

# HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

## POWER FROM WATER WORKS.

### Morgan Lake Will Serve Double Purpose at La Grande.

La Grande—The Morgan lake water power scheme, which is situated three miles south of La Grande, on the summit of the Blue mountains, and which is being constructed by the La Grande water storage company, has been practically completed, by which the storage company will furnish the city of La Grande 75,000,000 gallons of water per month for distribution through the city water mains. The elevation of the lake above the city of La Grande is 1,450 feet, in a distance of three miles. A lake 120 acres in extent and now 12 feet deep has been formed, with a possibility of increasing the depth to 30 feet by building a few hundred feet of levee. Surveys have been made for 11,175 feet of pipe line, leading to the La Grande city reservoir. Steel pipe two feet in diameter will be used to conduct the water down the mountain canyon to the power plant about one mile from the lake, where 1,000 horsepower will be developed at first, with the possibility of increasing the power to 10,000 horsepower when needed.

## Railroad Asks for Terminus.

The Dalles—At the instance of several business men and property owners of this city a meeting was held last week to consider the feasibility of bringing the line of the Great Southern railway into this city, together with the cost of right of way and terminal grounds for the same. The request of the Great Southern officials was for three city blocks situated in the extreme east end of the town for depot grounds, and a right of way from the mouth of Five Mile creek, where the line has been surveyed, to the city. It is understood that the right of way and this terminal site asked for can be had for \$6,500. A committee was appointed to canvas the city to acquire the necessary funds to acquire this property.

## Removal of Land Office.

Oregon City—A remonstrance against the proposed removal of the land office from Oregon City to Portland, and addressed to the president and secretary of the interior, has been circulated among the business men and citizens here. The remonstrance cites the fact that this is known as the Oregon City land district, that Oregon City is centrally located with reference to the district, being accessible by rail and boat; that there is no demand on the part of settlers or the people at large for the removal of the office.

## Grasshoppers in Grain.

Pendleton—The army of grasshoppers struck the alkali wheat raising district, about 20 miles southwest of this city, a few days ago, and has wrought much damage to grain. Monrad Fix is the heaviest loser, grasshoppers having eaten down 500 acres to such an extent that the grain is scarcely fit for hay. Other crops in that vicinity have been more or less damaged. A visit of grasshoppers in this county is unusual. This is the first year the insects have done any damage to grain.

## Looking for Big Run.

Astoria—The salmon pack up to the present time is far from satisfactory, but while the prospects for the balance of the season are purely speculative, there is every confidence that an immense run will come later. The pack of the canned product is full 25 per cent short of what it was at the corresponding time last year, and then the season was considered a failure, but the big run that came the latter part of July brought the pack up to nearly the average figures.

## Valley Hops in Need of Rain.

Salem—Farmers and hop growers in this section of the Valley are very much alarmed over the continuance of the long dry spell, and say that great and irreparable damage has already been done. Farmers from the Waldo hills and from Mission bottom said that grain and hay will not yield more than half crops. Hop growers say that the yield of hops has already been lessened, and that, unless a good rain is had next week, the loss will be considerable.

## Grant County's Heavy Frost.

Pendleton—Severe damage was done by frost in Grant county last week, orchards in many of the foothill portions having nearly the entire crop cut down. The frost lasted several successive nights, and will materially reduce the yield in peaches, pears, plums and other less hardy varieties. In the John Day valley the leading fruit district of the county, the damage was not great. Vegetables and garden stuff suffered severely also.

## Spice Lumber Rates Postponed.

Astoria—According to advices received from Chicago the reduced rates on Eastern shipments of spice lumber, which were to go into effect on July 1, will not become effective before July 15 and possibly not until the first of August. The postponement is understood to have been caused by a delay in issuing the tariff sheets.

## Harvest Begins.

Pendleton—Wheat harvest has commenced in the Cold Springs country north of Pendleton. Wheat matures earlier in this section than elsewhere. Results so far are very satisfactory, some grain going as high as 40 bushels to the acre.

