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WANT ALL THEY CAN GET

Mr. Stoddard Says the Outlook for 1906 is Bright.

Mr. Geo. B. Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde Lumber Company said this morning that his company was employing a large number of men engaged in logging and when asked about how many million feet they expected to secure this season, replied "All we can get, which will be about the usual cut" which means from fifteen to twenty million feet of logs. Mr. Stoddard states that the price of lumber was satisfactory to saw mill men and the demand was general and that he looked for a prosperous year in 1906 not only in lumbering interests but in all lines.

Mr. Stoddard has great faith in the future in Grande Ronde valley, which when developed, will sustain a large population. But he says present conditions must be reversed and that is instead of the large wheat farmer crowding out the small farmer, the small farmer must crowd out the large wheat grower. At present the large wheat grower can produce a crop much cheaper than the small landholder for the reason that practically the same machinery and number of horses are required to run a small tract as a large one.

Water, Mr. Stoddard says, will change this. Land that can be irrigated just at the time when water is needed, is too valuable for wheat growing. Such land is worth \$100 per acre and you cannot successfully grow wheat on that kind of land. Then it will be that the small farmer will come and buy the ten, twenty and forty acre tracts and make a living. Then will our population grow and everybody will be prosperous. We have the

water. Every year there is more than enough water going to waste in our streams to irrigate all of Grande Ronde valley. It is simply a business proposition and when our intelligent land owners begin to actually become interested in that fact that their land today which is worth \$50 an acre can be increased to a value of \$100 per acre at a nominal expense in proportion to increased value these waters will be stored. It will come, and then Grande Ronde valley will become the productive spot of the Inland Empire.

WALSH'S PLANS

(Scripps News Association) Chicago, Dec. 2.—The first official information of Banker Walsh's plans was given today by Chas. H. Bosworth, who is temporary president of the Chicago National. He says Walsh will move the offices of the Grand Central station, which connects the Chicago Southern with the Chicago Terminal and that 75 bank clerks will be dismissed and that the affairs of institution will be closed as quickly as possible. Bosworth sent his report to Washington.

SAYS NOT GUILTY

(Scripps News Association) St. Paul, Dec. 22.—H. C. Ackley and C. A. Smith, millionaire lumbermen of this state who are accused by the government for being involved in the Oregon land frauds have filed their answer today. They claim that they are innocently involved.

DECLINES McLELLAN'S OFFER

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 22.—Chaffee this morning declined McLellan's offer of police commissionership of New York City. Roosevelt refuses to comment on the Odell matter.

WOULD RATHER HANG

(Scripps News Association) Waterbury, Conn. Dec. 22.—Charles J. Bassett, convicted of the murder of Thomas C. Lockwood, a recluse, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning after having said that he would rather hang.

TRAIN WRECK

(Scripps News Association) Holly Springs Miss. Dec. 32.—A limited train on the Illinois Central from New Orleans to Chicago was derailed here this morning. Mrs. J. M. Wade of Mississippi and Wm Murphy were killed and J. I. Pierce is dying.

RUSSIAN TROOPS OPENLY SHOW THEIR SYMPATHY

Revolutionists Practically in Control of Moscow. Martial Law has no Effect on Strikers.

(Scripps News Association) St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The city was in darkness last night. The troops have captured a cache of insurgent's ammunition. The declaration of martial law has not affected the strikers. The revolutionists are practically in control at Moscow. The number of fatalities among the troops is great. Searchlights operated by soldiers were thrown upon the main streets. Through trains heavily guarded are running through to St. Petersburg, but the postal service is unreliable.

IN OPEN REVOLT

Moscow, Dec. 22.—Troops are openly

showing their sympathy for the strikers. Three persons were killed this morning in a small riot. Forty six military electricians who were recently arrested were released yesterday to assist on the city works, but they promptly joined the strikers. In the Orsk district, the land owners are barricading their houses but most all have been forced to surrender to the peasants on account of lack of provisions. The peasants are destroying everything they can lay their hands on.

The last wire to Moscow has just been cut.

HANDLE BIG WORK

With the big new lathes received a short time ago, the La Grande Iron Works has just completed turning down two large friction cone pulleys belonging to the Grande Ronde Lumber Company. Although these pulleys were five feet in diameter and weighed but 100 pounds less than a ton, they were handled with ease with big machine. Such work has hitherto gone to Portland. Mr. Fitzgerald is to be complimented for his efforts to keep Union-chanty money in Union county.

MONEY TO LAUNDRY

J. Anghy had a bad half hour yesterday when he discovered that he had sent four \$20 bills to the laundry in a pocket of his shirt. He dashed to the washing establishment and succeeded in rescuing the currency, shortly after it had been given a bath in one of the machines, which was little the worse for its experience.—Baker City Herald.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All members of the W. R. C. are hereby notified that the regular meeting will take place tomorrow afternoon at the I. O. O. F. hall. Election of officers are held.

