OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WILD FRUIT GOOD.

Old Orchards in Coast Range Without

Care Give Fine Results.

Cottage Grove—Lincoln Taylor, who recently returned from an outing in the coast mountains, says he found a grest many vacated homes throughout the section visited by him and the orchards, planted years ago by the homesteaders, have gone wild and the fruit is to be found in great abundance. Bears, coons and other fruit eating animals have infested the orchards in many places and the limbs have been badly broken, but that has not affected the bearing quality of the trees.

Mr. Taylor says there is rarely a case of scale or other disease to be found on any of the trees, and the codlin moth is not in evidence. This is splendid evidence in favor of the sotire coast range as fruit producing sections.

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Henry H. Veatch too, while on a hunting trip on Cedar creek, about eight miles from Cottage Grove, came upon a splendid orchard that had been entirely taken by the fir timber. He brought out fair samples of the apples, which surpass anything to be found on the lower levels in size, color and aromatic excellence. The fruit resembles the Gravenstein quite strongly, but is more highly colored and measures more than 10 inches in circumference.

On the William Landess ranch, just east of town, there is a fine Grawford peach orchard in the fir timber which is heavily laden with beautiful fruit.

BIG ORCHARDS PLANTED.

Benton County Farmers Going in for Apple Culture.

Corvallis - The Western Corvallis — The Western Oregon Fruit company, of which Judge Borth and J. W. Polk, of Grants Pass, are the principal stockholders, will begin planting 1,000 acres to apples and pears October 1. This company has purchased 1,700 acres near Monroe, Benton county, comes into possession October 1 and expects to plant fully 1,000 acres this fall.

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The Oregon Apple company will also segin planting at the earliest date pos-This company owns 800 acres of Corvallis and has ordered trees to plant 600 acres to apples and pears at once. This company owns some of the sightliest land in Benton

Willamette Orchard company,

The Willamette Orchard company, which recently purchased the famous Samuel Wyatt farm, two miles west of Corvallia, is preparing to plant 125 acres this fall.

Mayor Virgil E. Wattes, who put 40 acres of the Pleasant View fruit farm to apples this spring, will add 20 acres this fall.

There have been many small acreages set to fruit this year and it is expected that fully 2,000 acres of new orchard will be set out in Benton county by January 1.

Irrigation Near Vale.

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Vale—D. M. Brogan, the Seattle capitalist, who is constructing a large irrigation project on Willow creek about 24 miles from Vale, is meeting with great success and encouragement in the reclamation of 30,000 acres of land just north of the project recently rejected by the government because of lack of funds. Several ranches have been purchased from settlers and three reservoirs will be constructed, the water to be taken from Willow creek and its tributaries. A railroad is being built from Vale to Brogan the townsite of the project.

Bend—The examination for the posi-tion of forest ranger in the Deschutes national forest will be held at Prine-ville October 16 and 17. At these ex-aminations applicants are put through a severe test of their abilities in the cruising to road and bridge making.
One of the most important features of
the work of foresters in this region is
the supervision of cattle and sheep
ranging in the reserve, where the
herds and bands are pastured in the
summer months.

Send Display East.

Hood River—Hood River is preparing a display of fruit at the National
Irrigation congress to be held in Chicago in November. The Hood River
Auple Growers' union expects to send
a car of the finest apples to the great
show. Thomas Parsons is in Hood
River taking scenes of the apple industry with a moving picture camera.
Those will be used in connection with
the display of fruit.

ROGUE VALLEY LAND NOLD.

Eastern Capitalists Invest in Large Fruit Fract.

Fruit Fract.

Roseburg—Three large realty deals were consummated in Roseburg last week. The first was the Henry Ridenour farm, six miles west of this city, comprising 314 acres, which was sold to John Busenbark, of Kansas, for \$40,000. The second was 100 acres at Dixonville, tô C. J. Stoven, of Virginia, the consideration not being made public. The third was what is known as the old Booth place, in Garden valley, and comprises 320 acres, the consideration being \$25,000 — The Bouton of the froit place of Boston, Mass. The purchase by the Boston company was made by its treasurer and general manager, Charles A. Brand. The company will set the entire tract out in apples and pears and will conduct the orchard themselves. Mr. Brand decided upon the purchase after inspection of the froit lands of Washington and the districts of Rogue river and Hood River, being satisfied that his present location is the best for the varieties of fruit the company interds to raise.