## STAMPEDE TO GOLD FIND.

### Ledge on Thompson Creek Is Over 4,500 Feet Long.

Medford—A. L. Morris has just returned from the strike of gold on the headwaters of Thompson creek, near Grayback mountain. He brought with him over \$75 in gold taken from the ledge, which shows on the surface over 4,500 feet long. The Briggs boys have taken out \$18,000 and have as much more in sight.

Most of the people going in leave Medford and go by way of Jacksonville, crossing the divide at the head of Williams creek. This route is only 50 miles from Medford. Hundreds of people are leaving, and the town is in great excitement. Claims are being staked and placer locations filed.

H. E. King washed \$160 from four pans of placer dirt on his location 800 feet from the Briggs find. The ledge is 450 feet on the Oregon side of the California line.

## A townsite has been located and tents are being pitched.

Not since the days of Gold Hill or Steamboat Springs has so much interest been manifested in a gold discovery. It is claimed that the ledge is the same as the Steamboat strike, but the values are much higher and the ledge larger.

## Prize Products of Polk.

Dallas—Polk county will be among the first counties in Oregon to apply for space in the big horticultural building now in course of construction at the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds at Portland. Mrs. F. A. Wolfe, of Falls City, has begun the preparation of an exhibit that is expected to take first rank among the county displays at the 1905 fair. Mrs. Wolfe has had charge of all the prize-winning displays from Polk county at the Oregon state fair for many years past, and takes a great interest in the work.

## Road to Santiam Mines.

Salem—With a view to opening a road leading to the Quartzville mines, the members of the Marion county court will go over the route. The Quartzville mines are about 16 miles north of Gates on the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. A wagon road extends about half the distance. Considerable work is being done at the mines, but all supplies and machinery must be taken in on horses. Machinery for a sawmill and a quartz stamp was transported to the mines in that way.

## Should Make Full Exhibit.

Salem—In answer to a question from President Jefferson Myers, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he holds that the Lewis and Clark commission should make a full and complete exhibit of the resources and products of the state. The occasion for this inquiry is not stated, but seems to arise out of a difference of opinion as to the proportion of the money that should be expended on buildings and exhibits.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 69c; bluestem, 77c; Valley, 78c.  
Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.  
Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$4@4.25; clears, \$3.55@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.20; gray, \$1.15 per cental.  
Millet—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.  
Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c; store, 12@13c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19@19½c per dozen.  
Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12@12½c; old stock, 7@8c; Young America, 13@14c.  
Poultry—Fancy hens, 12@12½c per pound; old hens, 11@12c; mixed chickens, 10@11c; old roosters, 8@8½c; young roosters, 12@13c; springs, 1 to 2-pound, 17@18c; broilers, 1 to 1½-pound, 18@20c; dressed chickens, 13@13½c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; do dressed, 15@16c; do choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 7@8c; do dressed, 9½@10c; ducks, old, \$6@7 per dozen; do young, as to size, \$2.50@2.75.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.50; beets, \$1.25; cabbage, 1½@1¾c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; parsley, 25c per doz; tomatoes, \$1.25@1.50; cauliflower, \$1.75@2 per doz; celery, 75¢@90c per doz; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per doz; asparagus, 50c; peas, 40¢ per pound; beans, green, 50¢; squash, \$1.25 per box; green corn, 60c per doz.  
Honey—\$23.50 per case.  
Potatoes—Fancy, 75¢@81 per cental; new potatoes, \$1.75@2.25.

Fruits—Strawberries, 50¢ per lb; cherries, 40¢; gooseberries, 6c; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; apples, new, \$1@1.75 per box; apricots, 90¢@1; plums, \$1; peaches, 90¢@1; cantaloupes, \$4.50 per crate.  
Hops—1903 crop, 23c per lb.  
Wool—Valley, 19@20c per lb; Eastern Oregon, 16@17c; mohair, 30c per lb for choice.

Beef—Dressed, 5@6½c per lb.  
Mutton—Dressed, 4@6c per lb; lambs, 6c.  
Veal—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c per lb; 125 to 200, 6@5½c; 200 and up, 3½@4c.  
Pork—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@7c.

