

POWELL OFFERED 20,000 FOR HIS NEW INVENTION

MAY BUILD PLANT ON N. K. WEST RANCH.

Local Inventors of Turpentine From Old Stumps Method Have Been Offered Liberal Royalty for Secret—Not Decided if They Will Sell or Build Retort and Conduct Business Alone—Output Enormous With a Patent Secured Already.

Twenty thousand dollars is the sum that has already been proffered W. E. Powell, a painter of this city, who invented a process of making commercial turpentine from old stumps that cover the Blue mountains, but whether or not he and H. H. Thomas, who is now connected with Powell in the perfection of the invention and the patent process, will dispose of their scheme, is not yet decided.

Two firms are after the invention—one an eastern concern and the other a Portland firm. The eastern proffer is also for a royalty, while the Portland buyer is desirous of securing the entire scheme bodily.

Simple, Yet Effective. The plant for the manufacture of this high grade of turpentine, will be erected on the N. K. West ranch up the Grande Ronde river, if the inventors do not sell their rights. Such

a plant would consist of a retort, the exact pattern of which is, of course, in the secret, but in the rough is a vertical steel boiler, about 14 feet high and seven feet in diameter, encased partially in brick. About eight men could operate the plant once it is in working order.

In Paying Quantities. Mr. Powell experimented with quantities of stumps found near Hilgard, and the amount of fluid procured from the sample was highly pleasing. With the sale of by-products which would be formed by the roasting process, the plant would be in position to turn out at least \$500 in a week. The size of the crew for this output specified means, of course, only as long as there is suitable stumpage where the retort is located.

Patent Secured. A patent has already been secured, but the bushels of red tape requisite, will not be completed for a week or more. At the end of that time the inventor will be able to sell if he wishes, or proceed to build the retort which is also of his making.

The Third Attempt. Mr. Powell had invented two similar processes before, but in each instance they have been stolen. The third attempt has been carefully covered up until it reached a stage in patent procedure where stealing is not likely. The third trial is also more practical than either of the others, as the defects existing in them have been remedied in this last model.

Combs Will Put in Sawmill.

W. C. Combs was over from La Grande Monday night. He is operating a thrasher in the Grande Ronde valley, and states that as soon as the season closes, he will bring the engine and a sawmill to his timber on Dry creek and put in the sawmill to be ready to begin sawing in the spring. —Wallows, Sun.

SAD TRIPLE DROWNING AT HUNTINGTON SATURDAY NIGHT

FATHER ATTEMPTS TO SAVE DROWNING CHILDREN BUT IS DROWNED WITH THEM IN THE ATTEMPT.

Saddest Tragedy That Has Occurred in the History of Huntington Took Place Saturday Night, When a Father and Two Children Drown Together—Children Playing in the Water Went Too Far—Father to the Rescue, But Drowns With Them.

Huntington, Aug. 10.—(Observer special.)—One of the most tragic deaths in the history of Huntington occurred here Saturday night at 6 o'clock when a father and his son and daughter went to the bottom of the Snake river together.

All Huntington and Baker City is shocked at the untimely and triple death. George E. Evans and his two children, aged 14 and 16 years, were bathing in the Snake river, 17 miles from Huntington, near what is known as the W. E. Baker ranch. The father was sitting on the bank watching his children. The boy was teaching his younger sister how to swim, and it is supposed both were seized with cramps at the same time.

Attempted Rescue Costs Life. The father lost his life in attempting to save his children. He swam rapidly to the deep water where his children were floundering in the stream. Before he had pulled them to shore he had lost control of his nerve and began a hopeless whipping of the stream in order to reach shore alive. His struggles were in vain. He went down with his children.

Evans was well known in Baker City. He is a member of the Wood-

men and another lodge in that city. The rancher who owns the farm where the terrible incident took place, was also a Baker City man. Parties have gone to the scene from Baker City and it is presumed he will be brought to that place for burial. He has a wife and several other children who survive him.

President's Daughter Weds.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Mlle. Fallieres, daughter of the president of France, today became the bride of M. Jean Lanes, her father's private secretary. The wedding was a quiet affair and was wholly accompanied by the enthusiasm and publicity which attended the marriage of President Roosevelt's daughter. The bride received many handsome presents.

WHITE CONTROL OF THE PACIFIC

GREAT OVATION FOR FLEET AT AUCKLAND.

Atlantic Fleet Now in the Harbor of Auckland—Presence of the Fleet Has Revived Crusade for White Control of the Pacific Traffic—New Zealand Paper Blames England for Retracting From Pacific Ocean—Goal Seems Assured.

Auckland, New Zealand, Aug. 10.—Sentiment here favors the formation of an Anglo-American alliance in the Pacific ocean for the advancement and defense of the interests of the white men as against the yellow races.

The crews of the ships of the Atlantic fleet were received today with the wildest enthusiasm, and were welcomed as brothers. The sailors are glad they are with a people who speak their own language.

Everywhere there is the sentiment that the white men must control the Pacific. On all sides there is confidence of their ability to do so. The Auckland Herald says, editorially:

"The visit of the American fleet emphasizes the fact that the United States is not going to take a secondary position in the Pacific. Even if the mother country has chosen to abandon the ocean, her daughter will not allow her to follow in those footsteps. The United States has the Gibraltar of the Pacific at Honolulu and the splendid harbors at Pago Pago and the Philippines."

RANCHERS MAY LOSE WATER.

North Powder M. & M. Company Needs Water and Will Not Divide.

North Powder, Aug. 10.—That the ranchers in some portions of the North Powder country are to suffer the loss of water at this important time of the year is evident if the order goes into effect that was made recently by the North Powder M. & M. company, which owns and operates the flouring mill at that place.

