

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SHEEP PROSPECTS GOOD.

Prices Are High and Eastern Oregon Range Excellent.

Pendleton—The range in this section is of the very best and sheep prospects were never so bright. Sheep of all kinds are commanding high prices and the prospects are that wool will be as high or higher next spring than it was last. These facts coupled with the excellent range gives sheemen cause for much gratification.

The reason for the good range is attributed to the peculiar weather conditions which have prevailed during the spring and early summer months, as well as during last winter. The heavy fall of snow which remained on the ground so long soaked to a great depth. Then showers have visited nearly every section of the mountains at intervals, so that the grass is both tall and green and there is every indication that it will remain so throughout the summer.

For this reason the sheep will come out of the mountains this fall in the best of condition, and will be able to come through the winter in good shape, even though there should be no early fall rains to put the winter range in shape. The fine summer range will make it possible to keep the sheep in the mountains longer than usual.

MANY MEN WANTED.

Southern Pacific Will Rush Work on Natron Cut-Off.

Eugene—Good news is contained in the statement of A. O. Wattis, of the Utah Construction company, who, while in Eugene recently, stated that his company would want 2,000 men to go to work on the extension of the Southern Pacific's new railroad to be built from Natron to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Wattis said that a trainload of construction material and supplies had been shipped here from Oroville and Reno, Nev., for the railroad work, and they will arrive in a few days. "We expect to have a large force of men at work beyond Natron in a very short time, and we will use 2,000 men if we can get them," said Mr. Wattis, who drove on to Natron.

The party consisted of A. O. Wattis, his brother, L. R. Wattis, N. J. Sweeney, W. B. Hunt, W. H. Messenger, W. W. Hunt, G. W. Dye, John Garrison, Ralph Smart, W. A. Bechtell and G. S. Colley.

Troutdale Shippers Complain.

Salem—The Troutdale Produce and Fruit Growers' association, through its secretary, Miss M. Dewey, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission against the Pacific Express company in which it is alleged higher rates are charged for shipping fruit East from Troutdale than from Portland. The Fruit Growers' association alleges it is charged 46 cents a crate for shipping fruit to Wasco, while the Portland produce men are charged only 36 cents. A scale is presented showing numerous similar alleged discriminations against Troutdale shippers practiced by the Pacific Express company, which operates on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company lines.

New Dairy Bulletin.

Prof. J. H. Franson, of the dairy department of the University of Idaho, has in press Bulletin 67 on the subject of "Better Dairy Methods." This bulletin contains much that will be of interest to all directly or indirectly interested in dairying; much that should help to make dairying more profitable and desirable as a business. This bulletin will be sent free to all requesting it. Address Department of Dairying, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

Tillamook Line Surveyed.

Tillamook—The surveying crew which has been working over the mountains down the Wilson river has reached this city, thus completing the survey for the United Railways' line into Tillamook county. It is supposed this is the road which will give the county first railroad connections with Portland.

Regatta Fund is \$8,000.

Astoria—The regatta committee announce that it has raised subscriptions amounting to \$8,000 for the coming regatta and this amount was apportioned among the subcommittees having charge of the various features. The queen is to be selected by popular vote and the balloting has begun.

Steel Bridges for Linn.

Albany—County Judge Duncan has advised that the steel for the new bridges to be built at Scio and Brownsville has passed through Huntington, and will arrive in this city within a week. A number of steel bridges are to be built by the county during the year.

Moves To Salem.

Salem—Master Fish Warden H. E. McAllister is making preparations to move to Salem. Hereafter he will maintain his office at the state capital with the other state officers.

PREPARE FOR ROAD.

Newly Organized Farmers Line Secures Right of Way.

Pendleton—To negotiate with settlers on irrigated land near Hermiston, A. A. Cole, secretary of the newly organized farmers trolley line, is in the west end of Umatilla county working along the line of survey, making preliminary arrangements for right of way.

Settlers have indicated a willingness to assist the railroad by donating right of way and subscribing for capital stock if needed, but as the work has been only preliminary no deeds have been taken. Mr. Cole will determine on this trip something of the cost of land from Pendleton to Holdman, and especially of terminal ground at Umatilla. The line is surveyed across the Umatilla irrigation project, with a depot site not far from the big reservoir, and on into the rich farming country near Holdman.

The plans now are to use steam on the line until an immense power plant can be constructed on the Umatilla river. C. A. Hill, of Holdman, is president of the new company, and A. A. Cole, of Pendleton, is secretary.

Power Plant for Deschutes.

Prineville—The Crook County Light & Power company, with headquarters at Redmond, has begun the erection of a 25 foot dam on its project about one mile above Clime falls on the Deschutes, where it is proposed to raise the waters of the entire stream 20 feet. Water will be diverted into a flume six feet in depth, 20 feet wide on the bottom and one mile long. The power plant will be situated just opposite Clime falls on the plateau. The company expects to generate 15,000 horsepower, and will use the electricity for lighting several of the towns in the Deschutes valley and later may provide power for trolley lines.

Building Roads in Clatsop.

Mist—Much has been done in the way of road making in the Nehalem valley this year, both in Clatsop and Columbia counties. Considerable sums of special tax money have been expended, mostly in gravel and plank roads. The road from Vernonia to Astoria can now be traveled in automobiles without much trouble.

Alfalfa Huller for Vale.

Vale—A complete clover and alfalfa huller has been purchased by the Vale Threshing company, a local organization of farmers and business men. The machine is made in La Porte, Ind., and is the first of its kind brought to the Malheur valley. It was laid down in Vale at a cost of \$4,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, new, \$1@2.25 per box; cherries, 7@12c per pound; peaches, 75c@\$1 per box; cantaloupes, \$2@2.50 per crate; plums, 75c@\$1.25 per box; raspberries, \$1.25@1.40 per crate; watermelons, 1@1 1/2c per pound; blackberries, \$1.40 per crate; wild blackberries, 9@10c per pound.

Potatoes—New, 1@1 1/2c per pound. Vegetables—Beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 3/4c; celery, 90c@\$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 15@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7@8c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 40c@1.25 per box.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1; club, 95c; red Russian, 95c; valley, 95c; Turkey red, 95c; 40-fold, 95 1/2c.

Barley—New, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Hay—New crop—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; mixed, \$15.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; cheat, \$13@14.50.

Grain bags—5 1/2c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 30 1/2c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27 1/2@30 1/2c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27@28c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14 1/2@15c per pound; springs, 14 1/2@15c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 12 1/2@13c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound; Veal—Extras, 9 1/2@10c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 7c.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21@22c per pound; 1908 crop, 16c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@22c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$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@3.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, bent, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$3.25@3.50.

Hogs—Best, \$9@9.25; fair to good, \$8@8.50; stockers, \$6@7; China Zets, \$4.75@7.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Registration for Government Land Reaches 274,529.

Spokane, Aug. 6.—Breaking all records in the history of the United States for registration for government land openings, registration for land on the three reservations, Flathead, in Montana, Spokane, in Washington, and Coeur d'Alene, in Idaho, closed at midnight last night with a grand total of 274,529 applications received at the central office of James W. Witten, at Coeur d'Alene. Those in the letters will bring the total to 290,000, exceeding the famous Oklahoma reservation rush, the greatest known.

Until Monday the force in Judge Witten's office will be preparing to send out the lucky notices to those drawing for lands. The high platform from which the drawings will be made is complete, and the 50 steel cans which contain the applications are guarded by armed men until August 9, the opening day.

During the period of application, certificates of authority to a minister the oath have been withdrawn from five notaries in Spokane by Judge Witten. The offenses consisted of altering the name of the agent in a soldier's power of attorney and in leaving signed and stamped application blanks with clerks to be filled out when the authorized notary was absent.

On Monday, August 9, Miss Helen Hamilton, the pretty niece of Mayor Boyd Hamilton, of Coeur d'Alene, will pick the winning list of 1,500 numbers on the Coeur d'Alene reservation. On Tuesday, August 10, the little Miss list will continue drawing a substitute list of numbers up to 3,000, this latter list to be used in case those first drawn do not appear to file on the land.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12, 13 and 14, Miss Elizabeth Donlin, daughter of E. R. Donlin, of Missoula, will draw the winning numbers on the Flathead reservation up to 6,000 and on Monday, August 16, Miss Harriet Post, daughter of Frank T. Post, of Spokane, will select the lucky slips for the Spokane reservation.

CONTEST SPOKANE DECISION.

Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Will Lead in Fight.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—After ten days of discussion the freight agents of the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe and other transcontinental railroads announced today that they had decided to fight the affirmation of the Spokane decision and its application to other intermediate points.

George W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, said that when the matter is taken up at Spokane next October his company and the Santa Fe will contest the attitude of the Northern railroads, which favors the granting of terminal rates to intermediate points. A battle royal is expected at that meeting.

Luce declared that his company took the position that intermediate points are not entitled to terminal rates; that to grant them such rates would be to open a vast field to the manufacturers of the Middle West heretofore reserved for Western enterprise.

He said that in view of the water competition on the Coast, the present policy of forcing intermediate points to pay rates to the Coast plus the local freight back, was considered fair and reasonable by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, whereas the Northern roads favored a proposal to limit the distributing area on the Coast to a narrow strip paralleling the shore line.

CRETAN TROUBLE BREWING.

Muslims in Macedonia Threaten Invasion of Greece.

Constantinople, Aug. 6.—Serious agitation has broken out in Albania against the attempt of Greece to annex Crete. Forty thousand Albanians assembled at Monastir today and sent imperious messages to the government, threatening that unless effective measures were adopted the entire Muslim population of Macedonia would march against Greece.

The grand vizier, on receiving the message, hurriedly left the council of ministers, went personally to the telegraph office and replied that the government was taking active steps to prevent the annexation of Crete by Greece.

Pirates Loot and Kill.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 6.—Advises by the Tango Maru today note remarkable recrudescence of piracy in South China waters, the most desperate band of outlaws having headquarters apparently in the vicinity of Macao, where the communities are so terrorized as to lend the pirates active as well as passive assistance, fearing summary vengeance otherwise. Near Shantung the water pirates, united with a local band of robbers, made a foray inland and took by storm the castle like home of a local merchant and financier.

Epidemic Killing Cattle.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 6.—Advises received here today at the headquarters of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, say that cattle are dying by the thousands around Midland as the result of an epidemic.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Thursday, August 5.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The tariff has been revised and the extraordinary session of congress is ended. Both houses adjourned sine die at 6 o'clock today. The conference report was agreed to by the senate, 47 to 31, at 2 p. m., and soon afterward the concurrent resolution making certain changes in the leather schedule was adopted by both houses.

President Taft arrived at the capitol at 4:45 and entered the president's room. His appearance there, the first time since he became president, caused congressmen to form in line to be received by him. There was a constant procession of handshaking statesmen through the president's room from the time of his arrival until his departure at 5:50 p. m. At six minutes past 5 the Payne tariff bill, as the measure will be known, was laid before the president. He picked up a pen supplied by Chairman Payne, which had been used by both the vice president and the speaker in signing the bill, and attached his signature. After writing "William H. Taft," the president added: "Signed five minutes after 5 o'clock, August 5, 1909.—W. H. T."

Wednesday, August 4.

Washington, Aug. 4.—As though protesting against being called out to a night session, senators were very tardy in their attendance upon the meeting of the senate tonight. Nearly an hour passed after the appointed time before a quorum could be assembled. It was finally obtained after an order had been issued to the sergeant-at-arms to bring in the absentees. For over an hour the senate employes had been telephoning to the homes of senators, and were told that the telephone had been temporarily detached.

A number of the senators spoke on the tariff measure when a quorum was finally assembled. Simmons, of North Carolina, declared rates were higher on goods used by the common people than by the rich. Beveridge insisted that the next tariff measure should be drawn up by a commission.

Tuesday, August 3.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The complete collapse of all important opposition to the conference report on the tariff bill was evidenced today when the senate agreed to vote on that measure at 2 o'clock next Thursday. Half an hour after unanimous consent had been given for that course a disinclination on the part of senators to speak brought an early adjournment until noon tomorrow.

The lack of interest in the proceedings was evident. This was caused by an agreement of Western senators to vote for the conference report and to correct the hide and leather schedule by means of a concurrent resolution to be acted upon separately. The form of the concurrent resolution was agreed upon at an informal conference in Aldrich's committee room. Instructions are given by this resolution to the enrolling clerks of the senate and house to change the language of the provision reducing duties on boots and shoes and harness.

OFFICER PLAYS TORPEDO.

Escapes From Submarine Through Whitehead Tube.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The navy department has received word of a wonderful performance of Midshipman Kenneth Whiting, in command of the submarine Porpoise, now in Manila. For the purpose of demonstrating the possibility of an escape from a submarine through a torpedo tube, Midshipman Whiting, who is an expert swimmer, had his vessel lowered to the bottom of the bay near Cavite. Far under the water, probably 60 or 70 feet, Whiting crawled into the torpedo tube. The end of the tube in the boat was closed behind him. The tube in a submarine is closed or opened on the outside by a port, which is moved by powerful machinery. When under the water there is a great in-rush of water, filling the tube as the torpedo flies out. Whiting, within the tube, got a hold on the port. The officers inside the vessel turned on the power and the port was swung out. Whiting went with it, cleared himself of the torpedo tube, and then let go, flying upward to the surface of the water. He was uninjured by his experience.

Lands Figurehead to State.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Through the efforts of Senator Jones the figurehead of the cruiser Washington has been lent to the state of Washington. It now lies at the Puget Sound navy yard, where it was recently removed from the ship. The government has not yet decided what disposition will be made of the figurehead off Dewey's flagship Olympia.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Taft today appointed T. Platt Andrew, of Massachusetts, as director of the mint.

HID CONFEDERATE SEAL.

Colored Government Employe Was Davis Bodyguard.

Washington, Aug. 6.—James H. Jones, a colored employe of the senate stationery room, is ill at his home in this city, and his friends fear he will die. Jones was Jefferson Davis' colored bodyguard and valet, and is the only living being who knows where the great seal of the Confederacy is hidden. He declares he will die with the secret.

Jones hid the seal himself under instructions from Davis at the time Richmond was evacuated and promised Davis when he was on his deathbed that he would never divulge the hiding place.

He positively denies that the seal was thrown into the James river, as one story declares. He says he could put his hand on the seal today, but he never will. The negro has been offered large sums of money for the seal by various Confederate societies, etc., but always refused.

Jones has been in the government employ for about 20 years. He was originally appointed a laborer in the senate stationery room by Secretary of the Senate Cox. He made good, and is well known and liked by members of the senate and officials.

New Law Works Smoothly.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Information received at the Treasury today from New York, Boston and Philadelphia indicates that the new tariff law is working with unexpected smoothness. Generally at the beginning of the operation of a new tariff law matters in the big custom houses are "at sixes and sevens" for a few days, but no confusion has yet manifested itself in the administration of the Payne law. This is accounted for by the new law having been constructed on the general lines of the Dingley act, although, of course, the figures differ.

Special Session Scheduled.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The administration and the leaders in congress are considering a plan for a special session of congress to be held in October, 1910, to consider the report of the national monetary commission. It has been decided not to attempt to present the report of the commission at the next regular session, which will begin December 1. It is realized that the subject will demand extended debate and there is a strong belief that it would be best to consider it at a session called especially for that purpose.

Smokers Are Protected.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Purchasers of Philippine tobacco hereafter will have a government guarantee as to its quality and cleanliness, as a result of an arrangement made by the bureau of insular affairs, with the Philippine government. Every package imported into the United States will be stamped with a certificate indicating the quality of the material used and the workmanship. The arrangement was made to insure strict compliance with the new Philippine tariff law.

May Not Move Barracks.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Senator Jones says the entire Washington delegation opposes the removal of the barracks from Vancouver to Seattle. He says the proposal did not originate with the delegation, but has been consistently resisted by them. He questions that the War department will persist in the removal against the protests of the entire representation of Oregon and Washington.

May Be Five Tariff Experts.

Washington, Aug. 10.—It was announced at the Treasury department today that the board of tariff experts to be appointed by the president might consist of five instead of three. It was pointed out that the number was discretionary with President Taft. No selections have yet been made.

Thanks for Favors Received.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Because of his instrumentality in having a higher duty placed on hosiery, Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, is to be tendered a banquet by the hosiery industry of the country and the manufacturers of Pennsylvania. The banquet is to take place October 26 in Philadelphia.

Date for Meeting is Set.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Taft, of the United States, and President Diaz, of Mexico, are to meet at El Paso, Texas, October 18. This program has been arranged as a result of correspondence between the United States and Mexico.

Battleships to Be Repaired.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The battleships Alabama and Maine were today placed out of commission in order that extensive repairs may be made upon them. The battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge also will be undergoing repairs shortly.