

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### CROP OUTLOOK GOOD.

#### Fall and Spring Wheat in Harney Are in Excellent Condition.

Burns—Prospects are good for the largest crop of grain, grass and fruit produced since cultivation began in Harney county. There is more acreage in grain than ever before. Both fall and spring wheat are receiving attention from the farmers, who desire to see which is the most productive, some of the farmers contending fall grain does not do well here. So far, however, it has been a success.

The sagebrush land cultivated for the first time last year will produce good crops if farmers will cultivate the soil as they do in other successful agricultural countries.

The native grass is better than for several years, and there will be plenty of feed for the stock this summer. The hay crop will be larger than last year, and with the fodder left over from last winter insures plenty of feed for the coming winter.

Fruit trees are in a healthy condition, and at present there is good prospects for a large crop of fruit. Last fall several collections of fruit were sent out of this county to show what could be produced here, and all was pronounced of first class quality.

### Baker Wants Better Rates.

Salem—Baker City is preparing to make an effort to secure through the Oregon Railroad commission to secure changes in railroad rates which will make Baker the distributing center for a large section of Eastern Oregon. Definite plans have not been made and the Baker City commercial interests have not determined just what they want, but W. F. Butcher, a prominent attorney, was in Salem a few days ago conferring with the commission and ascertaining the procedure it will be necessary to follow. As soon as Baker City gets ready to present its case it will begin a movement of some kind for favorable rates.

### Teach Raising of Fruit.

Salem—The rudiments of horticulture in the rural school, to be taught as a branch or side line from the regular studies, and to occupy the same importance to the country school as manual training does to the city schools, is the innovation that President W. K. Newell, of the state board of horticulture, is striving to introduce into the public school system of the state. At every opportunity he is acquainting the patrons of the different districts with the practicability and advantages to be gained from his theory. Teachers' institutes in the valley give him special opportunity.

### Scouring Mills Start Up.

Pendleton—With an increased force of workmen and new and added machinery the Pendleton scouring mills has begun the 1907 season's run of eight months' duration. Manager Judd, who recently arrived here from his home in Boston, predicts a hard run this year and an increase in the manufacture of woolen goods at this place to supply the eastern demand for western made stock. An extra night shift will start to work in about a week.

### Big Cheese Factory for Lorane.

Lorane—The cheese factory to be started during May by E. H. Crow will be an important industry to this community and county. The milk of about 200 cows will be used at once, which will bring a return of from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a month to the owners. For the present, the products of the factory will be handled through the local merchants.

### New Hospital for Eugene.

Eugene—Eugene is to have a new hospital on College hill to cost approximately \$20,000. The building will be of wood, and bids will be received at once for construction. It will be known as the Eugene General hospital. The corporation consists of about 15 doctors of Lane county and a few Eugene citizens.

### Gold Strike at Rooster Rock.

Albany—A gold strike is reported near Rooster Rock, a well known landmark on the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain wagon road, near the Upper Soda resort, which is 57 miles east of Albany. Some very rich ore is said to have been found, but the extent of the discovery has not been learned.

### Close Bridge for Repairs.

Oregon City—The circuit court has closed the big suspension bridge that spans the Willamette river at Oregon City to teams and wagons, allowing pedestrians to pass over. Extensive repairs will be commenced at once and rushed as fast as possible.

### Baker Wins for Inspector.

Salem—Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has appointed Edward Trumbull, of Salisbury, Baker county, a factory inspector. He is a foreman in a planing mill and is familiar with machinery.

### WATER IN PLENTY.

#### Large Irrigated Tract in Baker County Thrown Open.

Baker City—The placing upon the market of a large tract of land lying northeast of this city and owned by the Baker Irrigation company, marks one of the greatest steps in the progress of the metropolis of Eastern Oregon. The opening of this body of land to purchasers is an event that has been awaited with interest by a large number of homeseekers of Baker City and vicinity, who have been watching the progress of the irrigation ditch since work commenced on it about 18 months ago.