## PASSAGE PARTIALLY BLOCKED.

### Russian Fleet Has Great Difficulty in Leaving Port Arthur.

Tokio, June 29.—The detailed report received from Admiral Togo of the operations before Port Arthur, which resulted in the sinking of another Russian battleship, shows that the entrance to the harbor at Port Arthur is still blocked to such an extent that it is impossible for the Russians to maneuver. The operation of bringing the Russian fleet into the open, according to the report of the officers of the Japanese scout vessels, lasted from 11 a. m. till 3:30 p. m., and was difficult in the extreme.

When first seen by the main fleet the Russian ships were in a double column formation, the first made up of four cruisers and six battleships, with the battleship Czarvitch in the lead. The second column was made up of the cruiser Novik and seven destroyers.

That the Japanese did not attack in force and attempt to sink the entire Russian fleet was due to the fact that nightfall arrived before the ships could be brought within range, and nothing was left but for the torpedo attack. It is generally believed now that another attempt will be made by the Russians to escape.

## FLEET FAST BEING MADE READY.

### Russia Redoubles Her Efforts to Get Baltic Squadron Ready.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—Work on the Baltic squadron designed for service in the Pacific is being pushed with redoubled vigor night and day. Admiral Brillief, the commander-in-chief at Constantinople, is co-operating with Vice Admiral Rojsetevsky, in command of the Baltic fleet, to hasten the work. The captains of the battleships Navarin and Siesoi Veliky and the armored cruiser Admiral Nakimoff, the first vessel to go out into the roadstead in commission, have been publicly complimented for their diligence. In order not to impede the work, the crews are not mustered to salute the commander-in-chief when he visits the vessels.

A strict guard is maintained at Cronstadt. Even the warships' launches are not allowed to enter the naval basins after dusk. Lieutenant Vavilov, in charge of the naval laboratory, was arrested recently and confined to a fortress for bringing a relative to the laboratory without permission.

## MORMONS GET MEXICAN TRACT.

### Half Million Acres Will Be Purchased in Sonora or Chihuahua.

Mexico City, June 29.—A report is being circulated here to the effect that the Mormon church would be quite actively engaged during the next few months in securing land in various portions of Mexico for the purpose of colonization. The assertion is made that it was recently decided to purchase a tract of 500,000 acres in Sonora or Chihuahua, to be used as an extension of the colonies of Colovia, Dublin and Diaz. The arrangements are about completed, it is said, and within a few weeks the deeds will be ready for transfer.

In addition to these lands, it is learned, the Mormon elders have taken hold of several other land offers recently made to them. Among these are said to be large tracts of land in Sinaloa and Chiapas.

## Japan Seeking No Gain.

Vienna, June 29.—The Allgemeine Zeitung says that according to a diplomatic note received here the Japanese government has resolved, in case peace is restored, to demand nothing else than was mentioned in the government's note of December last; that if even if Port Arthur be taken by the Japanese, to restore it to Russia, respecting the Russo-Chinese agreement, and that Japan will regard Russia as economically predominant in Manchuria. Japan demands only that she be considered with the other great powers in the solution of Asiatic questions.

## Hayti Relies on Apologies.

Port Au Prince, June 29.—There is no confirmation here of the reports that France and Germany are about to send warships to Haytian waters in consequence of the attack on the respective ministers of those countries by the palace guards at Port Au Prince. The French and German ministers are awaiting instructions from their governments. The Haytian government, however, regards the incident as closed by the forwarding of apologies, while the press is silent concerning the matter.

## Dies of Heart Failure.

Manila, June 29.—Mgr. Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippine islands, died today of heart failure. The funeral will take place here next Friday and the remains will be interred two months later at Rome. Mgr. Guidi was sent to the Philippine islands nearly two years ago as the representative of the Vatican in the negotiations with the Philippine commissioners for the sale of the tripartite lands to the American government.

## More Firing at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, June 29.—There was firing at Port Arthur last night, and tonight. The booming of big guns was distinctly heard here tonight. Eighteen Japanese transports have been seen going west along the Korean coast.

