

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG CROP IN LANE.

Fruits of All Kinds Promise Well—Hop Outlook Bright.

Engene—Reports from over the county give a much better account of the grain crop than the estimate given some time ago. On the whole, the crop will be above the average.

The work in the hop yards has commenced and the yield will be good. If pickers can be secured to get in the hops during the good weather a splendid showing will be made—a full average crop of splendid quality, with less bad effect from lice than usual.

In potatoes and late vegetables the yield will be large. The recent rain was worth hundreds of dollars to potato raisers, who will get a bumper crop and a good price for it.

Grapes will be better this year than for many seasons. There are not many vineyards here, but those who have carefully looked after this fruit have found it a most satisfactory crop to raise. Peaches are a good crop; the same is true of pears, but the apple crop is a little light.

The question of help to do the harvesting may lessen the profit of the farmer of Lane county, but nothing else threatens his return this year. The whole county is experiencing a prosperity it has never before known, and the merchant who is watching the conditions is looking toward the largest and best trade from the farmer in the history of the county.

TRUE TO MONMOUTH.

Alumni and Friends Rally to Support of "Mother Normal."

Monmouth—The conditions required by the new state board of normal schools will be met by the Monmouth school and it will continue to run. President Reesler says that the canvass for funds has proceeded far enough to justify him in making this definite announcement, although only one day's time was given to meet the terms imposed by the board.

Many letters are being received from the alumni of the school sending in their pledges and assurances of loyal support, and the loyalty of the citizens of Monmouth, which has always been an important factor of the "mother normal," is again manifested in the quick response with pledges to complete the cash deposit asked by the board.

By the loyalty and sacrifice of the faculty all department of the school will be maintained the same as heretofore and the institution will open promptly at the announced time.

MOORES HEADS BLIND SCHOOL.

Salem—County Superintendent E. T. Moores has been elected superintendent of the State Blind school to succeed George W. Jones, who has accepted a position as superintendent of the state blind school of Illinois. Moores is a graduate of Monmouth Normal school, a teacher of several years' experience in the public schools and has served seven years as superintendent of the Marion county schools. Mrs. Moores will succeed Mrs. Jones as matron of the institution. The change will take place September 1.

FIRST BRICK KILN IN COOS BAY.

Marshfield—J. W. Utter, formerly of Idaho, has just completed the first brick plant of any size on Coos bay. It is located on Isthmus inlet, one of the tributary rivers, and a kiln of 75,000 brick has been completed for the market. This is the first really successful attempt at brick making in the vicinity of Coos bay and that the material can be produced here at a reasonable cost promises to revolutionize the building, as brick shipped here sell at a practically prohibitive price.

WILL REBUILD SHIPYARDS.

Bandon—The Price shipyards, which were destroyed several weeks ago by fire, are in the course of reconstruction, and will be within the city limits in stead of two miles up the river as formerly. The new location is adjoining the Cody mills, which are nearly completed and which will have a daily output of 100,000 feet of lumber, thereby making ship timber available at little cost.

FARMERS WILL HOLD.

La Grande—Threshing in the Grand Ronde valley is now well under way, and grain is being delivered to different warehouses. A few sale contracts for wheat have been made at 68 cents per bushel, the purchaser being the flour mill companies. Most of the farmers do not care to sell now and are holding with the hope of receiving 75 cents.

SUPREME COURT RULES PUBLISHED.

Salem—The new rules of the Supreme court have been published in pamphlet form and Clerk J. C. Moreland has sent a large number of them to lawyers in various parts of the state. If any lawyers who desire copies have been overlooked, they will be supplied upon application to Mr. Moreland.

TO PROMOTE DAIRY INDUSTRY

Special Interest in Mild Production Evidenced on Coos Bay.

Marshfield—The chamber of commerce of Marshfield will on September 10 and 11 hold a big meeting for the advancement of the dairy and horticultural interests of Coos county. Those who have accepted invitations to deliver addresses on this occasion are President J. W. Kerr, Professor C. I. Lewis and Dr. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural college at Corvallis; Mrs. Waldo, State Grange lecturer, of Portland, and William Schuler, of Washington county. They will talk on dairying and horticulture, and Dr. Kerr will also speak on some educational theme. It is expected that Congressman W. C. Hawley will also be present on this occasion.

