

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### MAKES MACHINE TO SAVE GOLD

**Baker City Man Perfects Scheme for Dry Diggings.**

Baker City—J. G. Evans, of this city, has invented and patented a gold saving machine for use in localities where lack of water or absence of grade has prevented the working of placer deposits. Mining men who have examined the machine are enthusiastic in its praise.

It consists principally in a table eight feet long and of width ranging to the amount of work to be done, which lays on a slant of 33 degrees, and is given a vertical and at the same time lateral or "pan" motion by a ratchet arrangement. In the table are shaped riffles, water tight, and placed at intervals of 16 inches. The dirt is thrown in at the upper end of the table, and if perfectly dry, no water is needed to work it down over the riffles. As the dirt moves down the table, the riffles catch all the gold or concentrates. If the gravel is not dry, enough water must be used to keep it moving.

Mr. Evans states that the machine can be made large enough to handle 100 yards of dirt per day. The machine is now on exhibition in this city.

### Cherry Men to Hold Exhibit.

Salem—Full of encouragement over the great success of the effort of last year, the cherry producers of this section of the Willamette valley have decided to hold another cherry exhibit this spring, June 10, 11 and 12, upon a larger scale. Preliminary arrangements, such as the appointing of committees, have been made. It is proposed to engage the auditorium skating rink with its immense floor area. In conjunction with the cherry fair the women of the city will hold the annual rose carnival and, since the Nurserymen's association of the Northwest will be in annual convention here at the same time, the period promises to be an auspicious one.

### Favors Manual Training.

Salem—The teaching of manual training in the public educational institutions, in the opinion of Dr. J. W. Kerr, of Logan, Utah, newly elected president of Oregon Agricultural college, is now recognized as one of the most important branches of the modern educational system. President-elect Kerr arrived here a few days ago and met with Governor Chamberlain and State Superintendent Ackerman as a special committee of the board of regents of the college, to decide upon plans and equipment for the new machinery hall, for which the last legislature set aside an appropriation of \$40,000.

### Infected Trees Are Destroyed.

Oregon City—Twelve hundred fruit trees on the Ladd tract near Mount Pleasant are being destroyed, and a stump puller is being used to take up the trees, which are diseased. The trees are on the property of Mrs. Lena Rigler, corner Ninth and Jackson streets, are being cut down and burned by order of the county authorities, who are making a determined effort to stamp out orchards that are infested with fruit pest.

### Eugene After Timber Lands.

Eugene—The Lane County Home-seekers' association, composed mainly of Eugene citizens and business men, have sent their attorney, S. D. Allen, to San Francisco with about 100 applications for the purchase of the Southern Pacific railroad lands which it is thought the company will be forced to sell at \$2.50 per acre. The applications cover some of the finest timber land in the world.

### Push Good Roads Campaign.

La Grande—The county court is prosecuting its good roads campaign with vigor. The county has now been divided into three general districts and each of the members of the court will supervise the construction and repair of the roads in his particular section. It is expected by this move to get results much better than generally obtained when road work is left entirely to district supervisors.

### Parker Bros. Purchase Mill.

Albany—Parker Bros., who operated a sawmill near Plainview for several years, have purchased the Hall sawmill on Thomas creek, and will enlarge the capacity of the plant. With the purchase of the mill they secured control of about 20,000,000 feet of timber and will make the industry an important one in the Santiam country. The mill is situated six miles east of Scio.

### College Year Nearing End.

Albany—Active preparations are in progress for the annual commencement exercises at Albany college. Wednesday, June 19, will be commencement day and the week preceding will be filled with various exercises, commemorations and festivities. Sunday, June 16, will be baccalaureate Sunday and the junior oratorical contest will be held Monday evening, June 17.

### POISONS AT DRUGSTORES.

**Grocers and Seedsmen Cannot Dispense Them After May 25.**

Salem—When the new law regulating the sale and dispensing of poisonous drugs, goods and solutions of all kinds goes into effect, May 25 all grocers, seedsmen, etc., who have been dispensing arsenic, strychnine, etc., and other poisonous compounds to the trade as rat, squirrel and bug exterminators, will have to go out of the business entirely and leave this field of profit open exclusively to registered pharmacists.

This, in effect, is the conclusion which Attorney General Crawford arrived at in an opinion rendered in response to a letter of inquiry for an interpretation of the new law from District Attorney John H. McNary, of the Third judicial district. Under present conditions it is possible to obtain poisons of nearly any description in the form of compounds and solutions, especially prepared for the extermination of rats and other vermin, at seed and many grocery stores, where no record is required to be kept, and it is impossible under these conditions to trace the source of a poisonous drug or compound which may have been secured with murderous or suicidal intent.

