

WATER BOARD IS AT COVE TODAY ACTS HERE FOR FIRST TIME SETTLES WATER DISPUTES LOCAL ATTORNEY TAKES THE EVIDENCE HEARD.

pearance of the new board, considerable interest in manifested. It is hoped satisfactory settlement can be reached in this way, and curtail the great amount of litigation that invariably follows water disputes.

NEIDNER CASE ON.

Local Receiver's Suit Against Thompson in Progress.

PORTLAND, June 29.—The trial of the case of Walter Neidner, Receiver of the Farmers and Traders National bank at La Grande, against Asa B. Thompson, for collection of a note given on the bank, is in progress here, being heard without a jury. Thompson in the defense, alleges the note was an accommodation paper, and was without valuable consideration.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE HEARING Saxon of Baker is Board Member Who Sits During Hearing.

Oregon's first water board held its first meeting at Cove today when evidence was taken and claims presented on which the board will base its adjudication of water rights in Mill Creek which flows through Cove. F. M. Saxon, division superintendent of Division No. 2, with headquarters at Baker City, was the board representative at Cove today, and while some delay was occasioned this afternoon, it is thought that the hearing will be concluded tonight.

Some time ago parties at Cove using water from Mill Creek, complained to the newly formed water board that rights are not equitable. On June 14, in pursuance to the orders and precept of the board, a state engineer went over the territory, and today all claims for water rights and evidence to substantiate the claims, were taken before Mr. Saxon.

Attorney C. E. Cochran was called from La Grande to act as an attorney in the case. This being the first ap-

N. P. VIOLATES 16-HOUR LAW INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NOT EXEMPTING.

Supreme Court Upholds Lower Court's Decision in Matter.

OLYMPIA, June 29.—The State Supreme Court has unanimously affirmed a decision of the local Superior court, holding the Northern Pacific guilty of violating the 1907 law limiting to 16 hours per day, the employment of all trainmen. The company admitted men were employed 19 consecutive hours, contending the state law does not apply; first because men running between Seattle and Huntington, B. C., are engaged in international commerce; second, because congress passed the 16 hour law, which, while not effective at the time, barred any state law.

SUPREME COURT IN LIMELIGHT TACOMA MAN IS ACCUSER WANTS THE COURT CLEANSED HIGH TRIBUNAL IN WASHINGTON SUBJECT TO PLAYING.

EIGHT JUSTICES INVOLVED IN CASE

Either Politics or Money Said to Actuate Court Decisions.

TACOMA, June 29.—Demanding an investigation of the State Supreme Court by the legislature, Attorney Herbert N. Dewolfe, of Tacoma, has filed with the legislature a complaint in which every member of the court, except Judge Parker, is charged with "directly and wilfully violating their oath, that in four specifically named cases, erroneous decisions were handed down, either for monetary consideration or political prestige."

In three cases cited, in which Dewolfe was counsel for the interests of the Stone & Webster people, operating the Seattle Electric Company which were the concerned. The fourth case is the Mutual Life Insurance Company, represented by attorneys interested in the Post Intelligencer, a victor by the court's decision. The justices who are charged with corruption are: Rudkin, Fullerton, Mount, Dunbar, Crow, Gose, Chadwick Morris. Dewolfe says he will also present his case at the State Bar Association.

JAPANESE TO GIVE PAGEANT NIGHT PARADE BY JAPS RATIFY PROGRAM TONIGHT MORE IMPORTANT EVENTS ARE ALL ARRANGED.

FROM DAYBREAK UNTILL MIDNIGHT

Final Windup of Preparations at Tonight's Meeting.

One of the principal features of the 4th of July celebration is the parade at night participated in principally by the local Japanese colony. The same Japanese float which will be seen in the Congress of Nations parade will also be seen at night combined with several other beautiful Oriental features. The Fourth of July committee will hold their last meeting tonight and the official program will be arranged. The program which will probably be ratified at tonight's meeting follows:

Sunrise—100 guns.

8 a. m.—races and sports on Jefferson avenue.

9 a. m.—band concert at Depot to welcome visitors from Elgin.

10 a. m.—Congress of Nations' parade on principal streets.

11 a. m.—Oration by Hon. Chas. E. Cochran at L. D. S. Tabernacle.

1 p. m.—Free barbecue at fountain.

2 p. m.—Sports and races on Jefferson avenue.

2:30 p. m.—Dancing at Elks auditorium. Music by La Grande orchestra.

3 p. m.—Daylight protechnic display from court house grounds.

4 p. m.—Hose races on Jefferson avenue.

7:30—Band concert at tent.

8 p. m.—Illuminated parade by Japanese.

9 p. m.—Fireworks near court house. Grand ball at Elks auditorium. lead to come.

different form and not brought together. Consequently, although those interested in the subject know in a general way that fire entails an enormous loss to the community every year, they have been unable to back their arguments for remedial action with any definite proof.

District Forester E. T. Allen is receiving the active help of the Oregon Conservation Association, the Oregon State Board of Forestry, and the Washington Forest Fire Association in organizing the work. The two latter have revised their report forms to bring out the same facts regarding all fires. The Oregon Conservation Association is canvassing the state to secure suitable men to act as fire wardens and report on fires in their territory and present their names to the State Board for appointment. It will also send each man a post card reminder every two weeks, with a return card on which he will enter a few main facts about the fire. The Washington Forest Fire Association will collect reports from its rangers and from other correspondents where it has no rangers. The Forest Service will furnish franked envelopes for mailing in the reports, and compile the results. The Washington State Board of Forestry has not made any agreement as yet, but will undoubtedly furnish all the aid it can.

Every lumberman, or any one else who is interested in preventing forest fires, will see the advantage of bringing this information before the public and can be of great assistance by reporting fires in his vicinity. Forms will be furnished on application to the Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Forestry, or, in Washington, to the Washington Forest Fire Association.

ENGLAND STORE DAMAGED AGAIN DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT RESPONSE SAVES IT.

Total Loss Between \$1,000 And \$1,500 It is Estimated.

The ringing of the fire bells and the blowing of the whistles soon brought out the fire department in double quick time at 1:45 this morning, where smoke and flames were issuing from the rear of the second hand store of Charles England at 1411-1413 Adams avenue. The proprietor sleeps in the basement and when he awoke he had to find his way through the flames to the steps which led to the first floor. Mr. England states that the fire started in the steps which led to the cellar from the rear and ate through the door setting fire to the excelsior and mattresses and etc., usually found in cellars of furniture stores.

It was about 3 o'clock when the fire was out and all but two of the fireman and Mr. England and his brother remained to watch things. The wisdom of this precaution was evidenced as an hour later fire broke out in two places, but a bucket of water preventing recalling the fire department. Mr. England places his loss from \$1,000 to \$1,200. The store was closed at noon awaiting the arrival of the insurance adjusters.

Mr. England had just contracted to dispose of his three residences and store in this city to A. C. Palmer in exchange for his 320 acre farm at Telocaset. Mr. Palmer arrived here this morning, but the fire retarded the consumation of the sale until after the adjustment is completed, which will postpone the transfer until the latter part of the week.

John Mars who owns the store building as well as other adjoining property handed Joseph Jones, chief of the best Fire Department in the state his check for \$25 to show his appreciation, and Mr. England to show the boys how he appreciated their efforts in saving his store a check for \$10.

POWER IN GREAT ABUNDANCE HERE NIAGARA IS NOT SO STRONG ELECTRIC AGE IN ITS INFANCY

MINAM PROJECT ONE THAT ATTRACTS SEEMS.

WALTER M. PIERCE'S ADDRESS

Learned Word-Picture of Power Possibilities in Union County.

Few, if any, have ever outlined or pictured so vividly or made so many accurately, scientifically-based statements relative to the water power facilities in Union and Wallowa counties, as did Walter M. Pierce in his annual Commercial club banquet recently. The address, appended in part, needs no commentary:

I believe I am assigned "The Power possibilities of the Grande Ronde Valley." Just a thought before I speak on this. Fifty years is not long in the life of a people or nation. There are many here in this audience, whose minds can run back that length of time. Fifty years is just a short span in life. What mighty things have been accomplished in the last 50 years. Now glance with me 50 years into the future. It is said that the greatest mines today in the iron industry, that practically all of the iron ore in the United States will be exhausted in 50 years. In 50 years the forests will be sheared, and the last remnants of that possibly in Oregon; in 50 years the oil wells will all have gone dry, and the great coal mines of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will have been exhausted. The great coal mines of Ohio and Illinois and the great states of the middle west will have reached a place of exhaustion. The little mines in Wyoming, taxed to their capacity to warm and take care of the people of the Pacific coast, will be exhausted. In 50 years the ninety millions of people of the United States will have expanded to two hundred and fifty millions. Fifty years will mean that Portland will be a city of one and perhaps 2,000,000 people, and the Grande Ronde valley contain a population of one and perhaps 200,000 of people. The next 50 years will see a wonderful development, and in this time nothing will call for the genius of man like the taking care of the power resources. It is claimed that within 50 years from today, forty years let us presume—I will say 20 years from today will see no more wheat exportation from the United States; 20 years will see no more corn exported and 50 years no more beef exportations.

But the greatest demands upon the men of the United States will be the power necessary to keep the people warm, the ability to do things with the forces of nature, which lie hidden in the treasures of God, that man must tap to take care of that question. We don't know. Possibly it may be denaturated alcohol. We believe it is the electricity that is lighting up our room tonight. We believe in the years to come that the genius of man will give it more to do than it has in the past. Every power and water fall in the United States will be utilized in the years to come, and when those times come, these great manufacturing centers of the east must drift west, where nature has so abundantly provided water power. In all the states of the Union, there is no state having more standing timber today than Oregon; of all the states in the Union, there is no state having more abundant natural water power than Oregon. Upon the Willamette, the Co-

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COME THIS WEEK AND SEE THEM. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS BARGAIN EVENT.

THE FAIR

THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY.

COMPILE DATA ON LOSSES BY FIRES

FOREST SERVICE WILL INCLUDE UNION COUNTY.

Careful Data Concerning Fire Losses in Every County.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29.—State officials, associations, and individuals will cooperate with the United States Forest Service in an attempt to get accurate records of all fire losses in Washington and Oregon this summer. The Forest Service will compile a report showing counties, the area burned over of merchantable timber, and cut over land; the quantity and value of the timber destroyed, and the cost of fighting the fires. In this way the Federal and State Government as well as the public will be enabled to obtain at once systematic information concerning all fire losses in these states.

Heretofore, this information has been only partially collected. The Forest Service has secured comprehensive reports from rangers on the National Forests, but from no other source. The State Boards of Forestry in Oregon and Washington have had reports from their wardens, but many regions had no wardens. The State and Government statistics were in