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

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WATER COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

NO SOURCE AS YET CHOSEN

Committee Holds Options on Three Places--Awaiting Blakeley's Report

The special water committee of the city council Friday evening were "smoked out" and induced to take the "dear people" to use a phrase expressed by Councilman Merrick, into their confidence.

The finance committee reported a disagreement over the bond ordinances requested by John Nuxven & Co. Chairman Trowbridge stated that he did not agree with the other members of the committee and thought that to ask the water committee for a report as to what had been done was equivalent to voting lack of confidence.

Mr. Merrick, chairman of the water committee, stated that he thought the demand for publicity came chiefly from The Tribune and not from the taxpayers, and he pointedly said that a great number of people were constantly running into print in order to gain cheap notoriety.

Mr. Merrick followed with a verbal report. According to him, the committee has options at the present time on the Slinger ranch, on 300 inches of water from the Fish Lake Ditch company and on Wason canyon.

The engineer is in the field at the present time making a survey for a pipeline from Little Butte creek that will so lower the cost of construction as to bring it within the amount of money at the disposal of the committee.

W. I. Vawter poured a little oil upon the troubled waters by explaining the necessity of passing the ordinances and according to the demands of John Nuxven & Co. if the bonds are to be sold.

John Nuxven & Company came up for consideration. It had been the impression of some of the councilmen that these ordinances would be the council up to one proposition. After it was explained that such was not the case, they were unanimously adopted.

GORE SHIPS CAR OF PEARS

Second Car of the Season Goes Forward Today--Has Splendid Crop

John Gore shipped the second car load of this season's pear crop today and will follow with a number of other cars next week, having commenced gathering the fruit Friday morning.

A large number of ranchers are preparing to smudge next year, as this can be done with comparatively little effort, as cold snaps are rare and not heavy when they come.

The prices that will be paid for pears this season will probably be lower than last year, in view of the fact that California reports a better crop than for some years past.

When a Man Worth Ten Thousand Other Men will be the subject next Sabbath at 11 a. m. At night the congregation will join the union meeting to be held at the Baptist church, Sabbath school and Epworth league at the usual hours. All are invited.

The ordinance provide that the bond issue of \$265,000 be cut to \$255,000, so that at no time the amount of the bonds, together with the accrued interest, shall amount to more than \$265,000.

The matter regarding the projection of the property of John M. Root on Seventh street and Riverside avenue, which causes a jog of 20 feet into the street, was referred to the city engineer after a committee, composed of Councilmen Hafer and Oswald, had conferred with Mr. Root and it was learned that he would not offer any proposition to the city except to sell them the property for \$250 a front foot or a consideration amounting to about \$16,000.

The resolution calling for an election to vote \$12,5000 bonds for the purchase and erection of a garbage incinerator was laid on the table.

ANOTHER WATER PROPOSITION

Flow Interferes With Laying of Sewer Mains--More Water Today

There is no scarcity of water where the ditcher is at work in the southwestern portion of the city. A pump is kept constantly at work keeping the water out of the trench so that the sewer main, which is being installed in that section, may be laid.

It is impossible in that part of the city to sink a well to a greater depth than 12 feet on account of the water rising so rapidly, as soon as the gravel underlying the clay is encountered.

If the water from the Fish Lake ditch supplemented by the little in Bear creek does not prove enough to protect the city, this proposition may be acquired into by the water committee. Certain it is the contractors are having trouble in laying a sewer main six feet deep on account of water, and this being the water gravel is encountered.

The water is not to be pumped into the mains of the water system direct, as the pressure is too great for the pump to make any progress against. With the supply from Bear creek and from the Fish Lake ditch a certain amount of water can be kept on hand to protect the city in case of fire.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., August 15.—George O. Dale, who dashed into this city from Caldwell, Idaho, with a deputy sheriff at his heels and whose arrest was attended by more excitement than has been witnessed here for many moons, is peacefully sitting in a cell today waiting for the law to take its course.

Dale is known in Caldwell as a "bad man." After the proprietor of a hotel in Caldwell had missed \$10 from the cash drawer Dale was suspected of committing the theft.