### Busy Time in Coos County.

Marshfield—One who made the trip down the Coquille to Bandon last August has just gone over the same ground and expresses his surprise at the general development going on there. Many new enterprises have been started in that time. Three large sawmills are going up and one new one is in operation. A ship yard is busy, where two large schooners are being built and the keel is being laid for the third. New logging camps are being opened, new lands being put in cultivation and coal mines long neglected are being put in readiness for working again.

### Installing Fruit Cannery.

Albany—Work is progressing rapidly on the fruit canning plant at Brownsville, which will be the first industry of the kind in Linn county. The cannery is being installed in the old tannery building near the Southern Pacific depot. The plant will be ready for operation this summer. Beans and tomatoes will be canned this season and other vegetables will be added to the output later. Some marketable fruits will also be put up.

### Fairbanks to Come in July.

Astoria—Manager Whyte, of the chamber of commerce, has received a letter from Vice President Fairbanks in which the latter says he will arrive at Astoria on either July 13, 14 or 15 to attend a banquet to be given in his honor by the citizens of Astoria.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 81¢@82¢; bluestem, 84¢@85¢; valley, 80¢@81¢; red, 79¢@80¢. Oats—No 1 white, 29¢; gray, 28¢@29¢.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Barley—Feed, 22¢ per ton; brewing, 23¢; rolled, 23.50¢@24.50¢. Corn—Whole, 26¢; cracked, 27¢ per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 17¢@18¢ per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 21¢@23¢; clover, 19¢; cheat, 19¢@10¢; grain hay, 19¢@10¢.

Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 15¢@20¢ per pound; apples, 11¢@12.50¢ per box; gooseberries, 10¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, 11¢@12.5¢ per sack; carrots, 11¢@12.5¢ per sack; beets, 11¢@12.5¢ per sack; cauliflower, 11¢@12.5¢ per dozen; lettuce, head, 35¢@45¢ per dozen; onions, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; asparagus, 7¢@8¢ per pound; rhubarb, 4¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, 2¢@3¢ per hundred. Potatoes—Oregon, 2¢ per sack; new potatoes, 5¢@6¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 6¢ per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢@22¢ per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 21¢ per pound; second grade cream, 20¢ less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 14¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 13¢; spring fryers and broilers, 22¢@25¢; old roosters, 9¢@10¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 13¢@15¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢; young ducks, nominal; old ducks, 16¢@18¢.

Eggs—18¢ per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5¢@8¢ per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 4¢@4½¢ per pound; cows, 6¢@7¢; country steers, 7¢@8¢.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10¢@10½¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢@9¢; spring lambs, with pelts, 9¢@10¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound.

Hops—6¢@8½¢ per pound, according to quality.

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

### THOUSANDS POURING IN.

**No Check to Steady Stream of Immigration to United States.**

New York, May 14.—The flooding tide of immigration to American shores runs ceaselessly on, and new high water marks for the influx of Europe's migratory hordes are being recorded every month in the port of New York.

Already May bids fair to outstrip the April record, when 133,452 immigrants poured through the gateway of New York into the country. Five trans-Atlantic liners brought in over 5,000 yesterday and officials at Ellis island say that there are no signs of cessation of this European invasion.

The well spring of this human stream lies principally in Southern and Middle Europe, while another but lesser current has its source in the Scandinavian and German states. Italy, Austria-Hungary and the Lower Russians now supply more than one half of all the immigrants seeking homes in this country. Every fourth alien examined at Ellis island is Italian, while every fifth newcomer is from the Austrians.

A score of years ago the headwaters of foreign immigration were in Ireland and Germany. But now the source has entirely changed. The industrial fields of the United States still absorb the greater part of the foreign outpour, and several states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio—find homes for 70 per cent of the total number.

### NINETY DIE IN MINE.

**Cigarette Smoker Starts Blaze in Vacant Mexican Shaft.**

City of Mexico, May 14.—Ninety men are supposed to have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Tenares copper mine at Veladero, in the state of Durango, last Friday night. The fire is still raging, and is said to be beyond control.

Thirty-five bodies have been recovered up to this time. Seventeen miners are known to have escaped. This information has been conveyed in a dispatch to the Associated Press offices in Mexico City. The burning mine belongs to the Guggenheims.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been due to the carelessness of a miner, who was smoking a cigarette in an abandoned shaft. The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered by the men in the near vicinity. They found that all avenues of escape to the surface had been cut off. Seventeen, however, were in a good position, and made a dash and reached the outer air.