THUG SHOTS VICTIM

(Scripps News Association) Rockford, Ill. Dec. 22.—A masked thug entered the bar of Gottlieb & Arnold at daybreak this morning. Arnold was counting money and was shot in the back, dying two hours later. The thug, in fleeing, met D. A. Fuller, and shot him, probably fatally and then disappeared.

MONEY FOR FIGHTERS

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The gate receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight last night were \$16,407. Of this sum 50 per cent went to the fighters, their share being divided 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. Fitzsimmons this morning seemed fully recovered from the pummeling administered by O'Brien and ate a hearty breakfast. Fitzsimmons insists he will not again enter the prize ring.

WILL BE GOOD

New York, Dec. 22.—The Times this morning states the big railroad companies of the country have formed an agreement to abolish all rebates to shippers. This action is said to have been reached after several conferences recently held and to be the result of the vigorous prosecutions recently inaugurated by the government.

G. A. R. ELECTION

The annual election of officers of the G. A. R. will take place tomorrow afternoon at the regular meeting which will be held at that time in the I. O. O. F. Hall. All members are requested to be present.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

A very successful delicate operation was performed by Dr. W. G. Cole and Dr. R. E. Ringo, of this city, and Dr. Hall, of La Grande, upon Mrs. John Hampson, of La Grande, at St. Anthony's hospital yesterday evening. Mrs. Hampson was brought here several days ago for treatment and yesterday it was decided that an operation was inevitable and the delicate task was performed. Mrs. Hampson recovered from the operation and is resting well today.—East Oregonian.

Chief Dispatcher Dick Buckley and wife leave this evening via Spokane, to spend the holidays in Seattle. They expect to be gone about ten days.

THE BIG DEAL CLOSED

Today the deed for the transfer of the 1040 acres of the Hardy Harrell farm to J. D. McKennon, which was made through the Wm. Grant Agency, was completed. The consideration being \$31,200. This is not a panic transaction to close the old year with. Grande Ronde real estate has a staple value and the price has been steadily on the increase and prices that seem high today will look thirty cents ten years from now.

WILL RECEIVE MORE PAY

(Scripps News Association) Salt Lake, Dec. 22.—An order has been issued to become effective that after January 1, all section foremen on the Oregon Short Line will receive an advance of \$5 a month in their pay. The announcement is a surprise to the men as the increase was entirely unsolicited.

NEXT PEACE CONFERENCE

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 22.—United States Senators Perkins and Flint, of California, called upon the President today to urge him to appoint Truxton Beall, of Bakersfield, California, as the American representative to the next Hague peace conference.

GOVERNMENT DETECTIVES

(Scripps News Association) Chicago, Ill. Dec. 22.—Government detectives spent the night investigating the records of the venemen who were accepted by the defendants in the packing trust case. Today Morrison preemptorily challenged three.

AFTER MUTUAL AGAIN

New York, Dec. 22.—Stephen M. Smith assistant treasurer and Charles A. Preller, auditor of the Mutual, were witnesses on the insurance investigation this morning.

TO ENTER POLITICS

(Scripps News Association) Washington, Dec. 22.—It is believed that after Cortin's retirement he will seek election to congress from his home district in Ohio and will try to get the chairmanship of military affairs.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association) Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat opened at 83 1/2; closed, 83 1/2; corn opened 49; closed, 49; oats opened 80 1/2; closed, 80 1/2.

AFRAID OF NEW YORK COMPANIES

Lax Methods of Doing Insurance in New York is Responsible

(Scripps News Association) Lincoln, Neb. Dec. 22.—State Auditor Searl said that because of the lax methods in the New York department of insurance as disclosed by the investigation committee, the Nebraska Commission will in all probability find it necessary to personally examine into the affairs of every New York company doing business in the state. Nebraska has heretofore been willing to abide by Hendrick's examination and those of his predecessors.

GOULD'S YACHT SAFE

(Scripps News Association) New York, Dec. 22.—Geo. Gould's yacht which was reported missing is now safe in harbor at Nassau, in the West Indies.

HANGED FOR UXORICIDE

(Scripps News Association) Jersey City, Dec. 22.—E. H. Taplay, a negro, was hanged here this morning for uxoricide.

CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Lies in buying early and in buying Euy soon and secure advantage of uncommon assortment. Early buyers get choicest picking. Buy before some one else gets just the article you would have most preferred. Our Holiday Goods are here and there's goods among them that will please you. You will get them at right prices, too. It's right prices that's going to make them go quickly.

TOILET CASES, FANCY HAIR, CLOTH and TOOTH BRUSHES, BOOKS, STATIONARY ITEMS, POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, BILL BOO S, S AVING SETS, CIGARS, CONFECTIONERY, BIBLES, ALBUMS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, etc

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