There has been a lively interest in the dairy and creamery business in Coos county since State Food and Dairy Inspector Bailey's recent visit here. He pronounced Coos county an ideal place for the dairying business and expressed the belief of possibilities of great increase in that line. Addresses to the residents of the rural district were made by Mr. Bailey and he appointed Mr. Youkum, owner of a dairy farm, to act as deputy dairy inspector for the county.

Apple culture is also receiving more attention than formerly. P. Duffy, an apple buyer, of Sydney, Australia, is on Coos Bay looking over the orchards. He has bought for shipment all of the Gravenstein apples procurable and the fact that outside buyers are coming in to this territory has given new interest to the culture of apples.

Danger in Using Stamping Machines

Albany—By a most peculiar injury to his hand, growing from continued use of a stamping machine, County Recorder Grant Frohman has been confined to his home for more than a week and will not be able to use his hand for some time. He was indexing instruments and using a stamp, the handle of which he struck with the palm of his right hand, for several days two weeks ago. Though the work caused no pain, the palm of the hand suddenly grew very sore and his entire hand swelled up. It has already been necessary to lance the hand three times. Local physicians have characterized the injury as catarrh of the hand.

BEST QUALITY EVER PRODUCED.

Wallowa—The wheat crop in this valley is just being threshed. The quality is the best ever produced here, and the yield is the largest for several years, being from 30 to 60 bushels per acre for fall sown wheat and from 25 to 35 bushels per acre for spring sown wheat. The barley and oat crops are also above the average in quality and yield.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—(New crop)—Club, 82c; bluestem, 83c; Valley, 80c; red, 79c.

Oats—(New crop)—No. 1 white, \$23.50; gray, \$23.

Barley—(New crop)—Feed, \$22.50@23 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.

Corn—Whole, \$28 per ton; cracked, \$29.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, \$11; cheat, \$11; grain hay, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$12@13.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32½@35c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12c; spring chickens, 18c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; geese, live, 8@10c; ducks, 10c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 26@27c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 6½@8½c per pound.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 8@8½c; packers, 7½@8c.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.75 per box; cantaloupes, 75c@1.50 per crate; peaches, 40@85c per crate; blackberries, 4@5c per pound; prunes, 50@75c per crate; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; plums, 25@75c per box; pears, 75c@1.25 per box; grapes, 75c@1.50 per box.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.75 per sack; carrots, \$2 per sack; beets, \$2 per sack; asparagus, 10 per pound; beans, 3@5c; cabbage, 2½; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; corn, 25@35c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; pumpkins, 1½@2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3½c per pound; squash, 50c@1 per crate; tomatoes, 40@50c per crate; sweet potatoes, 4c per pound.

Onions—\$2.25@2.50 per hundred.

Potatoes—New, \$1@1.25 per hundred.

Hops—4@6c 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, 29@30c per pound.

INCREASE ARMY PAY.

Congress Likely to Approve Plan at Next Session.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Increase in pay of the army, but no increase in its size is the compromise which has been reached between the president and leaders in congress who control legislation. The president has given his hearty approval to the plans of the general staff of the army which included both increases, but after consultations and conferences, it has been decided that it will be impossible to do more at the next session of congress than to secure an increase in pay for the army. Immediately upon convening bills will be introduced in the senate by Mr. Dick, of Ohio, and in the house by Representative Capron, of Rhode Island, carrying out the agreement which has been reached.

These bills will provide for an increase of 10 per cent in the salary of lieutenant general, 15 per cent increase for majors and brigade generals, 20 per cent for colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors, 25 per cent increase for captains and lieutenants and 30 per cent increase for noncommissioned officers and privates. It is thought that such a measure will become law.

It was desired by War department officials that congress should authorize an increase in the strength of the army, not so much by increasing its strength numerically at this time, but by providing for creation of new regiments to be given skeleton organization in time of peace.

WHOLE FLEET TO COME.

Sixteen Battleships to Sail for Pacific in December.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The torpedo flotilla which will go to the Pacific coast when the battleships sail in December consists of eight vessels, the Hull, Truxton, Whipple, Hopkins, Worden, Stewart, Lawrence and McDonough. Whether all will be fit for the voyage is doubtful.

The flotilla will be commanded by Lieutenant H. I. Cone, who commanded the Dale to China four years ago.

The number of battleships which will go to the Pacific is 16, not six, as stated in dispatches by an error in transmission. Ships already on the Pacific will increase this number to 19.

The official statement of the president after his conference with acting secretary of the Navy department, Rear Admiral Bronson, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Rear Admiral Evans, who will command the fleet, is as follows:

"The conference between the president and the three officers of the navy was called to decide details in connection with the Atlantic fleet going to the Pacific.

