## FIGHT AHEAD OVER LANDS OF SILETZ

Homesteaders Declare "Squatters" Must Go.

#### ORDER WILL BE RESISTED

Contestants Say They Will Await Final Decision.

CLASH AT ARMS FEARED

Original Settlers Declare if Ejectment Proceedings Fail Other Means to Dispossess Contestants Will Be Taken.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 12-(Special.)-Proceedings to eject the alleged squatters Siletz reservation claims of several Lincoln County residents are to be taken at once. If these are unsuc cessful, the original sottlers declare other cans to dispossess the contestants will

be taken. Serious trouble is feared. Two of the claims in dispute were originally taken by L. W. Williams, and Prank Priest, of this city, W. S. Copeland and V. Jiffcott are now on thes claims. They have been ordered by the original claimants to move and have refused. They declare they will stay until the cases are finally settled by the land

This, it is declared, is the attitude of all the contestants. The original settlers declare they will not permit the contest-

ants to carry out this plan. Homesteaders whose claims are thus threatened do not know what to make of this bold move by the "squatters," They are certain that a hundred or more of the best claims are now lia ble to seizure any day. They are informed by the men now squatting on their places that legal advice has been obtained and that the squatters paid large sums for the location and for otection, but the homesteaders are in a fighting temper, because they cannot see by what possible legal twist they can be deprived of their claims

without a trial. Now that the raid is an assured fact, there is persistent accusation in Newport that Cowing & Cowing are advising the contestants. One man is known to have busied himself in their interests the past two months-an attorney named E. T. Price, whose address in Portland is 341 Cook avenue L. W. Williams said last night;

#### Says Was Approached.

"I was approached indirectly several times of late by Cowing & Cowing with the hint that they were friendly to me and I had better relinquish be fore I lost my homestead for good. Frank Priest had this to say:

"I have never received any decision on my hearing a few weeks ago. The man who is on my claim refuses to budge and is cutting the timber as coolly as you please and building himself a ho He defles me to do a thing."

This morning there was a hurried con sultation of attorneys and preparations were made to eject the squatters. If this fails there will be other means used,

"These fellows have got to go," said one of them this morning; "this is our land till the Government decides that i is not, and we don't intend to let any man even live on it by suffrance, not for one day. We shall take no chances.

#### Back Settlers.

Backing the settlers who have just been threatened with the loss of their homesteads and the valuable timber thereof are the scores of other settlers whose claims have been decided, adversely in the Portland land office. Newport is filled with men trying to earn enough money to satisfy the demands of attorneys for carrying the cases to Washington and the worm appears at last to be on the point of turning.

One of these, C. H. Bradshaw, stated today that his claim had been taken from him successfully in almost the same way that the present squatters are trying to get claims, and that he was fighting the thing in Washington, though after making final proof no trial was ever held, the Portland land office simply holding up his patent and allowing a con test which was quickly decided in favor of the contestant. Thus Bradshaw will have now to stand the expense of two trials and possibly two appeals to Wash-

CHARGE FALSE, SAYS COWING

No Effort Made to Intimidate Siletz Homesteaders.

charge that we have sought to intimidate settlers in the Siletz Reservation, or elsewhere, is maliciously false," said T. F. Cowing, of the firm of Cowing & Cowing, last night. "Our only relation to the claims of Williams and Priest is of a legal character. During the last few weeks we have been ing the last few weeks we have been consulted by a great many men who were desirous of securing public land and we have advised them to locate on any con-tested and unpatented tracts, build houses and reside there continuously.

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"The Government is resisting the efforts

of a great many of the original entry-men in the Sileiz Reservation to secure patent to their claims, contending that they have not complied with the home-

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ANOTHER CARGO OF JAPANESE ARMS CONFISCATED.

Tatsu Maru Incident Repeated. Japanese Merchants Protest Cargo Is Theirs.

