

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### PLANS NEW INSTITUTION.

#### State Secures Data on Building of Home for Feeble-Minded.

Salem.—For the first time in the history of Oregon, this state has gone about the establishment of a public institution in a businesslike way. In planning for the establishment of a home for the feeble-minded, the Board of Public Building Commissioners arranged to send Superintendent G. W. Jones, of the State Blind School, on a tour of Eastern States for the purpose of gathering data which will enable this state to avoid the errors for which other states have paid by dear experience. When other state institutions were established, the locations were selected and the buildings constructed with little anticipation of future needs. In the case of the home for the feeble-minded it will be different. The Board is looking particularly to the requirements of such an institution 25 or 50 years or more hence.

Superintendent Jones filed his report yesterday—a voluminous document accompanied by statistics from institutions visited by him. Most valuable of all is the information he gained by personal conversation with the managers of similar institutions in the Eastern States.

Superintendent Jones concludes his report as follows: "Oregon cannot delay this important work much longer without laying us liable to the charge of neglecting one of the most important duties which our civilization has imposed upon us as a people. Oregon must not be the last Northern State to make provision for this class, and it is to be hoped that the wise plans of the last Legislature will be carried into effect by the coming session."

### STEAMERS FOR KLAMATH LAKE.

#### One Being Built at Klamath Falls and One at Portland.

Klamath Falls.—Navigation as a permanent means of transportation of the Klamath Basin is to be more effectually established by the founding of a new steamer route between Klamath Falls and Fort Klamath. There is now being built at the local boatyards a new steamerboat that will be operated regularly between this place and Fort Klamath, making the trip in about four hours in each direction. This line will be especially devoted to the cultivation of closer trade relations between the people of the country lying north of Upper Klamath Lake and to caring for the tourist travel of the summer season for Crater Lake and other points of interest in that direction.

Work is progressing very satisfactorily deepening the Klamath River at a point just below Lake Ewauna, where a reef about 30 feet in width has been a barrier to navigation at the low stage or the stream. This reef is being removed by the efforts of the Klamath Lake Navigation Company, which is having a second steamer built to ply the river and Lower Klamath Lake.

### Spray May Have Caused Death.

Hood River.—James H. McGinnis, a native of Ontario, Can., who has been staying with his brother, D. L. McGinnis, an employee of the Menominee Lumber Mill, died very suddenly Tuesday from what is now thought to have been poison. At the time of his sudden illness he was attended by a physician, who could not diagnose his case, but left a prescription which, it is said, failed to help him, and he died in a short time.

Since his death it has been discovered that McGinnis, who had only been here a short time, had been in the habit of eating a good many apples and that they were covered with spray, which he did not wipe off. The spray is poisonous and symptoms with which he was attacked, such as vomiting and severe pains in the abdomen, now lead his friends to think that he died from its effects.

### Finances of Clackamas.

Oregon City.—The net indebtedness of Clackamas County, according to the semi-annual report of Clerk Greenman, just completed, and covering the six months ending September 30 last, is \$63,335.24. There are outstanding warrants to the amount of \$53,994.53, upon which the estimated interest is \$1,800. In addition there are outstanding road warrants aggregating \$18,342.79. On the total indebtedness of \$74,137.32, there is applicable cash on hand and uncollected taxes amounting to \$10,781.08, reducing the actual indebtedness to \$63,335.24. Clerk Greenman's report also shows the current expenses of the county for the period covered in the report to have been \$24,030.13, and in the same length of time the county spent \$41,522.64 in the improvement of roads.

### Polk Orchardists Elated.

Dallas.—The people of Polk County are highly elated by the success of the first apple fair, and a larger and better show is already being planned for next year. The exhibit of choice fruit has demonstrated the fact that the Willamette Valley can produce apples as fine as can be raised in the world, when painstaking and intelligent effort is put forth by the farmers in cultivating their orchards and preparing their fruit for the market.

### OPENING RIVER TO CORVALLIS.

#### Navigation May Soon Be Carried on Nearly All the Year.

Corvallis.—Improvement of the upper Willamette was discussed here today by David B. Ogden, engineer in charge of the Willamette expenditures, and members of the Citizens' League. The snagboat Mathloma has been working on the upper river for two weeks and is to continue in the vicinity of Corvallis throughout the coming week.