"The fleet will consist of 16 battleships. It will start some time in December. The course of the fleet will be through the Straits of Magellan and up the Pacific coast to San Francisco.

"The fleet also will, in all probability, visit Puget sound. The question of the route by which it will return to the Atlantic has not as yet been decided."

HAVE NO COAL FOR EXPORT.

American Companies Obligated to Refuse European Orders.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Because of its inability to fill the order, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company was compelled to decline a contract for 25,000 tons of anthracite, the order for which was tendered by a representative of the Austro-Hungarian chamber of commerce. The proposed purchaser was willing to pay the regular price for placing the coal on board vessels either here or in New York.

Another order for 200,000 tons of bituminous coal, wanted by the Italian government, is also being offered to the largest soft coal operators of the United States, with little prospect of its being taken, because of the great expense in delivering it to its destination.

The great demand for coal by foreign governments is attributed to the increased coal consumption by their warships. All native coal is being used for this purpose, and the supply is not equal to the demand.

ON VERGE OF ANOTHER STRIKE.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Chicago is on the verge of another packing house teamsters' strike, with the customary attendant rioting and disorder. When the question of wage settlement came up a week or more ago, a committee of arbitration was appointed and the matter was considered settled. The committee, however, has been unable to agree and at tonight's meeting the offer of the packers to increase the pay of the men one per cent was rejected. They demand one and a half all around and other concessions.

JAPAN BLAMES AMERICA

Tokio, Aug. 27.—It is reported that the investigations made on the part of Japan concerning the Pribyloff incident of June 19 show that the Japanese fishermen offered no resistance whatsoever and that the firing by the American guards was unprovoked. The Washington government has been notified to that effect, and Tokio is now awaiting a reply. The public is watching the affair with keen interest.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

PREPARE TO MOVE BIG FLEET.

President Orders Navy Department to Complete All Details.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Roosevelt has issued official orders to the Navy department to arrange all details of the forthcoming cruise of Admiral Robley D. Evans' battleship fleet to the Pacific. This order has been issued with instructions that each bureau head will be directed to take up its particular line of work in order that the 16 battleships may be in prime condition to start from Hampton Roads about September 1.

The bureau chiefs will undoubtedly be expected to make estimates and report on their line to the department. It has been estimated roughly that the coal supply necessary for the billet, in addition to the amounts being sent to the Pacific, will be something over 100,000 tons.

Provisions and supplies will be arranged for, and all possible attention will be given that everything be in readiness when Admiral Evans takes command early in December.

SAYS WEST NOT WORRYING

Does Not Know Wall Street Says Secretary Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson has returned to Washington after an absence of several weeks in the West, bringing glowing accounts from that section of the country.

"The West is not worrying over future panics or hard times, but is sending money to the East right now," he said. "The people out there do not know Wall street exists except as they read about it in the newspapers. The grain crops are generally good this year, and less Western money is going into Canada than last year. There is some fear of another coal famine during the coming winter."

Speaking of politics, Mr. Wilson said:

"Everybody I talked to out West was favorable to Roosevelt, and will insist upon the nomination and election next year of a man who will carry out his policies."

WOMAN TO AID UNCLE SAM.

Washington, Aug. 31.—With the appointment temporarily to the immigration service of Miss Helen M. Bullis, of New York, who recently has been connected with the Travelers' Aid society, the government will bend its energies toward the detection of the systemized "white slave" traffic, believed to exist in the United States.

Thus far, the immigration service has been unable to make any headway against the evil. Miss Bullis has represented to Commissioner General Sargent, head of the immigration service, that she will be able to gain the evidence necessary, not only to check the importation of women and girls for immoral purposes, but to bring to justice the men who are getting rich through the infamous business.

CONSULS GET PROMOTION.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Church Howe, of Nebraska, consul general at Montreal, has been appointed consul at Manchester, England. Albert R. Morantz, of Arizona, consul at Bahia, Brazil, has been appointed consul general of the district of Central and South America, at a salary of \$5,000. The following other consular appointments have been made: Augustus E. Ingram, of California, consular clerk at Callao, to be consul there; Lorin A. Lathrop, California, transferred from Bristol to Cardiff; Rea Hanna, California, consul at Iquique; Thomas W. Voetter, New Mexico, consul at Saltillo; Jacob E. Conner, Iowa, consul at Sigon; James V. Long, Pennsylvania, consul at Venice.

