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ONE HUNDRED POUND LIMIT A NEAR REALITY

PARCELS POSTS FIELD TO BE GREATLY ENLARGED SHORTLY.

BURLESON EXPECTS CHANGES BY JULY

One Hundred Pound Shipments By Mail Does Not Hold Any Serious Problem to the Post Office Department Now \$400,000,000 Lbs. Can Be Handled at 10 Cents Per Pound.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Postmaster General Burleson admitted that he was considering an increase in the weight limit of parcels to be legally shipped by mail to 100 pounds during the fiscal year commencing on July 1st.

"I think," said he, "that we can transport approximately 400,000,000 pounds at 10 cents a pound on an average. I just wanted to say here that a hundred pound limit does not terrify us."

The tremendous success attained under the original 11-pound rate caused an increase until at present 50 pounds can be shipped under restricted zones.

Early results of a 100-pound shipment is taken to mean terrific inroads on the business of the express companies.

AMENDMENT DAY OBSERVED

Temperance Workers to Join In National Movement Here Thursday.

Thursday, Jan. 15, is National Amendment day and a meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Methodist church of this city. The program begins at 10 a. m., and the afternoon service at 2 o'clock. All temperance people are invited to be present and join in the observance of this national constitution prohibition amendment day. Several of the local pastors will be present to participate in the program.

NEW COMPENSATION ACT ELECTIVE

The Observer has received a copy of the Workmen's Compensation Act, which was passed by the last legislature, held up by the referendum and approved by the people on November 4th by a vote of more than two to one. Included in the law, is the report of the commission appointed by Governor West to frame the bill. The law became effective immediately after the election in so far as the organization of the commission was concerned. The insurance features of the act, however, do not become operative until July 1, 1914.

The law provides for the creation of the Industrial Accident fund, to be made up by contributions from employers, workmen and the state.

Two classes of occupations are defined in the act and are designated as classes A and B. In class A, the rate of payment by the employer is 3 percent and by the employee one-half of one percent. In class B, the employer pays one and one-half percent and the employee one-fourth of one percent. In class A, both the employer and workman are entitled to exemption when the indi-

EARTH ROCKS SO SEVERELY THAT REFUGEES MUST CRAWL TO PLACES OF PROTECTION

No Americans Killed By Terrible Eruptions And Earthquake Shocks

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 14.—Assurances that no Americans lost their lives in the volcanic eruption which destroyed the city of Kogoshima and wiped out several smaller towns in the vicinity and turned the surrounding country into a desert, were received from American Consul Deichman, at Nagasaki. Several American traders and missionaries lived in the stricken districts. There were few tourists in Kogoshima, and all of them are accounted for. It is taken for granted that they lost everything through the eruption of Mt. Sakurajima.

COREQUID IS LOCATED

Vessel In Danger, But Not As Serious As Reported Earlier.

Halifax, Jan. 14.—The royal mail steamer Corequid has been located 30 miles from Laurier. The hull is above water and her condition is not as dangerous as at first anticipated. The steamer Lady Laurier is hurrying to her assistance and will reach her this afternoon. She carries 16 passengers and a crew of 102 men. Transferring passengers will be completed before night.

M. I. A. SEASON NEAR

Fast Quintet Will Invade Baker Tomorrow Evening For Opening Game

Tomorrow night the M. I. A. basketball team opens its season with a game with the Y. M. C. A. at Baker. The quintet has been diligently preparing itself for the season and is confident that the initial contest will be a victory. Those who will make the trip include: Woods, Stoddard, Bean, Larson, Childers and Geddes.

Fog Problem Solved.

London, Jan. 14.—Fogs at sea will lose much of their terrors if the invention of Earnest Welsh a Hull druggist, proves practical. By a special apparatus he professes to be able, with the aid of certain chemical powders, to produce green, red and white lights which will penetrate any fog. His device is in the form of a pistol.

Refugees Must Crawl Away. Eruptions were subsiding at two a. m., but the mountain side is said to be something terrifying. Earthquake shocks are of constant occurrence and are so severe that refugees are compelled to crawl on their hands and knees. Destruction from another volcano on Klushnu Island is said to be imminent.

Re-Auditing Of The City Books To Start Tomorrow

That the city's books and accounts will be audited by an accountant retained by Ray W. Logan, ex-city treasurer, is admitted today in order that differences of opinion as to the city's business and ready money may be determined definitely.

Since Treasurer Manager was appointed to the office by Manager Larky there has not been a complete turnover of the city's business by the retiring treasurer owing to the different conclusion drawn by the official and the present one.

In order to clear up all disputes as to the correct amount of money

ARTESIAN WELL REVIVES FLOW

LONG DORMANT, O.-W. WELL HAS NEW LIFE.

Tremendous Volume Pours Out of the Well in Local Yards.

After being almost dormant, and entirely useless for several years, the O.-W. artesian well in the railroad yards is showing marked revival of energy. From almost nothing the volume has suddenly jumped to 250,000 gallons per day and assumes the original flow. Shortly after the well was "punctured" at a depth of nearly 1000 feet, the engineering department of the O.-W. had the well temporarily plugged up. The result was that the water supply was wrecked, and for several years, although it continued to flow, the volume was almost nil and for some time has been run into the sewer as a negligible quantity. O.-W. Storekeeper Martin recently found the flow was increasing and today a magnificent stream is pouring out. The physical phenomenon is unexplained, but the increased flow is there. It may mean a change in the working system of the present water supply at the yards.