The famous cut-off, where the Willamette has broken through a new channel and reduced a 3½-mile stretch to less than a mile by leaving a circuitous route for a direct one, has been practically cleared of snags, which had been a menace to navigation. Similar work is to be done in other directions.

The main topic, however, of the conference between Mr. Ogden and the citizens was the chance of an all-year navigation by boats to Corvallis. Plans with this end in view are being worked to by the engineers. Their recommendations for appropriations cover needs in this particular. For two years the work has been so carried on. Mr. Ogden thinks that in another two years the plan will be consummated and if navigation be not achieved throughout the summer, it will at least be so bettered that there will be but a very short period of inactivity. Local citizens are much encouraged by the attitude of the engineering people, and are preparing to co-operate fully.

### Annual Fair in Lane County.

Eugene.—At a meeting of the citizens of Eugene it was decided to form a corporation for the purpose of holding an annual county fair in Lane County. Chairman Wilkins appointed the following committee on organization: William Green, J. M. Williams, D. E. Yoran, H. Gordon and F. L. Chambers.

### Improvement Company Formed.

La Grande.—An incorporation to be known as the La Grande Improvement Company has been completed with a capital stock of \$15,000. The incorporators are George L. Cleaven, Frank K. Reinhold and William B. Sargent. The object is to buy land and build houses.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

The New York Journal of Commerce said of cascara bark:

A wholesale dealer in cascara sagrada of Portland, Or., declared that not more than five cars had been peeled this season and receipts from the gathering sections were generally in lots of 200 to 500 pounds. There is a fairly steady demand on spot, and some ton lots are wanted for export. Quotations are sustained at 10½@12c as to age, quantity and seller.

Wheat.—Export basis: Club, 64c; bluestem, 68c; Valley, 66c; red, 61c. Oats.—No. 1 white, \$24.50@25.50; gray, \$23.50@24.00.

Barley.—Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$23. Rye.—\$1.35@1.40 per cwt.

Corn.—Whole, \$25.50; cracked, \$26.50 per ton.

Millstuffs.—Bran, city, \$14.50; country, \$15.50 per ton; middlings, \$24.00; shorts, city, \$16.00; country, \$17.00 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, \$15.5c; linseed dairy food, \$18.00; acacia meal, \$18.00 per ton.

Hay.—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$10@11 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@16.00; clover, \$6.50@7.00; cheat, 7½@7.50; grain hay, \$7.00; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$7@7.50.

Domestic Fruits.—Apples, common to choice, 25c@75c per box; choice to fancy, 75c@1.50; grapes, \$1.50@1.65 per crate; peaches, 75c@1; pears, 75c@1.25; cranberries, \$9@9.50 per barrel; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; persimmons, 5c per pound.

Fresh Vegetables.—Cabbage, 1¼@1½c pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 75c@85c per dozen; egg plant, \$1.50 per crate; lettuce, head, 20c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per doz.; bell peppers, 5c; pumpkins, 1¼c pound; spinach, 4@5c per pound; tomatoes, 30@50c per box; parsley, 10@15c; squash, 1¼c per pound; hothouse lettuce, 50@75c per box.

Root Vegetables.—Turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 90c@1 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 7½@10c per pound; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Onions.—Oregon, 75c@1 per hundred. Potatoes.—Buying prices: Oregon Burbanks, fancy, 90c; common, 65@80c.

Butter.—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 25@27½c; store butter, 16@17c.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch, 33@35c per dozen; best Eastern, 26@27c; ordinary Eastern, 24@25c.

Cheese.—Oregon full cream twins, 14@14½c; Young America, 15@15½c.

Poultry.—Average old hens, 12@13c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; Spring, 12@13c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 17@17½c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.00.

Cattle.—Best steers, \$3.59@3.75; medium, \$3@3.25; cows, \$2.25@2.65; second-grade cows, \$2@2.35; bulls, \$1.50@2.00; calves, \$4@4.50.

Sheep.—Best, \$4.50@4.75; lambs, \$5@5.25.

Hogs.—Best, \$6.50@6.75; lightweight, \$6@6.25.

### PEARY WILL TRY AGAIN.

Message From Labrador Intimates That He Is Not Discouraged.

Lenox, Mass., Nov. 6.—That Commander Robert E. Peary encountered unusual difficulties in his search for the North Pole was indicated in a telegram received today by Morris K. Jessup, president of the Peary Arctic Club. The most significant portion of the telegram, however, was that containing an intimation that Commander Peary would again try to find the North Pole. The telegram follows:

"Hopedale, Labrador, by way of Twillingate, Newfoundland.—Steamer Roosevelt now here. Repairing rudder and stern, taking ballast and awaiting arrival mail steamer to secure coal.

"Return voyage incessant struggle with ice to Cape York, September 26. Then storms and head winds to Labrador coast, October 23.

"Carried away two rudders, stern post and two blades of propeller, fore-top mast and spanker boom; lost one boat; burned all coal and some interior beams, using wood and blubber along coast.

"Expect to communicate again from Chapeau Bay. All progress will be slow. Have no anxiety for our safety and give no credence to exaggerated reports.

"Roosevelt is returning this year for additional supplies and for repairs. Several tons of whale meat and dog food thrown away last fall after poisoning a number of dogs. Other supplies lost by breaking of ice in April.

"PEARY."

New York, Nov. 6.—Although Commander Peary failed to reach the North Pole, Secretary H. L. Bridgman, of the Peary Arctic Club, believes that his feat in reaching farther north ought to be a subject for national rejoicing. Mr. Bridgman, who received the message from Commander Peary, announcing his return to civilization, telephoned the news of Mr. Peary's safety to Mrs. Peary, who happened to be in the city.

"Thank God he is safe," was her first comment. Then she pled Mr. Bridgman with questions regarding the details of the news he had received from her husband.

Mr. Bridgman told her that her husband, while he had failed to reach the pole, because of ice, had now the distinction of having gone farther north, having reached 87 degrees 6 minutes, a point 32 minutes nearer to the North Pole than that reached by the Duke of Abruzzi expedition in 1900. In discussing Peary's dash late last fall, after he had time to study the Commander's message more closely, Mr. Bridgman said:

"I am sure it has been the ambition of every true American to see the Stars and Stripes first at the Arctic pole. And that it should be an American who should reach the farthest north is little less gratifying. It is evident Peary has had the same experience of getting on drifting ice and being carried away from his goal that other explorers have had. Probably no other man living would have gotten off so well as Peary has. He found himself on ice that had been broken up by a storm and was taken in a contrary direction. It is likely that he and his party went to the limit of human endurance before they gave up, as instanced by the eating of the dogs."

"Will Peary ever make the attempt again?"

"I do not know. Although it was said by the newspapers when he sailed away that if he failed this time he would never try again, he never told me that, and I was quite close to him. I consider that one of the wonderful features of this expedition is the fact that the Roosevelt is coming home with the entire party despite the hardships they have experienced."

"Peary probably reached within 203 miles of the North Pole. He passed the Abruzzi party by about 30 miles."

This was Peary's fifth attempt to reach the pole. Other sledge journeys were made in the years 1892, 1895, 1900 and 1902.

The following message of congratulation for Commander Peary was received today by Mr. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club:

"Peary, Care Bridgman, New York: Very hearty congratulations upon your splendid achievement."

"WILLIAM S. BRUSE,  
"Edinburgh, Scotland."

### Get Insurance on Dummy.

Big Rapids, Mich., Nov. 6.—To prove that a wax figure rests in the grave supposedly occupied by Lafora S. Baker, alleged defaulting cashier of the Northern National Bank of Big Rapids, James Donovan, millionaire lumberman, will have the coffin exhumed. Donovan says Baker is alive and well, and was last seen headed for Honolulu. He asserts the wax figure was prepared in New York and sent to Big Rapids to deceive those who sought Baker's arrest on a charge of bank looting, to the tune of about \$2,000,000.

### Bull-Baiting at Colon.

Colon, Nov. 6.—The celebration of the third anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of Panama continued here today. There was a bull-baiting and other amusements in the afternoon, and fireworks in the evening. A thanksgiving service was held and a reception by the Consular officers.