Prunes are very firm on the coast. Spot prices range from 4 to 12c for California and from 9c to 7c for Oregon fruit.

Arrivals of new crop of apricots are somewhat fewer and the market is hardly so firm. Prime are quoted at 8 1/2c, extra choice at 9 1/2c and fancy at 10 1/2c.

DISCOVERER OF CRATER LAKE DEAD

Isaac G. Skeeters Passed Away Last Evening-- Came to Jacksonville in 1852

Isaac G. Skeeters, the first white man to view the wondrous beauty of Crater lake, died at his home on Jackson street, in this city, last night at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Skeeters celebrated his 84th birthday on December 19. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, in 1825. He came across the plains in 1852 by team and wagon, landing in Jacksonville the same year. He has resided in Jackson county for 44 years, having spent ten years in Josephine county.

In June, 1853, with a party of 22, Mr. Skeeters left for a prospecting trip and while gone discovered Crater lake. Mr. Skeeters was in several engagements with the Indians in the early days, and many a tale could be told of the early days in the valley. He was married in Jackson county and is the father of 11 children, six of whom are still living.

At his bedside when the end came were his wife, his daughter Eda and son Charles.

Funeral services will be held from the late residence at 12 o'clock Sunday.

JOT SPRINGS, Va., August 15.—Judge Taft has refused to comment on Bryan's speech of acceptance. He said that he had read it all with much interest, but had no comment to make at this time.

It is understood that Bryan will be answered when Taft speaks to the Republicans of Virginia here on the first of the month. Taft began work on that speech yesterday.

John Hays Hammond, mining engineer and one time candidate for the vice-presidential nomination, arrived here today to confer with Taft. Hammond is organizer of the league of republican clubs and is anxious to take as large a part in the campaign as possible.

MILITIA FIRES VOLLEY INTO RANKS OF SPRINGFIELD MOB

ODDS OF 10 TO 4 ON KETCHELL

Fans Think That Burns Will Be the Next to Meet Ketchell

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 15.—Stanley Ketchell and Joe Thomas will both finish their boxing tomorrow in preparation for their coming fight on the 18th of this month. The odds on the mill today dropped to 10 to 4, with Thomas on the short end.

Ketchell did a whirlwind turn with one of his parring partners and then made the assertion: "I'll win inside of a round." San Francisco fans seem to believe him.

Joe Thomas is at San Rafael and is working hard. He says that he will not take any chances, but will go in to win from the start.

Terry Mustain is today a favorite over Joe Willis for their fight tonight at Billy Roche's Colma pavilion. Odds this morning were 10 to 6 against the Vallejo man.

The winner of tonight's battle, which is scheduled for 20 rounds, will probably have a chance at the winner of the Flynn-Kutiman fight, and the fight fans are looking for some hard slugging.

Mustain handled himself well when he beat Jack Twin Sullivan at Goldfield and is in good shape.

Irwin Wins From McGurn. OAKLAND, Cal., August 15.—Toby Irwin, with an exhibition of fast and clever boxing, took the decision from Joe McGurn in six rounds before the Heliance club of this city last night.

Charley Roehette fired Dick Howard for a six-round go, but the fight was stopped in the second round, Roehette being entirely outclassed.

NAVY YARD, Puget Sound, Wash., August 14.—Civilian workmen are busy night and day preparing the ships of the Pacific fleet for the fall cruise in the south Pacific to enable them to leave the yard at the earliest possible moment.

The date of departure of the cruisers Washington, Tennessee and Pennsylvania has been postponed from Saturday morning until Sunday morning in order to complete all the work outlined for this yard on the ships. The work of installing a fire control system on the Colorado has been completed and that ship will sail for San Francisco early Saturday morning.

GOOD CLOTHES MADE THIS MAN

New Suit Each Day Led Los Angeles Jobbers to Extend Credit

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 14.—Accused of swindling Los Angeles jobbers out of \$500 stock of groceries by wearing a new suit of clothes each day for two weeks, William Davis, known here as William Thatcher, is under arrest at Cincinnati. Steps were taken today to have him returned to this city for trial.