LONDON, Aug. 12.-Another cloud has arisen between Japan and China, according to a special dispatch received here from Hongkong, owing to the seizure at Chin Chou by the Chinese authorities of a steamer having on board 10,000 rifles and 2,000,000 cartridges. Japanese merchants have protested, saying that this cargo be longs to them and they threaten to make another international question out of it. This seizure is similar to that of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru in February of this year, for which China finally made amends.

## CHICAGO'S RECORD DELUGE

Heaviest Rainfall in 13 Year Floods Business Section.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A deluge of rain that has ended the long drought breaks all rainfall records in Chicago for Il years. This was established today when it was found that a total of 8.30 inches of rain had fallen-between the hours of 9:40 P. M. and 2:30 P. M. The greatest previous rainfall as compiled by the Government weather bureau fell on August 23-24 in 1895, when a fall of 3.65 inches was the record.

The showers today established a new scord, breaking that of 13 years ago, for so short a time. A tremendous down pour, which flooded basements and caused nuch damage throughout the city, commenced officially at 9:40 o'clock on the previous night. It was accompanied by an unusual electrical display:

A great portion of the damage was it the downtown section, where sewers were unable to carry off the sudden floods of water backed up. Basements began to fill and a dozen fire engine companies were called to pump the water from base ment cafes.

#### GREAT TUNNELER KILLED in New York.

Guy Wire Ends Life of Higbee, Borer Through Mountains.

DENVER, Aug 12-Charles E. Highee, aged 52, of this city, one of the world's most noted tunnel-builders, was almost instantly killed last evening at Shoshone, a camp of the Central Colorado Power Company, 12 miles east of Gienwood Springs, Colo.

The fatal accident was caused by the breaking of a derrick. A guy wire struck Mr. Highee on the head, crushing his He died within ten minutes from cerebral hemorrhage,

According to reliable information Mr. Highee had constru greatest tunnels. In the construction of the Simplon tunnel in Italy he is said to have broken the world's record for fast boring. He planned and executed the Tennessee Pass tunnel on the Denver & Rio Grande Road.

### CHAFIN IS COMING WEST

Prohibitionist Will Speak in Oregon Cities September 7-9.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 .- 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 ter-ritories. Some of his dates are:

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#### DECLARES SUIT FRAUD Appeal Court Says Drukee Defraud-

ed Out of Large Sum.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12 .- George Gould, E. H. Harriman and other officials of the Union Pacific Railroad were defendants in a suit in which the United States Circuit Court of Appeals handed down a decision today and gave the plaintiffs a severe reprimand. tion was the result of a controversy over the ownership of \$27,299,000 worth of bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad, claimed by the administra-tors of the estate of Charles Durkee, who died in Wisconsin In 1876. The court characterized the suit as a fraud and stated that in its opinion the evidence showed that through the action the pinintiffs succeeded in defrauding Durkee out of \$50,000.

#### FEARS TO FACE JURY

Brooklyn Murderer Hangs Himself in His Jail Cell.

NEW YORK. Aug. 12.-During the change of guards on the early morning shift today, William Schenzki, held on a charge of murder, committed suicide in this cell in the Raymond-street jail in Brooklyn by hanging himself from the bars by his suspenders. The man had protested his innocence of the crime charged against him.

#### Aids Japanese Emigrants.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.-The ministry of railroads has put into effect a reduction of fares amounting to 50 per cent in favor of Japanese emigrants to or South America over the Rus-

#### Land Surveys Accepted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 12.—The General Office has accepted surveys of town 10 and 11 north, range 5 west, Washington, executed by Clyde W, Riddell, deputy surveyor.

## SECOND STEAMER FOR HUGHES, BUT DOES NOT DIGTATE

Raines Tells Roosevelt's Attitude.

SHUNS CHARGE OF BOSSISM

Believes People Oppose It From Any Quarter.

#### BUT HAS STRONG LEANINGS

Republican Leader Confers With President-Mitchell and Easley Talk on Civic Federation, Not on Gompers' Campaign.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 12.-The niests at Sagamore Hill today included State Senator John Raines, author of the iquor license law which bears his name John Mitchell, whose political activities in behalf of labor are in the capacity of manager of the trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation, and Ralph M. Eastey, chairman of the executive council of the same general

Mr. Raines came to see the President upon a personal matter involving two officers. Later the Senator army ressed the entirely personal opinion that the President looked with favor upon the political status of Governor Hughes, but was quick to add that the Chief Executive was taking no part in the campaign for he Republican gubernatorial nomination

#### No Politics With Mitchell.

The visit of the ex-president of the Inited Mineworkers has excited considerble interest because of the activity in he National campaign of Samuel Gompers, but Mr. Mitchell, upon leaving Saganore Hill, said that politics were not mentioned. Mr. Easley and he, said Mr. Mitchell, came to Oyster Bay to invite the President to address the National New York City December 14 or some time about the middle of the month. Mr. because he was in doubt Federation's trade agreement were also

The subject of the switchmen's dispute with the Lackawanna Railway was not taken up. Mr. Mitchell said, that affair being in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission's board of mediation n Washington. The labor leader reiterated his determination not to take an aclive part in the political campaign. Mr. Raines explained that there was

nothing of public interest in his visit to Oyster Bay. In reply to a volley of queslons, he added:

For Hughes, but Not Bossing.

"Of course we talked about the campaign and about the Governorship of New York, but not with particular reference to the candidacy for renomination of (Concluded on Page 2.) 

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# GUN EXPLOSION KILLS RECRUITS

FRENCH GUNNERY SCHOOLSHIP HAS DISASTER.

Breech Blows Out of Big Gun, Killing Six and Injuring 18 Men Near Toulon.

TOULON, Aug. 12.-Six persons were killed and 18 injured in a gun explosion aboard the gunnery schoolship Couron

net today off Les Salines d'Hyeres. The accident occurred while a numb of recruits were receiving instructions in handling a 184-millimetre gun, the breech

of which blew out. Three of the wounded are in a des-

perate condition. According to experts in gunnery, the accident was due to the decomposition of B powder. The disaster to the Lena in 1997 was attributed to the cause. More than 100 lives were lost on that battleship. The men in the turret at the time of the accident declare, however, that the gun became overheated owing to the rapidity with which it was being fired. The shell had hardly been pushed home when it exploded with tremendous force. Sheets of flame darted backward from the gur and those standing nearby were hurled to the deck

Several of the men were terribly mutflated. Two were permanently blindes and the limbs of others had to be amputated immediately after they arrived at the hospital. All those in the turret were injured.

This is the third fatal accident to oc ur on board the schoolship Couronnet within the past 15 months, all of which were due to the blowing out of breech blocks. In the first, April 19, 1907, three men were killed and seven injured; and on August 2 of the same year three men of the crew of a four-inch gun were killed and five wounded. All the accidents occurred off Les Salines d'Hyeres, where is situated the French artillery

The vessel is an old one, having been laid down in 1861, but new bollers were installed in 1898. Her armament consists of 34 guns of various sizes and her complement is 623° men.

#### ACOUNTS BEING AUDITED

Missing Teamster Was Treasurer of Hoquiam Union.

HOOIIIAM Wash., Aug. 12 .- (Special.)-It transpires that Steve Anderson, the missing teamster as chronicled in The Oregonian today, was treasurer of the Civic Federation at its annual meeting in local Teamsters' Union. His accounts are being audited, but no intimation is given that he has absconded with the Roosevelt, he said, did not accept the funds. Anderson is alleged to have been tumbled into the bay and was drowned.

#### KILLED IN FOREST

Tree Falls on Cabin of Portland Woman in Siletz.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 13 .- Early this morning Mrs. S. Bemis, of Portland, was killed in the Siletz country by a large limb of a tree falling on her cabin. The body was carried three method tried heretofore miles through the timber to a road

Motor for Dirigible and taken to the Siletz Indian agency for burial. Mrs. Bemis was on her claim and

JUST AS FARMER BRYAN WAS ABOUT TO DO THE CHORES!

