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## BENSON NOT AS ILL AS REPORTED FROM FRISCO

### WILL RETURN TO SALEM IN A SHORT TIME ANNOUNCE HIS PHYSICIANS TODAY

## MAY SINK AT ANY TIME

Attending Physician Denies Emphatically that Oregon's Executive is at Death's Door—Has Been so Weak that He was Forced to Remain in Bed for Some Time—Has Returned to his Apartment at Frisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Dr. Worden, Governor Frank Benson's physician, emphatically denied today that the Oregon executive was at the point of death, as announced.

Governor Benson has been so weak that he remained in bed until the last few days and did not move about much.

He has cancer of the nose, which threatened for a time to destroy the sight of his right eye. The doctors say he is yielding to the treatment. Benson expects to return to Salem soon.

### May Sink at Any Time.

For some time Governor Benson has been staying at the home of his friend, at Ross, in Marion county. Yesterday he returned to his apartments in this city. He seems in much better spirits.

It is admitted that a change for the worse may come at any time.

### Sherman on Stump.

New York, Aug. 19.—It is stated here that Vice-President Sherman has consented to take the stump for the republican congressional campaign committee, beginning probably next week. He will spend most of his time in the west, especially in Oklahoma, Nevada and the Dakotas.

### Ready for Elgin Meet.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Workmen are now putting the finishing touches on the course for the national road races to begin at Elgin a week from today. The grand stand is a commodious structure, seating about 8,000 persons in all. It has been decided to charge popular prices—fifty cents for bleacher seats, \$1 for grand stand seats and \$1.50 a person for boxes. In addition to this, there will be a general admission to the course of fifty cents. The course is now in good condition and in the week remaining, with favorable weather conditions, the roads can be put in perfect shape.

## VERA PROSSER IS ACQUITTED

### PUBLIC SENTIMENT WITH THE WOMAN DEFENDANT.

### Jury Out but Twelve Hours, and Returns a Verdict of Acquittal.

Libby, Mont., Aug. 20.—Vera Prosser, who killed her divorced husband aboard a passenger train near Libby, June 1, was acquitted today on a charge of murder after the jury had been out all night. The trial lasted three days and was replete with dramatic incidents.

She says she does not know her plans but will probably go east. Previously she lived at Seattle and Cleveland. Popular sympathy was with the woman.

### National Rifle Matches.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 19.—Preliminary practice for the matches of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle practice commenced today at Camp Perry, bringing crack shots from all over the land, to take part in the contests for supremacy to be held during the coming week. The practice will continue tomorrow, and the shoot will be on in earnest Monday.

Some important changes have been made since last year in the rules governing the national matches. The most important is a provision intended to prevent the occurrence of the necessity for imposing a penalty on a team for changing rifles. The new rule explicitly points out what alterations may be made in a service weapon, after it leaves the ordinance department. The triggerpull must not be reduced, the bolt must not be polished, nor bands be loosened. The incident which gave rise to this rule occurred last year when the entire rapid-fire score of the Naval Academy was thrown out because the rifles did not conform to the conditions.

From the national team and individual matches the 800-yard stage has been eliminated, and in the 200-yard-rapid-fire stage position is now kneeling instead of standing.

### Gaynor Shows Slight Improvement.

Hoboken, Aug. 19.—The condition of Mayor Gaynor today is very satisfactory to his physicians.

## IMBLER CROPS ABOUT PERFECT

### FRUIT INSPECTOR ELATED AT SANITARY CONDITIONS

### Apple Market Much in Doubt Yet Pear Shipments Started—Coming

Apple orchards on the Sandridge, at and near Imbler, have never appeared more attractive, more heavily laden with apples, or giving evident of producing a more perfect crop than right now, affirms County Fruit Inspector Stillwell, who yesterday afternoon completed a tour of that section of the fruit belt, inspecting every orchard carefully and minutely. The orchards are less insect-infected than commonly, and the enormous crop is almost perfect in every respect. The fruit inspector is highly elated over the "sanitary" conditions of the orchards wherever he has been. Imbler was not visited by the heavy hailstorm, some time since, which did some damage in May Park and Fruitdale, and consequently the Imbler fruit is a very fine variety this fall.

### Pear Shipments Under Way.

The Ramsey warehouse company yesterday loaded two carloads of Bartlett pears, destined to Dakota points. The shipment was of a very good quality of fruit, the pears being of a large smooth and luscious variety.

### Apple Shipments Approaching.

Preliminaries for handling the enormous apple crop this fall and winter are now under way. All fruit dealers of the valley are anticipating a profitable season, though there is little to say about the markets at this time. It is entirely too early to make predictions as to what Grande Ronde apples will bring, but that the shortage in the Middlewest and portions of New York's apple belt will have a material effect in Grande valley, is conceded. At least the market will be lively and there should be no difficulty in disposing of the fruit, but what the price will be, remains to be seen.