Rescuing parties have been working heroically, but only charred and unrecognizable remains have thus far rewarded their efforts.

### EXPLODE SUNKEN MINE.

**Japanese Steamer Brings News of Bad Disaster.**

Victoria, B. C., May 14.—Advices were received by the steamer Riojun Maru from Yokohama that as a result of the recent increases in duty on matting entering the United States, the guild which controlled the bulk of exports of Japanese matting has been broken up.

News of the destruction of a Japanese boat with the loss of 13 lives as a result of the explosion of a derelict mine off Toyama was brought by the Riojun Maru. The fishermen mistook the mine for an oil drum and were trying to pick it up when it exploded.

The Riojun Maru reports that tea shipments to the United States to commence on the next inward steamer will be larger this year than during any previous season.

### Big Legal Fight Is On.

Denver, Colo., May 14.—Last week the attorneys for the defendants in the case of officers of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mine company, charged by the Postoffice department with using the mails to defraud, entered a demurrer to the indictment before United States District Judge R. E. Lewis. Arguments were made by the attorneys of both sides and Judge Lewis is expected to give his decision early this week on the demurrer. This is the first gun in what promises to be a hard fought legal battle to show whether or not the defendants told the truth in the glowing prospectus which they sent broadcast through the mails.

### Selfish Policy in Korea.

Victoria, B. C., May 14.—The steamer Yangtze, which arrived from Yokohama, brings news that Marquis Ito, resident general in Korea, in a recent speech at Seoul, rebuked the selfish policy of Japan in the Hermit kingdom. He said no policy that was entirely selfish was never successful, and urged Japan to further the interests of other countries in Korea as well as her own. News was also received that China is about to send a number of military cadets from North China to the French military school at St. Cyr for training.

### Five Killed by Blast.

Ruston, La., May 14.—Some unknown persons set off a charge of some high explosive here under the house of Samuel Cook, a negro, early today, blowing the house to pieces and killing Cook and four other negroes sleeping in a front room.

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### UNIVERSITY GETS MONEY.

**Supreme Court Settles the Wyoming Wrangle Over Funds.**

Washington, May 15.—The Supreme court of the United States today decided the controversy between the Wyoming Agricultural college and the University of Wyoming as to which of the institutions is entitled to the national government funds contributed to the state for the support of an agricultural college, in favor of the university, affirming the verdict of the Wyoming Supreme court.

The case was instituted by the Agricultural college, located at Lander, which set up a claim for \$25,000 paid by the national government for the year 1905. The state Supreme court decided in favor of the university, which is located at Laramie, and which maintains an agricultural department under state sanction, holding that the funds should continue to go to that institution until further legislation on the subject. The opinion was by Justice Moody, who held that the government grants are to the state and not to any particular institution.

### Malcontents Gain Points.

Washington, May 16.—Governor Franz, of Oklahoma, and the delegation from that state, who are in Washington to confer with Chairman Sherman and members of the Republican congressional committee regarding the constitution adopted for the state of Oklahoma, have received a telegram announcing an appeal from the permanent injunction granted by Judge Pencock at Alva, Okla. in the Woods county case, restraining the county officers from calling an election prior to November, 1908.

### Timber in Public Domain.

Washington, May 16.—Lands heretofore withdrawn from entry by order of the president for forest reservation purposes have been restored to the public domain as follows: 998,560 acres in the Rainier and 256,000 acres in the Washington forest, Washington; 355,840 acres in the Cascade forest and 132,000 in the Heppner forest, Oregon; 244,980 acres in the Medicine Bow forest, Wyoming.

### Warships Stay in Position.

Washington, May 17.—That the American warships now in Central American waters will be retained there for some time was indicated at the State department today. The Marietta is at Puerto Cortez, the Paducah at Point Barrios and the Yorktown is taking Minister Merry from Costa Rica to Acapulco.

### Again Probing Brownsville Affray.

Washington, May 16.—The investigation by the senate committee on military affairs of the Brownsville shooting affray, was resumed today. It is expected that testimony will be offered against the negro discharged soldiers. Heretofore the testimony has been mostly in favor of the negroes.

### Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 14.—Claude E. Hathaway has been appointed regular, Clarence Hathaway substitute, rural carrier, route 4, at Cheney, Wash. Oregon postmasters appointed: Bly, Ada Erb, vice W. F. Reed, resigned; Celilo, Ulric C. Dodge, vice I. H. Taffer, resigned.

