

WEATHER FORECAST
 Tonight and Tomorrow fair.

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

SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN

Secretary Hay Objects American Fuel And Cotton Being Used as Contraband

Washington, Aug. 9.—The recognition in principle of the treatment of coal and other fuel and raw cotton as absolutely contraband of war might ultimately lead to a total inhibition of the sale by neutrals to the people of belligerent states of all articles which could be finally converted to military uses. Such an extension of the principle by treating coal and other fuel and raw cotton as absolutely contraband of war simply because they are shipped by a neutral to a non-blockaded port of a belligerent would not appear to be in accord with the reasonable and lawful rights of a neutral commerce.

This is a summary of a declaration by Secretary Hay on the right of neutral nations during war. It was embodied in a circular to the American ambassadors in Europe, which was issued from the state department June 10 last, but for some reason was withheld from the public, although certain shippers who inquired at the department after their rights were supplied with copies. The circular is based on a declaration by the Russian government that coal, naphtha, alcohol and other fuel have been declared contraband.

Secretary Hay directs attention to the West African conference in 1894, when Russia took occasion to dissent vigorously from the inception of coal amongst articles contraband of war, and declared that she would categorically refuse her consent to any article in any treaty or instrument whatever which would imply its recognition as such.

Foley House Enlarged

J E Foley let the contract for a six-foot addition to the Foley House on the east, three stories high. Also extending the addition another story that was built three years ago, making the entire structure uniform. In addition to three business rooms on the lower floor the improvements will provide for 60 more rooms to the hotel. The

cost including the furnishing of the rooms will be in excess of \$20,000.

Plays Poker

The Portland Journal, a Democratic news paper, publishes an article clipped from the New York Herald, another democratic paper, stating that H G Davis, Democratic nominee for the vice presidency plays poker, at his home every night except Sunday, with his family and guests.

Portland Wheat

Portland Aug. 9.—Wheat—Shiping: Walls Walla, 71 at 72; bluestem, 75 at 76; valley 76.

GREAT STRIKE IN NEW YORK CITY

New York Aug. 9.—The Building Trades alliance, at a meeting this afternoon adopted resolutions providing for the repudiation of the general arbitration plan signed about one year ago by representatives of the Building Trades Employers' association and members of the Building Trades alliance.

In effect the resolution call for the complete denial on the part of the unions of any arbitration plan or any plan binding them to the employers. It was stated at the conclusion of the meeting that all the men on all of the big jobs in the city would strike tomorrow.

The number of men affected by the lockout is variously estimated at from 50,000 to 100,000. About half of these are skilled workmen.

REACHING FOR FOREIGN TRADE.

Washington Aug. 9.—The department of state has initiated measures whereby it is hoped to further improve our foreign trade by means of cooperation between the diplomatic and consular services.

The action of the department is tentative as yet and takes the form of an instruction from acting Secretary Loomis to the diplomatic officials calling for reports as to the feasibility of the plan. The instructions follow:

"I have the honor to request that you will cause to be prepared at your earliest convenience, for the information of this department, a memorandum upon the capabilities of the diplomatic service for the promotion of our trade interests in the country or

consular to which you are accredited. The department is prompted in making this inquiry by two considerations.

"First—That our embassies and legations, as shown by the frequent efforts to assist the spread of our trade intelligence among our people, would seem to need only a definite plan of action and proper instruments to become powerful auxiliaries in the great and constantly growing work of equipping our manufacturers and exporters for effective competition in the world's commerce.

Information Seeking.

Second—The limitation upon the consular service in its lack of diplomatic status, in obtaining official information at first hands. Such information can be secured by a consul of floor only through the cooperation of our diplomatic agents or by courtesy of an official of the country in which he is located.

"It will be apparent to you that if the United States is to gain and hold its proper place among the industrially competing nations in the world's market, nothing should be left to chance but that the machinery for collecting information as to business conditions in other countries should be made efficient and as safely systematic as the means will allow. It is believed that if the diplomatic service could be brought into cooperation with it, the United States would possess an instrument of trade expansion which it would be difficult to rival."

Finger Amputated.

About one month ago Mrs. F. M. Housh ran a small sliver into the index finger of her left hand. She paid no special attention at the time until several days later it began to pain her until finally she was compelled to call in a physician who gave relief and it was thought the finger would get well, but later blood-poisoning set in and became necessary to remove it yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Housh is resting easy today.

Pay Up.

The barbers through the state are being notified that they must pay their dues to the state barber board. During the time the courts were settling the constitutionality of the law payments were not forced, but now that the question has been settled they must pay up.

Read this paper and The Weekly

FRUIT MEN MEET

Not a Large Attendance But Much Interest was Manifested in Horticulture.

The meeting of the horticulturists last night at the Commercial Club was not well attended owing to the limited notice of only a few hours.

However those who were present were amply repaid by the remarks of Prof. S B Green, of the Minnesota agricultural college. He prefaced his talk by stating that he was simply visiting this section of the state during his vacation for his own personal benefit and was highly pleased with the results of his observations through the many orchards which he had visited Monday and was free to say that the culture of the apple and pear in this section had reached a rare degree of development.

