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The Weather
Fair weather is promised for tonight and tomorrow; northwesterly winds.

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DEMAND PUBLICITY ON WATER QUESTION

ROOT SAYS MATTER IS "NO JOKE"

Maintains That His Lot on Seventh Street Cannot Be Had For \$15,000--Will Erect Building

"People seem to think that the matter of cutting the best portion of my lot off on Seventh street is funny, but let me tell you that it is no joke. That property is valuable and for the reason that it stands out on Seventh street in the way it does. It is worth money, and money it will take in order to get it."

MULTITUDE ENGULFED BY FLAMES

With Terrific Detonation Huge Balloon of American Aeronaut Explodes--Two Are Killed

LONDON, August 14.—Two were killed outright, three fatally hurt and at least a dozen were frightfully burned and scores were almost suffocated by the flames that engulfed a great crowd at the Franco-British exhibition grounds when the huge balloon of Captain Lovelace, the American aeronaut, exploded today with a terrific detonation.

COUNCILMEN REFUSE TO ACT UNTIL INFORMED ON SOURCE

ARE GATHERING THE PEAR CROP

Fruit Picking Will Be on in Full Blast Next Week --Some Are Picking Now

The work of gathering this year's pear crop has been commenced in many orchards of the valley, but picking will not be on in full blast until next week. The fruit is ripening very rapidly and, while the crop is not as heavy as that of last year, still the fruit is of excellent quality and of splendid size.

EIFFERT NO LONGER IN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

Executive Session of the Council Will Be Held This Evening, at Which Time the Committee Is Expected to Break Their Long Silence.

The members of the city council who are not members of the special water committee, and who have not been taken into the confidence of the committee, rebelled this morning and demanded that they be informed as to where the matter stands at the present time. This will be done at an executive session of the council this evening or the councilmen making the demand will refuse to vote on any matter presented to them for action by the committee.

GOVERNOR TO SEE HARRIMAN

Chamberlain and Supt. O'Brien Leave Portland This Afternoon

PORTLAND, Or., August 14.—Governor Chamberlain and Superintendent J. L. O'Brien of the Southern Pacific, leave this afternoon for Shaniko. Here they will take motor cars and traverse central Oregon along the proposed route of the Southern Pacific line through this region. They will be met by E. H. Harriman and return with him to Pelican Bay. From here the party go to Crater Lake, where it will be entertained by Will G. Stool. At Crater Lake the party will be met by a delegation from Medford and escorted to that city.

ELECTION CALLED ON FRANCHISE

The Proposition of Fred J. Blakeley to Be Submitted to the People on August 31

The city council last night unanimously adopted a resolution submitting to the public the matter of granting a franchise to Fred J. Blakeley for an electric railway upon certain streets of the city for a term of 50 years. The election is set for August 31.

PORTUGUESE COUNT A BLUEBEARD

King Manuel Banishes Lord of Old Family For Brutal Mistreatment of Wife and Child

LISBON, August 14.—A modern Bluebeard was revealed today when the facts leading to the recent banishment of Count Margallo, a lord of the old Portuguese nobility, from King Manuel's court became public. For torturing his beautiful young wife until she went insane and so mistreating his infant child that it is feared the little one cannot live, the count was brought before the king and deprived of the high offices he had held under the late King Carlos and was sent from the country in disgrace.

Will Meet Council Tonight

Mr. Root will meet with the council this evening and explain to them his position. Last evening the council suggested a number of remedies, among which were condemnation proceedings, setting the curb on the property line, and constructing a five-foot sidewalk.

YOUNG WOMAN CONTESTANTS READY FOR TRIP HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 14.—Six young women travelers, the winners of a prize contest given by a newspaper in Vancouver, B. C., are in this city today on their return home after a trip through California and the southwest.

Many Were Blinded

Most of the persons in the crowd were blinded by the gas and smoke if they were not badly burned, and the saddest panic followed the explosion.

AMBULANCES TO THE SCENE

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and the victims taken to hospitals. At least three of the injured cannot recover and a number of others are in a critical condition.

HIGH REALTY DEAL IN KLAMATH COUNTY

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 14.—What is believed to be the largest real estate transfer in the history of Klamath county was consummated late this afternoon. The consideration in the transfers amounted to just over \$300,000, and the deals were for spot cash, the money being paid on the delivery of the deeds today.

WOUND RAILROAD ORDINANCES

Last evening an attempt was made to have the three ordinances "railroaded" through the council. A tie vote resulted, Merrick, Trowbridge and Worreman voting for immediate action and Hafer, Olwell and Eiffert voting to refer them to the city attorney and the finance committee.