JEREMIAH DONOVAN



Jeremiah Donovan is the new congressman from the Fourth district of Connecticut and his biography of only two lines is the shortest in the Congressional Directory. Almost every day he makes a speech on the absenteeism of members. Mr. Donovan is a retired wholesale grocer of South Norwalk.

RICHARDSON NOT SEEKING SUBSCRIPTION

MESSAGE BROUGHT THIS TIME OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO OREGON.

PANAMA FAIR AMONG WORLD'S BIG THINGS

Thousands Upon Thousands Coming West and Purpose of Mr. Richardson's Visit Is to Organize Inexpensive Campaign to Land a Portion for La Grande—Addressed School.

"No, I don't want any money; won't try to raise a cent—kindly make that clear to men and women of La Grande through the Observer, please."

With that expression, Tom Richardson, he of booster fame and broad mind in re community publicity, proclaimed his mission to La Grande today for boosting, whether with or without funds is his mission in life, and in this particular instance he is not after money, hence it shows he must be on a boosting mission purely. He addresses a public meeting at the Commercial club tonight and men and women are especially urged to be on hand this evening at 8 o'clock. The reason Mr. Richardson is here is pointedly set out in his soliloquy in an interview this morning.

"It is a great asset to any district, community or nation to have other people talk of it," said Mr. Richardson. "The Pacific coast, which includes Oregon you know, now has that asset. Our expensive advertising a few years ago did marvelous work and now the Panama canal and exposition in 1915 is doing the rest. People are coming in tremendous herds for the fair is going to be the biggest thing the world has yet seen in expositions. The coast is the talk of the country. It will be an absolutely unforgivable crime if Oregon doesn't do something to get the people out of the crowds that are coming west. California is largely paying the bills for bringing them to the coast; now Florida is first class."

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SUIT AGAINST O-W REACHES RECORD FIGURE

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DAMAGES ASKED BY H. M. PFEIFFER OF THIS CITY.

COMPLETE DISABILITY FROM INJURY SHOWN

Engineer Injured When Repairing Locomotive Near Pilot Rock Bring Suit Against O.-W. for Damage That Set Record for Such Case in This County—Suit Is Filed.

Probably the largest damage ever filed in Eastern Oregon, and the largest ever noted in Union county, is now in circuit court, with M. (Helm) Pfeiffer, a former O.-W. engineer, as plaintiff. The damages for injuries sustained some time ago by Mr. Pfeiffer amount to \$45,000 which is \$5000 more than the high damage suit filed heretofore. F. Ivanhoe is attorney for the plaintiff and this associated with him B. Greene, both of this city.

The injuries sustained by Mr. Pfeiffer are set out in the complaint being such as to ruin him for one hand is so badly lacerated only two fingers, a small portion of the hand and wrist remain, and fingers will always be stiff. The plaintiff further says that the plaintiff's back was severely and permanently injured. The complaint goes on to say:

The expectancy of the plaintiff is that he is still a young man less than 30 years and was earning close to \$200 per month when injured. He is an engineer for the O.-W. Pfeiffer was attending to some repairs on his locomotive at Pilot Junction. In doing so he was required to get under the engine. The complaint sets out that his engine was struck by another engine coming from a siding warning and that the crash Mr. Pfeiffer's locomotive striking the cylinders to strike his back and causing severe laceration of one hand and other bruises. He is in the hospital for a long time and is unable to work. The complaint sets out that he is not able to do any work.

CAMPS CAN USE LITE

Junior Y. M. C. A. Board Co. With Local Lumber Companies operating in Eastern Oregon are getting co-operation in literature of desirable typographic camps through the junior directors of the Y. M. C. A. committee appointed to coordinate the different companies, a meeting of the junior board was held and that report was that it had found most companies doing splendid work employees but that efficient literature to the camps was not always as it might be. The committee is exerting many splendid efforts that line, but the committee is of the opinion that it and the public good advantage. Any literature in the way of 1500, can leave them J. H. Rudd, and the junior superintendent the district

EASTERN STORM'S BACK IS BROKEN; SUFFERING INTENSE

FIRE REFUGEES SUFFER FROM COLD.

Boston, Jan. 14.—Fireman J. A. Hackett was killed and others seriously injured and \$150,000 in damage done by a fire in the Bacon department store and apartment houses adjoining today. With the temperature 10 below zero, 75 were driven to the streets in night clothes.

New York, Jan. 14.—Weather bureau forecasts say the cold wave

is broken. At noon the temperature was five above zero, rising rapidly. Last night was the coldest here in 14 years, with the mercury four below. Nine are accounted for who died directly as a result of exposures. Poor are suffering frightfully. Municipal lodging houses were packed and scores of derelicts slept in the morgues. Fire departments are caring for many unfortunates. Snapping Cable Brings Death. Mulberry, Kas., Jan. 14.—By the snapping of a cable attached to a cage in which six men were descending into the Spencer-Nowell mine, three men met instant death through a fall of 100 feet.