

# LUMBERMEN OF OREGON RESIST NEW RATE PLACED ON LUMBER

Interstate Commerce Commission is Asked to Suspend Proposed New Tariff Until Hearing Can Be Had—Surprised at Action of Road.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1.—Action has been taken by lumbermen of Oregon to resist the new rate announced by the Southern Pacific to become effective on October 16, advancing the freight on rough green lumber to \$5 per ton from Willamette valley mills south of Portland to San Francisco bay points.

The Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association has asked the interstate commerce commission to suspend the proposed rate until a hearing on the merits can be had.

This authority was vested in the commission by a recently passed amendment to the interstate commerce law. The valley millmen who will be affected by the announced advance are surprised at the action of the Southern Pacific, owing to the fact that an old case instituted two years ago for the purpose of preventing the \$5 rate announced at that time from becoming effective, is still before the United States supreme court on appeal. The lumbermen won in all the lower courts.

The ruling of the interstate commission two years ago was to the effect that the old rates of \$3.40 from points south of Portland on the east side of the Willamette river and \$3.65 from points south of Portland on the west side of the river, to San Francisco bay, should remain in effect for at least two years from October 15, the date of the ruling. The tariff published a few days ago by the Southern Pacific announcing the \$5 rate will become effective immediately upon the expiration of the two year period.

The valley mill men contend that the \$5 rate will prevent them from disposing of any of their common grade lumber in the San Francisco bay market, as points with water transportation facilities have the ad-

# BARNES URGES PARTY HARMONY

Says Affair at Saratoga Was Roosevelt's Convention and His Platform, But He Urges Republicans to Support Ticket.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 1.—William Barnes, Jr., in a newspaper editorial today urged the republicans of New York to support the state ticket at the Saratoga convention.

"It was Colonel Roosevelt's convention," he says. "Roosevelt made himself temporary chairman. Roosevelt dictated the platform and Roosevelt named the candidates."

# PLACES OREGON FARM PRODUCTS AT \$115,000,000

According to an estimate by Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis, the total value of the agricultural products of Oregon for the present year will be approximately \$115,000,000. This amount is divided by him as follows:

Dairy products,	\$14,000,000;
wheat, 17,000,000 bushels,	\$13,750,000;
hay, 900,000 tons,	\$10,000,000;
oats, 11,000,000; bushels,	\$6,000,000;
potatoes, 6,000,000 bushels,	\$5,000,000;
fruit, \$6,000,000;	poultry products, \$5,000,000;
wool, 2,000,000 pounds,	\$1,000,000;
hops, 90,000 bales,	\$3,000,000;
livestock, \$25,000,000;	miscellaneous products, \$23,250,000.

advantage of competition. The \$5 rate places also the expense of shipping the rough green lumber on an equal basis with that of dry and finished material for which which a much better price is obtained.

# BRYAN AGAINST TARIFF BOARD

Says Plan Gives Its Advocates a Chance to Denounce Bill Without Making Any Recommendations for Its Remedy.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 1.—Charging that the appointment of a national tariff commission is an easy way of shelving a distasteful issue, William J. Bryan's Commoner says today:

"The plan gives its advocates a chance to denounce the tariff without making any practical recommendations for its remedy. They know that the commission cannot report before 1912.

"The next congress convenes in 1911. It would take some time to appoint the commission and it would take months for the commission to make an investigation and report, thus carrying the matter over until after election."

# MAN WHO THREATENED MRS. PALMER IS CRAZY

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—The police today are convinced that Fred Wahlenmyer, who was found at the home of Mrs. Potter Palmer carrying an open knife and with a bomb lying nearby, is demented. He probably will be sent to a sanatorium. Wahlenmyer confessed last night that he "faked" a bomb mystery in order to appear as a hero. He carried a diary representing him as a former football player of the Notre Dame university and later an automobile racer.

# Candy Man Dead.

RYE, N. Y., Oct. 1.—John Huyler, candy manufacturer, known throughout the United States, died at his home here today.

# New Mexico Grows.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The census of New Mexico was announced today as 327,396. This is an increase of 67 per cent.

# UNIVERSITY TO GIVE ATTENTION TO TAXES

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Oct. 30.—The university office this year will give especial attention to its press service in the interests of taxpayers, the idea being that citizens helping in the support of state institutions have a right to know intimately what those institutions are offering in return.

Besides the residence work offered in law, medicine, engineering and the various special work in correspondence study, for the benefit of all those unable to avail themselves of residence study. All of these courses are free of cost to the student enrolled and taking the work, except for a small amount to cover postage, the total cost to the student being \$1 for each course enrolled in. The only requirement for admission to any course is ability to carry on the work and profit by the instruction given. In every case instruction is personal; the student receives individual attention.

