

# NORTHWEST STATES

## WASHINGTON, IDAHO, OREGON AND MONTANA NEWS.

**A Few Interesting Items Gathered From Our Exchanges of the Surrounding Country—Numerous Accidents and Personal Events Take Place—Fall Trade Is Good.**

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

The school for the feeble minded at Medical Lake has 124 attendants. Samuel McCauley has been appointed regular rural carrier at Dayton. The embargo on through eastbound dead freight, in effect west of Whitefish, Mont., since January 2, will be lifted March 18. Victor Dessert, owner of the Pacific hotel and a pioneer resident of Spokane, died recently. His fortune was rated at \$750,000.

The funeral of H. G. Stimmel, who died in Seattle, was held Sunday afternoon at Spokane, where he had made his home for 23 years.

A cooperative store, with a capital stock of \$25,000, fully subscribed, is to conduct a general merchandise business in Harrington.

A number of schoolgirls in Walla Walla, ranging in age from 10 to 15 years, have been stealing small articles from the different stores in town.

John H. English, aged 85 years, who lived south of Palouse, was found dead recently at the foot of a bluff along the Palouse river just east of the city limits.

The case against a Tacoma skating rink proprietor who kept his place open on Sunday has been dismissed. The court held the prosecution had failed to make a case.

The February report from Medical Lake hospital for the insane shows an average attendance of 526 patients with 16 new ones, six discharged and two deaths.

It now appears that Washington will be divided into three congressional districts, one east of the mountains and two west. Klickitat will be in the Pierce county district.

Roy N. Wolfe, who was selected last December as the champion debater of Whitman college, will be given the debate trophy, awarded by the graduating class of last year for the best debater.

The 12 year old son of Mr. Snead of Garfield, while out hunting squirrels recently with a younger brother and a neighbor's son named Davis, was accidentally shot dead by the Davis boy.

County officers at Bellingham are having trouble with negro laborers imported by J. J. Hill to replace Japs on the Great Northern. The negroes have been quarantined, but refuse to remain in the camps.

Mrs. Jane Anderson, the oldest woman in the state of Washington and perhaps on the Pacific coast, died last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, in Bellingham. She was 101 years old.

The body of a woman was found on the ice in the Mohawk river near Schenectady, N. Y., recently. She had jumped from a passenger train. Her ticket bore the name of Mrs. Maria Becker, of Chehalis, Wash.

Efforts are being made by the friends of Herman Lown of Edmonds, Wash., to secure for the young hero a Carnegie medal. Young Lown saved four girls from drowning last Sunday after a boat in which they were rowing had capsized, himself receiving serious injuries.

"Mother" Smith of Portland, known over the northwest for her work in trying to reform the criminal element, visited the Walla Walla jail and penitentiary and preached to the prisoners recently. She travels without money, and says that God always provides for her wants.

It is reported there is a scarcity of farm laborers throughout the Palouse country and wages have been advanced. Farmers are paying \$1 to \$1.50 per day and board for common farm work, and some are offering 35 per month and board for steady work, with regular harvest wages during harvest.

Former Railroad Commissioner John S. McMillin of Roche Harbor, who was forced to resign by the joint legislative committee on railroads, has returned to the State of Washington the \$2000 the legislature said he did not earn last year when he was giving all his time to the defense of a suit against the majority of stockholders in a private enterprise at Roche Harbor.

The annual bank of the G. A. R. post and Woman's Relief corps at Pullman last week was one of the big events of the season.

### MONTANA ITEMS.

Patrick Jennings, one of the well known saloon men of Butte, was arrested by United States Marshal Sanders on a complaint from Seattle charging him with counterfeiting.

More than \$2000 worth of platinum was taken from the assay offices of the Anaconda and Boston & Montana companies in Butte last week. The robbers were evidently well acquainted with the premises. There is no clue to the thieves.

Charles H. Clark, manager of the Butte Miner, died suddenly last Friday. Mr. Clark was found dead in bed, presumably of heart failure. He was 38 years of age and unmarried. He was not a relative of Senator W. A. Clark, the owner of the Miner.

The committee of the miners' union at Butte, and John D. Ryan, represent-

ing the Amalgamated Copper company, have reached an agreement at which it was decided to adopt a sliding scale for wages, the wages depending upon the price of copper.

