

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WAR ON NEW YORK FILTH.

Health Department Takes Up Work Left by Garbage Strikers.

New York, July 2.—An attempt to settle the strike of garbage collectors by arbitration failed last night. By action of the civil service law the men who have failed to report for five days are no longer in the employ of the city.

The health department took heroic measures today to clean the streets of the piles of filth and garbage which have accumulated. There were a number of clashes between the strikers and strikebreakers during the day, none of which, however, assumed serious proportions.

Conditions in some parts of the congested district may be imagined when the piles make streets impassable. Several doctors, who have visited the districts where conditions are worst, say that a great deal of sickness and many deaths must necessarily follow as a consequence of this disastrous strike.

It is a curious fact that the people whose health and very lives are menaced by the prevailing conditions, yesterday aided the strikers in an attempt to drive away workmen who had been sent to remove the garbage. Dr. Bessel called for and is receiving ample police protection.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR NEW DOUMA

Reactionaries Are Probable Winners—Regarded as Incompetents.

St. Petersburg, July 2.—The most unfavorable auguries for the working power of the third douma may be drawn from the Zemstvo congress, which has been in session the past week at Moscow. Membership to this body is dictated by the classes which will control the elections in most of the provinces of Russia, and it was thought the work they accomplished at this conference might foreshadow the composition of the next parliament.

The so called "black nobility" or reactionary gentry, were in a large majority and the deliberations of the congress were filled with a display of utter unfamiliarity with parliamentary procedure and hostility towards the liberal program. The Octoberists, who expected to form the center of the new douma, made a disappointing showing. The majority of the members seemed without plans or definite ideas, and without leaders capable of directing the work.

JAPANESE POACHERS CAUGHT.

Large Party Found on Pribiloff Islands by Cutter Perry.

San Francisco, July 2.—The steamer Homer, Captain Donaldson, which arrived today from the Pribiloff islands, brought word of the capture of 29 Japanese seal poachers at St. Paul's island of the Pribiloff group by the United States revenue cutter Perry.

The Japanese, each of whom was armed and provided with six rounds of ammunition, surrendered to the government officers and were taken on board the schooner, which was towed by the Perry to Unalaska. No seals were found in the small boats and only 12 skins on the schooner. As the schooner was outside the three-mile limit and as no evidence of poaching in the way of skins was found in the boats, it was decided to give the Japanese another chance before confiscating the schooner.

WAR VESSELS COLLIDE.

Rumored Sinking of Torpedo Boat by Battleship.

Toulon, July 2.—It is reported tonight that during the voyage of a French squadron bound from Marseilles the battleship Jaureguiberry collided with the torpedo boat destroyer Pertuisane and that 60 men were killed or injured. The maritime prefecture declines to give out any information in the way of confirmation or denial of the report.

Later reports are to the effect that it was the torpedo boat destroyer Darde that collided with the Jaureguiberry and that the Darde was sunk. Admiral Foy, in charge of the prefecture had received no news of the accident up to the time he left his office at 6 p. m. The squadron was bound from Marseilles to Kebler, Algeria.

No Bribes to Secure Cars.

San Francisco, July 2.—Vice President and General Manager Calvin, of the Southern Pacific, announces that after a thorough investigation of the reports that employes had organized a system for the expedition of freight over Southern Pacific lines in return for bribes, has been completed, and shows that there is no such organization. A few shippers, impatient at delay, bribed one of the yardmasters at Sparks, Nev., who in making up trains would give preference to the dispatch of certain cars.

Quake Rattles Windows.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 2.—Earth tremblings that shook houses perceptibly at intervals were felt here today. Windows shook and rattled and bric-a-brac clattered from the shelves. Sometimes half an hour would elapse between the vibrations, but by sundown 100 shocks had been felt. The heaviest came between 5:15 and 5:45 p. m.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

NOT REGARDED AS A MENACE.

Aoki Says America Is at Liberty to Strengthen Pacific Fleet.

Washington, July 5.—"No, the Japanese would not regard it as an unfriendly act if the American government the saw fit to increase her naval representation in her territorial water upon the Pacific coast, or even if she sent additional men-of-war to the Asiatic station. She would not look upon it as a menace or regard it with regret."

These were the words of Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, whose attention was called to the published reports that the general board of the navy had recommended to the president that the battleships of the American fleet be sent around to the Pacific coast. At the same time the ambassador expressed a great deal of interest in the stories printed and asked if they were true. He disliked, he said, to appear in the public prints, when there was no reason for it, but he felt at perfect liberty to say what he did on this subject.