University correspondence study is proving popular throughout the state, and is immensely valuable not only to public and high school teachers, study clubs, farmers and individuals who never expect to avail themselves of residence study, but also to those preparing to matriculate at the university. A concrete example is offered in the experience of James Ryder, of Newburg. Last January Ryder registered for correspondence study in analytical geometry, and the papers which he sent in were high grade. Upon entering the university for residence work this fall, the work which he did last year in analytical geometry entitled him to take the course in Calculus, a regular sophomore engineering subject.

# Hinckley Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Franklin E. Hinckley of California was appointed district attorney of the United States court of China today, according to an announcement made by the state department. Hinckley was appointed clerk of the court when it was first organized in 1906.

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# MAY CONSERVE LOGS IN WATER

Government Said to Be Favoring Plan to Construct Large Temporary Reservoirs in Which to Keep Burned Over Trees.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 1.—Large reservoirs may be constructed through state and national aid in the burned-over districts of Northern Idaho to save the burned timber by preserving it in the water, according to the announcement made here by State Land Commissioner Day, who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the Idaho Panhandle.

Should the state, co-operating with the national government, decide on this course, work will be started in the forests early next spring. Where natural sites can be located they will be used and the water impounded. The timber will then be rolled into the reservoirs and kept there until disposed of through sales or otherwise.

# JOSEPH SMITH'S WIFE DIES AT SALT LAKE

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 1.—Lucy Walker Kimball, 84, first polygamous wife of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon church, died at her home here today. After Smith's death she married Heber C. Kimball, another prominent leader of pioneer days.

# Taft Pardons Four.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—President Taft today pardoned Thomas Kehoe, John Coyle, Patrick Hennessy and Edward Boyle, sugar weighers, who were sentenced last January to serve one year in prison for defrauding the government. The executive clemency was exercised because the men gave executive clemency against Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company and against Superintendent Gerbraicht of the Hoboken docks of the company.

Haskins for health.

# UNITED STATES FLEET READY TO SAIL AT ONCE TO QUELL RIOTING

# TO CALL STRIKE OF BRICKLAYERS

Men in Portland, Seattle and San Francisco Are Soon to Be Ordered Out on Sympathetic Strike—Trouble Starts in East.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Sympathetic strikes of union bricklayers will be called in Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, according to International President Bowed today. The men will be ordered out in conjunction with the strike of several thousand bricklayers in New York.

# To Vote on Des Moines Plan.

ASHLAND, Or., Oct. 1.—The question of adopting the commission or so-called Des Moines plan of government is now squarely before the people of Ashland. An initiative petition containing the requisite number of signatures of legal voters was presented to the city council at its last meeting and the council fixed October 18 as the date for holding the special election to pass on the proposed change in the form of the city government. The proposed new charter is a lengthy affair, filling nearly two pages of an ordinary six-column newspaper when set solid in eight point, or brevier type, and while containing some modifications is modelled substantially on the Des Moines plan. It is too early to make even a prediction as to its fate at the polls.

# Steamer Ashore.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—The passenger steamer Kulshan, which left here at 10 o'clock last night, is reported ashore at Deception Pass, but is in no immediate danger. The Kulshan is en route from Seattle to Bellingham with 40 passengers.

Disturbances in China Cause Government to Take Steps to Protect Lives and Property of Citizens—Missionaries Ask for Aid.

MANILA, Oct. 1.—A strong force in the Philippines is being held in readiness for word from nited States Minister Calhoun at Peking to proceed to Hunan province, China, to protect American citizens and interests endangered by a reported uprising of the Chinese. The Asiatic fleet of the nited States has been ordered to be in readiness to sail at once for Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Army circles are astir here, but the officers will not admit that Washington has issued any orders. Reports received from Hong Kong indicate the gravest dangers to foreigners in Hunan. The situation there resembles closely that which preceded the Boxer uprising in 1900, which necessitated the interference of the world powers. The Chinese patriotic societies opposing the Manchu dynasty are believed to be in readiness to strike for the overthrow of the Tartar conquerors and the establishment of Mongol supremacy. Aid is asked.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—English missionary societies in China are flooding the foreign office with demands that steps be taken at once to protect English subjects in the Celestial empire. The conditions about King-Chau and Shanghai are reported as critical, and it is believed that the Chinese authorities cannot long hold the people in subjection. Should an uprising become general the lives of many whites in Hunan would be sacrificed.

# "SHOW ME" STATE DOESN'T SHOW CENSUS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The population of the state of Missouri is 3,393,335, which is an increase of 66 per cent, according to figures issued by the census bureau. Missouri, on this showing, will not gain an additional representative in congress.

This department is a regular weekly feature, dealing with all phases of the fruit and produce world.

