

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

JACKSON TO FRONT.

Stands as Second County in Oregon in Assessed Wealth.

Salem — Jackson county has sprung to second place among the counties of Oregon in taxable wealth. Marion county, which has for many years occupied second place, has dropped to fifth place, and perhaps lower. Not all the assessment returns have been received yet, but it is already apparent that at least three counties have stepped above Marion in assessed valuation.

Multnomah county, of course, is still first, for assessment for 1906 not yet being definitely known. Jackson will come second with a valuation of over \$12,000,000. Washington probably third with \$10,660,000, Umatilla probably fourth with \$10,165,000, and Marion probably fifth with \$9,824,000. There are a number of wealthy counties yet to report, among them being Lane, Linn and Clackamas, any of which may surpass Marion and put that county still further down the list.

Jackson county's assessment this year shows an increase of about 200 per cent for last year the assessment was only \$4,650,000.

NO DELAY ON KLAMATH.

Bids Will Soon Be Called for Two More Sections of Ditch.

Klamath Falls—Unofficial announcement comes from the officials of the Reclamation service here that the government is not going to cause any delay in completing the great irrigation project for Klamath basin.

A few weeks ago it thought, and, in fact, announced unofficially, that the government was not going to rush work on any of the Klamath projects very rapidly, save the first section, for which the bids for construction are to be opened in San Francisco December 29. This was said to be the wish of the officials, because it would not throw a large proportion of the surplus lands on the market at one time and thereby cause any glut in the land market, and would give private owners a better opportunity to realize the worth of their lands. Now the announcement that bids will be called for immediately after the opening of the bids for the first section for two more sections of ditch is evidence that Uncle Sam expects to lose no time in completing this great irrigation project. Just as soon as the other bids are opened bids will be called for these two second sections, and work will be commenced on them early in the spring.

Chautauqua Wants LaFollette.

Oregon City—Secretary Harvey E. Cross, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association, has gone to San Francisco where he will attend the annual meeting of delegates representing the various Pacific coast assemblies, when plans will be arranged for the co-operation of these associations in the holding of this year's Chautauqua assemblies. While the probable talent that will be engaged for this year's meetings has not been determined, it is understood that the effort to procure the services of Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, will be renewed this year. An unsuccessful attempt was made last year to engage this national celebrity.

Big Timber Tract Sold.

Medford—A deal has been consummated whereby C. C. Beekman, of Jacksonville, sold a timber tract of 1,640 acres on Butte creek, in Jackson county, to J. C. Dudley, of Michigan, the consideration being \$25,000. This tract is on the proposed Medford & Crater Lake railroad, which is now completed to Eagle Point, about 20 miles from the timber in question. There are other persons here now negotiating for the vast timber tracts that will be opened up by the Crater Lake railroad.

Wallowa Bridged.

Elgin — Word has been received in this city that the temporary bridge across the Wallowa has been completed. In the near future the new steel structure will be under headway, to unite permanently Union and Wallowa counties. This will be built about 700 or 800 feet above the old site, as the O. R. & N. Co. gave \$1,500 for this change. The company's surveyed right of way interferes at the old site. The old bridge collapsed while cattle were being driven across last summer.

Ontario Values Advancing.

Ontario — David Wilson denies the truth of the report that he has sold his townsite property to J. P. Howard, of Sumpter, and he says further that he has no intention of disposing of the property at present. Howard had an option on the holdings, by which he was to pay \$30,000 for the property, but the option has expired. Mr. Wilson's agents report that within the last month he has sold lots in the townsite to the value of \$13,000, and has contracts for \$16,000 in addition.

MEET AT PORTLAND IN JANUARY

Development League and Press Association to Hold Joint Session.

The Oregon Development league and the Oregon Press association will hold a joint convention under the auspices of the Portland Commercial club, January 12 and 13. A rate of one fare for the round trip will be made from Roseburg and all points south and from Pendleton and all points east. The rate from those points nearer Portland will be a fare and a third for the round trip. The program of this meeting is now being prepared and gives promise of being the most interesting of its character yet held in this state—elaborate preparations for entertainment are also being made by the Portland Commercial club. In addition to the joint meeting of the two organizations there will be business meetings of each, while sections will discuss a particular industry only.

