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## PREVENT FUTURE LIGHT FAMINE

### ROCK CREEK WILL SUPPLY POWER FOR LOCAL COMPANY.

Light Famine is Not Possible in La Grande Again—Local Company to Extend Conveying Wires to Rock Creek via North Powder—Will Insure the City Ample Power When Morgan Lake Goes Dry—Big Force of Men to Work.

Another period of darkness like the one of last year will be prevented by the Grande Ronde Electric company this year, according to Fred Hough, manager of the company, who states that after weeks of negotiation the company has secured a contract with the Northwest Gas & Electric company, whereby the Grande Ronde Electric company is to be supplied with all the power required to keep everything going during that portion of the season when the Morgan Lake and Cove plants fail to produce the required power.

### Wire for New Project.

Walter M. Pierce returned Saturday morning from Portland, where he purchased the copper wire to extend the line from Union, via North Powder, to Rock Creek, near Haines. This morning a sufficient quantity of poles were purchased from the Oxbow Power Co. and active work of building the line will immediately be commenced. The Grande Ronde Electric company desires 75 men at once, to dig the holes and distribute the wire and poles. It is expected the line will be completed within 40 days. Thus the fear of another period of darkness similar to last winter, is removed, and as stated several weeks ago by Mr. Pierce, there would be ample power this winter.

### REVOLTING EVIDENCE.

#### Dead Doctor Had Connections With Abbie Rice That Were Illegal.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Abbie Rice, under rapid-fire cross-examination in the Rusting murder case, today told such revolting details regarding her relations with Rustin that the court ordered a 15-year-old girl to leave the room. The society women present kept their seats.

The attorneys for Charles Davis, accused of murdering Rustin, failed to shake her story. The defense began the introduction of evidence this afternoon.

### Elks, Attention.

All members of the S. P. O. E. are requested to meet at the lodge hall tomorrow at 1:30, to attend the funeral of our late brother, H. E. Neill.

C. S. DUNN, E. R.

### Workmen Buried in Debris.

Boston, Sept. 28.—A number of workmen were buried today when a four-story brick building collapsed. One body has been recovered. Rescuers are now at work looking for others.

### Women to Help Bryan.

London, Sept. 28.—Bryan will be assisted in his campaign the next month by Lady Francis Cook, and other noted lecturers. She will pay the expenses of the lecturers so they can take the stump in America, regretting that her health does not permit her to speak there personally.

## BACK FROM TRIP TO NATIVE HOME

### A. M. PAUL VISITS AMBASSADOR WHITELAW REID

Captain A. M. Paul, who left here April 30th, for the purpose of interesting London capitalists in the Aurelia mine up Grande Ronde river, returned home Sunday night. He states the object of his visit was accomplished, and that an office has been established on Victoria street, London, to handle the business.

The captain states that he arrived there during the vacation season, which required a stay of several weeks longer than under normal conditions. This, however, gave him an opportunity to visit many places of interest. He first visited Scotland, the city of Glasgow, where he was born, and after an absence of 59 years, he found the old house, which he immediately recognized. From there he visited Ayre, saw the famous Robert Burns cottage; visited Hamburg, Germany, Bulgaria; visited the home of Beethoven; played on three of the old musician's pianos, spent several weeks in the city of Paris, was there on the 17th—their Fourth of July—and was honored with a front seat during the exercises. He was in London on July 4, and was present at the reception tendered at the home of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. It was raining that evening and Ambassador Reid, upon being introduced to the captain, said: "This is regular Oregon weather."

Mr. Paul was 11 days crossing the ocean and returned via Quebec. While visiting this historic city, a British officer took a little delight in showing the group of American visitors a small brass cannon captured at Bunker Hill. Captain Paul asked the officer if they had anything else to show that they had captured there. The British officer saw the point, and shook his head.

Captain Paul said that while he saw much poverty and misery in London, there is an abundance of capital that is seeking investment in anything that will assure 5 per cent interest. He will leave in a few days for the mines and proceed to continue the development work.