# IN THE FRUIT GROWING WORLD

Conducted by Charles W. Wilmeroth, manager of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association.

The past week we have been shipping Jonathans, Monday or Tuesday will see the close of the Jonathans season and those who have not finished picking or hauling on this variety should do so at once, as it is high time the apples were in need cars and we want to get them out of the way before commencing on Newtowns and Spitz.

Winter Nelis Pears. Winter Nelis pears have been coming in quite freely and we wish all growers having Winter Nelis to ship through the association would bring them in at once. These are the last pears we will have to ship and if you want to take advantage of the carload rate you should get them in not later than Monday or Tuesday. Please assist us on this and not call in about a week with a small shipment of Winter Nelis pears. If you do it will cause the association considerable inconvenience and you a loss.

Spitz and Newtowns. Some of our growers are arranging to commence picking Spitz the beginning of the week. We must have color on the Spitz, and as much size as possible, and unless your Spitz are fully colored it will be wise to make at least two pickings of them. We are going to aim to move Spitz before we start on Newtowns, but there may be cases where people want to pick their Newtowns the early part of the week. In some sections of the valley we have noticed a small imperfection or split in the blossom end of the apple. We think these apples should be saved and packed separate from the fancy grade of Newtowns and marked "Special." It is imperative to get these apples separated from our fancy grade because it is not certain whether they will keep or not, and if not they should be disposed of early in the season. We cannot be

too careful in this matter for the welfare of all concerned. Shook. The situation the past week has improved on the shook question and we have 2500 boxes at Central Point and 10,000 received at Medford warehouse. More cars of shook are expected by Wednesday next. If you are not fully supplied with stencils, labels, paper, layer-board and nails you should put in your request at once. Prices. As there has been considerable published in the papers lately, some of which is true and some of which is not; also as there has been a number of letters which have been received from eastern fruit houses, quoting strong prices, for the benefit of those interested we would like to submit the following: We have sold a car of D'Anjou, containing 268 boxes of fancy, which averaged \$5.70 per box gross; 118

choice and 14 culls, which averaged \$4.15 gross, or a total for the car of \$2,066, or an average of 5.17 per box. One car of Bose pears containing 387 fancy and 28 choice, average \$4.60 for each box in the car. One car Bartlett's containing 88 fancy at \$4.85, 219 choice and 39 culls, averaging \$4.33 for each box in the car. We do not mean to say that all our shipments will average the prices stated above, but in fairness to the association it is our duty at this time to give you our highest prices. The entire Howell pear crop of the valley has been sold at 3 for the first and \$2.75 for the second grades, gross sales, the valley putting out about 16 cars. Caution. We want to caution all growers who ship through the association about allowing apples, after being picked, to lay around the packing house. Yesterday was an extremely warm day for this time of the year

and we are liable to have more, and such conditions cannot help but work harm on packed and unpacked apples. We are going to ship our Spitz under ice and the sooner they get from the trees into refrigerator cars the better. We do not know whether we will ship Newtowns under ice or not as it depends considerable upon the weather at that time. Ben Davis. We will not be in position to handle Ben Davis until after Newtowns and Spitz are moved. The offers we are getting on Ben Davis seem ridiculously low and it is not at all unlikely they will remain in picking boxes and shipped as we get orders during November and December. Before you consider packing Ben Davis for the association to handle think you should take the matter up with C. W. WILMEROOTH. To End Express Business? CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—A body blow

at the express companies and the private car lines by western railroads is said to be foreshadowed by activity of Chicago roads in improving their fast freight service. The railroads have come to the conclusion, it is said, that the present arrangements with express companies and present rates of express companies are soon to come to an end and that the roads must take over this business. Consequently, the idea of running fast freight almost on passenger train schedule has been adopted to forestall any sudden loss of revenue from this source. Railroad commissions of various states, including Illinois, have decided that express rates are excessive and the pending decision of the interstate commerce commission is expected to be along the same lines for the rates notoriously have enabled express companies to pay exorbitant dividends. Predictions are made that one express company after another will ac-

cept offers of purchase from railroads and within a few years cease to exist. One of the greatest gainers by this elimination will be the bands. The American Bankers' association for years has fought the express companies on the matter of currency transfers and this year inaugurated a vigorous effort to cut into the business done in travelers' checks. The system devised by express companies was such that banks had to do most of the actual work of transferring money while the express companies made the profits. Apple Situation at Wenatchee, Wash. WENATCHEE, Wash., Oct. 1.—The Wenatchee Produce company reports about 2000 cars of apples here, with the quality and color the best ever known here. So far not to exceed 100 cars have been sold as growers' and buyers' ideas as to prices differ. Buyers are offering \$1 to \$1.50 per box for the better grades.

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