He urged the necessity of the organization of the fruit growers, the results of which would assist them in the better exchange of ideas and also enable them to secure more stringent laws against the importation of diseased nursery stock and the enforcement of the present laws.

He also laid particular stress upon the idea of inculcating into the boys and girls the beauties and possibilities of agriculture. He admitted that was his hobby and during his sixteen years service as professor of the agricultural branch of his college which last year enrolled over 700 students in this department and the results of this line of effort of his state he realized the result of such teaching.

He told a story, as he called it, of the result of the interest taken in dairying and other agricultural pursuits in his state which took place a few months ago which certainly carried out the logical results of his hobby as he termed it. The meeting referred to was in McLeod county, over 2000 interested agriculturists being present. The city was decorated in yellow bunting, emblematic of choice butter. The governor of the state was present, also other state officials. The procession was headed by a Jersey cow on which was a silk banner containing the inscription "I raised the price of land in McLeod county from \$15 to \$100 per acre." The facts as related by Mr. Green are that during the period of wheat growing in that county that the chinch bug had destroyed the wheat crop for a term of successive years, that the farmers became so discouraged that the price of land fell to \$15 but under diversified farming during the past fifteen years the price had reached \$100 and better per acre. The creamery was the major factor in bringing this result.

Minnesota is a great dairy state, there being no less than 700 creameries and the majority of which are co-operative.

The point which Mr. Green wished to draw out and we call special attention to it for the same reason was the interest those Minnesota farmers took in what we are accustomed to call Farmer's Institutes. Think of it, the city was decorated for the occasion. There were 2000 farmers and their wives present. The governor of the state also. This all shows that the farmers are alive to their interests, not only now but have been for a number of years. Such conditions are only produced by years of continually striving to better their condition and working along common lines of interest.

Review Suspends

The Lottine Review published at Lottine, by James Dorris, Jr., has suspended publication and Mr. Dorris will take up other work of a less strenuous nature. The Review was a good county paper, but it did not meet with the support of the entire business interests of the town and community, and the misunderstandings finally terminated in personal difficulties and litigation. Mr. Dorris has an action pending in the circuit court for \$2000 damages, against H C Mays for personal injuries sustained from a fall into a battery. —Wallawa Democrat.

Wheat Passes \$ Mark.

Chicago, Aug 8.—This was a most eventful day in wheat. During the day September options advanced 4 cents, New September wheat opened very firm, with prices showing a range from 97 1/2 to 97 3/4 cents.

The market began to ascend at once, and after several advances went down to the opening mark. Then it recovered and the close was strong at \$1.01. Old September wheat had a firm opening at 99 @ 99 1/2 cents and as in the new option the rise began shortly after the opening. The market soon touched the top at \$0.27. During the day the price reacted back to 98 1/2 cts. The closing figure, which was very strong, was at \$1.02 1/2, an advance from the low point of the day of 2 1/2 cents. Since the closing of Saturday, the market has advanced 3 1/2 cents.

200 Cars of Apples

Mr Gunst, proprietor of the packing and storage house of this city estimates that the commercial pack of the apple crop of the valley this year will reach between 150 and 200 cars. Last year the output was about 125 cars, of this number 85 were shipped from La Grande. The quality as well as the quantity will exceed last year's crop.

He was Innocent

A young lady a few days ago was taking in the sights at a flea in a neighboring town and in doing so kept getting in the way of the nozzlemen, when one of them told her if

she did not keep back she would turn the hose on her. She blushing replied. Say Mister if you will let me I will turn them myself when I get home. I was so badly excited when I heard the fire alarm that I didn't notice which way I was putting them on."

Grafted

Red Mountain, Wash, Aug. 9.—After suffering extreme agony undergoing operations for the grafting of more than 300 pieces of skin on different parts of his body, S H Tweedell is now on the road to recovery. Last February was severely burned in a lime bin through an accident and for many weeks his life has been despaired of. Friends came to his rescue with portions of their cattle and the attending surgeon now pronounces him out of danger.

Lawn Social.

The ladies of the Catholic church will give a lawn social at the home of Mr and Mrs F L Myers Friday evening. Everybody cordially invited. Ice cream and cake will be served.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Pleasant location, known as Whitney House near post office. Mrs. E Helmick Aug 22

Special Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the Commercial Club tomorrow evening. All members are requested to be present.—Thomas Walsh President.

Business Change.

The La Grande Mercantile Co. have sold their stock of dry goods to M. Rosenbaum. They will commence invoicing in a few days.

HORSE THIEVES MAKE ESCAPE

Ontario, August 8.—Bob Hess and Ed Chester, two horse thieves, under \$4000 bonds each to appear before the circuit court, made their escape this morning from the Vale jail in a daring manner. Deputy Sheriff Thomas went into the cell room to obtain a basket in which to carry breakfast to the prisoners and was overpowered, securely tied with towels and Hess and Chester walked out. The former secured the horse of the deputy sheriff and the latter an animal belonging to the town marshal and both struck out for the hills.

A large posse is now in pursuit, and it is expected if the fugitives are overtaken a desperate battle will take place for both Hess and Chester are heavily armed and will fight for their liberty, on account of the state having a conclusive case against them.

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 Saques we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

The Chicago Store

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