

WANTS A SQUARE DEAL.

Governor of Oregon Discusses Railroad Matters In That State.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—In his message to the legislature submitted today, Governor Chamberlain, with great emphasis, urges the enactment of the law creating a state railway commission, clothed with ample powers.

The federal government has granted the railways within the jurisdiction of the state lands in amount not only sufficient to build the lines in operation, but to extend them across and through the central, eastern and southern portions of the state.

Rates, he charges, are not uniform and many of them are grievously unreasonable and unjust; a lack of proper equipment, both for freight and passenger business, exists; depot accommodations, switching and car facilities are inadequate and no effort seems to be making to rectify these evils.

The governor believes that the evils could be corrected by the creation of a railroad commission with ample powers, and he urgently recommends the passage of the necessary laws.

Kingston Destroyed By Earthquake.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Kingston, Jamaica, has been destroyed by an earthquake and there has been great loss of life, according to reports received here late this afternoon.

Kingston is the capital and principal city of the island of Jamaica, one of the British possessions in the West Indies. The city has a population of more than 50,000, and four miles from the city is the naval station of Port Royal, the British headquarters in the West Indies.

Jamaica lies about 90 miles due south of the province of Santiago, Cuba. It is an island, 144 miles in length from east to west, and from 2 1/2 to 49 miles in width.

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other, and we would still do the business. With such a line as we are building a train crew of five men can take along at a speed of fifteen miles an hour 800 tons of merchandise.

A. W. Doniand, manager of the Spokane Drug company, a wholesale firm, was a leading witness for the city. He testified that in 1892, General Agent St. John, of the Great Northern, gave out a memorandum of a new freight schedule prepared by that road, showing reductions of 15 per cent. to 35 per cent. in class rates from the east to Spokane.

Fuel Famine In Seattle.

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—Seattle suffered severely yesterday from the cold spell. In many homes furniture was broken up for fuel and old antiques which have been saved up from grandmothers' days went under the ax.

The charitable societies had many requests for aid which they were unable to grant, as they, like the general public, were unable to purchase the coal or wood which every one so eagerly sought.

A public mass meeting held in the afternoon to suggest means of relieving the fuel shortage took action, calling on the Pacific Coast company, the largest operator of coal mines in this section, to increase the output of its mines by putting on additional men, paying a bonus if necessary, the added cost to be borne by the consumer.

Citizens of Fremont, a northern suburb of Seattle, raided a carload of coal intended for use in the school buildings of the North End, and in two hours every pound of the thirty tons had been carried away.

Saturday a carload of coal arrived, consigned to Reuben W. Jones, secretary of the school board. The citizens of Fremont took charge of the car, teams were pressed into service, and the fuel distributed among the householders. There was no violence.

Want Revenue From Lands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A plan has been devised by Congressman Scott, of Kansas, which he hopes to see incorporated in the agricultural appropriation bill, to make the public grazing lands of the west revenue producers for the government.

In the past they have been the source of endless expense. The scheme is to place all such lands under the control of the forestry bureau and authorize the leasing of them to cattlemen under regulations issued by the bureau, as is proposed to be done with coal lands.

It is claimed that the grazing lands can be made even greater revenue producers, and at the same time check fraud. Under the old system the government has spent thousands of dollars annually fighting cattlemen who used the grazing lands for their cattle.

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Annual Statement of Chouteau County, Mont., For the Fiscal Year Ending Nov. 30, 1906.

Office of the County Clerk, Chouteau County, Mont., Fort Benton, December 28, 1906. To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners: GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to the requirements of Section 4294 of the Political Code of Montana, I herewith submit the annual financial statement of Chouteau County for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1906:

EXHIBIT OF FINANCES.

Table with columns: STATE, RECEIPTS, GENERAL FUND, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Receipts from licenses.

Table with columns: STOCK INDEMNITY FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes.

Table with columns: STOCK INSPECTOR AND DETECTIVE FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes.

Table with columns: SHEEP INSPECTOR AND IND. FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes.

Table with columns: STOCK BOUNTY FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes.

Table with columns: FISH AND GAME WARDEN FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes.

Table with columns: COUNTY, RECEIPTS, GENERAL FUND, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: CONTINGENT FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: BRIDGE FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: POOR FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: ROAD FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: BOND FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: SCHOOL FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Warrants paid.

Table with columns: TOWNS, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Paid town treasurer.

