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The Weather

Fair weather is promised for tonight and Friday; cooler Friday; westerly winds.

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10 PER CENT INCREASE IN LUMBER

Prices Will Be Tilted in This City Soon to Meet General Advance Over the Coast

Within a very few days the price of lumber in this city will be boosted by the different dealers about 10 per cent.

Common rough lumber, which has been selling for \$15 a thousand feet, will now be \$16.50.

The lumber industry in this state, which has been in the doldrums for the past four months, shows great improvement.

Lumber manufacturers of this city are jubilant over the better tone of the market and the activity of the Oregon lumber trade in the east.

FRISCO SHORTSTOP IS SOLD TO WHITE SOX

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 20.—It was announced here today that Danmy, manager of the Seals, has sold Red Zeiler, the cleverest shortstop in the Pacific Coast league, to Manager Conroy of the White Sox for three players and a snug little sum yesterday.

The deal, which was closed yesterday, ends a lot of dickerings for the San Francisco shortstop, who is considered the best fielder in the Pacific Coast league.

SENATOR HODSON WILL GIVE AN APPLE PRIZE

McMINNVILLE, Or., August 20.—Senator C. W. Hodson of Portland has announced to the applegrowers of Yamhill county his intention of offering a trophy for the best commercial packed exhibit of three varieties of apples to be shown at the apple fair to be held in McMinnville next November.

The terms of the agreement allow Zeiler to finish the season with the Seals and give Long the right to state what kind of players he wants when the time for delivery rolls around next spring.

NEW THEATER TO TAKE PLACE OF COLUMBIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 20.—San Francisco today greeted with pleasure the announcement that the Columbia theater, one of the most popular houses before the fire April, 1906, is about to begin the construction of a magnificent new theater in the downtown district.

RAGING FIRE THREATENS VANCOUVER

Forest Fires Dangerously Near City Limits—Worst Conflagration in a Decade

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 20.—A heavy pall of smoke caused by approaching forest fires hangs over this city. The air is oppressive and there are no signs of it clearing.

The fire has gone into the big timber and some exceedingly valuable property was lost. It was reported at Squamish landing today that the fire was racing through the forest and would, unless rain came soon, cause thousands of dollars' loss.

FINANCIAL COMMISSION COMPLETES ITS LABORS

LONDON, August 20.—The Aldrich-Vreeland financial commission of United States senators and representatives announced today that they had obtained sufficient data regarding the monetary systems of foreign countries and would return to America without investigating in other cities.

LEADER OF MOB OWNS UP TO ALL BUT MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 20.—A. Bragman, the Russian Jew who is alleged to have been one of the leaders in the bloodiest work of the race rioters here, is said to have confessed to practically every charge against him except murder.

KETCHELL IS STILL OUT AFTER MATCH WITH BURNS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 20.—Stanley Ketchell, champion middleweight fighter of the world, announced today that he would leave for Los Angeles next Saturday morning in an automobile with his manager, Joe O'Connor.

SHOT FOR DEER IN SISKIYOU WOODS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 20.—George H. T. Jackson, a member of the widely known family of this state, chairman and manager of the Napa Soda company, lies at the point of death in a local hospital today as the result of being mistaken for a deer.

COMPANY HAS RELIEF IN EUGENE WATER BONDS

EUGENE, Or., August 20.—It seems probable that the Willamette Valley company will accept \$140,000 in bonds in payment for their plant, in the face of the fact that the city of Eugene had agreed to buy the plant for \$100,000.

WILL URGE ACTION BY COUNCIL

Committee Appointed to Take Up Matter of Numbering Houses With the City Dads

The matter of having the streets of the city named and the houses numbered so that a free carrier service could be inaugurated in the city was thoroughly discussed at last evening's session of the Commercial club.

The merchants of the city desire to see the work done, not so much for the free delivery of mail as to make it possible that can know where to deliver goods when ordered.

The city council can order sidewalks put in and it is up to the city engineer to get busy on the matter.

MAY BE ANOTHER RUSSIAN-JAP WAR

VICTORIA, B. C., August 20.—If reports brought here by the steamer Shinano Maru have any foundation, Japan and Russia are about to be involved in a serious quarrel which it is said, may result in another war between them.

SEVER'S HAND WITH KNIFE AND HATCHET

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 20.—Robert Laughlin, a laboring man quite well known in this city, has become mentally deranged and while in that condition he conceived the idea that God was commanding him to cut off his hand.

