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CUTTER'S STRIKE

# TO TEST LOCAL **OPTION**

Constitutional.ty of the Local Option Law will be Tested in Multnomah Courts.

According to the Oregonian the con stitutionality of the lo al-option law will be tested in the courts and a +ill of complaint will be filed soon by per-sus interested in defeating the law. It will take the form of a suit to enjoin county clerk Fields from submitting the question to the vote s at the election in November whether liquors shall be sold in Multnomah county as petitioned for by 1 H Amos and 527 others principall members of the Prohibi ion The petition filed demands party. that the clork shall place on the ballot the question of prohibition to be answered by the voters yes or no,

The Attorneys who are preparing the injunction suit do not desire at this time to state what points they will make against the constitutionality of the law, any more than to say that it will be attacked from all sides. The mutter of testing the law has been under consideration since the election in June

# **Building Notes**

The foundation for deputy sheriff Tom Johnson's new residence on O St is completed and waiting for lumber. Mrs T N Murphy's new house on Main street is about completed and will be ready for Mr and Mrs J ( Henry, who will occupy it on the 1st. Trainmaster T W Walsh is making

extensive improvements to his residence by the addition of a second story. Contractor Slater is pushing the work

on the city hall with as large a force as can be worked to advantage on the structure

Sheriff Pennington's new resilence from its sitely location is quite notica-1 le and will be among the many modern residences that is now under construct tion in the various portions of the city C V Highlauder has a cottage unde construction on Cedar street. County school superintendent F E Bragg's new residence on the corner of Adams Ave. and Cedar street will soon be ready for occupancy.

Carpenter Clancy is building a nest

cotage on the property he re eatly

purchased on First street.

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County recordor Pro.tor will have his house nearly reafy to move into by t first of the month, which is situated within a few blocks of the High school. Wm Ericksov has completed a very

neat cottage and and is now construct ing out buildings in keeping with the

Mr connors resilence is another addition to the many new improvements that have and are being constructed on the hill

Mr and Mrs Fred Swaney have moved into their handso new residence on M street.

J R Moore will soone have a comfortable home completed on his 7th street property.

on the foundation for the addition to time. the offley House.

Notwithstending the great number of dwellings that have been completed during the past year and the number now under construction it is an exception to the rule to secure a vacant house

in the city.

## Portland Markets

Portland Aug. 26-The local wheat market is showing a con-iderable slump on account of the lower flumes his beretofore had at his commann. throughout the world. The prices as they existed yesterday were too high to admit of buying by either the local millers or the exporters. This inset

ive feeling is the direct cause of the lamo. wheat-Export price-New and old Club, 70c; blue-tem, 83c; valley, 85c Barley - reed, \$21; rolled \$22; brew-

ing, \$23 50 at 24 00. O.ts-Producers' price-No 1 white, \$25.00; gray \$24.00.

All misunderstandings have been satisfactorily settled and the coa-struction work has been resumed on the Foley House foundation.



MUCH

Army Now Thought to be Nearly Equal to that of the Japs.

St Petersburg Aug. 26-General Kupatkin under todays date, from Liaoame. yang, wires the war office that he will take the offensive at once. The di ratch carried also a long review of coadition + b ut this portion was not given out to the public.

It is b lieved among the well it form +d here however that his ermy will by more nearly equal to that of The stone work was again resumed the Japaness than at any previous to hold up the treasure shipe to Pan-

> There are now under bis command 185,000 men , a large portion of whom Chapman and outfitted her as a priare now seasoned vetorane. For the Cossack divisions a fresh supply of secured by Greathouse. He pretented horses has been received and others, that he was the agent of the Mexican ere being burried forward as rapidly as possible.

The batteries will be augmented by 120 cannon, which are now en route, are expected within a few days. These guns are of a much later modal than most of those which Kuropatkin

# **Buying Cattle**

Baker City, Aug. 26-Oarlston Brothers, of Seattle through their local representative, Mr. Phillipps, of this city, have closed contracts or the purchase of about 20 car loads of two and and three-year old steers and fat cows to be delivered ju this city. The cattle are from the lower Burne river and

Cnee Fee, Aug. 26-Russian advices

received today say the Japanese as-saults on Port Arthur on August 21 and 23 were repulsed with tremendous It is said the attempt of the Japan-

eas to capture Port Arthur Fort Etzehan resulted in a loss of 3,000 killed wounded.