### "Gov. Hughes Racing."

New York, Aug. 19.—New York horsemen are referring to next week's grand circuit trotting meet at the Empire track as the Gov. Hughes meeting, because of the fact that all betting will be rigidly suppressed. Trotting horse men believe that the New York public will support racing without any gambling attachments, and the coming harness session will be looked upon as an interesting experiment.

## STATE'S RIGHTS KEYNOTE OF CONFERENCE

### SMOOT AND BORAH WILL PRESENT WESTERN STATES' FOREST IDEAS

## IS SLAP AT PINCHOTISM

Western Governors' Representatives at St. Paul will Have Chance to be Heard at St. Paul—State Rights Over Government Rights to Withdraw Power Sites Will be Advocated by Strong Delegation.

Portland, Aug. 19.—Telephonic reports from Wallowa, Ore., say a fire which it was supposed the troops had controlled at Medical Springs, has broken out again, but it is believed it can be stopped before much more damage is done.

On the Snake river district of the Wallowa reserve a new fire is also reported. If it gets bad another requisition for troops will be made.

### Rangers Reported Surrounded.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Aug. 19.—Every available man is being rushed to the forest fires on Prospect Trail, believed to be of an incendiary origin. The flames extend over an area of twenty miles. Unverified reports say that several forest rangers are surrounded in the fire. The timber is dry, and hard to control.

### Grants Pass Fire Out.

Grants Pass, Ore., Aug. 19.—A forest fire which raged yesterday near Fruitvale, four miles from this city, is reported dying out this afternoon.

Portland, Aug. 19.—Save for fires in the Clearwater district in Idaho and in the Southern Oregon Crater National forests, the fire situation continues to improve. Reports reaching the local forestry department from points in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, say the fires burning are but comparatively small. Rains are promised and it is believed the worst is over.

The two companies of Infantry, which left American Lake yesterday, arrived at Medford and left for the Crater fire today. Twenty-five fires are burning, and the fire area covers fifty square miles. While it is admitted the acreage burned over is large and the losses heavy Forester Cecil says the first reports were exaggerated.

## CONFERENCE PAYS TRIBUTE TO DISTRICT SUP. GILLILAN

Joseph, Aug. 10.—Special—Conferring a token of esteem in the form of a purse of \$50 to retiring District Superintendent J. D. Gillilan, marked the morning session of the second day of the Methodist conference here today. A. L. Hayworth made the presentation speech, touching upon the efficiency of his services as district superintendent in the Idaho conference.

Doctor Headland of Pekin, China, was to have delivered an address last evening, but did not come, and Doctor Homan of Willamette valley filled the slate with his masterly address, "Scientific Education."

Today the conference opened with the sacrament of the Lord's supper by Bishop Smith. Routine business matters followed.

Ten new men were transferred to the conference and two were taken in full membership. They were W. E. Whitlock of the North Indian confer-

## MEDICAL SPRING FOREST FIRES GROW WORSE

### TROOPS WILL BE REQUISITIONED FOR IF BLAZE IS NOT CONTROLLED SOON

## FIRE AT KLAMATH FALLS

Situation Generally Throughout the Northwest Continues to Improve, But in Wallowa and at Klamath Falls, there is Much Trouble—Medical Springs Blaze Breaks Out Anew—Troops Reach Southern Oregon Fire.

Salt Lake, Aug. 19.—Western governors conferring today voted to send representatives to the national conservation congress at St. Paul, after Frank B. Kellogg has promised their views of conservation would be presented to the congress. Kellogg declared that Taft and Roosevelt would attend the convention.

The governors then went into executive session to prepare a statement. It is expected the statement will be a tankmount to the state's right of declaration of jurisdiction over timber lands. Senator Smoot was chosen to present the statement to the congress. Smoot was taboed by Pinchotians on account of his favoring a bill in the senate for the transfer of control of water power sites from the government to the states.

Smoot will attend the congress as a representative for Governor Spry. He and Senator Borah will be the chief spokesmen for the state's right faction.

### Pleased with Purchase.

Charles Ball and Ed. Dawn, who purchased the White Front Lunch counter on Jefferson street, are pleased with their investment and state that La Grande is the best city in the whole of Eastern Oregon for their business.

### DAHLMAN'S LEAD A SAFE ONE.

### Wide Margin Between He and Shallenberger when Final Count Comes

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 19.—With the returns of two-thirds of the state's vote in, Dahlman is leading Shallenberger by a plurality of 2,000. Shallenberger won't admit his defeat. The result is yet in doubt, as Dahlman is weak in the rural districts.

### WILL BUILD A NEW DIRIGIBLE.

### Will Build a New Airship Service Out of Frisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Backed by prominent business men, W. T. Mearry, an inventor, will still launch his monster dirigible balloon in splendor. He hopes to inaugurate a service between this city and Los Angeles. He will use helicopters, heretofore untried, as a means of ascent and descent. The horizontal will be propelled by three powerful gasoline motors. The gas bag will only be used to make the buoyancy, while the helicopters will be used to lift the dirigible.

