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WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and
Tomorrow fair and warmer

THE TRAINS
No 2 East bound 9:10 p m on time
No 5 West " 8:5 p m on time

MAY ADD NEW TERRORS

Prohibition of Aerial Torpedo Expires--Will Russia or Japan Use Them.

London, July 29.—The prohibition imposed by The Hague conference upon the discharge of aerial torpedoes from balloons or flying machines will expire by limitation tomorrow. English military and naval experts are now speculating on the possibility of either of the belligerents in the far east embracing the opportunity to add new terrors to the warfare in Manchuria. It is known that both the belligerents and the besieged at Port Arthur are supplied with observation balloons which might easily be converted into engines of deadly destruction.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the powers represented at the Hague conference, through their military delegates, managed to reach an agreement upon rules governing war, and this particular section was bitterly fought over, although it is one of the few which the British and United States governments accepted without reservation. To make easier the reaching of an agreement as to the use of aerial warships, it was determined that the rule should be tried for a period of five years, and it is this period which expires tomorrow and leaves the fighting nations free to use aerial torpedoes, flying machines and dirigible balloons without violation of the rules of war.

BITE OF WOOD-TICK USUALLY FATAL

The wood tick that lives upon the body of a gopher is said to carry the microbe of a disease known as "spotted fever" into the human body, and as 90 per cent of the "spotted fever" cases prove fatal to the human family there has been a determined effort on the part of medical men to classify the disease and find an antidote for it. The investigation has been carried to an advanced stage by the Oregon state board of health, and Dr. Matson, the

bacteriologist, has satisfied himself that the disease is actually transmitted to man through the bite of the gopher tick. The investigation first started in Idaho, where the bite of the tick is particularly fatal. Its victims were chiefly sheep herders and prospectors. The disease attacked man in much the same manner as spinal meningitis, and an eruption under the skin followed its course. It was for a long time thought to be caused by drinking snow water, but now is attributed to one of the animal microbes. The fever made an annual visitation to Harny county, and the Baker City country and usually prevails during June, July and August. It is not usually fatal here, as it is about Bitter Root valley, Idaho, although in both places the gopher is very plentiful and his blood is found to be swarming with the microbes. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, secretary of the state board of health, had a guinea pig inoculated with blood from an afflicted man at Hood River, and the little animal died within 48 hours. The doctors are now seeking an anti-toxin that will destroy the effects of the tick bite.

Wires Condolences

Paris, July 29.—President Loubet on the receipt of the news of von Plehve's death telegraphed the czar an expression of his personal condolences and the general horror of France over the crime. Foreign Minister Delcasse called on the Russian embassy and had a private interview with the Russian ambassador.

WORK FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY

In every part of the country there is work for the humane society and lovers of humanity to do. If justice were meted out to those who mistreat dumb animals in their keeping, the cruelty daily practiced would to an extent be abolished. A case which is constantly before the eyes of travelers over the Prineville Shanks stage line is that of old Billy, a poor old horse who is pressed into service between Willow creek and Heister station. Billy is said to be over twenty years old and from his gaunt looks, sunken eye, and dejected appearance might be forty. He has served his time, being used as a beast of burden for almost a score of years, and in the opinion of passengers over the line should be retired on a pension. But instead is compelled to gallop over hill and dale, though he can scarcely keep up. He is the subject of sympathy from all but his owner, who apparently has no respect for age.—Dallas Chronicle.

Read this paper and The Weekly

WEATHER FOR A WEEK

Has Been Unusually Warm and Dry, which was Favorable for Harvest Work.

The weather during the week has been unusually warm and dry, which was favorable for harvest work, but it caused the grain to fill and ripen a little too fast. Fall wheat west of the Cascades has mostly been cut and shocked, and east of the Cascades its harvest is progressing rapidly. But little thrashing has yet been done in the Willamette valley. In the Columbia River valley and in Southern Oregon the yields are generally reported to be better than expected. Early sown spring wheat and oats were greatly improved by the rains of last week and they promise from fair to good returns. Late sown spring wheat and oats are thin, heading short, and generally so poor that they are being cut for hay.

Feed on the ranges continues better than usual, but in the Willamette valley pasturage is getting short and stock is beginning to lose flesh. Where properly cultivated hops, gardens, corn potatoes and field onions are doing well, but they all, as well as pasturage would be greatly benefited by more rain. Some spraying has been done in the hop yards, but the hot weather killed most of the lice, and as a rule the yards are remarkably free from vermin. Apples continue to drop, but not to an alarming extent and an average or better than an average crop of apples is expected. Peaches and blackberries are plentiful and small apples and early pears are ripe.

Russia Explains Disaster

St. Petersburg, July 28.—Russians now declare that it was hunger, and not the Japanese, which forced them from their positions on the Yalu. The Yuzhnyy Rysyys publishes a dispatch from its war correspondent, in which the following passage occurs: "For eight days during and after the Yalu battle our men did not

eat bread. Instead, they were given flour, which they ate mixed with water and some even without water. In spite of this entire absence of proper food, the soldiers proved their amazing endurance by constructing heavy earth-works on their line of retreat."

Portland Post Office

Charles A. Brunkhard Assistant post master at Portland Oregon will be released by J. J. Shepley on Monday.

They Proved It

Although it was demonstrated more than 2000 years ago that the earth is globular in form, there are certain persons who maintain that it is flat. About 35 years ago a controversy on the subject was so hot that it was determined to put the matter to direct experiment in order to settle the question once for all.

The place chosen was near Bedford, England, where there is a straight six mile stretch of water. At both ends and in the middle of this water posts were erected, each of the same definite height above the water level. Upon looking with a telescope along the tops of these three posts it was clearly seen that the center one overtopped the others by about six feet, owing to the curvature of the surface of the earth.