## DIRECTORS HELD

### CORONER'S JURY SAYS THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK.

### Mate Charged With Acting in a Cowardly Manner—Inspector Quilty of Misconduct in Allowing Vessel to Operate and Government is Also Requested to Take Up His Case.

New York, July 1.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster was concluded today, and, after nearly four hours' deliberation, a verdict was rendered in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, Captain Vanschaick, of the Slocum; Captain Pease, the commodore of the company's fleet, and others were held criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued. The mate of the Slocum, Edward Flanagan, according to the jury, acted in a cowardly manner, and the misconduct of Steamboat Inspector Lundberg, it was reported, should be brought to the attention of the Federal authorities.

The charge in each case is manslaughter in the first degree. Bail is fixed by the coroner varying from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Edward Flanagan, the mate, was the first arraigned. He pleaded not guilty, and his bail was fixed at \$1,000. He was committed to jail. Inspector Lundberg pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$1,000 bonds.

Bail was fixed at \$5,000 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Atkinson, and bonds were furnished at once.

Captain Vanschaick is a prisoner in the hospital. Captain Pease will not be arrested until tomorrow, when it is expected that the directors of the company will also be taken into custody. The jury is also of the opinion that the system of inspection which prevails in the harbor of New York is very inefficient, and does not properly demonstrate whether the lifesaving apparatus and fire appliances on the vessels in this harbor are in proper and suitable condition to prevent the loss of life, and we recommend to the secretary of commerce and labor that he issue such instructions to the supervising and local force of inspectors as will cause them to efficiently and honestly examine the boats plying in and about the harbor.

Formal testimony was presented that 905 bodies had been recovered, of which all but 40 met death by drowning. Floyd S. Corbin, named as one of the directors of the Knickerbocker company, tonight said he is not a director of the company, having been replaced at the last meeting of the company's stockholders in February, and that he does not own a single share of stock. He was much surprised by the verdict of the coroner's jury.

## KUROKI LESS SECURE.

### The Russians Have Strengthened Their Base and Flank.

Haicheng, July 1.—The war picture has quickly changed, thanks to General Kuroki's movements. A heavy engagement is expected tomorrow near the village of Simoucheng, 15 miles south-southeast of Haicheng, and an equal distance east of the railway. The Japanese have now passed Daiin Hill and are 20 miles south of the Russian position.

The Associated Press correspondent returned here from Tatchekiao at dawn today. A terrific rain rendered the roads almost impassable. The Russian regiments are camped on high ground. Signal fires from the hilltops are constantly flaring, lighting up the bivouacs and the horse lines of the cavalry regiments. Long trains of soldiers are constantly passing and re-passing.

The Russian troops are in excellent condition. General Kuropatkin and his staff are apparently quite easy in their minds. The Japanese have given the Russians time to strengthen their base and flank, while General Kuroki is not as secure as formerly from a flank attack.

General Kuroki cannot get around the Russian position without forcing a fight.

## Colorado Irrigation Work Assured.

Montrose, Colo., July 1.—The Gunnison River tunnel, which will furnish water for the irrigation of thousands of acres in Uncompahgre valley, is assured by the filing today of bonds aggregating \$200,000 guaranteeing the entire subscription of 80,000 acres required by the government before entering upon the project. Already 75,467 acres have been subscribed, and Chief Engineer F. H. Newell notified the committee in charge of the local arrangements that he would order the engineers to proceed with the work.

## Will Be Nonunionized.

Colorado Springs, July 1.—The reedition mill at Colorado City, owned by the Portland Gold Mining company, closed down this afternoon for two weeks. The necessity of making repairs and a shortage of ore, occasioned by the recent closing down of the mine at Victor by the military authorities, are given as the reasons for the action. There is no doubt that the mill will be nonunionized when it resumes operations.

## Battleship Reported Ashore.

London, July 1.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says it is reported that another Russian battleship has been discovered stranded off Tiger Rock. It is presumed she was wrecked while returning to Port Arthur after the recent naval engagement.

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