### WILL REPAIR PIPE ORGAN.

### North Powder Merchant Is Called to Seattle.

North Powder, Ore., Aug. 19.—Special—Carl G. Johnson, one of the firm of the Forstrom & Johnson company, has been called to Seattle to repair the large Cathedral pipe organ in that city. Mr. Johnson was for a long time connected with the organ factory and installed the one he now goes to repair. This instrument alone cost \$40,000. Mr. Johnson is a thorough musician and his attention now is being directed to the invention of a new piano player.

## BOWERMAN WILL VISIT UNION

### FARMERS' DAY AND EXPERIMENT DAY NEXT WEEK.

### Prominent Speakers from Corvallis, Portland and Salem Coming.

Union Experiment Station, Union, Ore., Aug. 20.—Special.—The Farmers' Union picnic will be held in Hunters' Grove, Friday, August 26. Dr. James Whytecombe, Hon. Dunham Wright, Dean Cordley, and others, will deliver addresses in the morning and suitable entertainment will be provided for the afternoon by the Union people. Those who attend are going to bring their baskets full of good things to eat, and there will be a mighty feed during the noon hour. Everyone is invited to come and have a royal good time.

Saturday, August 27, will be Farmers' Day at the Eastern Oregon experiment station, when the visitors will be given an opportunity in the morning to observe practical demonstrations in cultural methods, field crops, fruit growing, grain and livestock farming. The afternoon will be devoted to addresses from L. A. Wright, Mayor of the city of Union; Hon. J. K. Weatherford, president of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college; Hon. Walter M. Pierce, member of the board of regents; Hon. Jay Bowerman, acting governor of the state of Oregon; Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon agricultural college; and D. O. Lively, general agent Portland Union Live Stock Yards company.

The O. R. & N. Company has made a special rate of a fare and one-third from Pendleton to Huntington inclusive, which takes in the La Grande Joseph branch, as well as the main line. Sale dates will be August 25, 26, and 27, and all tickets will carry a final return limit of August 29.

### Haywood to Europe.

New York, Aug. 19.—William D. Haywood, who, as secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, was acquitted of complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, after a sensational trial, is to be American representative at the International Congress of Socialists, opening in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 28. Haywood will spend about four months in Europe, and will deliver many addresses.

### Delegates to Head of Lake.

This afternoon the delegates were transferred to the head of the lake, combining business with pleasure. This evening the temperance lectures by Rev. Ousterhout and Rev. Knoddel will take place at the head of the lake, and a sumptuous feast is to follow the temperance addresses.

If Doctor Headland reaches here tonight, he will deliver the postponed lecture.

## JUDGE BURK TO BE SACRIFICED FOR ENEMY

### POINDEXTER'S ENROADS WITH INSURGENCY FORCES—REPUBLICANS TO MERGE

## LA FOLLETTE WILL WIN

Insurgency in Wisconsin as Strong as in Kansas—Labor Party in Pennsylvania will Support Dalsell's Enemy at the Primaries—Centralize Forces of Republican Party at Washington.

Seattle, Wn., Aug. 20.—The Seattle Star today says Judge Burk of Seattle, will withdraw from the United States senatorial race in favor of John Wilson, publisher of the Post-Intelligencer, his bitter rival, for the purpose of beating Poindexter, the insurgent. Formal announcement, says the Star, will be made soon. It is known that Poindexter's campaign throughout the state has caused the regulars much worry and it is believed they have decided to concentrate on one candidate.

### Labor Against Dalsell.

Pittsburg, Aug. 19.—The American Federation of Labor will oppose John Dalsell, the regular Republican, and will support Dr. Black, the independent, according to intimation of Gompers today. Mr. Black was defeated at the primaries by Dalsell, and after his successful contest of the election, decided to run independent.

### LaFollette Will be Re-Elected.

Salina, Kans., Aug. 10.—Senator Bristow today returned from his trip about Wisconsin, and said there is no doubt but that LaFollette of Wisconsin, will be re-elected to the senate. He said he won't believe anyone can defeat LaFollette. He thinks he will win the renomination by a plurality of 70,000.

Bristow said the insurgency in Wisconsin is nearly as strong as in Kansas.

### Eagles in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—St. Louis echoed today to the first cheerful cheeping of the advance flocks of Eagles, and before forty-eight hours have passed, the Mississippi valley metropolis will be the roosting place of tens of thousands of the birds of joy. The sessions of the convention will continue through the coming week. Twenty-five thousand dollars will be distributed in prizes for degree team contests, competitive drills and other events.

## PLAGUE SPREADS IN ITALY

### HOURLY DEATHS OCCUR FROM THE DREADED PESTILENCE

### Italian Government Taking Hand to Prevent Further Spread

Bari, Italy, Aug. 20.—With the death list of 33 being increased hourly, the virulent cholera epidemic on the Adriatic coast is assuming alarming proportions.

The Italian government is hurrying detectives from Rome to the scene. All public gatherings are forbidden. Peasants are holding historical religious meetings praying for divine intervention. The towns, Barietta, Trani, Biton, and Mola, are the principal places affected.