PROHIBITION CANDIDATE WILL TOUR THE COAST

CHICAGO, August 14.—E. W. Chafin, prohibition presidential nominee, will, after his formal notification here August 18, start on an extended tour of the west, with rallies planned in 45 states and territories. Some of his dates are:

MANY RUSSIANS DIE OF CHOLERA

ST. PETERSBURG, August 14.—The epidemic of cholera is spreading, the latest death occurring in a town in Tala province, near the estate of Count Tolstai. Reports up to date show that at Tzaritzin, where the disease has been the most severe, 150 persons have died within the last few days.

PRACTICAL EVIDENCE IS BROUGHT HOME TO PUBLIC

CRANBROOK, B. C., August 14.—The first practical evidence of the strike on the Canadian Pacific railroad will be brought home to the public by the trip of the traffic bound to result from the smash near Lundbreck, Alberta, where several cars of the Spokane freight from St. Paul left the rails and blocked the road. The crew of the wrecking outfit here are on a strike and refused to go out to assist.

HUNDREDS OF MEN LOOKING FOR NEGRO

PENSACOLA, Fla., August 14.—The sheriff and hundreds of armed citizens are scouring the country today searching for George Cooze, a negro who is charged with having attacked Mrs. Ed. Mueckler, a young woman, at her home four miles from this city, last night. Mrs. Mueckler is reported to be in a serious condition. There is little doubt that an attempt will be made to lynch the negro if he is captured.

WOMAN CLAIMS SHE OWNS HALF OF CITY

SAN PEDRO, Cal., August 14.—Strongly entrenched in a private residence which she appropriated, Mrs. Loreta Sepulveda Eastman, a wealthy Los Angeles woman, is today stoutly urging her claim to half the town of San Pedro. She came here yesterday flanked by several loads of furniture, and announcing that she had full title to half the town, established herself in a large dwelling that has been vacant for some time, and defied the authorities to remove her.

CLAIMS CALIFORNIA DRUG ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 14.—Alleging that various points in the California pure drug and anti-opium laws make them unconstitutional, L. E. Dadwell of San Diego, attorney for J. L. Halliwell, a druggist of that city, had applied for the supreme court of the state for the release of his clients from a technical arrest incurred by the alleged violation of the law by selling kunka, kama, containing more than six grains of opium to the ounce.

WOMAN OF SIXTY YEARS CLIMBS SIX THOUSAND FEET

LA GRANDE, Or., August 14.—Rising a feat which both had performed many times during their girlhood, Mrs. G. M. Tim of this city and her sister, Mrs. Ellen Eaton of Portland, today climbed to the summit of Mount Emily, the highest peak surrounding Grand Ronde valley. The peak is 6000 feet high and is very rugged. Though it is a feat performed by but few mountain climbers of this city, both women made it easily.

THANKS TO HAMILTON

A vote of appreciation was tendered President Hamilton of the Fish Lake Dutch company for allowing the city to use all the water they needed from the ditch of the company.

WOMAN DRAGGED FROM BED AND BEATEN BY THUGS

ST. CHARLES, Mo., August 14.—Mrs. Catherine Stricker, a widow, 38 years old, is thought to be dying today from injuries received from a gang of thugs that dragged her from her bed and carried her to a deserted cabin, where she was terribly beaten.

LABOR LEADER WILL TRY AND STRAIGHTEN C. P. E. TANGLE

MONTREAL, Que., August 14.—President O'Donnell of the metal workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, is on his way to this city to confer with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railroad, in an effort to bring about peace between the road and the striking mechanics.

THE COUNT'S DEFENSE

In defense of his action, the count asserted that he believed his wife had accepted attentions from a naval officer whose name he refused to give. He admitted that he had nothing more than suspicions on which to base his accusations. Why he had punished the child as well as to mother's act of infidelity he could not explain.

ASHLAND MAN IN SEARCH OF LOST UNCLE

ASHLAND, Or., August 14.—Gus H. Hedberg, a well-known railroad telegraph lineman of this city, left here several days ago for Portland and Umatilla in search of his uncle, Ephraim Hedberg, aged 63 years, who disappeared mysteriously while traveling with his daughter on route from Wisconsin to Ashland. The last seen of the man by his daughter was when he stopped off the train at Umatilla to get a cup of coffee. The daughter, thinking that her father was left and would follow on the next train, continued on her journey and reached Ashland last Wednesday.