The letter carriers of Butte, who resigned in a body because of the small compensation paid by the government, now desire to remain in the service in view of the legislation providing for graded increases for postoffice employees they would withdraw their resignations.

Governor Toole has appointed E. C. Day, a Helena attorney, as code commissioner to revise the codes of Montana. The governor has signed a bill that will make the newspapers take notice. It prohibits the printing of improper, obscene or otherwise objectionable advertisements and fixes heavy penalties for violation.

The demand of the teamsters for an increase of 50 cents per day, making the scale \$3.50 for eight hours, having been refused by the Kelger lumber companies and the mines are out on strike at Butte. This will seriously affect all of the mines. About 300 men will walk out.

The typographical union has submitted to the publishers of the Butte newspapers a proposition to return its men to work at the new scale of \$6 per day, the matter of wages to be decided by arbitration, the publishers having refused to pay more than \$5.50 per day. The publishers have the matter under consideration and it is probable that publication will be resumed during the week.

### IDAHO NEWS.

The big Humbird sawmill at Sandpoint was destroyed by fire Friday night at a loss of about \$155,000. Insurance, \$100,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. The mill is to be rebuilt immediately.

A body was discovered recently floating in the Snake river opposite the mouth of Goose creek. It is thought to be the body of James Fuller, who was drowned the 20 of last December.

M. E. Adams, a farmer living near Cara, died last week from injuries received from a tree falling upon him. Guy Flenner, a newspaper man of Boise, will go to Washington with Senator Borah as private secretary.

One safe was blown at Kendrick and an attempt was made to get two others but the robbers were frightened away. At Lauterbach's grocery they cracked the safe and blew it to pieces, doing considerable damage to the building. They got the money drawer and carried it away, but missed several hundred dollars which was in the bottom of the safe. There is no clew.

A recent shooting accident in Mullan resulted in Louis Estinora, a violin player, receiving a bullet through the fleshy part of both thighs. A revolver fell from the pocket of another man's overcoat in the Star dance hall and on striking the floor exploded.

Postmaster Chapman of Lewiston has moved into his new quarters. They are in the Mounce building, on upper Main street, about half way to the county courthouse, and much closer to where the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific roads will have their joint depots.

C. F. Hammond of Minneapolis, Minn., father of Philip M. J. Hammond, the young O. R. & N. engineer, who was drowned two weeks ago while attempting to cross the Clearwater river in a rowboat, has given up all hope of finding the body of his boy at this time.

There is excellent trout fishing now along the banks of the Clearwater river. The fish are biting unusually fast for this time of the year, with the river as high as it is.

Attorneys for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, Western Federation of Miners leaders, accused of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg are in Boise and matters are beginning to shape up respecting the forthcoming trials. The prisoners were taken to Caldwell Tuesday. The understanding is that April 15 is likely to be the date for the trials to begin. There is an understanding, or partial understanding, between the attorneys that that day shall be the time if it is satisfactory to the court.

### OREGON SQUIBBS.

Baker county will have a horse show in Baker City March 30. Fire Sunday destroyed the garage of B. Becker at Portland, containing seven automobiles. The loss was \$15,000. The careless dropping of a match is believed to be the cause.

H. A. Rycraft is under arrest at Pendleton for accepting the earnings of women. He is a well known gambler and at one time was wealthy. He is now in jail pending a hearing.

The striking sawmill men's union in Portland has completed the tieup of all the mills and box factories in the city proper. The millowners have made no efforts to break the strike.

The Elks' lodge of Pendleton, No. 288, has purchased the handsome residence of Dr. W. G. Cole, paying about \$10,000 for the property. The house is large, with commodious rooms, and will make an ideal home for the Elks.

William Bloss, an aged German, has confessed to having killed his companion, Philander Lemmon, near Roseburg in a cabin which both occupied, a quarrel originating in Lemmon's having snored loudly and disturbed Bloss' rest. Bloss has the reputation of being quarrelsome.

Governor Hughes of New York has made requisition on the governor of Oregon for the return of Herman von Cleff, under arrest in Portland, charged with grand larceny, it being alleged that while employed by the firm of Journey & Burnham of Brooklyn as cashier a deficiency of \$3000 was found in his accounts.