### EXPECT DECISION SOON.

#### Baseballdom Awaits Anxiously Result of Protested Game.

New York, Sept. 28.—A decision is expected in a few days from the board of directors of the National league, settling the protested game between New York and Chicago of last week. There is a possibility that this case will decide the pennant winners.

### MANY INDICTMENTS EXPECTED.

#### Pendleton Grand Jury Will Return Indictments Tonight.

Pendleton, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Though it is expected that many indictments in the saloon cases will be returned tonight, nothing will be made public in the way of names or number of indictments until the arrests are made.



I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years and I have a peculiar feeling for him, because throughout that time he worked for the same object, with the same purposes and ideals.

I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well fitted to be President.

He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs, without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens.

He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind.

He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of and sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage earner, of the business man, of the property owner.

No matter what a man's occupation or social position, no matter what his creed, his color, or the section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest, hard working man who tries to do his duty toward his neighbor and toward the country, he can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions.

Mr. Taft stands against privileges and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well being.

## SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS ENFORCED

### PORTLAND POLICE ARREST FIFTY OFFENDERS SUNDAY.

Portland's Executive Evidently in Earnest Over Sunday Closing Laws—Druggist Who Sold Sundries is Arrested—Bootblacks and Bath House Left Open—Many Petty Offenders Will Be Tried by Grand Jury—Five Other Trials.

Portland, Sept. 28.—Fifty arrests were made yesterday as a result of defiance of the Sunday closing law. In addition, names of 65 petty offenders will be submitted to the county grand jury.

A druggist who sold cigars and sundries was placed in this class of defiance. As generally expected, keepers of pool rooms, cigar stores, newstands, fruit and confectionery stands were arrested.

Bootblacks and bath houses were left alone as coming under the "necessity mercy clause."

This was Portland's first Sunday under the closed-town ordinance, and many business houses remained open to test the intensity of the movement for a "lidded city." The wholesale arrests were something of a sensation.

## BRYAN'S FRIEND CRITICIZES HIM

### NEW YORK WORLD FINDS FAULT WITH BRYAN'S METHOD

New York, Sept. 28.—The New York World, which is supporting Bryan, today criticized his conduct of the campaign, editorially. It declares that when Bryan insisted that he is heir to the Roosevelt policies, he gave Roosevelt the opportunity the latter was looking for. The editorial says: "When Roosevelt's denunciation helped to precipitate the recent panic, Bryan assisted him by throwing the blame upon the malefactors of great wealth."

## CRUEL MURDER IN BELLINGHAM

### WIFE MURDER DONE IN SELF-DEFENSE, IT IS SAID.

After Being First Made a Target for his Wife's Weapon, Angered Husband Shoots Twice With Fatal Results—Slept the Following Night—Became Beastly Intoxicated, Returning in Two Days to Bury Remains—Pleads Self-Defense.

Bellingham, Sept. 28.—Rather than go to the morgue to identify what remains of his wife's body, J. T. Thomas this morning confessed that he murdered her and buried the body in the back yard. He said:

"Just as I was leaving, she pulled a gun from her dress and fired at me. I shot her twice. She said, 'My God,' and fell. I picked her body up and laid it on the bed. Then I went to sleep and woke at 9 o'clock the next morning. I found the body beside me. I shall plead self-defense."

Thomas said the murder was committed during a drunken brawl. He went downtown and got beastly drunk, returning in two days to bury the body. He told inquisitive ones that his wife had gone away.

### SENSATION IN POLITICS.

#### Former Solon, Pettigrew, Has Republican Scandal to Uncover.

Kitchell, S. D., Sept. 28.—Former United States Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, today sprung a sensation in the national campaign, saying that four years ago, through a former associate senator, he was offered by the republican national committee, \$10,000 to make speeches favoring Tom Watson, the populist presidential candidate. He issued the statement after a conference with Bryan.

Pettigrew said he would make public the name of the man who made the offer if the republicans desired it. Bryan addressed big crowds of farmers here today.

### McClure's Magazine

For the current month contains Gen. Kuropatkin's secret history of the Russo-Japanese war, at Ferguson's.

### Messenger Service.

For quick and reliable messenger service call Main 24.

### Noted Doctor Shoots Burglar.

Chicago, April 28.—Dr. Adolph Gehrmann, the expert who testified in the Hoch-Vrsal murder case, early today shot and killed a burglar in his home.

### HEARST HAS MORE YET.

#### Will Make Public Additional Charges Against Haskell, He Says.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—W. R. Hearst, while passing through on his way to Denver today, said he will have more letters proving his charges already made against Governor Haskell. They are new ones and will be read at the proper time.

## NATIONS WORRY AT WHITE PLAGUE

### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CONSUMPTION MEETS

Washington, Sept. 28.—Representatives of 30 foreign countries and nearly every state in the union, met today at the opening of the Sixth International Tuberculosis congress, to discuss the world-wide warfare on white plague.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou welcomed the delegates in behalf of the nation. Dr. Robert Koch, the great German bacteriologist, addressed the meeting, saying:

"We require a great campaign of education to check consumption. This is the chief duty of this congress. Isolation is necessary to proper treatment of the disease."



### Convention Insignia.

The accompanying picture shows the insignia which will predominate in the decoration and delegate badges. The cut was supplied by Manager Taylor, of the Sugar factory.

### Oldest Mason is Dead.

Lipden, Wash., Sept. 28.—Rev. Alexander Leclair, aged 96, said to have been the oldest Mason member in point of membership in the United States, is dead at his home in this city. He was a Mason for 70 years.

## PURE DRUGS

The Exact Kind That the Doctor Ordered

Our Prescription department organized along modern lines and our reputation is sufficient guarantee as to care and quality . . . . .



HILL'S DRUG STORE  
LA GRANDE, OREGON

## BIG RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES

### MOST ELABORATE FUNCTION IN SEVERAL YEARS PLANNED.

When Delegates to State Convention of Women's Clubs in This City Arrive, They Will Be Given a Reception Seldom Equalled—Elaborate, Yet Informal—Large Committee at Work—Big Drive Planned for Delegates on Last Day Here.

One of the most elaborate receptions, if not the greatest, that has been held in this city in many years, is slated for October 10, in this city, when the State Federation of Women's clubs hold their annual convention here. This is the decision of the entertainment committee appointed from the Lyle Tuesday Musical and the Neighborhood clubs some time ago. The women who will have direct supervision of this elaborate function will be Mrs. Turner Oliver, chairman; Miss Anson, Mesdames George Palmer, J. M. Berry, A. T. Hill, F. S. Ivanhoe, E. C. Moore, M. E. Donohue and E. Polack. They held a meeting today and the announcement of their decision is made.

Sub-committees will be appointed to look after the entertainment of all visiting delegates during the convention period.

### Big Drive Planned.

Among other things which the committee has announced as special features, is the big drive into various parts of the valley on the afternoon of the 12th, the last day of the convention. The program of the convention itself closes at noon on the 12th and the afternoon of that day will be set apart for the drives. The various industries of the city and surrounding country, the fruit districts and some of the beauty spots, will also be visited.

### Details Incomplete.

The exact program of the reception planned for the evening of the first day of the convention, has not been worked out, but the keynote to the whole affair will be informality. That every one is to become acquainted through this medium is the purpose of the reception. The citizens are invited to attend, though, of course, the guests of honor will be the visiting delegates.

### Neat Insignia.

A picture of a sugar beet will be the insignia of the local committees' decorations. The picture will appear on the ribbons presented to the delegates.

### Ankeny Will Not Fight.

Seattle, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Walla Walla to local papers says: "Ankeny does not intend to conduct a fight in the legislature for election to the United States senate."