Table with columns: TOWN OF HAVRE, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Paid town treasurer.

Table with columns: TOWN OF CHINOOK, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Receipts from taxes, Paid town treasurer.

Table with columns: ESTATES, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Balance Dec. 1, 1905, Miscellaneous receipts, Orders paid.

Table with columns: Recapitulation of Finances, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Summary of all funds.

CASH BALANCES.

Table showing cash balances for State funds, County funds, School funds, and Town funds. Includes items like General state fund, Stock indemnity fund, General fund, etc.

WARRANT STATEMENT.

Table showing warrant statements for General Fund, Contingent Fund, and Poor Fund. Includes items like Warrants outstanding, Warrants paid during year.

Table showing warrant statements for Bridge Fund and Road Fund. Includes items like Warrants outstanding, Warrants paid during year.

Table showing warrant statements for Bond Fund. Includes items like Warrants outstanding, Warrants paid during year.

Table showing warrant statements for School Fund. Includes items like Warrants outstanding, Warrants paid during year.

Table showing warrant statements for Bonds outstanding. Includes items like Bonds outstanding Dec. 1, 1905, Bonds outstanding Dec. 1, 1906.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Table showing statement of indebtedness for Dec. 1, 1905 and Dec. 1, 1906. Includes items like Net indebtedness, Decrease of indebtedness during year.

ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Table showing assessment roll for amount of property assessed for 1906. Includes items like Personal property, Real property, Railroad property.

RATE OF TAXATION, 1906.

Table showing rate of taxation for 1906. Includes items like For state purposes, State, Stock indemnity, Stock insp. and det., etc.

LIST OF COUNTY PROPERTY.

Table showing list of county property. Includes items like Court house and fixtures, County jail at Fort Benton, County jail at Chinook, County bridges.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Table showing uncollected taxes for 1906, 1905, and 1904. Includes items like Taxes uncollected for 1906, Taxes uncollected for 1905, Taxes uncollected for 1904.

Desert Land-Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 10, 1907. Notice is hereby given that JAMES CONLEY, of Conley, Chouteau county, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 457, commencing one-quarter of a mile south of the southwest corner of the southeast forty of section 21, township 25 north, range 13 east, to stake No. 1, thence south along the east bank of the Missouri river 200 rods to stake No. 2, thence east 80 rods to stake No. 3, thence north 200 rods to stake No. 4, thence west 80 rods to place of beginning, 130 acres, before Edgar B. Newhall, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Big Sandy, Montana, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1907.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 10, 1907. Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM J. ROWE, of Fort Benton, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final "commutation" proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 670, made July 25, 1903, for the lot 8, section 21, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, and lots 1, 6, 7 and 9, section 24, range 10 east, and SW 1/4 SW 1/4, section 34, township 21 north, range 10 east, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Tuesday, February 19, 1907.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 10, 1907. Notice is hereby given that BENJAMIN H. MANDVILLE, LEON POSTILL, JOHN POSTILL, WILLIAM CECIL, all of Fort Benton, Montana, J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

THE ENTERPRISE RESTAURANT.

LEE GEE & BRO. Proprietors. Front Street - Fort Benton

HIRAM F. SMITH. Cattle branded on right ribs. Horses same brand on right shoulder. Vent for cattle and horses, same brand on right hip.

GEORGE L. OVERFIELD. Cattle brand as shown on cut; also 1 on left hip only; RC and R-C on the right ribs. Increased brand on left ribs or thigh from fall of 1894. Ear mark, over-lope in left and split in right.

MILNER CATTLE CO. M. E. MILNER, Pres. and Manager, Fort Benton, Montana. Main brand as shown in the accompanying cut. Also own all cattle bearing the single "square", brand, and all rebranded cattle bearing only cross P.

MILNER CATTLE CO. M. E. MILNER, Pres. and Manager, Fort Benton, Montana. Also own brand on right hip called "square 2." Horse brand on left thigh. Range from Bear Paw mountains eastward to Fort Peck and Missouri rivers. Also south of the Missouri river, between Arrow creek and Bell creek, Bonkita range.

For Sale or Exchange. Fifty-two copies of the WEEKLY RIVER PRESS for \$2.00 spot cash, or its equivalent in bankable paper. Goods will be delivered in regular weekly installments during the twelve months following receipt of remittance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address: THE RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton, Mont.