The canal heads in the Powder river about eight miles south of Baker City, and after following the tortuous contour of the valley and the hillside for a distance of 12 miles, reaches the reservoir site, one mile east of this city. Along a good portion of the mountain side above South Bapeer the canal has, at great expense, been cut into the solid rock, thus obviating the use of the cheaper but temporary wooden flume. The company has not spared any expense to provide against any accident that would deprive it of the water at the critical period of irrigation work, and at one point near Sutton creek a long line of flume has been dispensed with by making an immense fill of earth.

### State to Make Own Light.

Salem—The board of capitol building commissioners has called for proposals for supplying the state institutions at Salem with electric light after March 1908, when the present contract with the Portland General Electric company will expire. Proposals must be submitted by June 4. In case the state cannot secure satisfactory terms a plant will be installed at the penitentiary, and the state will make its own electricity for the capitol, prison, asylum, blind school, mute school, reform school and asylum farm.

### Donates Books to State Library.

Salem—Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell, of Portland, has donated to the state library a set of 36 volumes of Reports of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing the sweep of the coast of Oregon and Washington and the Columbia river. The books were a part of the library of the late Cleveland Rockwell who took a deep interest in the coast survey work.

### Meeting Demand for Brick.

Albany—With a view to avoiding the brick famine, which prevailed in this city last summer, J. S. Morgan, of Albany, is burning two kilns of 300,000 brick each. Of this amount he has orders for 40,000 brick for building in Albany and surrounding towns, and is planning to burn another kiln of equal size.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 78c; bluestem, 80c; valley, 77c; red, 76c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray \$28@29.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@19; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10.

Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 12 1/2 per pound; apples, \$1@2.50 per box.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; cauliflower, \$1@1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; asparagus, 10c per pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$2.50@3 per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.85@2 per sack; new potatoes, 8c per pound; sweet potatoes, 6c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22 1/2 c per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 21c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 15 1/2@16c; spring fryers and broilers, 22 1/2@25c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 1/2@20c; geese, live, 8c; young ducks nominal, old ducks, 16@18c.

Eggs—18c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@8c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 4@4 1/2 c per pound; cows, 6@7c; country steers, 7@8c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10 1/2 c per pound; ordinary, 6@9c; spring lambs, with pelts, 9@10c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound.

Hops—6@9c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15@19c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@21c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

### FIXTURES BY THE POUND.

#### Keystone State Capitol Grifters Must Face Criminal Charges.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—Civil and criminal suits will be brought by Attorney General Todd against those responsible for the state capitol scandal. A complete list of the defendants will not be known until the inquiry is completed. The commission will hold no more public sessions until after the legislature adjourns on May 16.

As the commission cannot finish its work in time to report to the present legislature, as provided in the resolution creating that body, the investigators will send a report to the general assembly which will simply be an announcement that the inquiry is incomplete and a request that its time be extended indefinitely, and that it be authorized to make its report to Governor Stuart when ready.

The suits will be based on the testimony showing that the contractor collected from the state for 752 thermometers and installed only 363, and on the substitution of domestic for baccarat glass and an inferior glass for Tiffany favrite. The testimony also shows that while the more elaborate of the \$2,000 worth of lighting fixtures was to be mercurial gold, the bulk of those installed were merely lacquered, the latter process costing one-tenth the price of the former. All these fixtures were supplied to the state at a cost of \$4.55 "per pound."

### GRAFT IN KANSAS CITY.

#### Investigation to Begin, Conducted by Governor Folk.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7.—Tomorrow morning the board of police commissioners will begin their promised investigation of charges of police corruption. The probable advent in Kansas City within the next week or so of Governor Folk, who has practically said he would come here and take a hand personally in the investigation, gives promise of sensational disclosures. For a long time allegations have been made that graft was commonly practiced.

It has been charged that it extended all the way from the protection of petty criminals to the covering up—for a consideration—of the graver crimes of murders, and dangerous crooks shielded, and appointments made at the behest of certain factions to pay political debts. Chief of Police Hayes has repeatedly said that he courted an investigation of his department, and he has offered to give the governor and the police commissioners all aid at his command.

### READY FOR TRIAL.

#### Lawyers, Witnesses and Reporters Occupy All Available Rooms.

Boise, Ida., May 7.—Practically every available room in Boise, the capital city of Idaho, has been reserved for lawyers, witnesses, or newspaper men in attendance to the court which will try William Haywood on the charge of the murder of former governor Frank Steunenberg. While there is little or no public discussion of the case, the undercurrent of interest runs strong, and every incoming train brings additions to the very large number of people connected with the case who are already on the ground.

