

What the Cello Canal Means to the Inland Empire.

BICKLETON, Wash., February 27th, 1905. As the readers of the Headlight will remember, the project of a ship canal at Celilo Falls in the Columbia river, has long been agitated, and an appropriation was actually made by Congress to begin the actual construction.

They also have some idea of the large amount of grain and other products grown in the vast basin of the Columbia east of the Cascade mountains. I will say here in regard to its productive area, that section after section of lands supposed at one time to be arid, and useless for agriculture in Eastern Oregon and Washington and in Idaho, have been brought under cultivation—small portions by means of irrigation, but large ones without—until soon very little of this great extent of territory will be left unproductive.

The products of this fertile region then are carried to market by rail. And the rates charged are high (in the case of grains 11 to 14 cents per bushel to Portland or Seattle and other commodities correspondingly high).

The canal will open the river to navigation from the sea to Priest Rapids on the Columbia, and to Lewiston, Idaho, on the Snake; which points are far into the heart of the country in question. Also the Columbia can be opened with comparatively little expenditure above the international boundary and beyond.

Years ago there was a portage road from Celilo to The Dalles, and another where locks have since been built at Cascade Rapids, and in those days steamboat lines carried freight cheaper, in spite of the many handlings, than the railroads now do. The O. R. & N. Co., however, when building its road along the river, secured the portage road bed and used it as a part of its track and by various other means succeeded in banishing navigation from the part of the river above. On certain portions and branches of the river far above, boats still ply, but there isolated lines act only as feeders for the roads. The building of a canal at Celilo and use of steamboats as carriers will cut the price of transportation of freights down very low—perhaps to one third of present rates.

To a person who has seen broad stretches of the upper river from a car window or has crossed its wide stream by railroad bridges, or been down by its shore and witnessed its majestic speed, and known the depth and power of its current, the question of when this great river would carry its share of the world's commerce may have presented itself. We believe that this dream of utility is in a fair way to be realized. The canal, of course, may be several years in building, but the new portage road now in course of construction and to be finished about May 15th, will make possible the good use of the upper river, while the better work of the canal will follow.

The outlook at present is a hopeful one for the producer of this region. It seems probable that one day the Columbia river will rank as one of the great inland waterways of the United States, and that the opening of this river to navigation, will bring an era of unexampled prosperity to the "Inland Empire."

G. V. DOUGHTY.

Referendum, No; Initiative, Yes.

Threat of referendum on the general appropriation bill of the Oregon Legislature is prompted by desire to cut off superfluous Normal Schools. But is there not a better means to that end?

Many people are satisfied with the log rolling in the Legislature which resulted in hitching Normal Schools to indispensable state institutions in order thus to boost the schools into the public treasury. Two avenues are open to such persons; first, referendum veto on the bill; second, enactment of a corrective law under the initiative.

The second alternative seems the more reasonable and practical. The first would deprive necessary institutions like the insane asylum and the penitentiary of money required for maintenance and improvements at the same time that it would shut off the Normal Schools. And there is serious doubt whether interest-bearing warrants could be issued for maintenance of necessary state institutions, or would be discounted if no interest were allowed by law.

"No warrant shall be drawn by the Secretary of State," reads the law, "in payment of any claim against the state unless an appropriation has first been made for the payment thereof; but where such claim has been incurred in pursuance of authority of law, but no appropriation has been made for its payment, or if made has been exhausted, the Secretary shall audit such claim, and, if allowed, shall issue to the claimant a certificate as evidence of such allowance."

This foregoing section of the code raises a two-fold doubt. First, would not the institutions at the capital have to subsist on certificates without interest, and, second, would not the Normal Schools be entitled to such certificates also.

The sure way to end the Normal School abuse is by the initiative. It is

the short way, too. For the initiative 8 per cent of the vote last cast for Supreme Judge would have to petition, instead of 5-7200 electors instead of 4500.

The appropriation bill will cost the state \$113,000 for Normal Schools during the ensuing two years. But a veto on the entire bill will cost the state much more—Oregonian.

Only the fact that petroleum is on the free list prevents the Democratic party from declaring that protection is the parent of the biggest octopus.

The construction of a sea level canal in twelve years for \$230,000,000 would be a great triumph. Uncle Sam is a hustler and may do it in less time.

Uncle Sam is dealing with two kinds of Indians in the Indian Territory; the real Indian, unknown to the East, and the picture Indian, unknown to the west.

The new battleship named in honor of the state of Kansas will be ready for launching next June. Presume the christening will be done with a barrel of kerosene.

The Moscow nobility has sent a resolution to the czar asking for a continuation of the war. To what extent is the nobility represented in the trenches around Mukden?

Chloroform was discovered by an American, Dr. Guthrie, at the age of 49. He was unaware that he had passed the deadline of usefulness nine years before, according to a freak doctor of a more modern school.

The crank who proposes to chloroform men on reaching the age of 60 probably wants to save the pension appropriation. But the entire amount it represents could not bestow common sense and decency on the few who are born without it and grow up to make such propositions.

The wife of Vice President-elect Fairbanks graduated in the same class with him both in college and law school, and subsequently took a degree in international and parliamentary law. If any knotty points arise in presiding over the Senate, Mr. Fairbanks will know where to go for advice.

