

BIG STRIKE IS ENDED AT LAST

President Donnelly Asks for and Receives the Consent of National Convention to Call it Off.

(Observer Special)
Chicago, Sept. 9.—The strike of the butcher workmen which has demoralized the meat packing industry throughout the country for the last two months was officially declared off tonight by President Michael J. Don-

nally telegraphed the members of the national executive committee asking their consent to make the announcement and end the struggle, and tonight, having received favorable answers from all he declared the strike would end at mid night.

Rattlesnake Antidote

Dr. Dideya Noguchi, a Japanese who is now in Denmark under grant of Carnegie Institute has at last discovered what the medical world has been searching after for more than one hundred years, i. e., the antidote for the venom of a rattlesnake. It has been demonstrated that the discovery will dissipate the venom, as one of Dr. Noguchi's assistants was bitten by a "rattler," but the administration of the antidote saved the man's life. In the future it will not be necessary to call to a person's assistance the aid of "bold John Barleycorn."

GOOD FRUIT FROM SNAKE

Colfax, Wash., Sept. 9.—A fine quality of fruit is being brought to the markets from the Snake river orchards. Peaches, plums and pears are of good quality this year, despite the dry weather, and the yield has been up to the average. The price has ranged fully up to the average of past years and the crop will be a profitable one, taken as a whole. The fruit industry is one of importance in Whitman county, the annual product amounting to several hundred thousand dollars annually. Unless rain

falls soon the late apple crop will be short and of inferior quality. The codlin moth has caused more than the usual amount of damage to winter apples this year.

DEWEY GETS BIG CHECK

Washington, Sept. 9.—The treasury department today began sending out checks to the officers and men of Admiral Dewey's fleet in payment for a wards of prize money for the victory of the American fleet in Manila bay. The check of Admiral Dewey is for \$18,515.

Idaho Fire

(Observer Special)
Boise Sept 9.—Information reached here this evening that the old mining town of Warren, in Idaho county, about forty miles from Meadows, has been wiped out by fire. No particulars are obtainable. It is understood that about forty buildings burned and that the loss is about \$100,000.

A Texas Steer

The inimitable Charles Hoyt lassood an enduring success when he wrote

the animal show, "A Texas Steer." It is one of the best things that ever slid from his pen. There is nothing "beefy" about "A Texas Steer," despite the paradox. He is built of irony, audaciously, but is a lively beast, and he kicks the plaster off of certain American foibles, in a manner worthy of a soubrette. Hoyt's humor is double-faced,—that is you have not seen the whole of it until you have looked on the inside. It is like a brilliant silk-lined—only in this case there is no one to hold it up. His wit is scintillant, and it must be caught with an instantaneous camera of thought, or much of it is lost. Hoyt was an ideal caricaturist. His exaggerations aren't distortions; he simply looks at life through a convex lens, and his pictures are in perfect drawing.

I. O. O. F. Attention

There will be a special meeting of La Grande Lodge No. 18 I. O. O. F. at seven thirty this evening for the purpose of arranging for the funeral of our late brother J. A. McWhirter. All members and visiting brothers are requested to be present. H. C. Rinehart, N. G.

Whist Party

Mrs Wm Allison entertained a party of friends at whist yesterday afternoon in honor of Mr Allison's sister-in-law Mrs G G Allison of League City, S D. Mrs Allison was assisted by Mrs Fred Kiddle of Island City, Mrs G Moid-n won first, Mrs E Kitley second, and Mrs F Swaney third prizes.

Band Concert

At the corner of Depot and Jefferson streets this evening beginning at 8 o'clock the La Grande Cornet Band will play the following program.
March "Olympia Hippodrome" R Alexander
Song and Dance "Mandolins" Kelfer
Medley Overture "I've got my eyes on you" Dewitt
Rag "Jasper Jenkins" Vogel
Waltz "Oh was from Missouri" Bennett
Solman
March "Union forever" Scouten
Prof. Hendricks, Bandmaster.

ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Much Interest Taken---Next Encampment Will be Held in New York in 1907 ---Officers Elected

(Observer Special)
San Francisco, Sept. 9.—A great deal of interest was taken in today's session of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar. For the honor of entertaining the order three years hence, Chicago and Saratoga Springs were the most active contestants, but the choice of the encampment was in favor of New York City where the next grand encampment will convene on the second Wednesday of July 19. 7.

Following is a list of the officers selected today by the grand encampment:
Grand master, George M. Moulton Chicago; deputy grand master Henry W. Rugg, Providence R. I.; grand generalissimo, William B. Meish Cincinnati O.; grand captain general Frank H. Thomas, Washington D. C. grand senior warden Arthur Arthur New York, grand junior warden, W. Frank Pierce, California; grand recorder, John A. Gerow Michigan, (re-elected). grand treasurer, H. W. Lewis Connecticut, (re-elected).
Following is a list of the officers that were appointed:
Grand warden Edward W. Wellington; grand standard bearer, William H. Norris; grand sword bearer, G. W. Orr.

Joseph A. McWhirter

This morning at about three o'clock the spirit of our townsman and respected neighbor Joseph A. McWhirter took its peaceful flight from earth after an honorable sojourn thereof of seventy one years. He was born in Mercer county Pennsylvania in 1833, was educated in common schools, as then conducted, and he learned the harness and saddlery trade there. To the young men of that period the great west presented about all the available opportunities for bettering their conditions, money was scarce, wages were low, the impulse of the young was to go west and escape from the stationary condition of the older states. Young McWhirter was not insensible to the spirit of the age and the wooing opportunities of the wild and distant west. In 1853 equipped with a good trade and nerved with a steady purpose to do right he left his old home in Pennsylvania and embarked for an Ocean voyage to Oregon. He first landed in Portland then a small village in the woods, which presented no inducements in his line he moved up the Willamette river to Corvallis then called Marysville where J. B. Congle was then operating the largest harness and saddle making establishment in Oregon in which he found employment at good wages for several months. But the self reliant spirit of McWhirter induced him to recuse the role of the wage earner and he soon opened a shop of his own in which he worked successfully for some time. Oregon was then a new country with a half dozen or more

places ambitious of becoming the future metropolis of which Portland seemed to have the poorest chance. McWhirter tried several of these and some in California and also made several mining ventures some of which were reasonable successful. While in California he heard of the new mines above Lewiston and started overland for the new eldorado and on his journey came to Auburn a then thrifty mining camp near where Baker City now is. Here he mined for sometime and then purchased a pack train and engaged in transporting supplies from Wells Wells to Auburn. The pack trail then lead through Grande Ronde Valley its green meadowy appearance and fertile soil attracted his attention and he purchased 240 acres of wild prairie a few miles from La Grande, opened a shop in La Grande in 1866 and operated it and his farm with success for thirty years when he retired from active business with a competency. In 1870 he married Miss Helen M. Henderson who lived but a short time thereafter leaving a daughter who died seventeen years of age. In 1872 McWhirter married Miss Kate Tantienger who with two children Mrs. A. V. Andrews and W. B. Berry all residents of La Grande mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father.

For more than a third of a century Joseph McWhirter has resided in La Grande taking an active part in all moves for the up building of this community. He was a typical pioneer ever ready with hand and purse to assist the worthy, strengthen morality Advance the cause of right and religion and foster education. He was a true state builder using faultless material and spurning the unworthy. After leaving Umatilla this morning a short distance, Fireman Dupes fell from engine 180 on train No. 6 and sustained some painful though not serious injuries. He is resting quietly at his home in this city on going to press. Engine 902 O. S. I. arrived Wednesday from Peacattole and will go in freight service on this division. The O. R. & N. has leased her to help handle the immense crop of wheat moving east now. Fireman Grant has passed the required examinations and has been promoted to the extra engineer's list. He will make his initial trip tonight. Mr and Mrs. Swackhammer and daughter M. S. Mulholland were in the city yesterday from Union.

A Hint to the Wise.



Sharp, Shrewd Buyers Make Early Selections. The Top Notch Values—Those That Strike the Popular Fancy sell out first. We fully realize the truth of this and act accordingly. It is equally true in your case, therefore, if you would choose from the truly choice, make your selections early.

OUR LADIES TAILOR SUITS FOR FALL

Are nearly all here. They are the choicest lot it has ever been our good fortune to offer. Style, fit, finish and workmanship to please, in such varieties of material that you cannot fail to find "YOUR SUIT" here. Prices are also most attractive.

\$9 TO \$25

Ladies Street Hats

In all the popular shapes now on display. Our pricings will be an agreeable surprise to you.

Ladies Water Proof Skirts

Light in weight, comfortable and fashionable.

Misses and Childrens School Dresses.

Good serviceable worsted goods Red, blue, brown, etc, in plain and plaids, neatly made and trimmed—\$1.25 to \$1.75.

NOTICE:—Suits, jackets, etc, skirts and long coats of all kinds made to your measure. About 300 samples to select from. All man tailor work.

New Pompadour And Stray Lock Combs

New Ladies Hand Bags And Purses

The Fair

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We have just received a small shipment of our FALL STYLES of COATS and SUITS. If you expect to buy a SUIT, it will pay you to look our line over, as it will be to your advantage and you will be sure to get the RIGHT THINGS.

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