That there might be some delay has been dissipated by statements emanating from both sides. Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, and E. F. Richardsen, of Denver, jointly leading counsel for the defense of Haywood, have both stated that they are ready for trial. Counsel for the prosecution, James H. Hawley, and Senator W. E. Borah, who have been engaged specially, are of the opinion that there will be no further delay.

### Took Toll From Police.

Chicago, May 7.—That the city of Chicago has for years been violating the civil service law was brought to the light by the investigation of the police department, which resulted yesterday in indictments being returned against four city officers and two detectives under Mayor Dunne's administration. The investigation began ten days ago, following charges made during the recent mayoralty campaign that ex-Chief of Police Collins had used his department to further the interests of Dunne by receiving money from the police.

### President's Words Denounced.

Mobile, Ala., May 7.—The Socialists of this city and surrounding places held a largely attended meeting at Fairhope, a single tax colony, today. The president's statement as to the undesirability of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were denounced.

### Los Angeles Fears Strike.

Los Angeles, May 7.—Prospects for a local teamsters strike which last night appeared encouraging have suddenly taken a turn in the opposite direction and there is a possibility of a serious strike in the immediate future with many other branches of labor involved.

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### JUDGE GRAY POSSIBILITY.

#### Conservative Democrats Favor Him for Presidential Candidate.

Washington, May 9.—A senatorial syndicate having for its object the control of the next Democratic national convention is in process of formation. William J. Bryan might call it a conspiracy, for it is decidedly anti-Bryan in character, while the work preparatory to launching the movement that is contemplated has been conducted with well guarded secrecy. Something tangible, however, is likely to transpire in connection with the movement within a few days, when the country will be let into some of the details.

Some of the plans of the senatorial syndicate are merely tentative, but at this time the candidate favored for the presidential nomination is Judge Gray, of Delaware. Unless something unforeseen happens, it is believed that Judge Gray will be the sure-enough conservative Democratic candidate for presentation to the national convention.

### AFTER THE WATCH TRUST.

#### Its Goods Are Sold Abroad for Less Than at Home.

Washington, May 8.—Charles E. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' association, today conferred with Assistant District Attorney Purdy concerning an investigation which the department is making into the methods of the so-called "watch trust." Mr. Keene presented to Mr. Purdy, he said, evidence concerning the operations of the alleged watch trust. He asserted that American made watches could be purchased in various European countries for much less than they could be bought in this country, and that the alleged watch trust sold watches to foreign dealers at a much less price than they quoted to American dealers. He exhibited American watches which he had purchased abroad for less than he could buy them in this country.

### AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN.

#### Will Visit Portland and Seattle on Behalf of His Countrymen.

Washington, May 11.—T. Takahashi, of Seattle, has been in frequent consultation with the Japanese ambassador the past few days regarding the Japanese situation in the far Northwest. The ambassador is greatly interested in Takahashi's statement that business men of Oregon and Washington generally are not hostile to Japanese and has promised to visit Seattle and Portland in a few weeks for the purpose of making personal investigation. The exact date of his trip cannot be fixed until the ambassador has concluded the ceremonies in connection with the entertainment of General Kuroki and party in this city and Jamestown. Takahashi will participate in the Kuroki reception here and start for home in about ten days via New York and Boston.

### May Sever Relations.

Washington, May 9.—Although the actual news of the severance of diplomatic relations of Guatemala and Mexico has not reached here, officials have no doubt that Mexico has taken the action that will result in giving to the Guatemalan minister in Mexico passports for his withdrawal. The American minister in Guatemala is now preparing to return home, and the American charge, Philip Brown, secretary to the legation has been instructed to look after Mexico's interests in the Guatemalan capital.

### Express Rate Too High.

Washington, May 7.—The Interstate Commerce commission has rendered its first opinion in a case involving the reasonableness of an express rate. The case was brought by the society of American florists, who claimed that the rate charged by the United States Express company on cut flowers from New Jersey points to New York city was unreasonable. This rate, until July, 1906, was 50 cents per hundred pounds, and at that time was raised to \$1. Commissioner Lane, who delivered the opinion, holds that the rate could be reduced to 60 cents.

