

THE NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

New York, Jan. 11.—Aside from the procrastinations of congress and the continuation of the Thaw trial, many new matters of general interest will come up to engross public attention during the coming week.

Bryan Platform.

One of the principal political events will be the dollar dinner to be given in honor of William J. Bryan by the democrats of Lincoln, Neb., his home town, on Wednesday night, at which the distinguished Nebraskan is expected to announce the democratic platform and policies of the coming campaign.

To Indorse Bryan.

Mr. Bryan will be indorsed for the presidency at a convention of the New York State Progressive democratic league, to be held in Cooper Union, New York, on Thursday night. Augustus Thomas will preside. Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, is scheduled to speak on "Why Bryan Must Be Nominated," and United States Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas is on the program for a red-hot speech roasting the plutocrats of Wall street and explaining why the democrats of the south favor the nomination of W. J. Bryan.

Hughes Boom Next.

The boom of Governor Hughes of New York for the republican nomination for president may be launched at the meeting of the republican county committee in New York city on Thursday. Herbert Parsons and the Roosevelt contingent in the committee may attempt to prevent the indorsement, as they did at the committee meeting last month. Governor Hughes will speak before the Woman Republican asso-

ciation at a banquet to be given in the Hotel Astor, New York, next Friday night, and may take advantage of the occasion to make some references to his boom.

Social Affairs.

Among the social affairs scheduled to take place in the national capital next week the most important is the annual dinner to be given by Secretary of State and Mrs. Elihu Root in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. This will take place Tuesday night and will be the first of the cabinet dinners for the president, and will be followed by a similar banquet given by each cabinet member in order of precedence. The Italian ambassador and Baroness Mayer des Planches will give a dinner Wednesday night in honor of the ambassador from Austria-Hungary, and Baroness Hengelmueller.

Oregon Land Frauds.

Monday is the date set for the trial of the Oregon land fraud cases. Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, the special representative of the department of justice, who has for some time been investigating these cases, will assist in conducting the trial of them. The trial will be pushed by the government as rapidly as possible, as Heney has many important investigations under way in San Francisco.

Nevada Legislature.

In response to a call issued by Governor Sparks, who was spurred on by the criticisms of President Roosevelt, the legislature of Nevada will meet in special session on Tuesday. The object is to adjust by legislation, if possible, the differences now existing between the miners and the mine-owners of Goldfield, President Roosevelt having expressed a willingness for the troops to remain in Goldfield until the legislature had acted. Much doubt is expressed as to whether anything will be accomplished at the special session, as many of the members of the legislature are reported to be opposed to authorizing the organization of a state militia or constabulary force.

To Fix Schedules.

In Chicago on Monday there is to be a joint meeting of representatives of the trans-continental freight bureau and the central freight and trunk line associations, when final arrangements will be made to meet new conditions brought about by the amended interstate commerce act and the rulings of the interstate commerce commission. A final check will be made of the east and westbound trans-continental tariffs and, if necessary, a committee will be appointed to confer with the interstate commerce commission concerning any points that may be doubtful in connection with the tariffs.

LOST—On 4th St., between Turner Oliver's residence and South La Grande, a red ribbon. Finder please leave at the Newlin drug store, store and see the goods.

HENRY HILL.

A Starkey Resident, Has a Novel Scheme to Kill Coyotes.

"Shoot them from the tree tops," said Henry Hill, a rancher of Starkey Prairie, speaking of the coyote problem, in this city yesterday. His novel method of killing coyotes is interestingly described by the inventor.

"I select some large tree in the midst of a clump of brush," said Mr. Hill, "one with a clear space around it for 20 or 30 yards. I climb up into the tree to a height of 30 or 40 feet and build a scaffold. Then I put a carcass on the ground where it can be easily covered from my position in the tree. In the evening when the coyotes come out to feed I am up in the tree with a double-barreled shotgun, waiting. When they arrive killing is easy.

"Sometimes it is after dark when the animals commence prowling, but on a moonlight night or when there is snow on the ground it is easy to pick them out with a shotgun at the short range. As I'm up in the tree the animals do not scent me, because the scent is carried upward. At this season of the year the animals are hungry and will come long distances to feast.

"To those who are fond of crawling out of a warm bed at 4:30 in the morning and mounting the tree in the cold mountain weather, there are as many or more opportunities of getting a shot."

As the fur of the coyote is long and of good quality in the winter, the pelts are valuable. Heavy robes and fur coats can be made from them, which are especially useful in the Starkey Prairie country, where the winters are severe.

PENDLETON VS. LA GRANDE.

Basketball Girls to Contest for Honors Here.

Miss Ethel Gulling has today completed arrangements with the manager of the Pendleton high school basketball team, to play a game here with the La Grande Commercial club girls' team Thursday evening, January 16. The Pendleton team is a strong one, but the La Grande girls feel confident that they will be able to win the contest. The game will be played according to the boys' rules. The following is the line-up of the two teams:

Pendleton—E. Vogel and N. Johnson, forwards; G. Jordan, center; R. Gibson and D. McPherson, guards; H. Rader, N. Nolen and L. Rader, substitutes.