### Reading Road Raises Wages.

Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—The Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company announced today an increase of wages of 10 per cent to all employees whose salaries are less than \$200 per month.

## GALE ON ATLANTIC

### Eastern Coast of Canada Strewn With Wrecks.

### SAILORS GO DOWN WITH BOATS

#### Four Men Swept From Life-Raft—Many Reach Land After Terrible Experiences.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 6.—Dispatches today have been pouring into this city bringing news of vessels wrecked or in distress, of wires prostrated and of damage done by gale and sea along the coasts of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Four vessels were driven ashore; another, having everything movable on deck washed away, was forced to put back to the port from which she had sailed, and the steamer Turret Bell, which went aground on the north side of Prince Edward Island last week, was driven farther ashore and will probably be a total wreck.

The storm was more violent in Northumberland Strait. Two schooners and one bark were swept aground in this strait, and a third schooner was wrecked near the Eastern entrance.

The Norwegian bark Adeona tried to weather the gale off Rexton, N. B., but dragged her anchors and grounded on North Reef. She sprang a leak and, according to the latest information received here, five of the 12 men constituting her crew had been drowned in an attempt to reach shore and the other seven were still on board and in imminent danger of being swept overboard or dying from exposure. The tremendous seas made it impossible for any vessels to go to her assistance.

Near the same place the schooner Alexander, lumber-laden, went ashore. The Windsor, N. S., schooner Omega, after being partly dismantled by the storm, brought up on the rocks at Fox Point, on the northern coast of Nova Scotia. Her crew of four men was rescued when almost overcome by exhaustion and exposure.

### Four of Crew Are Missing.

North Sydney, N. S., Nov. 6.—The Gaspe, Que., schooner Torridon, Captain Landon, coal laden, from this port for Gaspe was wrecked on Meiners Island yesterday and four of the crew, who boarded a raft hastily constructed, are missing. Captain Landon and the others of the crew were rescued. The vessel is a total loss.

### SQUAW MEN LOSE CLAIMS.

#### Supreme Court Decides Against the Whites Who Married Cherokees.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The Supreme Court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the Court of Claims in the case of Daniel Redbird, the Cherokee Nation and others vs. the United States, known as "the White Man's Case." The case involved the long-pending claims of between 2,000 and 3,000 white persons to participate in the distribution of the land and funds of Cherokee Indians because of the marriage of white men to members of the tribe. The decision was favorable to the Indians.

The Indians strenuously resisted the claim, contending that they had never by law recognized right of property on account of intermarriage. In passing on the cases decided today, the Court of Claims held that the tribal lands are not communal lands, but that whites who acquired citizenship by marriage prior to 1875 have equal interests as Indians. In the cases of marriages into the tribe since that time, it was held that no right of property had been acquired except by those who had paid into the common fund the sum of \$500. The Court of Claims also held that white husbands of Cherokee women, who have abandoned their wives, have forfeited all rights as Cherokee citizens, including that of participating in the sales of Cherokee lands.

### Suspect Ute Treachery.

Sheridan, Wyo., Nov. 6.—A messenger arriving at Arvada from the headquarters of the Tenth and Sixth Cavalry reports a change in the plans. The Utes will be brought to Arvada and taken from there by rail, instead of marching overland to Fort Meade, as was at first proposed. They should arrive at Arvada tomorrow evening.

Treachery on the part of the Utes is believed to be the reason for the change. Many dissatisfied Utes still advise resistance to removal from Powder River Valley.

### Wireless From Tonopah Camp.

Tonopah, Nev., Nov. 6.—Postmaster L. M. Mushet announced today that plans are now practically completed for wireless telegraph service between Tonopah and San Francisco. A wireless plant is to be installed in this camp, which it is expected will work direct with San Francisco.

### French Squadron for Jamestown.

Paris, Nov. 6.—France will send a squadron of warships to the opening of the Jamestown Exposition, April 26, 1907.