Digs Up Old Papers. San Francisco, Aug. 26-James Gardner returned last week from Aus-

tralia and recovered from their hiding lace in his old room in the Harken House in Montgomery street, documents which he buried there forty-one years ago, and which connected him with piratical attempts of Asbury Harpending to loot the Pacific Mail treasure ships between here and Pan-

#### DIGS UP PAPERS

Gardner dug up the flagstone in the

old fireplace and found letters, a revolver and a bowie knife which he buried there just bafore he fled to Australia. Harpending, Rubery and Ridgely Greathouse were the leaders in a plot

ama. Harpending bought the ship J. H Guns and ammunition were vateer

revolutionists. A crew of desperadoes was hired.

CONSPIRATORS SURPRISED The scheme was to rendezvous at Guadelupe Island off the Mexican coast and then interc. pt the steamers. The scheme might have been successful had not a revenue officer spird on the conspirators and given Governor Stanford the tip.

Marines from the shoop Cyane surprised the conspirators as they were hoisting sail and captured the entire party except Gardner and Captain Law, who were late in getting about .

The leaders were sentenced to ten years in prison, but President Lincoln pardoned them. Gardner fid to Australia, and this is his first visit here since

# RAILROAD TO SETTLE MEAT TALK Electric Line May Run resolution was passed empowering the mayor to appoint a committee of 11 aldermen to make it their business to from La Grande to Baker City. The eastern Oregon electric line

oheme of Dr. J. M. Boyd, father of Mayor L. Frank Boyd, contemplates a road from Baker City to La Grande 45 miles, which will take in the lowns mittee tomorrow. of Haines, Union and Hot Lake. A branch line to swing around the

Grande Ronde valley is also talked of. Mr. Boyd said: "The plans are only b-gan for the project. An ex-

pert street car man and a corps of engineers will leave for the ground tomorrow and when they report we will know what we have. We have the promise of eastern money to back the proposed road when we have made the survey, secured the power and have title right of way. I own consider-

able property in Baker City, some of which will be used for terminal grounds."-Spokesman Review.

## Suspected Robbers

Paterson, N J , August 26,-Four Italians suspected of being the high-waymen who held up and robbed Pay master White of \$5000 yesterday, were arrested today near Little Falls by porse. They desperately resisted ar-rest, and when taken to Little Falls. they were nearly mobbed by the town people.

It is understood that the men ar rested are the sampests that the police began looking for immediately after the robbery yesterday.

Dr. Gibson, the oculist of Minnenpolir, Minn , will be here a few days fitting glasses. He has an extra fine stock of np-to-date styles. Examina-Don't negtions free at your homes. 24 lect your eyes.

Chicago, August 20 -The city authorlties are to make a second effort to settle the stockyards strike. At a meeting of the city council tonight, a

bring about a settlement. There was some opposition to the resolution, some of the aldermen declaring that the result would be 'nothing. The resolution, however, passed and a committee appointed by the mayor. Invitations were at once sent to the strikers and employers inviting them to meet the members of the com-

# **GUDGER SAILS** FOR NEW YORK

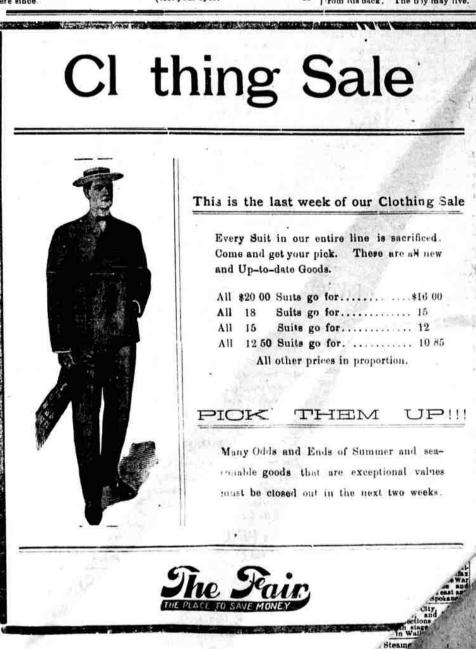
Panama, Aug. 26-United States Consul-G-neral Hezekiah Godger, Chief Sanitary Officer Gorgas and Anmiral Kenny have sailed for New York. It is said that Gudger goes to stump in Indiana for President Roosevelt. Gorgas is seeking material to make the isthmus more healthy.

It is thought that the death rate will be reduced to a minimum when the plan now outlined has been perected and is in operation, and that the building of the canal will be attended with much less mortality. among the laborers than was at first expected.

# Boy Is Impaled

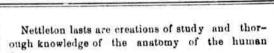
Obillicothe, O. Aug. 26-Harry Smith, the fourteen-year-old son of David Smith, of Kingston, ten miles north of here, was probably fatally in-jured yesterday by baving a large mow fork fall from a beight of thirty feet and run completely through his bidy.

Young Smith was on the ground floor of the barn when the fork, with pronge an inch and a quarter square, fell and striking him in the right side passed through the body and emerged from his back. The boy may live.



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