# GRAND NAVAL SHOW

## WORLD'S FINEST WARSHIPS AT JAMESTOWN EXPO.

Great Ironclads of Atlantic Fleet Will Be Commanded by Admiral Bob Evans—Most All Important Foreign Countries Will Send Over Fighters of the Cruiser Class.

In addition to the great ironclads of the Atlantic fleet, commanded by Admiral Evans, the naval display at the Jamestown exposition will include some of the finest vessels of foreign navies. These are mostly of the cruiser class, but as the armored vessels of this type are equal to battleships in size and scarcely less formidable in appearance, they will make an attractive showing. The navy department has been advised up to date of the coming of the following ships:

Great Britain—The armored cruisers Good Hope (flagship), Argyle, Mapstead and Roxburgh, under command of Admiral Neville.

France—Armored cruisers Kleber and Victor Hugo and another cruiser to take the place of the Jean Bart, recently wrecked off the African coast, commanded by Rear Admiral Thierry.

Japan—The cruiser Tsukuga and Chitose, under command of Vice Admiral Ijima.

Portugal—One cruiser, probably the Don Carlos.

Austria—The armored Cruiser Charles VI. and another cruiser.

Italy—One armored cruiser and one protected cruiser.

Sweden—One warship, not yet named.

Brazil—One to three warships, not yet named.

Argentina—One to three warships, not yet named.

Chile—The cruiser Zenteno.

Belgium will send a military delegation and China a military and naval delegation.

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Appropriations Made by the State of Washington Legislature.

The State of Washington appropriations segregated by totals follow:

Governor's office, \$31,900; lieutenant governor, \$24,200; secretary of state, \$35,280; treasurer, \$12,000; board of control, \$30,700; auditor, \$15,970; superintendent of public instruction, \$22,500; state grain inspector, \$40,000; labor commissioner, \$25,600; mine inspector, \$6500; fish commissioner, \$156,200; railroad commissioners, \$78,000; superior courts, \$104,250; land commissioner, \$93,500; fire warden, \$25,000; supreme court, \$78,620; dairy and food commissioner, \$17,206; state law librarian, \$15,100; state librarian, \$13,500; horticultural commissioner, \$9650 board of health, \$11,500; board of equalization, \$400; miscellaneous, \$342,959; tax commissioner, \$42,000; veterinarian, \$7500; oil inspector, \$15,400; highway commissioner, \$15,500; military fund, \$98,000; western Washington asylum, \$336,912; improvements, \$56,000; eastern Washington asylum, \$188,887; improvements, \$23,700; reform school, \$89,125; school for deaf and blind, \$78,650; institution for feeble minded, \$65,700; penitentiary, \$421,920; soldiers' home, \$85,000; state college, \$223,754; university, \$404,000; Ellensburg normal, \$57,000; Bellingham normal, \$88,820; Cheney normal, \$55,000; state fair, \$15,000.

The following repair and improvement funds are allotted: Reform school, \$92,700; school for deaf and blind, \$33,700; school for feeble minded, \$2000; penitentiary, \$173,500; soldiers' home, \$39,700; state college, \$322,000; Ellensburg normal, \$85,000; Bellingham normal, \$68,200; Cheney normal, \$75,000; state fair, \$15,000.

The omnibus appropriation bill in the legislature of the state of Washington carries \$4,425,104. Army bill carries approximately \$200,000, state roads get nearly \$200,000, Seattle fair gets \$1,000,000, legislators use up \$81,000, for state reformatory, \$30,000, Governor's mansion, \$95,000, other bills, probably \$30,000, making a grand total of \$6,001,104.

Amended so as to apply to the approaching municipal election in Spokane, the house has passed the compromise direct primary bill, has been passed by the senate and the bill now awaits the signature of the governor.

The districting bill dividing the state along geographical lines, as promised by both parties in the last campaign has been passed by both houses and now goes to Governor Mead for his signature. At the next congressional election congressmen from Washington will be elected by districts instead of at large, as in the past.

The bill as passed divides the state as follows: First district—Island, San Juan, King, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom and Kitsap counties.

Second district—Chehalis, Clallam, Clarke, Cowlitz, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties.

Third district—Amams, Asotin, Ben ton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima counties.

### German Steamers Go Down.

The German steamers, the Wernern and the Joergensen, founded in a North sea gale recently. All hands, 34 men, were drowned.