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Cottage Grove—S. T. Nelson has sold his 375-acre farm to John Spray for \$16,000 cash. Mr. Spray proposes to place the ranch under irrigation. The land will be worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre as soon as water is on it, and the increase is large, as the orchards increase in size. There are 275 acres which can be irrigated, all of which is bottom land.

Will Represent Oregon.

Salem—Delegates to the annual convention of the Mississipi to the Atlantic Inland Waterways association to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., November 17 and 18, have been announced by the governor as follows: E. W. Spencer. of Portland; John Fox, of Astoria; W. J. Mariner, of Blalocks; J. T. Peters, of The Dalles, and O. B. Hinsdale, of Gardiner.

Cove Fruit Goes East.

Cove-Stackland Bros., probably the orgest fruitraisers in the Grand Ronde valley, are shipping mixed fruits to the Eastern markets. Plums, pears, crabapples and apples are in season and a full crew is at work in theo rchard. Two cars were shipped last week and two more have been forwarded this week.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85½c; valley, 90c; fife, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40-fold, 89½c.
Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.25 per

Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50@18.50; alfelfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.

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Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 32½c per dozen.

Poulty Hans 16@17c per pound.

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Poultry—Hens, 16@17c per pound;
springs, 16@17c; roosters, 9@10c;
ducks, young, 14@15c; geese, young,
10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@

2 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2010e per pound.
Veal.—Extra, 102010 //e per pound.
Fruits—Apples, \$122.25 per box;
pears, 50c@\$1.25; peaches, 75c@\$1.25;
per crate; cantaloupes, \$50c@\$1.25;
plums, 25250c per box; watermelons,
1c per pound; grapes, 40c@\$1.25 per
crate; Concords, 25c per basket; cass-

le per pound; grapes, 40c@\$1.25 per crate; Concords, 25c per banket; bansbas, \$1.50@2 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 per box.

Potatose—75c@\$1 per anck; sweet potatose, 2c per pound.
Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c; cauliflower, 75c@\$1.25 per dozen; calery, 50@75c; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12½@16c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 4@5c; pumpkins, ½@1c; squash, 5c; tountose, 50c per box.

Hops—1909 Fuggles, 20@21c per pound; clusters, nominal; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1905 crop, 8c.

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

Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50 @3.75; cafes, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$2.75; cafes, top, \$2.50; fair to good, \$2.75; cafes, top, \$2.50; fair to good, \$2.75; cafes, \$2.50; fair to good, \$

HILL GIVES PRIZES.

Railroad Builder Helps Cry Farming Congress With Cups.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 27.-Five sil er cups, aggregating \$220 in value, will be features of the list of prize offered by James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, for best exhibits at the International Dry Farming exposition which will be held at Billings, Montana, October 25-29, in connection with the Fourth Dry Farming congress, October 26-28. George J. Ryan, general industrial agent of the Great Northern, has sent to the headquarters of the congress at Billings a list of the prizes and the conditions under which they will be awarded. The aggregate value of all the prizes is \$1,000. This award by Mr. Hill is similar to that made by him in the case of the Omaha Corn exposition, with the exception that the cup feature is made a special one in favor of the Dry Farming congress. In regard to the cash prizes, Oregon, Washington and Montana are given the same list, thereby eliminating the competition of one state against another where conditions for certain crops might be better in one state than the other. offered by James J. Hill, chairman of

BURNING LAKE STUDIED.

Adventurous Spirits Go Into Crater of

Honolulu, Sept. 27.—L. M. Hale, J. Reynolds, and Earnest Moses, a photographer, descended today into the pit of the crater of Mount Kilaueau, remaining half an hour on the edge of a burning lake of lava and fire. This is the first time that this feat has been

burning lake or lava and live. In it is the first time that this feat has been accomplished.

The members of the party ventured almost to the rim of the seething lake and attempted to take photographs. The heat was intense and at times the adventurers walked over partially molten areas. After completing their observations, they returned safely to the rim of the crater, where half a dozen friends had witnessed the descent. Kilaueau is one of the largest active volcanoes in the world, on the east slope of Maunaloa, Hawaii island. Its altitude is 4,400 feet and the circumference of its crater is about nine miles, with a depth varying from 700 to 1,100 feet, depending upon the level of the molten lava. Violent eruptions occurred in 1797, 1844 and 1866, and since the latter date there have been several outbreaks of less severity.

ENGINEERS TO YIELD.

Settlement of Miners' Differences in Butte in Sight.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 27.—Although no definite statements have yet been made by either side, it developed late tonight that there is pleasible prospect that the differences existing between the Brotherhood of Stationary Engineers No. 1 and the Butte Miners' union may be settled, and the miners will return to their work at the various properties before tomorrow morning.

It is known that certain overtures have been made to the engineers by the officers of the miners' union, and it is quite probable the engineers will make certain concessions which will be acceptable to the miners. Whether the concessions will be permanent, and whether they will involve a return of the seceding engineers to the Western Federation of Miners, it was impossible to ascertain.

The adjustment will be reached, it is believed, without bringing the mining companies into the controversy, either as arbitrators or because of their influence, and it is highly probable that there will be nothing for Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, to settle when he arrives.

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Omaha Strike Nears End.

Omaha, Sept. 27.—Chances of end-ing the streetcar employes strike seemed favorable tonight. President Wattles, of the car company, after a Wattles, of the car company, after a meeting with the municipal officials tomorrow, will make a plain statement of what conditions would be acceptable to the company. The striking employes, he says, will be given an opportunity to accept his conditions. In a disturbance just before the care stopped running for the day, James Murphy, a conductor, was knocked down and seriously injured.

Court Uphoids Rate Act.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 27.—The Nebraska Supreme court today upheld the Sibley rate act, which cuts express rates in this state 25 per cent. The decision is the first ever entered against express companies. The act was passed in 1907, and has been in court ever aince. It has been in foces experimentally for 16 months under a temperary injunction, and the actual operation of the law was the chief thing that led the court to the opinion that the law was valid and was not confiscatory. Five companies are affected.

Johnson's Will Is Found,
St. Paul, Sept. 27.—It was learned
day that Governor Johnson had left a
ill begreathing all his counts, which
rehably will aggregate \$25,000 to his

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

OREGON SALES SECOND.

Fall Off, However.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The total cash receipts of the general land office for the fiscal year ended June 30, last, were \$11,627,687, which is a decrease of about \$1,027,687, which is a decrease of about \$1,000,000 compared with the previous year, according to a state-ment issued by the commissioner to-day.

ment issued by the collections of the total receipts, \$9,285,234 was received from the sales of public lands and \$159,491 was received as reclamation water right charges. Of the sales of public lands, the reclamation fund will receive approximately \$8,500,000. North Dakota leads the states in the amount of receipts from the sales of public lands, with a total of \$1,282,686. and Oregon is next, with a total

686, and Oregon is next, with a total of \$1,262, 686, and Oregon is next, with a total of \$959,963. The total area of land patented during the last fiscal year was 13,072,377 acres.

TAFT WANTS NEGRO VOTES.

Deplores Any Discrimination Against Black Men.

Black Men.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Taft has placed himself on record, in a letter to a local newspaper, as being opposed to suffrage restrictions intended to discriminate against the negro race. In answer to a letter asking his opinion concerning the franchise amendment to the Maryland constitution which is proposed, the president says;

"It is deliberately drawn to impose educational and other qualifications for the suffrage upon negroes and to ex-

the suffrage upon negroes and to ex-empt everybody else from such qualifi-cations.

"This is a gross injustice and is a "This is a gross injustice and is a violation of the spirit of the fifteenth amendment. It ought to be voted down by every one who is a Democrat or a Republican, who is in favor of a square deal."

Internal Revenue Increases.

Washington, Sept. 24.—There was in aggregate increase of \$1,190,037 in an aggregate increase of \$1,190,037 in internal revenue receipts for last month, as compared with the corresponding period of 1908, the receipts aggregating \$20,284,735. For spirits the total revenue was \$9,319,872, which is an increase of over \$285,000 as compared with the 1908 receipts for the same month: tobacco receipts agthe same month: tobacco receipts aggregated \$4,740,083, which is an increase of almost half a million dollars; ferm-nted liquors \$6,078,540, which is an increase of almost \$500,000.

Deaf Mutes to Help.

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Washington, Sept. 22.—Believing that deaf mutes would make good operators for the puncturing and tabulating machines to be used in compiling the returns of the next census, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is inclined to appoint them to such positions, if capable men apply. This work requires great care in its performance, for the reason that there is no way to obtain a check on the result and the secretary can see no reason why the deaf and dumb should not be especially efficient.

Jap Laborers to Re-Enter

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Washington, Sept. 23.—All the Japanese laborers who, while returning from the conneries in Canada where they had been working during the summer, were held up by the United States immigration officers, have been ordered re-admitted into this country. The Department of Commerce and Labor, in deciding in favor of the Japanese, holds that the laborers went to Canada for temporary purposes only and had holds that the laborers went to Canada for temporary purposes only and had no intention of abandoning their domicile in this country.

Cuba la Sadly Stricken.

Washington, Sept. 24.—More than ten lives were lost and property worth over \$2,000,000 destroyed in the tornado which recently swept over the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Reports
of damage are just reaching Havana.
More than 2,000 people are without
shelter or supplies. Several hundred
houses and hute and tobacco barns, several thousand scres of tobacco and many
small vessels along the coast were destroyed.

Riding Test is Criticized.

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Washington, Sept. 22.—The Roosevelt riding test for the officers of the
army is a detriment to the services,
rather than an aid in efficiency. This,
in substance, is the severe criticism of
the tests made by General Albert L.
Myer, commanding the Department of
Texas, in his annual report. General
Meyer favors yearly examinations of
all officers to ascertain their fitness for
their duties.

673,631 Allens Come.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A net increase of 678,631 in the population of the United States by the arrival and departure of aliens occurred during the last fiscal year, against an increase of 209,867 over the previous year. There was a failing of in immigration from 782,870 aliens during the previous facul year to 751,785 last year.

RECORD SHORT NAME.

Total Receipts of General Land Office Island on Coast of Corea Officially Known as "U."

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Washington, Sept. 28.—The United States geographical board, which by executive order determines the spelling for all publications, maps and charts for the government in this country, has just issued a pamphlet containing all decisions rendered during the year closed July 13, 1909. The list of names adopted by the board contains the shortest geographical name on record, it being "U," which is an island east of Quelpart Island, on the southern coast of Corea.

It used to be "in the olden days" that the river Po in Italy had the distinction of having the shortest geographical name on record; but it will be seen that U goes it one better.

Ma, an island in Corea bay, Asia; Ui, an island on the western coast of Corea, and Uo, an island in Inland see, Japan, are close seconds for brevity. A new name in the list is "Paradise Dry," Cache county, Utah, which, in these days of activity by Prohibitionists, should be welcome, while "Bitterwater," Kern, county, Cal., will have to be accepted by the "wets" in that section.

section.

Resin Wine Fight On.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The taxabil-ity of rasin wine was threshed out at a five hours' hearing before the commis-sioner of internal revenue today and sioner of internal revenue today and decision on the question was reserved. The rasin fight dates back five years and was brought to a head last autumn, when an order was issued by the internal revenue commissioner holding that rasin wine was taxable. This order was suspended from time to time and was to have gone into effect September 1 last, but was postponed for 30 days to permit the incoming commissioner to consider the case.

Old Capitol Guide Dies.

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Washington, Sept 25.—One of the most striking and picturesque figures around the capitol building was removed by the death today of John Callan O'Loughlin, a former Confederate soldier, old railroad man and for many years a guide at the capitol. He was personally known to all the present and many former members of the senate and house and during his long service at the capitol has shown to thousands of visitors the interesting objects about that historic building.

Uncle Sam to Rescue

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Washington, Sept. 25.—One hundred American citizens stranded at Nome will be brought to Seattle on a revenue cutter. Telegraphic orders went forward today from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hill directing the deputy collector of customs at Seward, Alaska, to have a revenue cutter proceed at once from Seward to Nome, there to take on board the men and women who are destitute.

White House Scorched.

Washington, Sept. 28.—A slight fire broke out in the old portion of the ex-scutive offices of the White House late ecutive offices of the White House late this afternoon. It originated in a flue of one of the chimneys and spread to some of the rafters. The fire depart-ment was called and with the aid of a chemical engine had the blaze under control in a few moments. The dam-age is estimated at about \$100.

To Collect Tonnage Tax.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Collection of the tonnage tax under the tariff law, recently enacted by congress, will be begun on October 5. Notice to that effect has been sent by Acting Secretary Ormsby McHarg, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to all collectors of customs.

Washington, Sept. 28.—As a result of his observations recently into conditions among the agricultural classes in the West, Secretary Wilson said that Federal control of railroad capitalization would lead to large investments it railroad securities by American farmers.

Lear to Succeed McHarg

Washington, Sept. 22.—Charles Lear, of California, solicitur of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is mentioned here for successor to Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary, whose resignation from the department becomes effective October 1.

Ballinger is To Join Taft.

Washington, Sept. 22]—Secretary
Bellinger left this evening for Denver,
where he will join President Taft on
his Western trip. Mr. Ballinger expects to accompany Mr. Taft only as
far as Seattle, and to return here toward the latter part of October.

Washington, Sept, 28.—A new map of the world, with the North Pole as American territory, will be issued by the hydrographic office of the Navy de-