B. B. B.

Rev. Silas Swallow, prohibition candidate for president, has coined an alliterative phrase, descriptive, as he asserts or intimates, of the politics and methods of the old parties. He calls upon the people to redeem the land from "bunko, boodle and booze."

21 More M D's

There are 21 new doctors in Portland, they having been passed last night at a meeting of the state board of medical examiners, which was held in the office of the secretary, Dr. Byron E. Miller. There were 27 applicants.

Dashed to Death

Portland July 29.—While riding a bicycle from which the chain had been removed, down a steep incline near Gresham yesterday afternoon, John Seasonson, 17 years old, lost control of the wheel and was thrown violently against a stump near the roadside, sustaining injuries from which he died a short time later.

Band Concert

The La Grande Cornet Band will play the following program this evening at 8 o'clock, on the corner of Adams Avenue and depot streets.
March "Fall in Line".....Rosey
Overture "Orion".....Loisy
Characteristic "Laughing Water"
Hager
Waltz "Forest Park".....Thomas
March "Mauri Male".....Blake
(No Kick Comin)
Prof. Hendricks Conductor

Something of Interest

I am nicely located in La Grande in the Photograph business and am prepared to do all kinds of photographic work at prices as low as the lowest and guaranteed as good as the best I am fully prepared to meet any competition, both in workmanship and prices. It will pay you to investigate this. Remember the place and look for the sign. W F Hendricks Photographs 1st door west of Foley Hotel

CORBETT AND O'BRIEN MATCHED

New York, July 28.—Corbett and Jack O'Brien are matched for a six round go at Philadelphia in September.

Acute Stage Has

London, July 28.—The acute stage of the influenza epidemic has passed and the disease is now in its convalescent stage.

ENGLAND MAKES THREATS

Warns Russia that a Repetition of Slight will be Followed by Reprisals.

London, July 29.—The London Daily Express states that it has excellent reasons for stating that the latest note sent by Great Britain to Russia is not couched in the usual diplomatic language but is instead a peremptory demand for immediate reparation for all slights placed upon the British flag by Russia.

It is also stated that Russia is warned that a repetition of the Knight Commander affair will be followed by immediate reprisals on the part of Great Britain.

WHITE GIRL WEDS A CHINK

Portland Ore., July 29.—Sing Lope, Chinaman, is the proprietor of a hop yard near Vancouver, Wash. Last year at the hop picking time, one of the prettiest girls who worked in his yard was Miss Emma Schrum of Mount Tabor, a suburb of Portland. He made love to her in his celestial way. Now they are man and wife. Her industry in picking hops first brought her to his notice.

The wedding of the white girl, who is 21 years old, and the celestial of 45 years ago, occurred at Vancouver a few days ago. It was performed in the presence of an attorney and a wealthy Chinese merchant of Portland. After the ceremony Sing gave a Chinese feast to his friends.

This was too much for Mrs Sing Lope, so she went back to her family for a week. But now she and her Chinese husband are working together in the hop yard where they first met.

Trouble At World's Fair

The Portland Journal gives out the following:

"An example of extortionate methods that sometimes creep into exposition management is seen at St. Louis in the excessive rates charged against state exhibits for transportation and handling at the fair grounds, according to a St. Louis paper. As the re-

sult of a meeting of state commissioners in the Oregon building at the St. Louis fair last week it was decided that if the obnoxious charges are not cancelled by the Louisiana exposition management the states will close their buildings and ship their exhibits home. To the humble citizen, who meekly goes to a big fair, just hardens his heart and stiffens his neck and expects to be bilked without remedy and stays till he is broke, then goes home and as a sorry compensation for his cash expended, brags about the good times he has had.

Rise in War Risks.

New York, July 27.—The local marine insurance companies report a sharp rise in war risk rates during the week as a direct result of the action of Russia in holding up British and German merchantmen at sea.

Plants Running At Kansas City

Kansas City, July 29.—The packers this morning withdrew their advertisements for help, claiming to be supplied. No further sympathy with the strikers is expected. Shippers have been advised that the market conditions will probably be normal from now on.

PREPARE TO FIGHT ST. PAUL

St. Paul, July 29.—The picket line was resumed this morning with some disorder. One striker was arrested.

MID SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

For the next thirty days we will offer all Summer Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

If you are in need of anything for Summer Wear it will be to your advantage to look over our stock before purchasing elsewhere. All wash goods on sale at one third off.

All wash shirt waists at a reduction of 25 per cent.

On Wrappers, Kimonos, and Dressing Sagues we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

The Chicago Store

A MENTION OF A FEW OF THE MANY REAL BARGAINS

Which you can find on our shelves, counters and tables during the closing days of our MONSTER JULY CLEARANCE SALE—Not bargain goods but high class goods of real merit and worth, at REAL BARGAIN PRICES. Don't wait, yesterday WAS, Tomorrow MAY BE, but today IS THE TIME to come and get them. They will not be here Next Year, next month and more than likely not tomorrow TODAY? Yes, come today.

Ladies Hats HALF PRICE

Ladies Shirt Waists, HALF PRICE

\$6 50 Shirt Waist Suits, now \$4 85

4 50 Shirt Waist Suits, now 3 60

22 50 Ladies Black Silk Coats, 16 50

12 50 Ladies Champaign Silk Coats, 8 98

7 50 Champaign Brilliantine Coats, 5 30

2 00 Silk waist patterns, 4 yards, 1 48

75c Crush Leather Belts, now 45c

30c Mens Underwear is now 19 cents

1 25 Mens Dress Shirts Reduced to 98c

75c-1 00 Mens Dress Shirts now 59 cents

25 and 35c Mens Straw Hats now at 16 cents.

1 50 and 1 75 Mens and boys Shoes now

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY