LAND FRAUD BATTLE WILL BEGIN TODAY

Arguments in Williamson Bill of Exceptions Will Be Made Before Judge Hunt.

TRIAL JURY TO BE CALLED

Government Officials Maintain Secrecy as to First Case and Jury May Be Impaneled Before Definite Announcement.

SKIRMISHING BEGINS IN LAND-FRAUD BATTLE.

Federal Judge Hunt, of Montana, who is to preside at all the land fraud trials, occupied the bench of the United States District Court yesterday, and it was expected that the Williamson bill of exceptions would form the center of attraction for the legal lights present, but as soon as court opened, United States Attorney Bristol read a telegram from Mr. Heney saying he had been detained at Seattle on business and would not reach the city until 3:30 in the afternoon; hence the case went over until 10 o'clock this morning. Judge Hunt having also received a dispatch of similar import from the special assistant to the Attorney-General. Attorneys Bennett and Wilson, of The Dalles, were present on behalf of the defendant, and the prospects are bright for an interesting legal fight on the issues involved.

This was practically the opening skirmish of the land-fraud battles, which are destined to rage with extreme fierceness for several months.

Skirmishing has begun in the land fraud battles, and it is thought that next week will mark the heat of the fray. The Government will be represented by Francis J. Heney, special assistant to the Attorney-General, and United States Attorney William C. Bristol, while the numerous defendants who are to be tried during the Summer will have on hand a galaxy of lawyers of such imposing array that in all probability their presence here, coupled with those of the prosecution, will have a tendency to create a new local record for the concentration of legal brilliancy.

Judge Hunt got in from Montana at an early hour yesterday morning, and was glad enough to continue as many matters as possible until this morning, because the road between Portland and Helena is long and dusty, and the man who is to preside at the land-fraud trials plainly showed the effects of travel.

Francis J. Heney had gone to Seattle on some business Saturday afternoon, expecting to return in time yesterday morning to take up the Williamson bill of exceptions; but he was detained, and wired his inability to reach the city before 3:30 o'clock, in consequence of which everything went over that could be postponed with any degree of comfort to both sides.

Argument on the Williamson bill of exceptions will probably consume the entire day, and may interfere with proceedings in regard to the Meldrum case, scheduled to take place this afternoon.

It is not likely that Judge Hunt will call the trial jury until after he has had a chance to confer with Mr. Heney on the subject of the first case to be tried. The utmost secrecy is being observed by the Government as to which case shall take precedence in this respect, and it is even hinted that the jury will be summoned and ready to take up the trials before announcement of its intentions will be made by the Government.

TENNIS AT IRVINGTON

Several Contests Are Settled in the Handicap Tournament.

There was some excellent tennis on the Irvington courts yesterday, play continuing in the handicap tournament throughout the entire day. The results were:

Miss Fox and Miss Leadbetter beat Mrs. Scott and Miss Gray, 6—3, 6—2; Howard Gray beat C. H. Leadbetter, 6—2, 6—1; Miss Leadbetter beat Miss Fox, 7—5, 6—4; Mrs. Judge beat Miss Fording, 12—10, 6—4; Mrs. Raley beat Mrs. McLauchlan, 6—4, 6—4; Miss Goss beat Mrs. Lockwood by default; Goss and McAlpin beat Raley and Scott, 6—4, 6—2; Wickersham and Miss Schaefer beat Rosenfeld and Miss Gray, 10—8, 4—6, 6—2.

Today's schedule has been made up as follows:

At 6 P. M.—Leadbetter and Blair vs. Durham and Rosenfeld; Cawston and Mrs. Scott vs. McAlpin and Miss Goss; Raley vs. Wilbur; F. H. Stow and Mrs. Raley vs. Breece and Miss Fording; Goss and Miss Leadbetter vs. Scott and Miss Fox; Wickersham and Bellinger vs. Ladd and Cook.

In the morning at 9:20, Mrs. Scott and Miss Schaefer will play a postponed match, and a single contest between Breece and Andrews has been set for the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
San Francisco	45	24	.652
Portland	42	25	.618
Los Angeles	36	33	.529
Seattle	33	38	.472
Oakland	26	44	.389
Fresno	27	47	.365

LOST FIVE OUT OF SEVEN.

Giants Play in Hard Luck and Are Weak With the Stick.

With a record of five lost out of seven played staring them in the face the Giants this afternoon take on the Siwashes for the second week of the big series. The local boys not only played in hard luck while on the Sound but they were completely at sea when it came to laying the willow on the offerings of the Seattle twirlers. If the Beavers ever expect to get in the lead they must hump right now when the Seals are doing a little skidding themselves.

Big Rube Vickers and Essick or Gum are slated for the mound today.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	32	23	.593
Pittburg	46	25	.648
New York	45	25	.643
Philadelphia	39	36	.520
Cincinnati	30	45	.397
St. Louis	29	47	.382
Brooklyn	29	44	.371
Boston	26	48	.351

Pittsburg 9, Brooklyn 0.

PITTSBURG, July 9.—Pittsburg had no trouble in shutting out Brooklyn today. Leever was strong, and only one Brooklyn player reached third base. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	9	13	0	Brooklyn	0	9	3

Batteries—Leever and Phelps; Pastorious and Ritter.
Umpires—Conway and Emslie.

Chicago 8, Boston 4.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Clean and long hitting gave Chicago an easy victory today, although Lindaman struck out ten men and Boston hit Chicago's pitchers freely. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	8	13	1	Boston	4	11	3

Batteries—Pfeister, Reulbach and Moran; Lindaman and Brown.
Umpire—O'Day.

New York 5, Cincinnati 3.

CINCINNATI, July 9.—New York won today's game from Cincinnati by combining three hits, a stolen base and an error in the seventh inning. Cincinnati tried two new men—First Baseman Deal and Rightfielder Jude. Both performed well. Bresnahan was put out of the game in the ninth for doffing his cap to Umpire Klem after being declared out on strikes. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	9	2	New York	5	7	0

Batteries—Ewing and Schiel; McGinnity and Bowerman.
Umpires—Carpenter and Klem.

AMERCAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	43	27	.614
Philadelphia	43	28	.606
Cleveland	43	28	.606
Chicago	38	32	.543
Detroit	38	34	.528
St. Louis	35	37	.486
Washington	25	46	.352
Boston	19	53	.264

New York 2, St. Louis 0.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Rain cut short the game between the St. Louis and New York teams today, the locals winning by 2 to 0 in five innings. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	0	3	2	New York	2	4	1

Batteries—Pelty and Richey; Orth and Thomas.

Boston 5, Chicago 2.

BOSTON, July 9.—The local team played in its old-time form today and defeated Chicago. Ability to bunt the ball was an important factor in the results. Parent's one-hand catch for an unassisted double play was a startling performance. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	9	0	Chicago	2	6	1

Batteries—Dineen and Armbruster; Owen and Sullivan.

Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 0.

PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—Cleveland scored an easy victory over Philadelphia today. Rhoades pitched first-class ball, while Coakley was hit hard. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	6	14	1	Philadelphia	0	2	2

Batteries—Rhoades and Bemis; Coakley and Schreck.

Detroit 7, Washington 4.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Detroit won from Washington today. The locals went to pieces in the eighth inning. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Washington	4	9	4	Detroit	7	10	1

Batteries—Patten and Wakefield; Mullin and Warner.

THE DAY'S HORSE RACES

At Sheepshead Bay.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Sheepshead Bay race results:

Five furlongs—Somnus won, Gallant Dance second, Anna May third; time, 1:01 2-5.

Mile—Dolly Spanker won, Old Faithful second, Rose of Gold third; time, 1:39 4-5.

Five and a half furlongs—Arcite won, McCarter second, Marathon third; time, 1:08.

The Bay Ridge Handicap, mile and a quarter—Ram's Horn won, Von Tromp second, Bedouin third; time, 2:05 3-5.

Six and a half furlongs—Comedienne won, Monet second, Ironsides third; time, 1:18 2-5.

Five furlongs—L'Amour won, Athens second, Citrona third; time, 1:01 4-5.

Mile and three-quarters—Angler won, Leila second, Huntington third; time, 3:04.

At Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 9.—Results of races at the Meadows:

Five furlongs—Katherine Te won, Palemon second, Mrs. F. Newburgh third; time, 1:02¼.

Five furlongs—C. of Diamonds won, Ellerd second, Mooropus third; time, 1:01.