# FOUR WERE BURNED TO DEATH.

## Brooklyn Reports Two Fires With Fatalities.

Four persons were burned to death in Brooklyn Sunday, three in a tenement fire on Bushwick avenue, and a woman in her home. One man was fatally hurt in the tenement fire. The dead: Ida Bingalli, Mary Bingalli, Brigette Bingalli, Mrs. Annie Tischler. The injured: Peter Banattro.

When the firemen arrived there were more than 30 persons crowded in the front windows. Ladders were quickly raised and firemen carried all to the street with the exception of Mrs. Bingalli and her two children and Banattro.

# EIGHTY LIVES LOST ON BATTLESHIP

Toulon, March 13.—The powder magazines on board the French battleship Iena blew up at 1:35 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and as a result Captain Adigard, commander of the battleship, Captain Vertier, chief of staff of the Mediterranean squadron, and from 70 to 80 bluejackets are dead, while Rear Admiral Manceron and hundreds of men are suffering from injuries.

Naval circles are aghast and the public is stunned by the appalling catastrophe, coming so soon after the loss of the French submarine boat Lutin, in which 16 men met death.

The entire aft part of the Iena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions and panic stricken workmen at the arsenal fled for their lives from the vicinity of the drydock.

Scores on board the Iena jumped overboard on the ston quays and sustained serious injuries. The primary cause of the accident was the explosion of a torpedo. What caused the explosion is not known, but the powder magazines of the Iena were set on fire and the resulting explosions practically destroyed what was considered one of the best vessels in the French navy.

The Iena was lying at the arsenal dock in the harbor. Inspection of machinery and the magazine had been ordered and while the officers were making the rounds a frightful explosion occurred, followed by another in quick succession. The great plates of the vessel were torn asunder and fragments of armor, decks, superstructures and small boats, mingled with mangled bodies, were hurled high in the air.

Wild scenes on deck followed the shocks. Scores of men jumped into the harbor and many were drowned. So fierce were the flames which burst out in all directions from the stricken ship that telegraph and telephone wires about the arsenal dock to which the vessel was moored were fused. Scores of bodies of victims were incinerated.

The Iena was scheduled to sail in 48 hours. All her fires were out pending inspection and the party had just descended below decks when a defective torpedo let go, followed by the main magazine, containing other explosives.

While a score of persons on the dock were watching the disaster, a shell aboard the vessel exploded. Many watchers were injured.

These on the wharf were forced to helplessly stand by and see dozens, injured and unable to draw themselves off the ship, roasted alive, their moans and cries rising above the crackling flames. The Iena is probably a total loss.

She had a crew of 600, but only 400 were aboard. Scarcely one of these, however, escaped death or injury.

The Iena was built in 1898. She was a formidable looking ship, 400 feet long, 27 feet wide and 57 feet deep, built along the most improved Charlemagne type. There was no wood in her construction. Admiral Manceron is among the injured.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Sallia Hagarty, who came to Walla Walla thirty years ago, died recently at the age of 90 years.

Admiral Nelson Owens, an early pioneer in the Walla Walla country died last Monday at the age of 97 years. Mr. Owens was born at Middleton, N. Y.

J. Pierpont Morgan of New York was in conference with President Roosevelt recently. The financier called at the request of certain business men of New York to discuss the business situation, particularly as affecting the railroads. He asked the president to grant an interview to four railroad presidents, which request was granted.

The object of Mr. Morgan's visit was to urge the president to take some action to alay the distrust which now threatens to restrict railroad construction and improvement.

Fifteen persons were crushed in Los Angeles, last Tuesday night when a freight engine crashed into a street car at a crossing near Asot Park. Two of the injured, Motorman Graheek and Benjamin Head, both residents of Los Angeles, will probably die. The engine struck the car in the center.

### Paris Again Lighted.

The strike of electricians of Paris, which threw the city into obscurity for the best part of two nights recently, has come to an end as abruptly as it began. Through the intermediary of M. De Selves, prefect of the Seine, the electrical companies have conceded the principal demands of the workmen in the matter of pensions and agree that they shall be placed on the footing of the men employed by the city as regards hours and wages. The strikers will go back to work.

# FOREST RESERVES

## INSPECTOR PINCHOT EXPLAINS WHY NEW ONES WERE MADE

President Created Reserves to Protect the Forest Against Timber Barons—Miners and Settlers, Whose Lands Are Included Within These Reserves, Do Not Lose Privileges.

Such wrath as that manifested by the senators and representatives who opposed the administration's land law reform policy when they learned of the president's action in proclaiming additional forest reserves seldom was witnessed. There were expressions of intention to begin the land law fight immediately on the reassembling of the congress in December.

The new reserves were created Monday, March 4, and the following day representatives were asked to meet a number of other western representatives in the office of Chief Inspector Pinchot and hear his side of the controversy, which he thought should go to the people, after all the adverse criticisms which have been offered by members of the congress. Mr. Pinchot said:

"Had not the president created these additional reserves, a long time would have elapsed before the reassembling of the congress, during which the timber syndicates would have as heretofore continued to gobble the public timber lands, and most people know that that has gone to a point at which the lumber industry of the west has passed into the hands of a virtual trust in timber.

"Again, the forestry bureau purposes to protect the small live stock owner from the aggressions of the wealthy stockmen, and as in the past to see that the settler has his rights conserved. Most people believe that miners and settlers whose lands are included within these reserves are losing their privileges. On the contrary, every privately owned tract remains exactly as it was before the reserve was created.

"Roads will be built within the reserves, and in every manner possible the bureau will assist in the development of the western country.

"Remember, that deplorable conditions have obtained in many respects in the west, where large bodies of the public domain have passed into the possession of greedy syndicates. We want to prevent these things from being possible, and shall administer the affairs of the bureau so as to bring that to pass.

"Washington reserves created by the March 4 proclamation were:

### Washington Reserves.

"Colville, 857,000 acres; Washington, additional, 2,275,000 acres; Mt. Rainier, additional, 730,000 acres; Olympic, additional, 119,000 acres; Priest river, additional, 310,000 acres; total, 4,291,000 acres.

### Oregon Reserves.

"For Oregon, Tillamook, 165,000 acres; Umpqua, 802,000 acres; Coquille, 140,000 acres; Imnaha, 783,000 acres; Siskiyou, additional, 446,000 acres; Blue mountains, eastern Oregon, additional, 977,000 acres; Cascade, additional, 514,000 acres; Ashland, additional, 154,000 acres; Wena, additional, 71,000 acres; total, 4,052,000 acres.

### Idaho Reserves.

"For Idaho, Palouse, 182,000 acres; Port Neuf, 620,000 acres; Big Hole, additional, 250,960 acres; Weiser, additional, 56,000 acres; Yellowstone, partly in Montana and Wyoming, 348,000 acres; total, 966,960 acres.

### Montana Reserves.

"For Montana, Cabinet, 1,809,000 acres; Otter, 620,000 acres; Lewis and Clark, additional, 877,000 acres; Little Rockies, additional, 132,640 acres; Big Belt, additional, 11,500 acres; total, 3,350,140 acres.

### Colorado Reserves.

"For Colorado, 3,022,720 acres; Wyoming, 135,900 acres; grand total, 15,582,820 acres for the six states.

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### IRROQUOIS THEATER CASE ENDS

Federal Judge Holds Chicago Ordinance Void.

Danville, Ill.—In the trial here of Will J. Davis, charged with manslaughter owing to the Iroquois theater fire at Chicago, in which nearly 600 lives were lost in 1903, Judge Kimbrough held that part of the Chicago ordinance on which Davis was indicted is void. The decision ends the case.

Following his decision the court directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which was done, and the court directed the sheriff to release the defendant.

### Japanese Agreement.

San Francisco—Mayor Schmitz made public the agreement entered into between the president, Secretary Root, Schmitz and the board of education on the Japanese question.

The president promised to secure legislation looking to complete exclusion of all skilled and unskilled Japanese laborers and the exclusion of all skilled and unskilled American laborers from Japan if powers conferred on the president by the amended immigration bill failed of its purpose. In return for this the mayor and board of education agreed to withdraw the segregation order and substitute therefor an order excluding Japanese pupils of from 9 to 17 years of ages from grades 1 to 8, respectively, and the enforced educational test.