Excursion to California.

Under the auspices of the Oregon Development league, and immediately following the joint convention of the league and Press association, an Oregon excursion will be run to California. While the special train will start from Portland the party will be made up of members from all parts of the state. Each individual ticket, including round trip fare, Pullman berth to Los Angeles and three meals on the diner, will be \$63—when two persons occupy one berth, charge will be \$58 each. The trip to Los Angeles, including stops at principal California points, will occupy about six days. At Los Angeles the party will disband, returning as they choose according to special railroad arrangement. Secretary Tom Richardson of the Oregon Development league, will furnish any information, and those desiring to go should send their names to him.

Violate Factory Laws.

Salem — Labor Commissioner Hoff has returned from a five weeks' tour of inspection of the mills and factories in Jackson, Coos, Josephine and parts of Lane and Douglas counties. During his absence he visited 146 mills and factories and in most of them he found exposed shafts and parts of machines which are a menace to life and limb as long as they are neglected.

The owners were notified in each instance to make improvements, which if made, will lessen the chance of serious accidents happening.

Two Railroads for Wallowa.

Enterprise—While the Wallowa Valley people are rejoicing over the assurance of the extension of the O. R. & N. to Enterprise there comes the possibility of the county getting another railroad in the north end. Rogers Bros., of Astoria, are surveying a route up the Grand Ronde, with the intention of building an electric road from their townsite on the Snake. This will take a very fertile farming country.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c per bushel; bluestem, 72c; valley, 73c; red, 66c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$26.50; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$22@22.50; rolled, \$23@23.50.

Rye—\$1.50 per cental.

Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@9.50; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; huckleberries, 7c per pound; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; quinces, \$1 per box.

Vegetables — Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@2.25 per crate; celery, 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; pumpkins, ¼@1c per pound; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate; sprouts, 7c per pound; squash, ¾@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions — Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes — Fancy graded Burbanks, 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; crates, \$2.15.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@27½c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 35c per dozen.

Poultry — Average old hens, 11c per pound; young roosters, 10c; springs, 11@13c; dressed chickens, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@21c; geese, live, 9c; ducks, 14@15c.

Hops — Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11½c per pound; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef — Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4; country steers, 4@4½c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@7½c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 7@7½c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7½@8c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

SENATE IS PUZZLED.

Knows Not How to Act on Death of Senator Mitchell.

Washington, Dec. 9.—It is yet to be determined whether the senate will pay the same tribute to the memory of Senator Mitchell that has been paid to every other senator who died in office. Mitchell's death raises a very perplexing problem, which the senate itself must solve, for he died under circumstances never before recorded in the history of the senate. There is no precedent to follow, and whatever action is taken must form a precedent which will stand for all time.

It has been the custom, when any senator died in office, for the vice president to appoint a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of the senate, it has been customary for the senate, at its first meeting following the death, to immediately adjourn out of respect, and it has been customary for the senate, at some subsequent date, to hold eulogies, giving other senators an opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of their deceased colleague.

It is a fact that there has been most profound sympathy on the part of his colleagues, and frequent expressions of regret have been heard since misfortune overtook him. But some senators who sympathized with him deeply are among those who question whether the senate, under the circumstances, should strictly adhere to custom and pay the same respect to his memory as to others who died in good standing in the senate and before the country. For all his misfortunes, Mitchell had many friends in the senate, men who deeply mourn his loss.

HALF AN APOLOGY.

Taft Discusses Quarrel With Ex-Chief Engineer Wallace.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9. — Secretary of War Taft in his annual report presented to President Roosevelt today makes a tentative apology to ex-Chief Engineer Wallace for any injustice he might have done him in the indignant remarks he made at the time Mr. Wallace resigned from the Canal commission, having received an offer of more than double the salary the government was paying him to come back to this country. Mr. Wallace had been only six days at Panama when he resigned, as Secretary Taft says, greatly embarrassing the commission in forcing it to find another man to take his place. The secretary of war spoke hotly at the time, accusing Mr. Wallace of being "so subject to pecuniary motives that I did not think his continuing his relations with the commission would be of any service to us."

Since that time, it seems, Mr. Wallace has further explained his motives for resigning in such an untimely manner, but obviously in no satisfactory way to Mr. Taft, however.