### BUFFALO BILL TO RESCUE.

#### Runners Sent by Renegades for Help to Drive Out Whites.

Cody, Wyo., Nov. 5.—Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), accompanied by Colonel Brock and several members of the party which returned a few days ago from a big bear hunt in the Big Horn Mountains, left here for Sheridan, Wyo., intending to hold a conference with the Utes before the latter start on their overland march to Fort Meade, where they are to stay in charge of the Sixth Cavalry until spring.

Notwithstanding the agreement which was reached at the conference between the soldiers and the Utes, there are fears of a general uprising of all northern Indians. "Buffalo Bill," who is familiar with Indian characteristics, has been kept closely advised of the developments in the recent troubles, and he believes the matter will not be entirely settled by the arrangement which puts an end to the wanderings and depredations of the Utes under Appah and Black Whisker.

At the instigation of the Utes, runners have been going to all the tribes of the Sioux, Northern Cheyennes and Crows, with a view of inducing them to join in driving the whites out of the land, and Colonel Cody believes that steps should be taken at once to counteract efforts of these messengers to stir up revolt. On his arrival at Sheridan, Colonel Cody will confer with the military authorities as to the exact methods of procedure.

### GREAT FAMINE IN CHINA.

#### Ten Million on Verge of Starvation—Crops an Utter Failure.

Shanghai, Nov. 5.—Advices received here indicate that famine conditions of the most desperate nature prevail in the Northern part of the great Province of Kiang-Su, with but one exception the most fertile and valuable of many provinces of the empire. Ten millions of the total population of 21,000,000 in the province are reduced to stern want.

Crops are an utter failure and scenes of suffering that rival anything in the empire's history are reported from every point in the region. Food riots, which have been marked with much bloodshed, are reported daily, and so far the officials have taken no steps to relieve distress. In fact, to prevent the rioting spreading to the cities all of the local governors have been ordered to keep the people in their homes at all hazards, and further rioting has resulted from this step.

All of the local diplomatic representatives have received advices from foreigners in the famine-stricken region urging them to use all their influence to have the imperial government take steps to aid sufferers. A Presbyterian missionary who has just returned from the region declares that thousands of persons have already starved to death, and that unless immediate aid is forthcoming the death list will be appalling.

### CINCH ON YELLOWSTONE.

#### Major Pitcher Recommends That Competition Be Established.

Washington, Nov. 5.—According to the annual report of Major John Pitcher, Acting Superintendent of the Yellowstone National Park, the monopoly enjoyed by the Yellowstone Lake Boat Company for the transportation of tourists from Upper Geyser Basin to the Thumb is becoming a serious problem. Major Pitcher has recommended that competition be established in some way, or that the stage lines be permitted to operate their own boats, in order to give their patrons the choice of boat or land transportation to the Thumb.

The Yellowstone Lake Boat Company charges \$3 a head for the trip, which is 18 miles' distance. Its franchise expires July 21 next. Major Pitcher emphasizes his recommendation of last year that the garrison at Fort Yellowstone be increased to a four-troop or squadron post.

### STEEL INDUSTRY EXPANDS.

Washington, Nov. 5.—A bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor says that exports of iron and steel manufacture show an increase of about 25 per cent in the nine months ended with September, and imports of a similar character show also an increase of practically 25 per cent in the same period as compared with the same months of the preceding year.

The growth in operations of iron and steel, the bulletin says, was larger in the nine months ended with September, 1906, than in any corresponding period of our export trade. The gain in these months over the corresponding period of the preceding year was over \$24,000,000.

### Blank Hand Throws Bomb.

New York, Nov. 5.—Unsuccessful in their attempts to blackmail Francisco Messina, a prosperous tailor of Brooklyn, members of the so-called Black Hand Society, so the police say, hurled a dynamite bomb against the front door of the tenement-house in which he lives and conducts his business. Damage of \$8,000 to the building and surrounding property was caused. Scores of persons felt the shock of the explosion, but no one was injured. Messina has received letters demanding \$400 to \$1,000. Detectives arrested two men on suspicion.

### Pirates Seize Launches.

Hongkong, Nov. 5.—Reports have been received that Chinese pirates have seized a British launch and two Chinese launches in West River and escaped with \$10,000 in booty after a running fight. No casualties are reported.