### Stockton's Big Fire.

Stockton, Cal.—An immense warehouse fronting on Stockton channel, which was filled with carpets, linoleums and upholstered furniture, owned by D. N. and E. Walters of San Francisco, was destroyed recently by fire. Loss, \$400,000.

# FORTUNES IN PETROLEUM.

## For 1904 Nation's Output Reached \$175,005,320.

According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau on petroleum refining in the United States for the calendar year 1904, there were 104 petroleum refineries in operation. Their total capital was \$136,280,541; they employed 16,770 wage earners, paid in wages \$9,989,367; used materials costing \$139,387,218, and manufactured products to the value of \$175,005,320. The principal products, together with the value of each, follows:

Burning oils, including different grades of both illuminating and fuel oils, \$100,571,825; residuum, \$3,138,361; paraffine oils, \$6,210,279; paraffine wax, \$10,007,274; reduced oils, \$16,794,789; naphtha and gasoline, \$21,314,837; neutral filtered oils, \$1,942,158, and all other products, \$15,025,802.

The total volume of refined products for which quantities were reported in 1905 was 50,650,498 barrels of 50 United States gallons each. This includes 34,344,522 barrels of burning oils and 5,811,259 barrels of naphtha and gasoline.

The various classes of products show substantial increases in value between 1900 and 1905, except neutral filtered oils, which decreased 13.9 per cent. Crude petroleum produced in the United States in 1904 aggregated 117,063,421 barrels, of which 2,647,060 barrels were reported and 66,982,862 barrels used by refineries in this country.

### SPORTING NOTES.

Joe Gans and Battling Nelson are reported to have signed up for a fight at Ely, Nevada, for \$30,000, under the auspices of "Texas" Rickard.

Andy Bezenah recently got a decision at Hot Springs from young Kid Farmer. The latter failed to respond in the 10th round.

At Toledo recently Johnny Bileter won two straight fights from Walter Morrison, English champion wrestler. The match was for the lightweight catch as catch can championship.

E. D. Dugdale of the Seattle baseball club in the Northwestern league, has signed Hugh Kellackey for first base.

Alderman Andrew T. Stahl of Denver was elected president of the Western Bowling congress at the annual meeting in Denver this week.

The S. A. A. C. will have a baseball team this season and will set about at once to arrange games with the Seattle and Multnomah Athletic clubs. Charles Crowther has been asked to retain the management of the team and Jimmy Toole will retain the captaincy.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

It is said the postoffice department does not intend to draw the color line in the matter of white and negro mail clerks working together on the same runs.

Judges Gilbert, Ross and Hunt of the United States circuit court of appeals, have upheld the United States district court of Oregon in the cases of ex-Congressman Williamson, Marion Biggs and Van Gesner, convicted of land frauds.

Fifteen men lost their lives in the treacherous Pit river near Redding, Cal., recently. The men were Greeks, employed on the construction crews of the Sacramento Valley & Eastern railway, building from the Delmar copper smelter to the new station of Bonita on the Southern Pacific, three miles above Kennet. They all assembled on one end of the ferry boat and it capsized.

Governor Mead has appointed J. W. Sheppard of Walla Walla, J. A. Torney of Spokane, Thomas Stiger of Everett and P. A. Williams of Aberdeen members of the state board of education for a term of two years. He also appointed Dr. W. A. Fishburn of Ellensburg a member of the state board of dental examiners for a term of two years, succeeding himself.

President Roosevelt has signed an order restoring to the public domain approximately 80,000,000 acres of land recently withdrawn as coal lands.

### GARFIELD MAY COME WEST.

Pinchot Also May Journey to See the Forest Reserves.

Governor Mead of Washington has made public a letter received from President Roosevelt, which says that Secretary Garfield of the interior department, Chief Forester Pinchot and Judge Ballinger, commissioner of the land office, are to inspect some of the forest reserves of this state during the coming summer, especially the Olympia forest reserve. The president promises that if it appears that any of the reserves that have been made, whether recently or of old date, include agricultural land, that land will be restored to entry.

### Navy Wage Scale Is Raised.

The secretary of the navy has approved the recommendation of the navy wage boards in the case of the Mare Island navy yard and the Puget Sound naval station. The result is a considerable increase of the pay of mechanics and laborers, based on the fact that the vast amount of reconstruction work at San Francisco incident to the rebuilding of that city has caused a considerable increase in wages generally.

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