ESTIMATES TOTAL \$804,296,415.

All Departments Except War Want More Money for 1907.

Washington, Dec. 9. — A statement was issued by the appropriations committee of the senate and house today summarizing the estimates for appropriations to be made at the present session of congress for the fiscal year 1907. The total for all purposes aggregates \$804,296,415.

These estimates are greater than the appropriations for the current year by \$19,170,155. The War department asks \$863,463 less than was appropriated last year, and the river and harbor item, which last year amounted to \$78,181,875, is omitted entirely. With these exceptions, every department of the government has asked for more money than the current appropriation. The two largest increases are asked by the navy, \$21,229,038, and the Post-office department, \$12,187,976.

All Cody's Horses Killed.

Marseilles, France, Dec. 9.—All the horses belonging to the Wild West show of Colonel W. F. Cody were killed here today. Although the government veterinarians had certified that glanders had been entirely eradicated from the band, Colonel Cody and his partner, James A. Bailey, decided on this radical measure in order to allay the fears of the farmers regarding the spread of the disease. The saddles, bridles and other articles of equipment, as well as the clothing of the stablemen, were burned.

Driven Into Bankruptcy.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 8.—Many of the smaller factories are going into bankruptcy because of their inability to meet the additional expenditures occasioned by the increase of wages which the strikers forced the owners to grant. Eight hundred men employed at the government's central alcohol store have struck for additional pay.

Approves Anti-Pass Order.

Washington, Dec. 9. — Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, today declared himself in favor of the action of the Pennsylvania and other railroads, which have served notice that after January they will issue no more passes.

MITCHELL IS DEAD

Oregon's Aged Senator Passes Away Suddenly.

DEATH DUE TO HEMORRHAGE

For More Than 40 Years a Leading Figure in Both Oregon and National Politics.

Portland, Dec. 8. — United States Senator John H. Mitchell died in Good Samaritan hospital early this morning, following a furious hemorrhage of the gums which began yesterday and which the doctors were unable to check.

Excessive loss of blood resulting from the loss of four teeth yesterday morning made it necessary that Senator Mitchell be removed to Good Samaritan hospital. He sank rapidly. The flow of blood was not continuously heavy, but came at intervals. The senator grew weaker after each hemorrhage.

Finally it was decided to use transfusion, the injection of a saline solution into the veins in order to furnish more fluid for the system and to stimulate circulation. Temporary relief was obtained in that way and the patient was apparently improved in condition for a brief time.

For some time Senator Mitchell has been a sufferer from diabetic trouble, and this, together with the severe mental strain which has been upon him for months past, have weakened his vitality and rendered his system exceedingly susceptible to any tax which is put upon it. His blood, too, has become thin and impoverished, so that it does not coagulate as that of a person in normal condition. To these facts is due the persistency of the hemorrhage and the inability of the physicians to stop the loss of blood by the usual means.

John H. Mitchell was born June 22, 1835, at Butler, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was 70 years, 6 months and 6 days. For more than 45 years he has been a resident of Portland. For more than 40 years he has been a leading figure in Oregon and national politics.

Oregon has known no other political character that occupied a prominent position in state affairs so long, nor who has been identified with the state's development in such a measure. No public enterprise since the year 1860 in behalf of the state has been without his aid.

PROVIDES FOR CANAL.

House Appropriates \$11,000,000 for Immediate Use.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was voted to the Panama canal by the house yesterday. The amount was a compromise between the \$16,500,000 carried in the bill under consideration and an estimate of something over \$6,000,000 recommended by Williams.

This was the only business transacted by the house, and at 3:35 adjournment was taken until Monday.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The subject of campaign contributions by insurance companies occupied the major portion of the time of the senate yesterday. It came up in connection with Tillman's resolution calling for an investigation of national banks' aid in politics, and was exploited by the South Carolina senator in a speech of some length. The address dealt with the president's recommendations for the punishment of bribery in elections; with Senator Platt's testimony before the New York investigating committee and various pertinent matters. It was couched in characteristic language, and attracted much attention. The resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to report whether the reports of the national bank examiners show that the banks have made campaign contributions in recent years was adopted at the close of Tillman's remarks.

