

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

KNOW TIMBER BUSINESS.

Many Men Coming From Middle Western States.

There is indication of a large immigration to Oregon this spring from the Middle Western States, of a nature that will be very important in the development of the timber resources of the state. C. H. Stewart of Albany, one of a number of people interested in timber claims, the applications for which were suspended because entered in the wrong district, has been corresponding with the holders of suspended claims, with a view to concerted action in the matter of getting their applications reinstated.

A number of people in the Middle Western States are included in the list of holders of suspended applications. These people have been communicated with by Mr. Stewart, and a great many of them have written letters to the effect that they will be here this spring to assist in looking after the matter up.

During the course of the correspondence letters have come from lumbermen in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and the two Dakotas to the effect that they will remove to Oregon to reside and invest their means in timber and the necessary mills to put it on the market. This will be done both because of the great opportunities offered in Oregon, and because of the rigorous weather that has prevailed in their home states during the present winter.

They are all substantial men who have had experience in the lumber business, and have been conversant with the conditions here. They will come here seeking a new field for operations, where there are abundant resources and a climate in which life can be enjoyed and work continued the year round.

LEGISLATURE WILL DECIDE.

Unpaid Indian War Claim Will Be Presented to That Body.

Salem.—Secretary of State Dunbar has prepared a circular letter which he is sending out to all Indian War veterans who have unpaid claims against the State. He informs them that since the appropriation has been exhausted he has no further authority to audit claims or issue warrants, but he will preserve the claims and present them to the next Legislature.

This is in accordance with a general law prescribing the duties of the Secretary of State. The claims now in the hands of the Secretary of State amount to \$35,227.06.

It is understood that Adjutant-General Gantenbein has received claims amounting to \$15,000 more. Whether the remaining claims will be paid rests entirely with the Legislature.

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

Salem.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State last week as follows:

Farmers' Irrigating Company, Hood River, \$75,000.

Warrenton Grocery & Butcher Company, Warrenton, \$5,000.

Stanfield Irrigation Company, Echo, \$5,000. Object to construct an irrigation system in Umatilla and Morrow counties, taking water from Umatilla river and Butter creek.

Abbett Tinning & Roofing Company, Portland, \$1,000.

Shipping Supply Company, Portland, \$1,000.

Lutke Manufacturing Company, office furniture manufacturing, Portland, \$50,000.

Praill & Co., Inc., Portland, liquors, cigars, \$2,000.

Campbell Transportation Company, Portland, \$50,000.

La Grande Mercantile Company, La Grande, \$20,000.

Maccabees' Building Association, Roseburg, \$16,000.

Oklahomans at Independence.

Independence.—Five families of Oklahomans arrived here from California this week. They have found two residences in which they have moved until better accommodations can be secured. They are pleased with the country, and state that they will locate here. They state that they are in communication with some 50 families in Oklahoma who are contemplating coming West and will settle in this state if they are satisfied, as the cold winters in the East are driving many west.

K. of P. at Pendleton.

The District Convention of the Knights of Pythias was held last week at Mistle Hall and was attended by 200 delegates and visiting Knights. This district, No. 10, is composed of the following: Damao, No. 4, Pendleton; Pythias, No. 29, Athena; Stephens, No. 49, Weston; Pleiades, No. 74, Helix; Hercules, No. 71, Milton; Tomas, No. 93, Adams.

Independence.—Krebs Bros., who purchased the Henderson-Murphy farm, have placed a large crew of men on the place and state they will place it of the available land into hops. It is thought that something over 500 acres will be so planted. They will build a number of hophouses and other buildings, and will use probably nearly 1,000,000 feet of lumber in their improvements.

Record of Second Oregon Volunteers.

Salem.—The State Printer has completed and delivered to Adjutant-General Finzer the 1440 additional copies of the official record of the Second Oregon Volunteers. The Adjutant-General will supply one copy of the book to each member of the Second Oregon, free of charge.

Gain of 100 Pupils.

Pendleton.—Secretary Halley of the Pendleton school district will file his census with the county superintendent in a few days. It shows a gain of 100 pupils over last year, there being this year 1616.

POWER FROM MORGAN LAKE.

La Grande May Soon Have Suburban Electric Lines.

La Grande.—Morgan Lake, situated about two miles above La Grande, has been thoroughly tested as to the amount of power and water that can be obtained from it. The power will be used for different important things for the benefit of La Grande and the community. More power will be used for the electric light plant and to run a motor line to Hot Lake and other points in the county.

The engineer reported to the officials of the electric light company that their plan was entirely feasible and practicable. The plans call for a fraction over two miles of pipe and the power obtained through the pipe will be equal to 500 horsepower. The reservoir when filled will contain water sufficient to furnish this amount of power for a period of one year, without receiving any additional supply. In other words, when the lake is filled it will contain enough water to supply water for 500-horsepower. The lake is situated 1100 feet above the power station, which, according to the plans of the engineer, will be located near the site of the Old Town flouring mill.

LAWS TO BE VOTED UPON.

Printed Pamphlets of Direct Primary and Local Option Measures.

Salem.—Secretary of State Dunbar has received from the State Printer the first copies of the pamphlets containing the full text of the direct primary law and the local option law, which will be voted upon by the people on June 6.

Ninety thousand copies of each pamphlet will be printed. The printer has already turned out 30,000 copies of the local option law, and 60,000 copies of the direct primary law. The former has 20 pages and the latter 52 pages. In a few days the Secretary of State will distribute these pamphlets to the several counties in sufficient quantities so that each voter may have one, free of charge.

Coming Events.

State Convention, Knights of the Maccabees, Portland, March 25.

County Recorders and Auditors, Portland, March 25.

Republican primaries, April 2.

Republican County Conventions, April 7.

Republican Convention First Congressional District, Salem, April 13.

Republican Convention, second Congressional District, Portland, April 13.

Republican State Convention, Portland, April 14.

Democratic Convention, Multnomah County, Portland, April 14.

Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Portland, April 15.

Democratic State Convention, Portland, April 15.

Dog Show, Portland, April 20-22.

University of Oregon-Pacific University Debate, Forest Grove, April 22.

Annual reunion, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Hood River June 15-17.

Wheat Prospect is Fitting.

Pendleton.—"I do not think I have ever seen the wheat outlook so good at this time of the year as it is now between Pendleton and Athena," said Representative W. M. Haskely recently. Mr. Haskely, who is sheriff of Umatilla county, owns a fine tract of wheat land at Eastland. "The grain is very strongly rooted, and in this respect has a splendid start. The acreage on the reservation and around Adams, Athena and Helix is about all in, though the good conditions may induce a few farmers to sow more."

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 77c; blue stem, 81c; Valley, 82c.

Barley—Feed, \$2.22 per ton; brewing, \$2.22; rolled, \$2.40 per ton.

Flour—Valley, \$3.40 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4.40 per barrel; clear, \$3.50 per barrel; hard wheat patents, \$4.40 per barrel; clear, \$3.50 per barrel; graham, \$3.50 per barrel; whole wheat, \$3.65 per barrel; rye flour, \$4.50 per barrel.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.17 per cental; gray, \$1.10 per cental.

Millicuffs—Bran, \$1.18 per ton; middlings, \$2.40 per ton; short, \$1.90 per ton; chop, \$1.80; linseed, dairy food, \$1.90.

Hay—Timothy, \$15.00 per ton; clover, \$11.00 per ton; grain, \$12.00 per ton; chest, \$12.00 per ton.

Vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, 81c; parsnips, 81c; cabbage, 1 1/2c; red cabbage, 2c; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; hot-house, 50c per box; parsley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50 per crate; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; celery, 65c per dozen; squash, 1 1/2c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.75 per dozen; onions, yellow Danvers, \$2.00 per sack; green onions, \$2.00 per sack.

Honey—\$3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Fancy, 90c per cental; common, 80c per cental; growers' price; sweets, 2 1/2c in sacks; 2 1/2c per crate.

Fruits—Apples, fancy, Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50 per box; choice, \$1.50; cooking, 75c.

Butter—Sweet cream, 27 1/2c per pound; fancy creamery, 27 1/2c per pound; choice creamery, 25c; dairy and store, nominal.