### Fine Berth for Wood.

Washington, May 8.—The order assigning various officers to command department proposed by the general staff was issued today by the adjutant general of the army. It provides that Major General Wood shall be relieved from the command of the Philippine division and shall assume command of the department of the East at Governor's island, relieving Major General Grant, who is ordered to assume command of the department of the Lakes at Chicago, relieving Brigadier General Carter.

### Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 9.—Today's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, \$255,288,079 gold coin and bullion, \$99,555,988; gold certificates, \$43,325,980.

### CHINA SENDS GRATITUDE.

#### Viceroy Thanks America for Gifts to Relieve Famine.

Washington, May 10.—A dispatch received today from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai says:

"The viceroy of Liang Kiang province requests me to offer his sincere thanks to the American people and government for magnificent gifts sent to relieve the suffering Chinese of the Kiang Peh famine district. In addition to this request of the viceroy, have received similar expressions from all the ranking Chinese officials of this section of China."

Special arrangements are being made by the viceroy to assist in the landing and handling of the cargo of the army transport Bufford. The news of the coming of the Bufford has spread throughout the whole empire. The Red Cross today decided to remit \$1,000 additional by cable at once to Mr. Rodgers for famine relief.

### HAS POWER TO REGULATE.

#### Railroads Are Creatures of Nation, Says Judge Farra.

Washington, May 7.—That the United States has full power under the constitution to govern and control railroad corporations is declared by Judge E. H. Farrar, of New Orleans, in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt. The railroads, he says, are creatures of the Nation. This fact places them under the rule of the nation, and has the dual result both of regulating the roads and protecting them from an unjust exaction by the states. The roads can be protected, he says, against the prejudice of the local jury by giving them the right to sue and be sued in the Federal courts. The national government should provide the manner and extent through which the roads should be taxed by the states.

### Investigate Artesian Wells.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Jones has just received assurances from the director of the United States geological survey that the request for an investigation on artesian water possibilities in the Yakima valley will be complied with. The region specified is Gold Creek valley, in the vicinity of township 12 north, range 24 east. From a superficial investigation of this region it appears that artesian possibilities are excellent. The investigation contemplated will develop all the facts possible.

### Wants Experts for Land Office.

Washington, May 7.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the general land office, has asked Secretary Garfield to assign to duty in his bureau two of the business experts who are to be engaged by the secretary to suggest improved plans for the betterment of the service of his department, to assist in developing certain reforms now in progress in his bureau in order that particular attention may be paid to the divisions of mail and files and accounts.

### Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 8.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—New Pine Creek, Benjamin F. Griffith, vice H. M. Fleming, resigned. Washington—Lamar, Albert S. Gross, vice M. L. McNelly, resigned. John J. Rezek has been appointed regular, Samuel P. Soule, substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1; Roy M. Cowles regular, Whitney H. Cowles substitute, route 2, Wenatchee, Wash.

### Cruiser Tacoma Leaves Santiago.

Washington, May 8.—The cruiser Tacoma, by orders of the Navy department, has left Santiago, the scene of the recent collision between the sailors of that ship and the police, and gone to Guantanamo, thus removing the possibility of further friction.

### Surgeon Noble Sent to Canal.

Washington, May 9.—Captain Robert E. Noble, assistant surgeon, is relieved from duty at Fort Casey to take effect upon arrival at that post of First Lieutenant John R. Bosley, assistant surgeon, and will then repair to this city for duty with the Isthmian Canal commission.

### Opens Actors' Fair at New York.

Washington, May 8.—At 2 o'clock yesterday-afternoon the president touched a button at the White House which opened the fair for the benefit of the actors at the Metropolitan opera house in New York.

### Awards Carrying Contract.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Garfield awarded the contract for transportation of supplies from Seattle to Reindeer stations and schools in Alaska for the coming season to Captain Michael White, of Ballard, Wash.

### New Register at Halley.

Washington, May 7.—Alvin McMahon was today appointed register of the land office at Halley, Idaho.