Six furlongs—Huachuca won, Homestead second, Anona third; time, 1:13¾.

Mile—Ralph Young won, Gloomy Gus second, Allopath third; time, 1:41¼.

Mile—Birdie P. won, Baker second, Leash third; time, 1:41½.

Mile and a sixteenth—Harbor won, Dusty Miller second, W. B. Gates third; time, 1:46¾.

Continuous Performance Begins.

PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—Under ideal conditions, the annual international cricket match between the United States and Canada began today on the grounds of the Germantown Cricket Club and, when stumps were drawn, the home players had scored 274 runs for their first innings and the visitors 31 for the loss of five wickets. The match will continue tomorrow.

Sikes Wins Rifle Contest.

BISLEY, England, July 9.—The 17th annual meeting of the National Rifle Association opened here today with ideal shooting weather. The only match concluded was the Waldegrave, at 800 and 900 yards, 10 shots at each distance, which was won by Sikes of the National Rifle Association, with the highest possible score.

Bernard Appeals His Case.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 9.—S. S. Bernard, owner of J. J. M., Jr., who was ruled off the American turf for life by Presiding Judge Stebbins in Denver last Saturday, today mailed an appeal to the American Trotting Association, asking that the ruling be set aside.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

Extra Matinee Today—Great Crowds at the Baker.

There never, never was anything like the rush at the Baker Theater for "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Go early and secure your reservations for this week. It is the last week of the present stock season. There are matinees today, Thursday and Saturday, and the grand closing night of the season is Saturday night, when practically the whole theater-going population will attend the performance. A great production is the present performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Baker. No one can afford to miss it.

RUSSO MATINEE.

"Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Mascotte" at Heilig Tonight.

The regular Wednesday matinee at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tomorrow afternoon is a double bill, including two acts from "La Mascotte," and Mascagni's great opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana," entire. Russo, the best tenor alive, who made so tremendous a hit at the Heilig last evening, will appear again as Turiddo in the Mascagni masterpiece. Popular prices. Seats now on sale at the box office of the Heilig Theater for all the week.

CANNERS GREEDY, CRY FRUIT MEN

Cherrygrowers Declare They Are Victims of Combine to Keep Prices Low.

GET ONLY 4 CENTS A POUND

Canners Admit That Higher Prices Are Paid in California, but Deny That They Can Afford to Pay More for Fruit.

That cherrygrowers in Oregon are victims of market-bearing canners, who combine together to pay low prices, is asserted by producers of the fruit, and they point out that while packers in Oregon pay only 4 cents a pound this season, those in California pay as high as 7, and that while the figure last year in this state was 4 cents, in the other it ranged from 6 to 11.

Canners admit the difference in price, but say that the great demand for maraschino cherries (used for confectionery and beverages) and the curtailment of the expected supply by adverse weather has put up the price in California; that canning of cherries is cheaper in that state than in this, because while it is one of the main functions of a plant in Oregon, the packing of many other fruits in California in very much larger quantities makes the canning of cherries a side issue.

Packers Make High Profits.

"Packers in Oregon," declared a grower yesterday, "make almost if not as much out of a dozen cans of cherries as they pay the grower for the fruit."

"Packers in Oregon," replied a canner, "cannot afford to pay, from one year to another, more than 4 cents. If they should pay more they would go out of business."

"The canners are getting rich at our cost," declared a bunch of growers.

"More money has been lost in Oregon canneries than has been made," was the answer. "Plants have been established in Eugene, Oregon City, Albany, Woodburn, Hood River, Ashland, Forest Grove and Portland, and all have lost, except the two in Portland."

"We are kept poor by the canners," wail the growers.

The Packers' Argument.

"There is fair profit for growers in a 4-cent price," said Samuel E. Holcomb, of the Oregon Packing Company, on the East Side, "and, taking one year with another, packers cannot afford to pay more."

"Four cents is too low," declared R. H. Weber, of the Dalles, a member of the State Board of Horticulture.

"It is indeed," echoed W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Washington County, member of the same Board and also of the Lower House of the Legislature.

Low Price for Pears Also.

It is not alone in cherries that growers allege themselves aggrieved by the canners, but also in pears. The usual price paid for Bartlett pears by the packers in Oregon is $25 a ton. This price, said Mr. Newell, is much exceeded by California packers, in fact was more than doubled in that State last year. As an example of the alleged greed of the Oregon packers, it may be cited that a certain pear grower in the Willamette Valley, having last year 150 tons of Bartletts, asked the nearest cannery for a price and was offered $20 a ton, a figure which his neighbors had been accepting. But being a well-informed man and knowing that price too small he wired to a California friend for prices in that State and received the answer, between $60 and $75. Taking this information to the cannery, he and the packer compromised on $40, thus doubling what he was first offered.

Growers Should Combine.

"It all goes to show," remarked Mr. Newell, "that growers should have an organization to protect themselves from the imposition of low prices. Instead of allowing canners to fix prices, they should have something to say about that themselves."

"Hood River has done that very successfully," put in Mr. Weber, "as to strawberries and apples."

"And Rogue River too," added Mr. Newell.

The high pear price in California last year compared with that in Oregon, Packer Holcomb explained, was due to the abnormally large pack of pears. Nearly all the pears were canned, and the packers in competing for the fruit bid up prices beyond a profitable limit. Instead of the usual 70 per cent of the crop going into cans, 90 per cent was disposed of that way, because the packers believed the market warranted them in putting up a large canned product.

Packers Deny Huge Profits.

Oregon canneries are now selling canned cherries for $2.25 per dozen two-pound cans. This price, the packers say, does not warrant the payment of more than 4 cents for green fruit and at that figure they have numerous contracts with growers. On the other hand there are well-informed growers who figure out large profits for the canners between those two prices. They aver that the 4-cent price is fixed arbitrarily by the packers, who have pact among themselves for holding down prices.

ADMIT JURY WILL ACQUIT

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prayer is answered and ills are cured by prayer. He asked whether the physician regarded such a belief as an insane delusion.

"If adhered to beyond the point of reason, it is," Dr. Mills insisted. Continuing, he explained that those holding such opinions were entitled to their beliefs, and so long as they did not carry them to the point of absurdity the "divine" healers could not be classed as demented. Then Mr. Miller went at it in another way and recited the fact that a certain sect believes the Christ has not yet appeared, while another insists that he came in Jesus. The attorney asked Dr. Miles to pick the insane delusion, but the physician held there was none.

Defense Rests Its Case.

When the attorneys were done with Dr. Miles, Will H. Morris announced that the defense rested. Mr. Miller began a plea for time for consultation, when Judge Frater interjected an inquiry as to whether the case could be closed tomorrow. Both sides agreed it could.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the court to prevent the news of Judge Emory's assassination from reaching the jury that is trying Mitchell. Mitchell's counsel today abandoned their plans for the examination of all remaining witnesses, save those who could testify regarding Mitchell's probable insanity, and hurried through with these.

All other departments of the Superior Court adjourned out of respect to Judge Emory at an early hour. Before the Mitchell jury was called in, Judge Frater discussed an adjournment with the attorneys in the case, but finally held that it was essential that the hearing be completed and the jury freed from its confinement.

Court Recognizes Danger.

Judge Frater recognized the danger of news of the Emory murder by minute instructions to the bailiffs in charge of the jury. He instructed them to take every precaution to prevent any news of the tragedy reaching the jurors. The Courthouse flag is flying at half-mast, and the court ordered the bailiffs to take the jury to and from their meals by a new route that will avoid any glimpse of the flag. Curiosity might result in the jury learning of the Emory murder, and the court declared that from this time on the jurymen must be virtually prisoners. Will H. Morris, counsel for Mitchell, took the initiative in securing these instructions.

Dr. John Witherspoon was the defense's first insanity expert. Answering hypothetical questions, he declared a man in Mitchell's condition would be insane. The defense had to fight hard to get its expert testimony, for the state objected repeatedly to the manner in which the questions were framed. Finally Attorney Shipley got a satisfactory statement that Deputy County Attorney Miller could not shake. Dr. Wright, another expert for the defense, substantiated Dr. Witherspoon.

Girl With Picture Hat.

"The girl with the picture hat," who has attended the Mitchell hearing faithfully, but who has been absent for the past two days, reappeared today. A few moments before the noon adjournment she slipped out of the courtroom and met Mitchell with Deputy Sheriff Bert Thompson on the stairs. She handed the prisoner a bunch of sweet peas, then disappeared. Mitchell has apparently missed the girl's presence and her flowers, for he brightened considerably when he met her again today. Though she has tried to conceal her identity, the young woman's name is said to be Corbett.

The crowd that has attended the trial thinned out slightly today, but there was the usual number of women present.

FIGHT FOR BIG ESTATE

California Pioneer's Pennsylvania Heirs Make Charges of Fraud.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—A contest of the will of the late Jackson McKenty, who died in France, has been instituted by the decedent's nephews, Clayton and Howard McKenty. The will was admitted to probate in this county, July 20, 1905, before which date Matthew H. Messerbert of Douglasville, Pa., the sole legatee and executor, passed away. A. H. Payson was appointed by the Superior Court as administrator of the estate, said to be worth $175,000.

The nephews assert that the deceased did not write his will, that the signature is a forgery and that McKenty was of unsound mind at the time the document was executed.

LEGATEE'S WILL IS CONTESTED

Heirs Fight for Col. M. H. Messchert's Estate Also.

READING, Pa., July 9.—Today's Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco that Clayton and Howard McKenty had contested the will of their uncle, Jackson McKenty, on the ground of forgery, created unusual interest in this city. McKenty who was a pioneer and Pacific Coast gold hunter, died in Nice, France. He was a native of this county and his death gave the entire fortune of $200,000 to Col. M. H. Messchert, of this county, who was a millionaire and formerly a member of the Philadelpria Bar.

As the San Francisco telegram arrived a hearing was in progress over the will of Colonel Messchert, it being alleged that the papers on which a Reading citizen claims part of the property, are also forged.

EMIGRANT RATE WAR ON

North German Lloyd Renews Attack on Hamburg Line.

BREMEN, July 9.—The North German Lloyd Steamship Company reduced the steerage rate to New York $2.50.

HAMBURG, July 9.—The reduction in emigrant passage rates announced by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company is that company's answer to the Hamburg-American line's cut of the same amount last week, which is the second recent reduction. The situation begins to look extremely like a rate war between the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines in the emigrant business.

It is explained in the Hamburg newspapers that the Hamburg-American Company's reduction was designed to give Hamburg its proper share of the emigrant business, which lately has been declining, the emigrants departing from this port in June numbering only 9011, as compared with 17,389 in May. Both Austria and Russia sent in June less than half the number of emigrants that departed from those countries in May.

KILLING OFF ONE ANOTHER

Family Feud in Oklahoma Causes Deadly Battle.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., July 9.—Ernest and Pless Hubbard are dead men and Reuben Kirby fatally injured as a result of a pitched battle near Westville, I. T., today between members of the Hubbard and Kirby families, which have been keeping alive a feud for several months. Winchesters and pistols were used by both factions.

In a recent fight one of the Kirbys was shot by Will Revis, a friend of the Hubbards. A Deputy United States Marshal has gone from here to the scene of the battle.

ANOTHER LOAN IN FRANCE

St. Paul Road Reported to Have Borrowed $50,000,000.

NEW YORK, July 9.—An important loan to an American railway company was reported to have been concluded in Paris today. No details were made public, but it was generally understood in Wall street that the borrower was the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and that the sum involved was about $50,000,000. President Miller, of the St. Paul, was not at his office in this city today, and other officials of the company denied any knowledge of the loan.

Turks Make Great Killing.

SALONICA, July 9.—In the Konopispta District today Turkish troops annihilated three Bulgarian bands which had concentrated, killing 92 of them. The Turks lost 20 killed.

HIGHER WAGES FOR STREETCAR MEN

Portland Railway Company Grants Increase That Affects 600 Employes.

AVERAGES 1 CENT AN HOUR

Petition of Carmen, Made Early in May, Met by Announcement of New Scale—High Cost of Living One of Reasons.

An increase in wages that has been granted by the Portland Railway Company to all the carmen in its employ puts Portland second highest of all Coast cities, including Spokane, with the exception of San Francisco and Oakland, in the wages paid to similar labor. The increase amounts to an average of 1 cent an hour and affects about 600 employes. The new schedule became effective July 1.

The latest boost in the wages of Portland's street-car men is one of a number of similar increases since ten years ago when all city roads were paying 16 2-3 cents an hour to carmen. The wages just announced are about 50 per cent more than trolley car operators realized at that time. First an increase to 18 cents an hour was made by the companies in this city; then to 20 cents and a little later a sliding scale was announced running from 20 cents for new men to 22½ to those who had been in the employ of the road for some time. Finally, about two years ago, an increase to 24 cents as the minimum wage and 25 cents as the highest was announced, which has since been in effect, although a temporary increase was allowed during the Exposition.

All these increases have been voluntary on the part of the company. The latest, announced yesterday by notices posted in the different carbarns of the company, was the result of a petition from a number of the carmen, made early in May. The petition set forth the increased cost of living and asked that wages paid to the men be boosted accordingly.

Cost of Living Higher.

"We were already paying our men as high as similar companies in other cities of the Coast," said President Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company, in giving the reasons for the increased wages, "but there is no question that the cost of living is higher than it was before the Fair. Wages are going up all around.

"While it is not a large one, these increases do not come in large amounts. Carmen's work is very steady work, as the men are sure of a job the year around, while other work is broken up by weather conditions, and because of the irregularity, higher wages are paid."

The petition presented by the carmen to President Fuller asked for an increase of 5 cents all along the line, making a graduated scale of from 26 to 30 cents. This wage would be higher than the San Francisco traction companies pay.

New Scale Is Adopted.

The new scale is as follows, depending on length of service with the company. Twenty-one cents an hour for the first six months; 22 cents an hour for the second half year; 23 cents for the third; 24 cents for the fourth; 25 cents for the third year; 26 cents for the fourth year and including the tenth year of service, after which the men will be paid 27 cents. The wages of conductors and motormen are the same.

The new salary list is an average increase of 1 cent an hour. For the first six months there is no increase in the wages paid, for the second six months the increase is 1 cent, for the next six months it is half a cent, while for the next six months it is 1½ cents. After the tenth year of service the increase over the present wage is 2 cents.

There is still some difference between the wage scales of the Portland Railway and the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, both of which have come under the control of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the new $30,000,000 merger. The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company pays its men 23 cents an hour for the first two years they are in its employ. During the next two years the men get 24 cents and for the fifth year and thereafter they are paid 25 cents an hour. Probably some rearrangement will be made when the consolidation is completed whereby the carmen on all the city lines will be paid the same wages.

DOLLAR COMPANIES IN WOE

Their Bolt Only Results in Delay in Settling Losses.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Some of the so-called dollar companies are likely to hear unpleasant news from the proceedings of the present grand jury. It is said the insurance department is not satisfied with the conduct of the new adjusting committee of the dollar companies, the 35 bolters who organized an independent committee of five to supplant the underwriters' committee of 15.

Thus far, it is charged, the committee of five has operated merely to create a further delay after a loss had been reported from the larger body. It is believed that recommendations for a sweeping change in the present method of handling claims are likely to issue from the investigation now under way.

How He Will Dodge Payment.

NEW YORK, July 9.—The position of the Williamsburg Fire Insurance Company with reference to claims growing out of the San Francisco disaster, was outlined today by President Marshall S. Driggs, of the company.

"It is true that the earthquake clause was added only two years ago," said Mr. Driggs, "and that some of the policyholders may not have noticed it, but if they did not read their policies that is not our fault. Of course, the ground will be taken that the earthquake clause does not apply, because it was not earthquake, but fire that caused the damage," said he. "We are advised by our counsel, however, that as long as the earthquake was the primary cause, we are not liable."

Insane Man Gives Himself Up.

ASTORIA, Or., July 9. — (Special.)—Shortly after noon today a stranger appeared at the Sheriff's office, and, after inquiring for the Sheriff, said: "I'm Charles Parks. I'm crazy and want to be arrested and sent to Salem." As the man was evidently either demented or ill, he was taken into custody and will be held for a few days. Parks says he came from his home at Yaquina Bay, but can't remember when. He is an engineer and went to Gray's River on Saturday to work in a logging camp, but returned today. He says his head is not right and he gave himself up, fearing that he might be insane.

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TEACHERS NAMED

Board of Education Adds to High School Staff.

VACANCIES ARE FILLED

Merton F. Hughes Is Selected as Instructor in Manual Training. Contractor Bennett May Pay Heavy Forfeit.

S. F. Ball, principal of the High School at Toledo, Ohio, was elected last night by the City Board of Education to occupy a position in the Portland High School. He will fill one of the vacancies which were not supplied at the annual election of teachers which occurred last week. The Board also elected John E. Bonbright, an Illinois teacher, to a position upon the teaching staff of the High School. One of the new teachers will be employed in the East Side High School and the other in the present institution.

The Board elected Merton F. Hughes to serve as instructor in the manual training department. He has taught at Hill Military Academy for one year, and was chosen for his new position upon the recommendation of W. J. Standley, supervisor of the department.

Mr. Standley attended the meeting of the Board and brought up the consideration of the proposed manual training department of the East Side High School which is now under construction. While the Board was not ready to vote funds for its installation, it was decided to have the basement wired in such a manner that power can be applied to the apparatus as soon as it is installed, showing that the directors are favorable to the introduction of manual training in the high school grades.

It is estimated by Mr. Standley that the equipment of the new building with the necessary apparatus for a manual training course will cost the district $5000. Three motors of from three to five horse power each, will be installed, besides desks, forges, lathes and other tools.

If J. E. Bennet, contractor for the construction of additions to the Sunnyside, Holman and East Twenty-eighth street schools is as slow finishing his work as he has been on the first of it, he will be liable to forfeit more than $4000 of his pay, according to the statement of Chairman Wittenberg of the building committee. Mr. Wittenberg said that Bennet would not have the buildings completed by February at the present rate of progress, whereas the contracts stipulate that they shall be ready for occupancy September 1. He added that the preliminary work, in many cases, had been so poorly done that it had been found necessary to tear it away and build over.

Each of the contracts with Mr. Bennet has a forfeiture clause, providing that the builder shall be penalized $10 for each day between the expiration of the contract and the completion of the building. Architect Jones was advised to notify Bennet that this clause will be enforced. If it is held to strictly, it is probable that the contractor will forfeit something like $4000 on the jobs which involve less than $34,000.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, July 9.—Maximum temperature, 84 deg.; minimum, 58. River reading at 8 A. M., 10 feet; change in 24 hours, fall of 0.2 of a foot. Total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total since September 1, 1905, 38.70 inches; normal, 45.97 inches; deficiency, 7.27 inches. Total sunshine July 8, 1906, 13 hours and 36 minutes; possible, 15 hours and 34 minutes. Barometer reading (reduced to sea-level) at 5 P. M., 30.03.

STATION.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 12 hours.	WIND. Velocity.	WIND. Direction.	State of Weather.
Baker City	84	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Bismarck	88	0.00	4	S	Clear
Boise	92	0.00	8	W	Pt. Cldy.
Eureka	60	0.00	8	N	Pt. Cldy.
Helena	84	0.00	4	W	Cloudy
Kamloops, B. C.	82	0.00			Cloudy
North Head	66	0.00	12	S	Cloudy
Pocatello	86	0.01	12	W	Rain
Portland	84	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Red Bluff	98	0.00	4	SE	Clear
Roseburg	86	0.00	6	N	Clear
Sacramento	88	0.00	6	S	Clear
Salt Lake City	84	T	4	S	Rain
San Francisco	62	0.00	10	W	Clear
Spokane	88	0.00	8	W	Pt. Cldy.
Seattle	78	0.00	12	SW	Pt. Cldy.
Tatoosh Island	60	0.00	8	SW	Cloudy
Walla Walla	92	0.00	4	SW	Pt. Cldy.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Thunderstorms with very light rainfall are reported in Utah, Southeastern Idaho and Western Montana. The temperature has risen slightly in the interior of Western Oregon and Western Washington, and fallen in the interior of Northern California, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather Tuesday in Western Oregon and Western Washington, with no decided changes in temperatures, and for showers and thunderstorms with light falls of rain at widely scattered places in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho. It will be cooler east of the Cascade Mountains.

Forecasts made at Portland for 28 hours ending at midnight, July 10:

Portland and vicinity—Fair. Westerly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Fair. Westerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Possibly showers and thunderstorms. Cooler.

Southern Idaho—Probably showers and thunderstorms. Cooler west, warmer east portion.

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