ENTERPRISE SHOWS SHE IS ENTERPRISING

ENTERPRISE, Or., August 20.—At the meeting of the city council last night a special election was called on September 12 to vote on issuing bonds not to exceed \$75,000, with which to install a gravity water system.

SCHOOLS OF THE CITY WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 7

The board of education is having the school buildings of the city put in order for the opening of the schools on Monday, September 7. Parents should note the date for the opening of the schools and be ready to start their children on the first day of the term.

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TAYLOR TO CONFISCATE BAD FRUIT

County Inspector Warns All the Grocery Men and Growers Not to Handle Diseased Fruit

County Fruit Inspector Taylor this morning called upon all of the merchants of the city who handle fruit and warned them against handling and disposing of diseased fruit.

Mr. Taylor on his rounds of the grocery stores this morning, did not find any fruit which was infected.

This will have a tendency to shut out any sales of inferior or diseased fruit by vendors at the trains during the fruit season.

GRANTS PASS PEACHES ARE BEING SHIPPED

GRANTS PASS, August 20.—That the frosts of last spring did little or no damage to the peach crop of Josephine county is evident by the heavy shipments being made from Grants Pass and Merlin.

LOOKS LIKE HILL WILL BUILD NORTH BANK ROAD

THE DALLES, Or., August 20.—The presence of N. W. Bethel, locating engineer of the Hill lines, simultaneously with that of W. E. Nelson, of Seattle, the promoter and principal owner of the Oregon Trunk railroad, has started again the surmise that James J. Hill is preparing to make good his veiled threat spoken by him at the memorable banquet in Portland three years ago this fall, when he made public his intention to build the North Bank railroad.

WATER VERY LOW IN KLAMATH LAKES

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 20.—Owing to the lack of rain during the past several months, the lakes of this section are now lower than they have been for a number of years, and in many places the boats find it hard to navigate.

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BERLIN, August 20.—The Koch tuberculosis fund is now complete. The Kaiser having donated the \$24,000 which was lacking to make it reach the \$100,000 mark.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT FOR HARRIMAN

Committee of Commercial Club Will Meet Magnate at Rogue River With a Luncheon

A committee appointed by the Commercial club last evening to make arrangements to welcome E. H. Harriman, Governor George E. Chamberlain and other notables when they arrive in this city Friday has been very busy today completing arrangements to meet the party tomorrow at noon with a luncheon on the banks of Rogue river.

Luncheon is being prepared by a number of the women of the city and this, with a goodly supply of ice and cooling drinks, will be furnished to the party, picnic style, somewhere on the banks of the Rogue.

There will probably be no formal method of entertaining the men while they are in this city other than on Saturday they will be driven about the valley in automobiles and shown all the interesting sights of the valley.

TRUBLE OVER LANDING TROOPS

The misunderstanding relative to the great parade tomorrow has caused much comment, and for a time it was believed that the American sailors would not be permitted to participate, as had been planned.

OTHER BUSINESS

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CALIFORNIA SPANISH WAR VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS

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FLEET IS HEARTILY GREETED

Suggestion as to Anglo-American Alliance Is Endorsed by Australian Press

(By Lee Clothworthy, staff correspondent of the United Press, with the Atlantic fleet.) SYDNEY, N. S. W., August 20.—The newspapers here today contain editorials favoring an Anglo-American alliance for the control of the Pacific, following up in strongest terms the suggestions made at Auckland.

The thought uppermost in the minds of the New Zealanders, seems to be the necessity of the white men forcing authority over the yellow races in the Pacific waters.

Reports for a time went so far as to say that the incident might cause international complications, but this statement is not given credence and there is a tendency to discredit the importance of the incident.

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The only formal event in the entertainment of the fleet today was a dinner given this evening in honor of Admiral Sperry and his staff by Governor General Northcote. The affair was delightful and the extending of courtesies were profuse.

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WOULD OUST KNOCKERS FROM CLUB

John M. Root Introduced Drastic Resolution at the Commercial Club--Failed to Receive Support

John M. Root last evening introduced in the commercial club a drastic resolution which would have, according to the opinions expressed by members of the club, resulted in the annihilation of the club.

Mr. Root's motion, at the close of a much emphasized speech, offered a resolution providing for the ousting from the club any member "who, upon proof of two other members, is found guilty of knocking."

Mr. Root based his argument on the case of a man, who is, he claimed, nearly frantic because of the knocks regarding the land the man recently purchased. He also made reference to the suicide of Frank I. Nelke, who, it is said, was driven to his rash act by knockers.

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