' hands, 195,000 bushels of wheat in Oregon; 215,000 bushels in Washington, and 130,000 bushels in Idaho; total 504,000 bushels.