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## MINING CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION

Representatives From Nearly Every State in the Union Now in Portland--Other Distinguished Visitors

Portland, August 22, 1904--The seventh annual session of the American Mining Congress, convened in this city today. Nearly every state in the Union and the commercial bodies of nearly every city of prominence in the country, besides several foreign nations will be represented by delegations of one or more. The federal government will have specially appointed representatives in attendance.

The program is subject to change from day to day during the session, as the occasion may require or as the program committee may direct. The army building, Truth and Conch streets, where the session is being held, has been draped in the national colors and an extensive display of minerals has been arranged by Colonel Maho, secretary of the congress. Among the United States senators who are expected to attend the congress are: Levi Auker, Fred T. Dubois, W. B. Allison, C. W. Felton, R. J. Gamble, William M. Stewart, Thomas R. Bond, William B. Heyburn, Charles B. Landis, Reed Smoot, W. J. Stone, A. G. Foster, and J. H. Mitchell.

## GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION

The government will construct the Malheur irrigation project in Oregon, the largest work that will be undertaken for the present. This, in short, was the information disseminated at the joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington irrigation commissions with E. H. Newell, head of the reclamation service. The Father creek scheme has been abandoned entirely. The Deaneutes scheme is in the hands of private parties, and the government is opposed to interfering in a case of that sort. No other point in Oregon will likely be touched for a decade. In Washington but one scheme has been found feasible. The P. Louis-Pico plan to take water from the Palouse river and hold it in immense reservoirs to water 100,000 acres near the Snake river has

been found feasible, and may be built. The obstacle to overcome is the construction of a branch of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, between Washtucce and Connell. The track is being built right in the line of the reservoir and the canal.

## TWO FRAUDULENT CHECKS

The First National Bank of this city is the victim of two fraudulent checks drawn on the local institution and cashed in Spokane. The bogus checks are for \$15 and the other for \$19 were received through the mails this morning for collection. The checks bear the name C. F. Baird and are drawn in favor of E. E. Hall. Neither name is known at the Pendleton bank. "It is simply a case of fraud," said Assistant Cashier George A. Hartman

at this afternoon. "Every year we are subjected to such annoyances. Someone has secured blank checks from our bank and filled them out. During the harvest season it is always well for merchants and business men to use care in cashing checks for it is an easy matter for fraud to be practised."--East Oregonian.

## LONGEST CHAIN IN THE WORLD

A curious means of moving boats is employed on the river Elbe. A chain 290 miles long lies at the bottom of the stream, which is too swift to navigate in the usual way. The boats are 180 feet long and provided with 200 horse power steam engines which turn a drum fastened on the deck. The chain comes in over the bow, passes along on rollers to the drum, around which it is wound three times. The chain is then carried to the stern, where it drops back into the water. It is the longest chain in the world.

## JURY CENTURES THE RAILROAD

Pueblo, August 21--After exhaustively summing up all the evidence that had been submitted the coroner's jury this afternoon rendered a verdict censuring the Denver and Rio Grande. The jury found that the train crew was blameless, as they could see no sign of danger.

The railroad company according to the verdict should have constructed a bridge that would have withstood the impact of the flood. Had a bridge of one span with stone abutments been across the arroyo, in all human probability it would have withstood the rush of water, thus averting the disaster.

## AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPS

The following figures showing the relative proportion of American owned and foreign ships engaged in our foreign trade and taken from the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance for June 1904 which reached the Observer on Saturday. The net tonnage of American owned

vessels engaged in our foreign trade that entered our ports during the year ending with June 1904 aggregated 6,679,173 tons.

During the same time the net tonnage of foreign owned ships engaged in our foreign trade that entered our ports aggregated 23,272,137 net tons.

The American owned vessels that cleared from our ports, engaged in our foreign trade for the months ending with June 1904 had an aggregate net tonnage of 6,641,384 tons.

During the same years the net tonnage of foreign owned ships that cleared from the ports of the United States aggregated 23,278,420 net tons.

From the above figures it will be seen that in our foreign trade during the year ending with June 1904 a tonnage totaling 49,871,104 net tons were employed of which but 13,320,547 net tons were owned by Americans.

## MINERS SEIZE CRIPPLE CREEK

Cripple Creek, Col., Aug 22--This town is in the hands of a mob of more than 1,000 non-union miners. Trouble has been brewing for some time over the recent deportations and culminated this afternoon when the non-union men seized control of the city. It is feared that bloodshed may result before quiet is restored.

## A Plague of Eels.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug 20--A queer pestilence, in the shape of eels has been annoying the city officials for the past few days. Thousands upon thousands of eels are dying and on the city water front they lodge in eddies of the river. The order has become so offensive that boys have been hired to rake them out into running water so they may float away.

## Coming Back.

Dan Hynes who for many months was in the employ of McCoy and McFarlane, but of late has resided in Portland is expected to arrive on this evening's train to resume his former position. Dan has many friends here who will be glad to see him back.

## WHEAT WILL REACH \$1 MARK

Hon. Walter Pierce Thinks That Price Will be Reached Before Next Season, Owing to Crop Conditions.

Hon. Walter M. Pierce, the well known extensive wheat grower of the Inland Empire and California, makes the startling prediction that Pendleton will see \$1 wheat before the next harvest.

Mr. Pierce bases his statement on the actual conditions as they now exist and the estimates of the crop shortage throughout the wheat countries of the world. He says that wheat must be had and if the supply is short the demand will be just that much greater, which means high prices. Mr. Pierce knows the conditions in California and knows what the shortage in that state is. But whether or not Mr. Pierce knows what the price of wheat is going to be remains to be seen. The only immediate consolation which the farmer has is the hope that Mr. Pierce's prediction comes true.--Pendleton Tribune.

## Grain Pool.

Salem Or Aug. 22--The farmers of the Waldo Hills grain pool have had no satisfactory offer for their oats as yet this year and have decided to place the same at Macdonay in a warehouse. They have 40,000 bushels.

## TRAINLOAD OF SHEEP

Baker City Aug 22--J. M. Yeates of this city left for Elgin to receive and ship to eastern markets a trainload of sheep which he recently purchased in Wallawa and Union counties. He will make another shipment of 10,000 head to the Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago markets in October. In all Mr. Yeates has purchased over 50,000 head of sheep in eastern Oregon this season.

## Surprise Party.

Harvie Bay, who has been in Portland for the past two months, and is home for short visit was given a surprise party on Friday evening.

The evening was passed in playing games after which dainty refreshments were served.

Those present were Ethel Davis, M. Ollie Crawford, M. M. Murray, Lottie M. Clark, M. Y. Bunker, M. R. Ladd, R. E. Zundal, W. F. Winn, Elmer Sullivan, Fern Slater, Mr. D. G. George Hansen, at home in Bay.

C. D. Huffman commented on the day on the stone foundation of the story dwellings on his farm Fair ground.

## NETTLETON'S FINE - SHOES - FOR - MEN HIGH GRADE ONLY

We have received a shipment of the above well known fine shoes for men, consisting of all sizes and widths.

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## Clothing Sale



This is the last week of our Clothing Sale

Every Suit in our entire line is sacrificed. Come and get your pick. These are all new and Up-to-date Goods.

- All \$20.00 Suits go for.....
- All 18 Suits go for.....
- All 15 Suits go for.....
- All 12.50 Suits go for.....
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