Butter Fat—Sweet cream, 28 1/2c; sour cream, 26 1/2c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12 1/2c per pound; springs, small 15c; hens, 13c per pound; turkeys, live, 15c per pound; dressed, 18c per pound; ducks, \$8.00 per dozen; geese, live, 8c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13c per pound; Young America, 15c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17c per dozen; Dressed, 5c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 6 1/2c per pound; Veal—Dressed, 6 1/2c per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 7 1/2c per pound; Hope—Choice, 25c per pound; prime, 24c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 17c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12c per pound; mohair, 32c per pound.

FLEET SHUT OUT.

Russian Ships Cannot Return to Vladivostok.

London, March 9.—The Japanese legation here has received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed at the legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian Cruiser squadron and Vladivostok, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet Bay.

Russian official dispatches do not mention this squadron, and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships have shut it out of Vladivostok. It is pointed out at the Legation that if this is true, the Russian vessels are in a critical position, since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur, before reaching a Russian port.

In a dispatch from St. Petersburg a correspondent of the Standard gives a rumor that the Czar has received a telegram to the effect that the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostok all day Monday. According to this rumor or only trivial damage was inflicted to the Russians, but one or two Japanese cruisers were sunk.

There is much curiosity here concerning the resisting power of Vladivostok, which has been long regarded as the Gibraltar of the Far East. Vladivostok is known to be better equipped as a naval base, and to have greater docking and repairing resources than Port Arthur, but doubts are expressed as to the character of its defenses. Russia has been settled there for 40 years, and it is consequently considered probable that the defenses and guns at this place are of a somewhat obsolete character.

It is understood that during the past few years all the available new guns and war material which it was possible to send over the single-line Trans-Siberian railroad have been used for the strengthening of Port Arthur and points in Manchuria, leaving Vladivostok with old-type guns of short range. It is reported that Vladivostok is ill-supplied with provisions and necessities.

Dispatches from Tokio published this morning speak of the sacrifices being made by the Japanese nation. According to the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Tokio, the Mikado is abandoning all luxuries, the court following his example, and all are going to live abstemiously until the war is ended.

HOPE IS ON LAND.

Russia Considers That the War Has Hardly Begun.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Although almost four weeks have elapsed since the Japanese fleet first attacked Port Arthur, here the war is considered hardly begun. Heavy land fighting, upon which the fate of the campaign depends, is not expected much before the end of April. By this time Russia will have in the field, exclusive of the large army of men required to guard the railroads, four army corps, each with a cavalry division and an artillery brigade. All that has happened so far, or is going to happen until these forces are in the field, is considered, according to the Russian view, to be nothing more than the prologue to the real drama.

The crippling of the Port Arthur fleet was unfortunate in that it gave the enemy the command of the sea at the very outset. It is, however, of relatively small importance from the standpoint of the main strategy of the war. But as long as it holds out, and the fleet is harbored there, it will constitute a potential menace which will restrict and hamper Japan's operations, and the Russians are determined to defend Port Arthur as heroically as they did Sevastopol. No large garrisons will be retained there; 100,000 men are as good as 100,000 for defense, while the more men the more mouths to feed. There are enough provisions there now to last for eight months. In addition, there will be a division of Cossacks with mountain batteries on the peninsula to oppose landings and harass the enemy if it succeeds in investing the city.

Flood Peril is Passed.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—The Juniata and Susquehanna rivers have been falling all day and Weather Observer Demain said tonight that they will continue to fall for 24 hours. The gorges above and below Harrisburg are still intact and there has been no movement in the Susquehanna river since the break of yesterday and in the gorge at High Spire. The conditions in the flooded district show an improvement over yesterday and unless there is a sudden rise in the river, it is thought the worst is over.

France Can Take No Offense.

Paris, March 9.—It is not expected that Japan's intention to build the Seoul-Wiju railroad will cause any serious clash with the owners of the early French concessions. The original concession was granted to a French company in 1896. A considerable portion of the line has already been laid under French auspices and it is understood that Foreign Minister Delcasse has sought to protect French interests along the road, as he protected the rights of the Panama Canal Company.

Railroad May Sell Lands.

Washington, March 9.—The senate today passed Senator Foster's bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to sell surplus lands within its right of way when it has no use for the same, and confirming sales of such lands heretofore made by this company.