### Successor to A. C. Edwards.

Washington, May 15.—Arthur E. McFartridge, superintendent of the Winnebago Indian school, has been appointed agent at Umatilla, Or., to succeed Major O. C. Edwards, whose resignation has been accepted. He is expected to take charge at once.

### Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 16.—Clarence E. Gay, has been appointed regular, Lizzie Gay, substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 8, at Spokane, Wash. Herman J. Grand has been appointed postmaster at Johnson, Wash., vice L. S. Greer, resigned.

### Special Delivery Stamp Not Needed.

Washington, May 16.—No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after July 1 to insure the immediate delivery of a letter. The affixing of 10 cents extra postage and marking the covering "Special Delivery" will suffice.

### Consul Manning Prepares to Sail.

Washington, May 14.—I. N. Manning, of Portland, recently appointed consul to Cartagena, is here receiving instructions from the State department prior to his departure for his post. His wife and daughter accompany him.

### Cannot Enforce Higher Rates.

Washington, May 16.—The Interstate Commerce commission today decided that where two rates between the same points are in force, the shipper must be given the benefit of the lower.

### ROOSEVELT MUST DECIDE.

**Interstate Commerce Disagrees in Harriman Case.**

Washington, May 18.—The question of bringing criminal prosecution against E. H. Harriman and suits to dissolve the railroad combinations he has effected must be decided by President Roosevelt. This is a matter in which no subordinate will meddle. The president must figure out his own deductions and assume full responsibility for the consequences.

The Interstate Commerce commission is divided into factions. One believes that successful suits can be maintained to break the Harriman combinations under the Sherman anti-trust act, which might permit subsequent criminal prosecution of Harriman. The other is convinced that legal proceedings for the dissolution of the combinations would prove an ignoble failure.

### Commissioner Coming West.

Washington, May 15.—It is learned that Indian Commissioner Francis E. Leupp, who is soon to make a trip to the Northwest, will visit Pendleton and the Umatilla reservation and will make an investigation of conditions at the headquarters of the agency and look into the charges that have been made against Superintendent O. C. Edwards, which were made several months ago. This is taken to mean that the Indian department is not entirely satisfied with the investigation made some time since by Inspector Davis, who was sent there for that purpose.

### Immigration Commission to Sail.

Washington, May 17.—When the steamer Canopic sails from Boston on Saturday next for Naples, it will have on board members of the Immigration commission authorized at the last session of congress to make an extensive study of every phase of the immigration question in this country and abroad and to report its findings to congress. While a part of the commission will go abroad, some of the members will remain in this country to study the question. The commission will return by way of Liverpool upon the steamer Cedric August 29.

### Portland Needs It Badly.

Washington, May 14.—In response to an inquiry from Senator Bourne, District Attorney Bristol states that there is great need for the establishment of a naturalization bureau at Portland, if the department is to adopt the policy outlined a few days ago looking to the elimination of naturalization and election frauds. Mr. Bourne will put the matter to the attorney general and strongly urge the establishment of such a bureau at Portland, of the department decides to carry out the plan now in hand.

### Taft's Brother Visits President.

Washington, May 14.—Henry W. Taft, of New York, a brother of the secretary of war, talked with the president today about the prospective vacancy on the bench of the United States Circuit court for the Second district to be caused by the retirement of Judge Wallace. Mr. Taft went also to the War department to see his brother and later returned to the White House with the secretary, remaining there for some time discussing political matters. Mr. Taft declined to say anything for publication.

### Great Area Open to Entry.

Washington, May 16.—On July 27 there will become subject to settlement, but not to entry filing or selection until August 26, about 355,840 acres within Portland, Lakeview, The Dalles and Roseburg land districts, Oregon, and surrounding the Cascade national forest reserve temporarily withdrawn as a proposed addition to that forest reserve about 132,920 acres withdrawn for proposed addition to the Heppner forest national within the La Grande and The Dalles land districts will become subject to settlement, entry filing or selections.

### Grant Veterans Hold Reunion.

Washington, May 17.—An interesting feature of the next Republican National convention will be a reunion of the delegates to the national convention in Chicago in 1880 who for 36 ballots supported General U. S. Grant for the presidency for a third term. The call for the reunion has been issued by Colonel A. M. Hughes, of Columbia, Tenn., the only surviving member of the Tennessee delegation to that convention.

### Barrett to Break Ground.

Washington, May 16.—The president today requested John Barrett to act as his representative at the ceremony attending the breaking of ground at Seattle on June 1. Mr. Barrett has the matter under advisement.

### Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 17.—William H. Thomas has been appointed regular, Eliza M. Thomas substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 2, at Bow, Wash.