GIVE SETTLERS THEIR PATENTS.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The Interior department is revoking the orders of Secretary Hitchcock suspending thousands of public land entries in the West, and as soon as possible all entries where proof is complete and against which no charges are pending will be passed to patent. Hundreds of thousands of acres were tied up by Mr. Hitchcock's orders of suspension, and there is not a single word of evidence in the files of the department to justify this action in the great majority of cases.

MAKE SURE TAFT CAN GO THROUGH.

Washington, Aug. 28.—In anticipation of Secretary Taft's late arrival at Vladivostok the gunboat Chattanooga has put into that port to make sure that it will be possible for Mr. Taft to enter that port on a gunboat or similar ship as late as the middle of next November.

MRS. KIRK GETS APPOINTMENT.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Ella B. Kirk, of St. Johns, has been appointed assistant matron at the Hoopa Valley, Cal., Indian school.

TRIALS CAN GO ON.

Officials Know No Reason for Delay in Oregon Cases.

Washington, Aug. 29.—So far as official Washington is aware, there is no known reason why the Oregon land fraud trials should not be immediately resumed, nor is there any known reason why they cannot be concluded before December 1. It is the expectation of the officials here that District Attorney Bristol will soon begin the prosecution.

The Hermann case will wait until F. J. Heney can drop his graft work at San Francisco, for it was he who worked up this case and it is his desire to conduct the prosecution in person. All others, it is believed, will be conducted by Mr. Bristol. There has been some delay, because Mr. Heney had in his possession some facts and evidence required by the government prosecutor, but Mr. Heney some time since promised to forward this matter to Mr. Bristol, and it is presumed all necessary data is now in the hands of the district attorney.

Both the Department of Justice and the Interior department are anxious that all pending land cases in Oregon shall be cleared up without further delay.

HELP JAPS GOING TO CANADA.

Tokio, Aug. 29.—The clause of the emigration protection law, making ships carry emigrants subject to official permission, which has hitherto been limited to vessels destined for Hawaii or South America, will be made to operate in regard to similar ships destined for Canada on and after the first of September. This will have no effect in reducing the number of emigrants who are already under certain restrictions but is aimed principally toward assuring the safety and interests of officially recognized emigrants.

EXAMINE OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The following board of officers is appointed to meet at Fort Lawton, Wash., for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it to determine their fitness for promotion: Major W. Y. Stamper, Third infantry; Captain H. A. Smith, Third infantry; Captain John W. Barker, Third infantry; First Lieutenant Jesse R. Harris, assistant surgeon; First Lieutenant John Bosley, assistant surgeon.

NOT COMING TO PORTLAND

Washington, Aug. 30.—It is not the present intention to send the battleship fleet to Portland because naval officers fear there is not sufficient depth of water on the bar, but practically the whole fleet will visit Puget Sound. The ships will anchor opposite Seattle. Because of the extreme depth at Tacoma, no stop will be made there.

NORTHWEST POSTAL AFFAIRS

Washington, Aug. 30.—Washington postmasters appointed: Hover, Thomas H. Dry, vice H. A. Hover, resigned; Pacific Beach, Arthur O'Nicholas, vice James G. Avery, resigned. Rural routes 1 and 2 have been ordered established November 1 at Adams, Umatilla county, Oregon, serving 700 people and 152 families.

PREPARES WAY FOR BIG FLEET.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Captain Usher, of the cruiser St. Louis, reports sailing yesterday from Acapulco, Mexico, for San Diego, Cal., on his way to San Francisco. He has been quietly looking into the resources of various South American ports in anticipation of the cruise of the battleship fleet next winter.

CONFER ON STANDARD CASE.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 29.—Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government, conferred with the president today, supposedly on the detail of the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, the hearing of which comes up in New York September 3.

PANTHER FOR PACIFIC REPAIR SHIP.

New York, Aug. 28.—The transforming of the auxiliary cruiser Panther into a repair ship to accompany the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific has begun. The Panther will have a complete forging room, foundry and machine shop.

BUILD MORE HUGE SHIPS.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Times today says: The next naval appropriation bill presented to congress will recommend that two and perhaps four battleships of at least 20,000 and perhaps 25,000 tons be authorized.

BANKS TO MAKE STATEMENT.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The controller of the currency has called for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business on August 22.

BUCKETSHOP MEN ARE INDICTED.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The grand jury has indicted five brokers on a charge of conducting bucket shops.