CHANGE IS URGED

COMMISSION ASKS REPEAL OF TIM-BET AND STONE ACT.

Forests Should Be Sold at Values Fixed by Appraisers—Change Homestead Law—Richards, Pinchot and Newell Advocate Restriction of Commutation Clause.

Washington, March 9.—The commission appointed by the President on October 22, 1903, consisting of W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office; Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the department of agriculture, and F. H. Newell, chief engineer of the reclamation service, to make suggestions regarding revision of the laws relating to public lands, has made to the president a partial report which was sent to congress today. It recommends the repeal of the timber and stone act, and the substitution of suitable provisions for selling, after appraisal, the timber on public lands that is needed in large or small quantities for industrial purposes.

The committee also recommends the repeal of the law permitting assignment of entries under the desert land law, and urges the importance of a more careful administration of law especially as to those provisions relating to obtaining an adequate permanent water supply.

It advocates the restricting of the commutation clause of the homestead entry where such entries are located within forest reserves or where the land is chiefly valuable for timber. It suggests the outlines for a law permitting homestead entries upon agricultural lands within forest reserves and the survey and description of such agricultural lands by metes and bounds rather than by the regular system, thus permitting the agricultural lands to be selected along the valleys and to embrace the good tillable land without taking in extensive tracts of side hill.

The recommendation also is made that when lands are restored to entry after temporary segregation ample time should be allowed homesteaders to exercise their rights, giving them the preference over persons who may wish to select the land by the use of scrip or other form of entry.

DAMAGED BY SHELL FIRE.

Japanese Make Impression on Batteries at Port Arthur.

Niu Chwang, March 9.—New arrivals from Port Arthur confirm the rumors in circulation here last week that the westerly batteries have been badly damaged by the Japanese shell fire. Desultory bombardments continue, but there has been an absence of concerted action on the part of the Japanese warships for a couple of days. All of the civilian population has been expelled from the town.

A heavily-laden train was derailed near the town Saturday, but it is not known how much damage was done. The wreck was caused by an obstruction being placed on the track by Japanese agents.

There has been no recent damage to the Russian squadron at the hands of Japanese, the cruiser Askold has been floated, and cruiser Glichrst now declares that he can save the battleship Retvizan. The attempt to repair the drydock so that it would accommodate the battleship Gzardovitch has been abandoned, and she will remain in a disabled condition until the close of the war, or until she can be sent to Vladivostok, where the drydock is large enough to accommodate her. Niu Chwang is now occupied by a small detachment of Cossack cavalry.

AGAIN ALARM IN BALKANS.

Sultan Rejects Memorandum Presented by the Reform Powers.

Vienna, March 9.—The optimistic feeling regarding the situation in the Balkans has again given way to pessimism. The Sultan was reported to have emphatically refused to ratify the Natchovitch agreement, and his attitude occasions much anxiety in the Bulgarian government.

Telegrams received here today declare further that the Sultan has rejected the memorandum presented by the reform powers as well as the demands for the gendarme commission. This commission is making slow progress in its work. The two civil agents are reported to have broken down under the strain.

Fare to St. Louis Fair.

Chicago, March 9.—A committee of the Transcontinental Passenger Association today decided to recommend to the general meeting of the association the adoption of "circuit rates" for the St. Louis Exposition from Pacific Coast points. Under this arrangement, the rate from the Coast to St. Louis through Chicago will be \$75, \$67.50 direct to St. Louis and \$72.50 direct to Chicago through St. Louis. The question of stopovers being allowed here was not settled. The committee also decided to recommend the adoption of homeseekers' rates.

Japanese Take Island.

Tokio, March 9.—Japanese squadron took possession of Hai-Yang-Tao, one of the Elliot group of islands, on February 29. They found only stores of coal and signaling flags there, the Russians having evacuated the island on February 23. The Russians continue to push southward along the coast from Possiet Bay toward Songching, the correspondent continues, and the Vladivostok squadron apparently is covering their communication with Vladivostok.

Another Flood is Feared.

Pittsburg, March 9.—From present indications the Monongahela and Alleghany rivers will again be at a flood stage tomorrow morning. Business men and residents in the low sections are preparing for a 20-foot stage.

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