Will Issue New Small Bills.

Washington, July 4.—The Treasury department Monday began carrying into effect the provisions of the Aldrich act, which confers upon the secretary of the treasury authority to issue all necessary quantities of small bills to meet the business needs of the country. The large denominations of gold certificates are being replaced by new \$10 certificates, which will be issued from the subtreasury. Small silver certificates in large quantities will be issued at once, as will a new series of United States \$5 notes.

Not One Penny of Graft.

Washington, July 3.—"After investigating every charge which has been brought to my attention, whether apparently well founded or not, I have been unable to find a single penny of graft going to any one in connection with the Isthmian canal work." This statement was made by Secretary Taft today when his attention was called to the statements that special accountants had been sent to the isthmus to examine the books of the disbursing officers of the commission.

Irrigation Work Delayed.

Washington, July 6.—Owing to unusual severe weather, which rendered it impossible to carry on work of excavation for a considerable portion of the past winter, the secretary of the interior has granted an extension of two months' time to the following contractors, in which to complete their contracts on main laterals of the Okanogan irrigation project in Washington: John S. and S. Peterson, Frank E. Jones and Edmund Kail, all local residents.

Secretary Adjusts Land Claims.

Washington, July 2.—The secretary of the interior has approved Oregon relinquishments Nos. 24 and 26, La Grande, embracing the claims of 46 settlers, etc., and covering 7,517 acres, and Oregon relinquishment 25, The Dalles, embracing the claims of 23 settlers, etc., and covering 2,821 acres. This is part of an adjustment of claims growing out of a conflict with the Northern Pacific grant.

Postal Changes in Northwest.

Washington, July 2.—Rural free delivery carriers have been appointed as follows: Oregon—Parkers, route 1, Percy J. Dickson carrier, Joseph O. Anderson substitute. Washington—North Yakima, route 3, Fred B. Dye carrier, Robert Burdill substitute; Rochester, route 2, Emma Manners carrier, Allen K. James substitute. The postoffice at Arctic, Chehalis county, Wash., will be discontinued July 31.

Appointments by President.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., President Roosevelt has announced these appointments: Phillip M. Brown, secretary of embassy, at Constantinople; Peter Augustus Jay, secretary of embassy, at Tokio. The president signed the application of Medical Inspector Presley M. Rixey, to be advanced to the rank of medical director. Dr. Rixey now holds the position of surgeon general of the navy.

Civil Service Examiners.

Washington, July 6.—Civil service examinations will be held this fall for positions in the departmental service in Washington, at the following places in Oregon: Portland, Eugene, Baker City and Astoria, September 11 and October 16. Idaho—Boise, September 11 and October 1; Moscow, September 11 and October 16; Pocatello, October 11.

More Time Allowed Bidders.

Washington, July 4.—Acting Secretary Newberry yesterday announced that the time allowed for the presentation of bids for torpedo boat destroyers would be extended to September 3 next.

INVADE BANKERS' PRESERVES.

Suit Under Rate Law Against the Big Express Companies.

Washington, July 2.—One of the most important cases yet filed with the Interstate Commerce commission under the new railroad rate law was today presented by the American Bankers' association, which alleges that the express companies through their power and facilities as common carriers, are usurping the prerogative of the banking associations and at the same time employing the capital of the banks in the conduct of their business.

It is alleged that the exchange business of the express companies and the relations which they have with the railroad companies enable them to seriously discriminate against regular commercial operations of banking institutions. The complaint is directed against the Adams, United States, American, Pacific, Wells-Fargo, Southern and Great Northern express companies.

American Flour in China.

Washington, July 6.—Vice Consul A. W. Pontius, of Nanchang, China, reports some interesting figures in reference to American shipments of flour to that port during 1906. He says: "An increase of nearly \$200,000 was shown in comparison with the figures of the preceding years. The imports of American flour during the year were 36,414,000 pounds, valued at \$712,050 in American gold. In addition to the foregoing figures, American flour to the amount of \$1,336 was imported from Shanghai. During 1907 the direct imports of American flour will most likely be larger than those of the preceding year."

Nebraska in Commission.

Washington, July 5.—The Navy department is informed that the new battleship Nebraska was placed in commission today at the Bremerton naval station on Puget sound, making the only battleship in active service in the Pacific waters. Lieutenant Conise is acting as commander of the ship temporarily and has with him only a skeleton crew. The Nebraska must remain at the Bremerton yard for some time yet, and in the meantime Captain Reginald Nicholson, who is to be permanently in command of the ship, will gather up a crew for her in the East.