The company has prior water rights, but in the past has had a surplus of water. It was decided to divide the water with ranchers who would put land in cultivation, the division to continue until any time it was found necessary to have the whole supply for milling purposes. Crops have been planted and the desert soil responded admirably to the tiller's efforts.

Now, however, the water supply in

short and the milling company was forced to order all water belonging to their water right to be turned into the canal that feeds the mill supply.

The hardship that will be worked on those who have spent their time and work in cultivating lands that were watered by the mill's surplus will probably be hard. According to the opinion of many, however, there was nothing else for the mill to do in order to protect its business.

MERCHANTS FIGHT ROADS.

Declare Switching Charges Illegal and Will Contest Raise.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Alleging the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe roads are raising freight rates despite the law, by imposing extra switching charges in connection with regular charges and other extras, thus bringing the rates above the published schedule, the San Francisco merchants and those in the vicinity, will file charges against the two roads when the interstate commission meets here next week. They will contest the legality of the extra charges.

The Jobbers' association will join with the merchants.

VIOLENCE IN CANADIAN STRIKE

NEWSPAPERS DEMAND ARBITRATION AT ONCE.

Many Strikebreakers Are Now Employed on the Canadian Pacific—Papers Say Commerce Will Suffer and Want Peace—First Load of Wheat From the Fields is at Winnipeg to Forestall Possibility of Later Food Shortage.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 10.—The first train of this season's wheat arrived today direct from the fields of Fort William to avert a possibility of hindrance resulting from the strike on the Canadian Pacific. Violence is reported at several western stations today.

Many strikebreakers are employed on the road. Several cars were smashed in the local freight yards. The newspapers here demand intervention of the government to stop the strike.

The papers say that the commerce of the Dominion may suffer seriously from a prolonged strike. They demand arbitration between the road and the strikers at once.

Raise Texas Rates.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 10.—A raise of 10 per cent in interstate freight rates and steamship rates to Texas common points becomes effective today. Owing to neglect in filing the new tariff with the interstate commerce commission, the increase will not affect the seaport cities, Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, until next month.

LOOKING GLASS CAMPING PLACE OF NEARLY 700

YESTERDAY'S EXCURSION WITHOUT ACCIDENT.

Conductors' Excursion Now a Thing of the Past, and Everybody is Satisfied—Some Fish, Others Sleep, But All Eat—Few Fish Caught—Band Liberal With Music—Beautiful Scenery En Route and at the Creek, Highly Admired by All.

"The deserted village" does not

represent the condition of La Grande yesterday, for the Conductors' excursion took place and about 700 citizens of La Grande spent the day in a delightful way on Looking Glass creek, or on the Willows river, fishing.

On schedule time the trains left here yesterday morning and at each station en route the number of passengers on the local train was added to by scores.

The affair was a huge success, for not an accident marred the event, and Old Sol was especially kind and generous. The ride into the mountains, the stay there, and the return at twilight was all so pleasant that not a word of criticism has been heard, and the conductors' order is to be congratulated on the success of the event. But a very few had ever been over the new road beyond Elgin and the highly beautiful scenery en route was the object of admiration from everyone. The trains progressed slowly to avoid accidents on the sharp curves, and this gave the passengers ample opportunity to see the innumerable beauty spots.

Scatter Out in Woods.

Though the Looking Glass canyon is an extremely narrow one, still it has length galore—as those who attempted to find the falls will vouch for—and immediately after the passengers were unloaded, they began to seek the most satisfactory spots for temporary camps. For a distance of more than a mile, every level space was occupied by a group of rest-seekers.

Many Tried to Fish.

Fishing in Looking Glass was practically out of the question, as there were no doubt more hooks than fish. A few, however, who went up to the falls, a distance variously estimated between two and four miles, found many nice bull trout.

Many at the Mouth.

The conductors who so skillfully managed their excursion, provided ample seats and temporary dinner tables for the many aged who could not wend their way farther up the stream. Around the mouth of the canyon

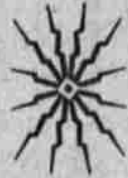
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Ladies' Dusters at Specially Reduced Prices This Week

DUSTERS in all the most popular and serviceable materials including mercerized cottons and real linen, made mostly in the large roomy auto styles which can be worn with the greatest comfort and without mussing the most dainty waist—some made perfectly plain—others trimmed with straps and buttons others with trimmings on collars and cuffs of contrasting colors of the most pleasing sort. All at especially reduced prices this week.

\$2.50 Dusters for \$1.98; \$3.50 Dusters for \$2.79; \$5.00 Dusters for \$3.98

\$7.50 Black Voile Skirts \$4.78
A shipment of these beautiful Skirts just received from New York a few days ago. The most superb values we have ever offered. Eleven-gore Skirts, with pleats and 2½-inch satin band around bottom; choose this week for \$4.78



Ladies Dainty Embroidered Front White Lawn Waist \$1.75
With pleated fronts, short sleeves, lace edging on collar and cuffs. In all colors and all styles, with fancy and plain buckles, worth regularly up to \$1.25; choice for 48c

Special Values in Cotton Blankets—Just the Thing to take for Your Camping Trip. Each 75c.

SUIT CASES at attractive prices, in all leather, matting and waterproof imitation leather; in large assortment; in prices from \$15.00 down to \$2.50

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, values up to 75c, now 48c
In light, dark, and medium colors; special this week, at each 48c

Men's, boys and ladies' 50c Straw Hats, suitable for Outing wear 35c
75c to \$1.50 Straw and Cloth Hats, for, choice 45c

Boys Canvas Shoes, Leather Soles - 95c
Boys Canvas Oxfords, Rubber Soles - 50c
Ladies White Duck Oxfords - \$1.29 up



Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON