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## PITTSBURG DROPS OUT OF CRUELLING RACE

ADMINISTERED DEFEAT BY CHICAGO NATIONALS.

New Light Thrown on Sensational Finish in American Race—Chicago Has a Fighting Chance, But It Looks Like Sunday Game With Pittsburg at Chicago—New York's Chances Are in Realm of Possibilities—Cleveland Has Two to One Chance—Remarkable Finish Nearly Over Now.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Pittsburg was eliminated from the National league pennant race, when it was defeated yesterday by Chicago in a 5 to 2 game witnessed by 30,247 people—the largest crowd that ever attended a baseball game in the history of this city. The game was the final one of the season for Chicago and Pittsburg. The game decided which of the two teams would enter the final race.

New York plays three more games, all with Boston. If she wins all, New York will be even with Chicago's percentage, which is today .541. Pittsburg has .535 and New York .633.

The decision of the board of directors in the New York-Chicago disputed game in New York, will make a difference.

Chicago Americans Have Chance.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—The Chicago Americans defeated Detroit, 2 to 1, in the opening game of the final series, Sunday, making it just possible for the local team to win the pennant. To do this Chicago must win the two remaining games with Detroit, while Cleveland loses one with St. Louis.

On account of the Cleveland-St. Louis tie today, the teams will have three games to play. By winning one of them, Cleveland will get the pennant, provided Detroit loses one to Chicago.

Director's Meeting Delayed.

Cincinnati, Oct. 5.—A meeting to consider the momentous question that may give the season's pennant to either Chicago or New York by the directors of the National league, went into session today. Umpires O'Day and Emslie, who officiated at the disputed game, were present.

The absence of President Bush of the New York team, precluded a decision this morning.

## BOOST FOR THE PACIFIC STATES

PACIFIC COAST CITIES SEND DELEGATIONS TO 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—For the purpose of uniting the Pacific coast cities in an effort to obtain a solid Pacific coast delegation at Washington to work for the interests of the far western states, representatives of 13 commercial organizations of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane met here today to effect an organization. C. B. Yandell, secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, former Governor McGraw of Washington, headed the Seattle delegation. Yandell criticized the government's policy in sending coal from the Atlantic to the Pacific in foreign boats.

Yesterday's Games.  
San Francisco, 4-5; Portland, 3-2.  
Los Angeles, 5; San Francisco, 2.

Fair in Salt Lake.  
Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 5.—Utah's annual exhibition of agricultural, livestock and horticultural products was opened today and promises to be the most successful state fair ever held between the Rocky mountains and the coast. The display of fruits is especially notable, Utah having produced a bumper crop of all kinds of fruits this year. The sheep department is also the best at any state fair this year and has attracted the attention of woolgrowers all over the west.

## GOLD BEACH IS SCENE OF FIRES

FOREST FIRES THREATEN WELFARE OF MANY SHEEP

Gold Beach, Ore., Oct. 5.—Forest fires are raging on every side and the air is heavy with smoke. So much range has been burned over that it is feared sheep will suffer for want of feed. Only by great care and much work serious loss to life and property has been averted.

Ranchers in the Rogue River district, and between there and Port Oxford are suffering most. Many of the homesteads are burned.

Saturday a school house in Squaw valley, recently erected, was burned to the ground.

FIRE ON 'FRISCO WHARF.

Damage Close to \$100,000 Done by Blaze Started by Spontaneous Combustion.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—A fire which threatened the destruction of the Beale street wharf and adjacent shipping valued at \$500,000, was started early this morning in the coal bunkers of the Pacific Coal company where many tons of fuel are burning. The terrific heat is preventing the firemen from approaching.

After five hours of fighting the fire was brought under control. Four thousand tons of coal were consumed. The blaze destroyed a part of the company's offices and warehouses. The estimated loss is between \$60,000 and \$100,000. Several firemen were overcome by fumes from the burning coal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worstell are home from their visit to Wallawa county.

## LOS ANGELES MOB STARTS LYNCING

MAD FIGHT BETWEEN POLICE AND ENRAGED WHITE MOB

Los Angeles, Oct. 5.—Determined to lynch Edward Martin, a negro, sentenced to life imprisonment today for assaulting beautiful Edith Halston, a mob of 100 led by W. S. Debell, the girl's sweetheart, attacked a cordon of police guarding the prisoner in Judge Austin's court.

P. R. Sweigert, one of the mob, was struck on the head with a policeman's club. He was taken to the hospital.

After being held to the superior court, the negro walked to the door, where Debell in a tremendous rage, flung himself upon Martin and attempted to drag him from the police. This was the signal for the attempt at lynching. The police fought the 100 man hand to hand, while Martin was taken through a rear door. He was quickly arraigned in Judge Curtis Wilbur's court, where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

## WHEELS OF JUSTICE COMMENCE TO GRIND OUT HEAVY FALL DOCKET

CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES WITH MORRISON CASE FIRST ON THE LONG AND INTERESTING DOCKET.

Grand Jury of Which May Be Expected Anything, Drawn—But Few Jurors Excused—Murder Case, Heavy Damage Cases and Escheat Case Principal Things of Interest—Several Cases Are Set for the Coming Week—Docket is a Long One—Uncertainty About Grand Jury.

THE PRESENT GRAND JURY.  
J. J. Brown, farmer, Medical Springs.  
W. H. Briggs, farmer, Starkey.  
J. S. Peach, farmer, Island City.  
John J. Bruger, farmer, Elgin.  
Dexter Eaton, farmer, La Grande.  
E. C. Moore, real estate dealer, La Grande.  
C. A. Galloway, (foreman) farmer, Elgin.  
RESULT OF JURY ROLL CALL.  
The clerk called the roll of jurors as follows: E. W. Oliver, of Alice; J. A. Woodall, Alice, excused for term; M. J. Duffy, Cove; J. L. Overton, Elgin, excused; E. Z. Carbine, La Grande; Frank McKinnis, Summerville, excused; J. J. Bruger, Elgin; C. A. Galloway, Elgin; J. J. Brown, Medical Springs; I. A. Howell, Island City; J. B. Wolfe, Union; J. T. Shaw, North Powder; E. O. Zsek, Union, excused; Gottlieb Buesing, Island City, excused; Jacob Snider, Union; Dexter Eaton, La Grande; J. D. McKennon, La Grande, excused; W. B. Butterfield, Union; W. T. Wallsinger, Alice; L. Kleinfelder, excused; Harry Westmer, Cove; William Frasier, Telocast; W. H. Briggs, Starkey; E. C. Moore, La Grande.

That august body, the circuit court, convened this morning at 10 o'clock, to conduct the October term of court, and before its calendar is exhausted, several heavy damage suits against the O. R. & N., one murder case and the now famous Morrison estate escheat case, aside from several other cases of considerable importance, will have been cleaned from the docket.

The coming term is a remarkable one and will be replete with interest throughout. Then, also, there is another feature which is new and that is, what the grand jury will do. It was drawn this morning, and what true bills will be reported remain to be seen. This is the first time in sev-



Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, who opened his first term of regular court with due dignity.

eral years that the district attorney has not drawn indictments, hence the new duty of the grand jury may give additional load for the secret body to carry.

Remarkable Case First.

As announced in The Observer, the Morrison case, in which P. A. McDonald has a vital interest, was called the first case on the docket. The afternoon was devoted to that case. This suit has required months and—even more than a year—to procure the necessary data. It was instituted when an abstract was sought after McDonald, as administrator, had dispersed the funds to the heirs and sold the real

Thursday, O. R. & N. vs. Eastlake.  
Friday, Brasel vs. O. R. & N.  
Thursday, October 15, State vs. Coon.

Not True Bill Returned.  
Though only empaneled this morning, the grand jury has already turned out one decision. It was that of W. T. Davis of North Powder, charged with beating his wife. The result of the jury's deliberation was to return a not true bill, and the defendant has therefore been released, and his case dismissed.

## LAND LOTTERY OPENS IN DALLAS

OVER 8000 ACRES INCLUDED IN GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 5.—What is expected to be one of the greatest public land lotteries ever conducted by Uncle Sam had its inaugural today, when the land offices here and at other towns in the vicinity were opened for the registration of the thousands of home-seekers eager to take a chance on securing a home in the Rosebud Indian reservation. Eight hundred thousand acres, divided into quarter section farms, will be disposed of by this lottery. It is expected that not less than 100,000 persons, and probably more, will register between today and October 17, in the hope that their names will be drawn from the wheel of fortune at the drawing beginning on October 19.

Persons who desire to be registered for this drawing must go to the towns of Chamberlain, Dallas, Gregory or Presho, in South Dakota, or to O'Neill or Valentine, in Nebraska, between today and October 17, and there sign and swear to an application for registration which will be furnished by the officer administering the oath. All applications for registration must be delivered by the applicant by mail, in person or otherwise, to Judge Whitten either at Dallas or Gregory, S. D., not later than 4 p. m. Saturday, October 17. Drawing will take place on the following Monday, October 19, at Dallas.

These lands embrace 835,000 acres, a portion of which have been allotted to Indians, and are located on the south line of the state of South Dakota and adjoin the lands in Gregory county which were opened in 1904. They are very desirable for farming and stockraising purposes, and similar lands in adjoining counties are selling for good prices. The opening of the Gregory county lands, four years ago, was one of the largest and most important land openings ever held by the government, and attracted a great deal of attention, 100,000 people having registered.

THAT'S AT FERGUSON'S.

## 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 . . . . .

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LA GRANDE, OREGON

## ELEVEN DIE MANY SUFFER BY BLACKHAND

TENEMENT HOUSE IN NEW YORK BURNED BY FIEND.

By Placing Oil-Soaked Paper in Several Parts of the Building, Shutting Off Exit by Stairway, Black Hand Send Eleven to Death and Fatally Injure Many Others—Babies Thrown From Upper Stories Like Rubber Balls—Men Seen to Roll Barrels Into Building Previous to Discovery of Disastrous Fire.

New York, Oct. 25.—Victims of a fire fiend who started a fire in a stairway so as to cut off all means of exit, eleven persons burned to death, several fatally injured and six seriously today in an East Side tenement.

The fire was started with oil-soaked paper in several different places. Most of those killed jumped from windows, three fell from the roaring stairway without the slightest chance of escape. Ten babies were saved by firemen, who threw them from windows like balls. Firemen below caught them.

An unidentified man was found in a hallway burned beyond recognition. He was taken to the hospital, where he died this afternoon.

Inmates Frenzied.  
When the inmates, most of whom were foreigners, awakened, they were hemmed in with the flames. At the rear of the building a fire had been started, making it impossible to escape there. Many climbed to the top of the building, from where they climbed to the roofs of adjoining buildings.

Fire Marshal Kelly said today the Black Hand is responsible for the conflagration. He says two men were seen rolling barrels into the building shortly before the fire started. Two explosions followed.

Debs Carried by Crowds.  
New York, Oct. 5.—When Debs in his "Red Special" arrived here yesterday, he was swept from his feet by admirers swarming around him at the depot. His clothes were torn and many buttons torn off in the terrific jam. For a moment the police had lost control.

Discover Dynamite Caps.  
Chico, Cal., Oct. 5.—The discovery of a box of dynamite caps on the rear porch of the residence of Mrs. J. Barrieka, adjoining the rear of the First National bank, today, leads to the belief that robbery was planned, in which the vaults of the bank were to have been blown open.