La Grande—H. McMurray and F. Masee, forwards; R. Theisen, center; E. Gulling and Frances Masee, guards; A. Roesch, M. Cotner and V. Wells, substitutes.

A good fast game is assured and as the Commercial girls have assumed a heavy financial obligation in bringing the Pendleton team here, it is to be hoped that their La Grande friends will patronize the game liberally.

Premium Bacon and Hams.

The City Grocery and Bakery will have a fancy shipment of Swift's Premium hams and bacon ready for the trade Monday. Be sure and read the ad. in Monday's Observer, and also remember, you are invited to call at the store and see the goods.

MRS. WOODS DEAD.

Died Last Evening—Funeral Tomorrow From Mormon Church.

Last evening after 9 o'clock Mrs. Neph Woods, who has been ill for some weeks, died at her home in this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Mormon tabernacle, Bishop C. J. Black officiating. The interment will follow in the Mormon cemetery. The family consists of a father and five children, Robert, aged 19; Emily, 16; Rosine, 13; Leroy, 9, and Alexander, 5, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

Fatal Thirteen.

When Ben West was brought down from the court room after the case went to the jury he was advised that the signs of the times was against him for the reason that there were 13 prisoners left in the jail. He said 13 was his lucky number, but the verdict of the jury disproved his statement, unless he thinks he is lucky to escape the gallows, for the verdict of the jury was guilty of murder in the second degree, which carries with it a life sentence. It is also peculiar that the court has fixed Monday, the 13th day of January for passing sentence.

It was noticeable that the verdict of the jury did not phase the defendant in the least. He maintained the same impassive, unemotional disposition that has characterized his conduct from the very first. To look at the defendant during the progress of the case one would imagine that he was the least concerned of any man in the court room. After receiving his sentence he will be taken to Salem to spend the balance of his natural life.—Baker City Democrat.

Brook Trout for Idaho.

The first shipment of eastern brook trout eggs for the new state fisheries which was recently completed near Hay Springs in Blaine county, is expected to arrive this week from Pennsylvania, says the Boise Capital News. This will be the first lot of a shipment of 900,000 eggs that have been ordered from the east.

Robert Stiles, superintendent of the state fisheries, who has been in the city for several days, left last evening for Hay Springs in order to be on hand when the first shipment arrives and superintend its removal to the hatchery. There will probably be four shipments of trout eggs made in order to supply the state with the number ordered. The other shipments will be made later in the season and by early spring there will doubtless be several thousand eastern brook trout basking in Idaho waters at the state hatchery.

Central Church of Christ.

Saturday evening the theme is "Un-godliness and the Judgment to Come." Lord's day, morning, "What Shall I Do With Jesus, Who is Called Christ." Evening, "The Reformation." The evangelistic meetings under the preaching of Evangelist McSparran, and the work of Christians are growing in attendance, interest, power and conversions. A number have entered the new life and without doubt many more are near the kingdom.

REASON WHY PORTLAND BONDS ARE ILLEGAL

In order that no time may be lost in obtaining a ruling of the supreme court of the state on the validity of the bonds voted for at the last election, an appeal from the decision of Judge Cleland announced yesterday, holding the bonds invalid, was filed in the circuit court this morning by Deputy City Attorney Frank S. Grant.

The decision appealed from is that forecasted some time ago by Judge Cleland on the request of the city attorney and attorney Seneca Smith, who represents F. I. McKenna, the plaintiff. In announcing a long list of decisions yesterday morning, Judge Cleland affirmed his previous announcement as to what the decision on the city bond case would be.

The effect of the judge's opinion was that the bond issues for various purposes that were voted by the people last June were illegally placed upon the ballots, and therefore the bonds cannot legally be issued. The questions were placed upon the ballot at the direction of the city council by resolution.

Judge Cleland held that there is no authority under the constitution for any measure that is enacted by a vote of the people to be placed on the ballot by any means other than by initiative petitions, and that the act of the legislature which undertakes to give the power to city councils to place measures on ballots, is unconstitutional.

Though the water bond issue of \$3,000,000 was the only one directly held invalid by Judge Cleland, being the only issue involved in the suit, it is conceded by all attorneys that if Judge Cleland's view of the matter is affirmed by the supreme court, all matters placed on the ballot by the council and not by the initiative petitions, are invalid. In consequence, all the bond issues voted for are illegal if Judge Cleland's decision is sus-

tained, and a special city election to re-enact the bond issues will probably be called as soon after the supreme court announced its decision as possible. Should the supreme court reverse the judgment of Judge Cleland, the bonds may be issued without further difficulty.

Mrs. Gardner Dead.

A. N. Gardner was called to Baker City Sunday night, December 29, by a message announcing the dangerous illness of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gardner, living three miles from Baker City. Mr. Gardner returned Saturday, his mother having died New Year's day. Mrs. Gardner was 70 years old. Mr. Gardner will have the sympathy of many friends.—Union Republican.

Another Poultry Farm.

W. C. Kelly, who recently purchased the six-acre tract in May Park, was in the city today purchasing material for the construction of a chicken park. Mr. Kelly expects to engage in the poultry business on an extensive scale. He expects to keep his flock up to about 1000 hens.

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