Carriers Get Higher Pay.

Washington, July 3.—On July 168 letter carriers of Portland then receiving \$1,000 were promoted to \$1,100 under the new law, and one carrier at \$600 promoted to \$800. The promotions are based on growth of population. Promotions may be made in other Oregon cities as follows: \$850 to \$900; \$600 to \$800; \$1,000 to \$1,100. Albany, three from \$850 to \$900; Astoria, five from \$850 to \$900; Baker City, two from \$850 to \$900 and one from \$600 to \$800; Eugene, three from \$850 to \$900; Pendleton, three from \$850 to \$900; The Dalles, two from \$850 to \$900.

Can't Fix Evacuation Date.

Washington, July 4.—Secretary Taft threw some additional light upon his plan regarding the American evacuation of Cuba yesterday by sending the following cablegram to Governor Magoon at Havana: "I am in receipt of a telegram from General Loynaz Castillo as to something I have had with reference to the restoration of Cuba to the republic. The plan for the revolution of the government of the island upon the person to be selected by a fair election, as outlined in my letter to you, has not been changed in the slightest."

Contracts for Big Ships.

Washington, July 4.—Before leaving for the West, Secretary Metcalf announced his decision in respect to important matters. In one of these he places contracts for the construction of the two American "Dreadnaught" battleships, the interesting point of his decision being the rejection of the Navy department's plans and the acceptance of the more progressive ideas of the private shipbuilding firms, involving the use of steam turbines.

Transfer of Naval Officers.

Washington, July 2.—Lieutenant G. T. Pettigill, U. S. navy, has been ordered to Puget sound navy yard for duty. Assistant Paymaster W. J. Hine, U. S. navy, has been detached from duty on the Princeton and will proceed to the navy yard at Puget sound for duty as assistant to the general storekeeper of that yard.

To Rout Fractious Indians.

Washington, July 6.—The secretary of the interior has made a request that the attorney general authorize the organization of a posse by the United States marshal for Arizona, to assist in the removal of disorderly Indians from the Indian reservation at Fort McDowell, to be used if found expedient.

DEER SEASON OPENS JULY 15

Change in Game Laws Not Generally Known by Hunters.

Albany—That not more than 5 per cent of the sportsmen of Oregon know that the open season for deer begins this year July 15, is the opinion of a local hunter. The fact that the last legislature changed the deer season has not become known at all in this part of the state and men who always begin deer hunting as soon as the season opens are making no plans to go into the mountains until next month.

According to the new law, the open season for buck deer is from July 15 to November 1. It was formerly from August 15 to November 1. The season for female deer remains the same under the new law as it was under the old from September 1 to November 1. These changes in the deer season are embodied in house bill 151, which is recorded on page 341 of the 1907 session laws.

Another change in the deer law is that it is now a misdemeanor to kill dogs chasing deer. It was formerly illegal to hunt deer with dogs and that provision is also contained in the new law. Under the old law many dogs caught chasing deer were shot and killed and the new provision was inserted in order to protect owners of valuable dogs, which would break loose and chase deer without the knowledge of their owners.

Seek Location for Library.

Albany—Albany's public library will be started as soon as a suitable building can be found. Arrangements are complete for instituting it and as soon as temporary quarters are rented the library will be opened. Nine directors have been elected and their election has been confirmed, in accordance with the state laws governing public libraries, under which this institution was formed by the city council. These directors are Frank J. Miller, Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, H. H. Hewitt, Fred P. Nutting, Mrs. H. F. Merrill, Mrs. S. E. Young, M. H. Ellis and Miss Lucy Gard.

Water for Irrigation Next Year.

Ontario—Messrs. Allbright and Eggleston, of Portland, Christian Cooperative representatives, have returned from Upper Willow creek. They state work is progressing rapidly on the irrigation project, and that work of survey for the laterals is still going on. The huge reservoir in Cow valley will be in readiness to deliver water next year, and while the project of the federation is a vast undertaking and will take a long time to construct, they say it will surely be completed to irrigate thousands of acres of high land in Malheur county.

New Clerk in Land Office.

Burns—There is rejoicing among the patrons of the United States land office here over the assurance just received from the department at Washington that a clerk is to be added to the working force with the opening of the office. The work of the office has been badly congested and this will relieve the strain and permit the completion of important transactions which have been awaiting action for some time.