At 2:18 the senate adjourned until Monday.

Try to Check Emigration.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—The Catholic Bishops of Ireland are making another attempt to stem the tide of Irish emigration. A circular signed by Cardinal Logue and Bishop Sheehan, of the diocese of Waterford, has been ordered read in the churches throughout Ireland, warning the younger generation of the evils of emigration, appealing to the people not to be lured by the enticements held forth in letters from the United States and especially dangers that beset the path of girls emigrating to that country.

Turkish Trouble is Ended.

Paris, Dec. 8. — The foreign office here considers that the controversy between the powers is practically closed, and that only details remain to be settled previous to securing a satisfactory adjustment. The international fleet is remaining inactive pending the conclusions of these details.

MESSAGE IN CONGRESS.

Both Houses Hear Annual Discussion of Nation's Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 6. — President Roosevelt's message to congress received the attention of the house for two and a half hours yesterday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion the document was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama canal and this matter will be the business for today. Should unanimous consent be refused for its consideration, a special rule for the committee on rules will be available which will put the bill on its passage after a limited period for discussion.

The house received and ordered referred to one of the regular election committees a protest from the Fifth congressional district of Illinois stating that Anthony Michalek, who was sworn in as a member of the house from that district, is not a citizen of the United States. The protest was presented by Mr. Rainey, of that state, who asked for consideration of the matter by a special committee. This point was the only one contested, it being suggested by Mr. Mann that it was a matter for the proper committee to consider and his amendment to this effect was adopted on a ye and nay vote.

Upon motion of Mr. Goddogle, of New York, a resolution was read expressing the sympathy of the American people for the distressed Russian Jews. The resolution was ordered printed in the record and referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

When the house met at noon there was a full attendance of members present, and the galleries were comfortably filled in anticipation of the reading of the message of President Roosevelt.

Representative Humphreys (Dem., Miss.) and Kitcher (Dem., N. C.) presented themselves and took the oath of office.

McCleary (Rep., Minn.) reported as chairman of the joint committee that President Roosevelt had been notified of the convening of congress.

Pending the receipt of the president's message, the house, after the reading of the journal, took a ten-minute recess.

The reading of the message was begun at 12:25, it having been delivered at that time by Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president. Printed copies were at once distributed to members, and the reading was followed with attentive interest.

Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) was recognized to ask unanimous consent for the introduction of the bill making an appropriation of \$16,500,000 for work on the Panama canal. Upon the statement of Mr. Williams (Miss.) that he would object, but might not today, it was agreed that the report should be made today.

On the announcement of the death of John M. Pinckney, late a member of the house from Texas, by Stephens of that state, the house agreed to resolutions to his memory and adjourned at 4 o'clock as a further mark of respect.

Senators Hear Message

Washington, Dec. 6.—The senate was in session for almost three hours yesterday, and gave practically all of its time to listening to the reading of the president's annual message. There was a large attendance of senators, and the galleries were well filled, most of the time with representatives of the general public. The document received close attention from both classes, many senators following the reading throughout with printed copies in their hands.

The document was delivered by Secretary Barnes, and followed upon an announcement by Allison (Rep., Ia.) chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the president and notify him that congress was organized and prepared to transact business.

In making the announcement of the committee's call at the white house, Allison said that the president had asked him to extend his greetings to members of congress individually and collectively.

The reading of the message was preceded by the swearing in of Brandegee (Rep., Conn.) and the retirement of Proctor (Rep., W. Va.) from the committee on military affairs.

For Relief of Land-Grant Rottlers.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The president today transmitted to congress the draft of a bill prepared by the Interior department for the relief of certain entrymen and settlers within the limits of the Northern Pacific land grant. It extends the provisions of the existing law to include bona fide settlements or entries made between January 1, 1898, and May 31, 1905, to correct an error of the land office respecting the withdrawal of the general route of the Northern Pacific railroad between Wallula, Wash., and Portland, Or.

Scents Forest Reserve Scandal.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A resolution offered in the house by Representative Stephens, of Texas, requires the secretary of the interior to furnish full information concerning the San Francisco mountain forest reserve in Arizona. The resolution seeks especially to find who asked for the establishment of the reserve, and how many acres of scrip were located by J. J. Hagerman.