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## DOLLAR WHEAT IN SIGHT FOR THE NORTHWEST

BUYERS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY ARE FORCING THE CEREAL TO DOLLAR MARK AGAIN

## FLOUR GOES UP SATURDAY

Twenty Cents on the Barrel is Increase Decided Upon for Patent Wheat Flour—Effect on Grande Ronde Farmers Will be Appreciated by Them, Making Two Successive Years of High Wheat Prices.

Portland, July 22.—Dollar wheat is in sight with a corresponding raise of flour prices and smaller loaves of bread to consumers. With wheat prices advancing here daily, and also in Chicago, Berlin, Paris and other wheat centers, each offering an advance in prices for the cereal, the outlook for wheat men is bright. The lowest price offered today was 93 cents for Bluestone, delivered here. The Pacific northwest yield is good and millers are today ready to announce an advance of 20 cents on the barrel on patent wheat flour tomorrow.

The effect on Grande Ronde wheat growers is encouraging. Last year the local growers came near touching the dollar wheat mark at all times and often overreached it, and with another year of similar prices likely, the gradual passing of wheat fields in this valley will be because of bankruptcy of the growers through low prices but because orchards will bring even more.

## OIL PROMOTER AT HOT LAKE

CALIFORNIA EXPERT CLAIMS VALE RICH IN OIL

Gas and Oil Will be Found Within One Hundred Feet of the Surface.

Hot Lake, July 22.—Special.—J. J. Walter, president of the Necanney City Hydrocarbon Oil company and also interested in Vale oil fields is staying at Hot Lake for a few days. Mr. Walter reports that his company expects to have the first oil-producing well in Oregon. Both oil and gas have been found in sufficient quantities to prove of much commercial value according to experts who have brought from California by the company to do the official testing. The California expert says he is sure of securing abundance of oil and gas within 100 feet of the surface.

## Negro Killed Bawn (1)

Chicago, July 22.—Coroner Hoffman announced this afternoon that he had received confidential letters which stated that Rawn, the railroad president who was found dead in his dining room two days ago and who it was alleged committed suicide, was shot and killed by a negro. The writer won't divulge his name. Coroner Hoffman announced, after he had consulted with the chief of police, that he will consider the request of insurance men for another inquest.

JAY BOWERMAN



The Condon, Ore., legislator who for the past month has been acting governor of Oregon and who was late last night named by the republican assembly to head the republican ticket in Oregon. Mr. Bowerman was speaker of the last house.

## NEAR BEER GETS DEATHBLOW IN WALLOWA

CIRCUIT COURT JURY FINDS VERDICT OF GUILTY

Important Test Case in Wallowa County Won by the State Yesterday

Enterprise, July 22.—Special.—Near beer, of the variety sold in Wallowa county, was given knockout drops here yesterday afternoon when a jury found a verdict of guilty against John Mitchell and John Pipes, both of Wallowa county, and charged with selling intoxicating liquors. The case was a sort of a test, and was fought strenuously from both sides. The other fifty-one indictments were carried over to an adjourned term, for court adjourned last evening and the court has gone to La Grande where some forty indictments will be tried commencing next Monday morning.

Near Beer Too Near  
Chemical analysis showed that liquids sold by the defendants as nearbeer was in reality 5.39 alcohol, while the ordinary lager beer runs between 3 and 6 per cent. This analysis was allowed to stand as evidence in the case and the men were found guilty. It is presumed the case will be appealed.

Test Case Costly.  
If the supreme court upholds the decision of the lower court jury, near beer has been given a death blow in Wallowa county. The other indictments are somewhat similar to this one and much interest centers in the outcome of the test case.

One Disagreement.  
In addition to this important case there was one other trial which ended in disagreement. There are a half dozen counts against the defendant but the jury disagreed on the first one. Subsequent trials will not take place until the court is resumed this fall.

## LAFFERTY SENDS PETITIONS

Wants Signatures to His Nomination Petition From La Grande People

A. W. Lafferty, the Portland attorney has sent his nomination papers to this city for signatures to assure his name being placed on the state ticket for election to congress from this district. Mr. Lafferty, J. S. Dillinger of Astoria and Judge Ellis of Pendleton are the three men who will apparently be the chief candidates for congress.

## BOWERMAN HEADS G. O. P. IN OREGON AND ELLIS GIVEN ENDORSEMENT FOR CONGRESS

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED BY ASSEMBLY DELEGATES—TAFT ADMINISTRATION LOUDLY PRAISED—MINOR OFFICIALS ARE BEING RECOMMENDED THIS AFTERNOON

Portland, July 22.—With candidates for state offices properly recommended, a state platform of the "standpat" variety endorsed, 1209 delegates who were up for the first assembly of the republicans in six years, are today nominating the minor offices of the ticket.

Bowerman Heads Ticket.  
Acting Governor Jay Bowerman, of Condon, was recommended for governor. Governor Frank W. Benson was nominated for secretary of state and Ralph Hoyt of Portland was selected as the candidate for state treasurer. Bowerman was elected with thirty-one votes over every other candidate.

Ellis Nominated.  
Representative Hawley and Ellis the former from the first district and the latter from the second district, were given endorsement for re-election to congress.

Th platform as adopted backs up the Taft administration and it is said that national party pledges had been fulfilled.

Want Lieutenant Governor.  
In addition, the platform recommends the creation of the office of a lieutenant governor. It favored pen-sioning of Indian war veterans.

Today's Nominations.  
Among the nominations made this afternoon by the assembly are: for Justice of the Supreme Court, a four year term, Thomas A. McBride of Oregon City, and Thomas McCamm, of Portland; Railroad commissioner Frank Miller of Albany; State engineer, O. P. Hoff, of Salem.

The six year term was given to F. A. Moore and George Burnett of Salem.

The entire ticket to be recommended follows:  
Governor.  
Secretary of State.  
State Treasurer.  
Attorney-General  
Superintendent of public instruction.  
State Printer.  
A Justice of the Supreme Court.  
State Labor Commissioner.  
State Engineer.

## STORM WRECKS KILLS 5 NEGROES TELEPHONES IN 10 SECONDS

BOTH SYSTEMS SUFFER HEAVILY DURING STORM YESTERDAY

Heavy Storm Sweeps Over Union and Cove at Late Hour of the Day.

Telephone lines and instruments were quite severely damaged by the electrical disturbances yesterday. The Home Independent and the Pacific companies alike are having trouble putting the systems back into the service. Late in the afternoon the storm swung around and hit Union and Cove, but apparently was more of a rainstorm that hail storm in that section. Imbler and Summerville were given a thorough soaking with little hail or wind.

May park and Fruitdale suffered the heaviest. Apples on the west side of the trees were bruised considerably though it is evident that the late varieties were injured the least.

State Railroad Commissioner. (At large.)

## District Nominations.

Representative to Congress, 1st Congressional District.

Representative in Congress, 2d Congressional District.

Water Commissioner, District No. 1, consisting of Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill and Washington counties.

Water Commissioner, District No. 2, consisting of Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties.

Circuit Judge 1st judicial district.

2 Circuit Judges, 2d judicial district.

3 Circuit Judges, 3d judicial district.

3 Circuit Judges, 4th judicial district.

2 Circuit Judges, 5th judicial district.

Circuit Judge, 7th judicial district.

Circuit Judge, 9th judicial district.

Circuit Judge, 11th judicial district.

Circuit Judge, 13th judicial district.

Prosecuting Attorney, 10th judicial district.

Joint Senator, Linn and Lane counties.

Joint Senator, Benton and Polk counties.

Joint Senator, Columbia, Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Joint Senator, Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties.

Joint Representative, Coos, and Curry counties.

Joint Representative, Douglas and Jackson counties.

Joint Representative, Lincoln and Polk counties.

Joint Representative, Tillamook and Yamhill counties.

Joint Representative, Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

2 Joint Representatives, Grant, Crook, Klamath and Lake counties.

Joint Representative, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Joint Representative, Harney and Malheur counties.

2 Joint Representatives, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

2 Joint Representatives, Hood River and Wasco counties.



GOVERNOR FRANK BENSON  
Nominated for Secretary of State at Portland.

## DEFER THE NEW RATE SCHEDULE IN THE WEST

CONFERENCE RESULTS IN POSTPONEMENT TO NOV. 1.

Interstate Commission Will Investigate Reasonableness First

Washington, July 22.—Following a conference between Chairman Knapp of the Interstate commission and Chairman Hosmer of the Western Trunk Lines association, it was announced that the proposed rate increase on western railroads will be suspended until Nov. 1. This action is in accord with the commission's desire to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed increases before becoming effective.

## THREE DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

"Wetness" Yesterday Affected Three to the Extent of Dizziness.

Three men were overcome by the dampness yesterday and spent last night in the city jail and this morning were arraigned before Recorder Snook on charges of being dizziness from too much nearbeer. The men are Lee Teetman, Charles Bowles and H. Cramer.

## PROMINENT VISITORS ARE HERE

Ed Hostetler, Prominent Odd Fellow and Others in the City.

A. E. Lake, county judge of Wasco county, Ed Hostetler, postmaster of The Dalles and "Sim" Bolton, ex-county clerk of Wasco county, are in the city from The Dalles this afternoon on their way to Wallowa county. Mr. Hostetler is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows grand lodge and an officer in it. Mr. Bolton is a brother of S. N. Bolton of this city.

## Elgin Miller Here

J. H. Eater, miller at the Elgin mills, is temporarily holding the same position at the Pioneer mill while regular employees there are on a vacation. Mr. Will Eater is one of the leading flour manufacturers from a standpoint of experience and skill that the county can boast of.

## Uncle Sam Huffy.

Washington, July 22.—The government this afternoon formally declared that no blockade exists at Bluefields and any interference with American property by Madriz will not be tolerated.

## HOTEL GUEST IS CREMATED AT HOQUIAM

FOREST FIRES DAMPENED AFTER LIBERAL RAINFALL ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST

## WISCONSIN FLAMES COSTLY

General Conditions Throughout the Northwest Much Improved by Rainfall—St. Joe, Idaho Still Suffers Considerably but Otherwise Improvement Noticeable—Risk of Hoquiam Threatened by Conflagration.

Hoquiam, July 22.—One is dead and two are missing as the result of a fire which destroyed the Hoquiam hotel early today, threatening the heart of the city. Mrs. Olsen, a hotel guest and aged 70 years was burned in her room. Two men are missing. The fire started in the hotel proper and was fanned by a strong wind, burning so rapidly that thirty persons in the place hardly escaped with their lives. Some were burned so bad that they had to be taken to the hospital.

## Wisconsin Fires Break Out.

Wausau, Wis., July 22.—According to messages received here, fully 700 residents of the village of Merrill are imperiled by forest fires surrounding the district. Thickly wooded districts are aflame, spreading rapidly. The town of Gleason has been cut from communication for several hours. A St. Paul train carried many of the settlers to safety.

## Fire at St. Joe.

Lewiston, July 22.—A fire near St. Joe is causing much trouble. It is spreading despite efforts of fire fighters.

## Rains Help Much.

Portland, July 22.—A general rainfall has improved the fire conditions along the Pacific coast. Many of the prominent fires are reported as almost out.

## POSTERS HERE FOR BIG FAIR

COLORFUL BILLS TELL STORY OF COMING EVENT

Union and Wallowa counties to be Thoroughly Covered With Them.

Something rather unusual in the annuals of fairdom in Union county was noted today when the posters for the fair next fall arrived here. They will be posted so early that all county points can regulate personal affairs so as to attend.

The posters are large and well colored and tell the story of what the fair is to be, in a general way. They will be spread to the four corners of the county and over Wallowa county as well. The board of managers are not leaving anything undone in the matter of exploitation and when the fair gates swing open, it will be known by every man, woman and child in Union county that can read or has ears to hear.

## Outfit Cars to Kamela.

A string of outfits was in the city this morning bound for Kamela where considerable bridge work is to be done.