Buy Land for Weston Brick.

Weston—The proprietors of the Weston brickyard have purchased of James D. Gish his addition to Weston, consisting of nearly 10 acres in the lower part of the city. Before making the purchase the brickyard people quietly demonstrated that the soil was well adapted to the making of a superior quality of brick. The price paid was \$2,000.

Ontario Wants New Land District.

Ontario—A petition is being circulated in Ontario and numerous signed asking the government to create a new land district for this section and the appointment of a register and receiver, the office to be located at Ontario or Vale. At present parties having land office business to transact have to go to Burns, a distance of 150 miles.

Clackamas Land Booming.

Oregon City—The large increased fees of the recorder's office in Clackamas county is a good indication of the healthy growth in the real estate business. The fees of County Recorder Ramsby for June were \$421.01, against \$269.35 for the same month during the previous year.

Murphy Estate Valued at \$70,000

Salem—The will of the late Judge J. J. Murphy, has been probated here. It leaves an estate estimated at \$70,000 to be equally divided between the widow, Elizabeth C. Murphy, and the son, Chester G. Murphy, the latter being named as executor without bonds.

Fruit Box Factory for Weston.

Weston—C. W. Avery, manager of the Blue Mountain sawmill, has gone to Portland to purchase machinery for the equipment of a box factory to be run in connection with his mill. The demand at present is far in excess of the supply with present facilities.

FOREST FUND FOR EACH STATE

Pinchot Says Department Proposes Improved Service.

Pendleton—While in the city for a few hours, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, announced that if his present plans were materialized that the next appropriation for forest reserves, by congress, would be divided into specific appropriations for the states. His object in this change of policy is to secure better appropriations for the individual states, making it possible to pay better salaries for those who are placed in charge of the forest reserves and thereby secure more competent men.

The question of having the forest reserve district headquarters moved from Portland to this city was taken up with Mr. Pinchot, and he promised to give the matter his attention. He listened carefully to the arguments made for the proposed change and admitted that there seemed to be some good reasons why the change should be made.

The forester says his particular purpose in coming to the West at this time is to study local needs, hear complaints, explain the purposes of the forest reserve, adjust differences, and in short to adapt the administration of the reserve affairs to the local conditions. He says he is finding that complaints concerning the reserve is not due to the theory or policy of the administration, but to mistakes that have been made in the conduct of the reserve affairs, and these he is endeavoring to adjust as rapidly as possible.

He went from here to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and from thence goes to Helena to meet Secretary of the Interior Garfield. He expects to be in Portland July 13 and 14.

Salmon Reach the Calapooia.

Albany—Salmon are reported to have been seen in the mouth of the Calapooia river, where it enters the Willamette at this city. If salmon are successfully passing the falls at Oregon City and ascending the Willamette a long deferred hope of residents of the upper valley is being realized. In spite of all the contrivances which have been placed in the river at Oregon City to enable salmon to ascend, very few of the fish have ever been seen as far south as this city.

Harney's Prospects Excellent.

Burns—There are excellent crop prospects in all parts of Harney county. Grain has a fine stand and fruit of all varieties is looking well. Alfalfa has made an unusually good growth this year, and there are some rich patches of it on dry land with no artificial irrigation. Haying will begin early in July and the crop is very heavy.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 88@89c; valley, 86c; red, 84c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.
Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Fruits—Cherries, 8@10c per pound; apples, 75c@1 per box; storage Spitznbergers, \$3.50 per box; gooseberries, 7c per pound; cantaloupes, \$3.50@3.75 per crate; apricots, 75c@82 per crate; peaches, \$1.25@1.50 per box; plums, \$1.65 per box; blackberries, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1@1.50 per crate; prunes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$2.50 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 7@10c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound; corn, 35@50c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3½c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per crate.
Potatoes—Old Oregon Burbanks, \$3@3.25 per sack; new, 3c per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 11@12c per pound, mixed chickens, 10c; spring chickens 13@14c; old roosters, 9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 11@12c; turkeys dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 7@10c; young ducks, 13@14c; old ducks, 10c.
Eggs—Candled, 24@25c per dozen.
Veal—Dressed, 5½@7½c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 3½@4c per pound; cows, 6@6½c; country steers, 6½@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8c per lb; ordinary, 6@7c; spring lambs, 9@9½c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6@8½c per pound.
Hops—6@8c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c according to fineness.
Mohair—Choice, 20@30c per pound.