Davis disappeared from Los Angeles a month ago after he sold out at prices below cost a \$500 stock of groceries he secured on credit from local jobbers. In obtaining credit Davis depended entirely upon his personal appearance. He mingled with the local grocers and each day appeared in a different suit of clothes. When credit men inquired into his financial standing his acquaintances did not hesitate to give him a high rating on the strength of the manner in which he dressed.

YREKA, August 15.—An agreement was filed in the recorder's office yesterday by which a big slice of mining property was commuted. William T. Grider, of Selma, this county, has sold to G. H. Coffin, Jr., of Riverside, all of his mining property situated on Grider creek, near Selma. The group consists of the Kentucky, Mississippi, Center Block and Golden Link placer claims, together with several valuable water rights and all of the personal property, consisting of pumps, pipes, tools and all appliances that belong to a mining property.

The consideration named in the agreement to sell is \$13,000, \$3,250 of which was paid on August 8th; \$3,250 more will be paid on March 1, 1909; \$3,250 on September 1, 1909, and \$3,250 on March 1, 1910.

Coffin is to take immediate possession and is to have the entire proceeds of the mine from now on. Deeds have been given and placed in escrow with the Siskiyou County Bank to be delivered to the purchaser, when all of the covenants of the agreement have been complied with.

The property is well known to all residents of this county, Grider having successfully worked it for a great many years. The location is an ideal spot, there being plenty of the finest water and an abundance of good timber for fuel and building purposes. The mine is situated about 90 miles west of this place and there is a good wagon road to the threshold of the property.

It is understood that the purchasers will immediately spend a large amount of money getting the property in shape so as to work it on a much larger scale than Grider has been able to do.

YREKA, August 15.—John S. Segora, a vegetable peddler, who resides on the Lewis place, on Shasta River, between here and Mantogue, met with a serious accident Tuesday afternoon while unloading potatoes here. He was standing on the brake rod of his wagon when his foot slipped, throwing him to the ground. This frightened the horses and they started to run. One wheel of the wagon ran over Segora's leg, breaking it between the knee and ankle. Drs. Collier and Spalding were called and found that the break was a very bad one, the wheel having mangled and splintered the bone so that pieces of it stuck out through the flesh. The injured man was taken to George Ray's nearby place, where he will probably remain until he can be removed to his home. The team ran down to Miner street and were stopped at Pabst's store. No damage was done to the team or wagon.

Christian Services. Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club room. Subject for lesson sermon August 16, "Soul." All are welcome.

FIVE RIOTERS FATALLY HURT

The City Is Quiet Today After a Night of Wild Excitement

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 15.—The known casualties of last night's rioting follows: CHARLES HUNTER, a negro hotel porter; langed to a tree by mob.

THOMAS FOLEY, 40 years old; shot through abdomen; condition critical.

At least five fatally injured fired into the mob by soldiers.

A volley from the guns of soldiers mowing down five members of the mob, most of whom will die, and slightly wounding many others, put an end to the riots here at 4 o'clock this morning, after two persons had been killed by bullets and one negro hanged, in addition to the destruction of 35 business places conducted by negroes.

The section of the city occupied by negroes looks as if it had been swept by a cyclone or wrecked by explosions. The restaurant of Harry Richardson, a negro who the mob wanted for an attack upon Mrs. Earl Hallam, is a complete wreck and the twisted frame of his motor car lies in the street in the ashes of restaurant fixtures and furniture.

The militia from Peoria, Peoria and Decatur arrived here at 2:30 o'clock in a special train. The riots were then at their height, following the shooting of James Hayes, white, an onlooker, by Charles Hunter, a negro hotel porter. The mob, already wild with the hours of excitement, seized Hunter and quickly overpowered him. He was dragged from a building where he tried to hide and, amid the hoots and yells of the mob, a rope was fastened about his neck and he was dragged to a nearby tree and there hanged, several shots being fired into his suspended body.

The soldiers with fixed bayonets charged through the main street from the railroad station and succeeded in routing the crowds in the business section.

Warmed Mob First. Suddenly there was a crash of muskets and flash of fire. The shots went high in the air. The mob saw that no effort was made to hit anyone and in their frenzy hunted at the soldiers. Then came a sterner command from the militia. Still the mob advanced.

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