Grand Master Workman F. Berchtold, the head of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for Oregon, has issued a call for a special session of the Grand Lodge to be held in Portland on April 13, for the purpose of discussing and perhaps readjusting the present existing rate of assessment holding in the order.

The German steamer Numidia, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail at Hongkong, reports having sighted two Japanese squadrons on Saturday, 100 miles southeast of Hongkong. The first squadron, comprising nine battleships and cruisers, was seen at two o'clock in the morning, going at full speed with all lights out, and the second squadron, of 13 large warships, was sighted in the afternoon.

According to estimates which have been prepared, the forces under General Kuropatkin between the Shakh River and the Pass total slightly over 400,000, composed of 335,000 infantry, 33,000 cavalry and 35,000 artillery, with 1504 guns. These estimates do not include the Vladivostok and other garrisons, the railroad guards or the civil employees. The grand total of the Russian strength east of Baikal is estimated at 700,000.

The emphatic denial by the Japanese minister at Washington that Japan has made any proposals for peace will put an end to any hope which may have been held that the end of the war is near. Russia has said just as emphatically, through Nicholas II. and some of his ministers at foreign capitals, that it will continue the war. Apparently the peril at home and the danger abroad is not menacing enough to coerce Russia into giving up the fight. The peacemaking efforts of William II., Edward VII. and other friends of the czar have all come to naught.

The English press has eagerly seized Dr. Osler's suggestion that professional men are too old at 40. Everybody worth quoting has been consulted in regard to this statement, with the result that all interpret the well-known professor's remark as a joke. Sir Frederick Treves, who is the leader of British medical men, entirely disagrees with Dr. Osler's theory. He says that degeneration does not begin at 40 in a man who has taken ordinary care of himself and refrained from dangerous habits. Many men are at their best at 50. In America, where life is more hurried, Dr. Treves said men doubtless age earlier, but it is impossible to generalize.

Dr. W. Van Osdell, minister of the First Baptist Church of Spokane, preached a sermon devoted to the exposure of alleged immoral conditions in Spokane. The minister had caused the church to be lighted with 100 red-colored electric lights and his sermon was in accord with the color scheme. The minister's remarks were sensational, one statement being that Spokane was the home of between 900 and 1200 mistresses. This is exclusive of the regular denizens of the tenderloin. As Spokane has but

65,000 population, the preacher's estimate is considered wild. His church is one of the largest in the city, and a big audience heard him.

Schoolhouse for Sale.

We wish to sell our school building at public auction on March 10, 1905, at the school house, Dist. No. 13, at 1 p. m. The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. J. MCGINNIS, Dist. Clerk.

SPRUCE.

Lawrence Sanders has moved his household goods up on the Nehalem, his wife will go as soon as the little girl is able.

Clyde Kinnaman is at home at present nursing a very bad wound on his hand, caused by the cross cut saw.

Roy Blanchard while cutting wood last week accidentally cut his foot, causing a very bad wound.

Oran Wallace has gone to work for Al Bunn, at Beaver.

Mark Curl has taken Mr. George Lucas and wife to Sheridan. There they will take the train for California, where they will make their future home, and Mr. Charley Sears and wife also are going to California in a short time, and we are glad for Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, for they will have some of their old friends with them again.

Little baby Lenard, the son of G. W. Wallace is quite sick.

I rather think the sign is in the feet this week. As the women have been traveling the roads quite often.

Sermons Boiled Down.

A full head seldom swells. A crooked walk shows a crippled will. Nothing lifts one higher than love for the lowly.

Love covers sins, but does not conceal them. Croakers always advertise their own swamps.

Every sorrow may be the seed of some great joy. Love that can be measured is never worth measuring.

A little smile will break up some mighty big clouds. Innocence that is advertised usually hides some iniquity.

Worship with the heart results in work with the hand. Nothing but art on the menu is an aggravation to the appetite.

Lies abide forever, though they are believed by for a moment. There is no service without a sense of the sacredness of things.

It is the gold of love that makes the quartz of life worth while. No man is meaner than he who tried to keep "the golden mean" between right and wrong.

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TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, February 25th, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3rd, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

WILLIAM H. HANSON, of Tillamook City, county of Tillamook, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 554, for the purchase of the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 28, S 1/2 of Sec. 14, Sec. 29, and SW 1/4 of Ne 1/4 of Sec. No. 32, in Tp. 10 N., Range 10 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, at Tillamook City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1905. He names as witnesses:

W. H. West, Dr. J. E. Bartlett, Paul Hanson, C. A. Vogler, of Tillamook, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of May, 1905. ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, March 2d, 1905.

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HENRY CRESHAW, of Tillamook City, county of Tillamook, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 554, for the purchase of the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. No. 19, in Tp. No. 1 S., Range No. 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, at Tillamook City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 17th day of May, 1905. He names as witnesses:

Winfield C. Trumbley, Tillamook, Or.; Ira C. Smith, Tillamook, Or.; Lem Parker, Bay City, Or.; Edna A. Edwards, Tillamook, Or.

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WALTER FRED BAKER, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 554, for the purchase of the Ne 1/4 of Section No. 20, in Township No. 1 south, Range to West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, at Tillamook City, Oregon, on Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1905. He names as witnesses:

Henry Creshaw, Walter C. Bailey, Barnhart, Harry S. Baker, Tillamook; Fred C. Baker, Wilson.

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