#### had a man working for her who was not in the cabin at the time.

## FLYING SOON TO BECOME SPORT

First Aeroplane for Pleasure Ordered.

#### COST AS MUCH AS FOUR AUTOS

Aviators Already Turn Attention to Speed.

BALDWIN WANTS POWER

Asks More Time From Government to Increase Speed of His Airship. Oakland Company Will Build Dirigible.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 .- Speed, that requirement which has meant so much in the development of the automobile has already become one of the princtpal factors of serial navigation. Captain Baldwin may ask the War Department for an extension of thirty days in the time in which he has to make his official speed trials, in order that he may replace his four-cylinder, 25horsepower motor with an eight cylinder motor capable of producing 50 horsepower.

#### First Aeroplane for Sport.

While making every effort to inrease the speed of Captain Baldwin's airship, Glenn H. Curtiss, who won the contest for the Scientific American Cup in the June Bug, the aeroplane of the Aerial Experiment Association, has been commanded to build the first aeroplane for purely sporting purposes. This heavier-than-air machine will be built for speed and will cost the purchaser \$5000, showing that flying as a sport is four times as expensive as automobilling was in its first stages.

#### Has Startling Features.

The millionaire who wants Mr. Curtiss to build for him an aeroplane which will give him the opportunity to enjoy the sensation of flying through a convivial man in the past, but of recent | the air like a bird has several new whether he would be able to keep the years has been very steady and was for ideas which will be incorporated in engagement if made. The plans of the some time connected with the Salvation | the aerial machine. It will weigh less Army. The general opinion is that he than 500 pounds and will be driven by eight-cylinder, air cooled Curtiss motor. Among its startling features, in which it will differ from other aeroplanes, are lightness combined with stability, its unique design, having no tail, and an entirely new system of launching. No track will be used, as is done by the Wright Brothers, nor will the launching depend entirely upon wheels. A steerable wheel and two skids are expected to make the launching and landing of the aeropiane more perfect than any

Motor for Dirigible Balloon. While Mr. Curtiss is building six peronautical engines for experiments, (Concluded on Page 2.)

# THREE SMUT FIRES ONE DAY'S RECORD

FIVE THRESHERS DESTROYED IN AS MANY DAYS.

Four Thousand Sacks of Wheat Also Go Up in Smoke as Result of Day's Explosions.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 12.-(Special.)-Three threshing machines and a total of 4000 sacks of wheat were burned in the vicinity of Colfax today.

Hilty, Gerger & Gerger lost their machine at the Henry Hickman 1200-acre ranch near Almota. Bensel, Barton & Co, lost their machine at the Tom Richardson ranch. Mike Kroll lost his machine near Wilcox. All three machines were new and partly insured. Explosion of smut caused all the fires. In the past five days five machines have burned in the vicinity of Colfax from

## LOGGER'S NECK IS BROKEN

smut explosions.

James Wilson Instantly Killed in Woods Near Rainier.

RAINIER, Or., Aug. 12 .- (Special.) James Wilson, a logger working for the Case Lumber Company, met instant death this morning as the result of an accident. Wilson, in company with other men, was trying to balance log for loading on the car when it became unmanageable, one end going to the ground and the other rising twenty feet in the air. A man named Post had hold of the log with Wilson Post had hold of the log with Wilson. When it started up, Post let go his hold, but Wilson did not. When the log struck the ground, Wilson's hold was broken and he fell fravily to the ground, striking on his shoulder in such a manner as to break his neck. The body was brought to town and the Coroner summoned. On the evidence in the case it was decided that

ce in the case it was decided that Wilson met his death by reason of his own negligence

Wilson was a Mason, a Woodman and a member of the Foresters of America. It is thought that his people reside in Detroit, Mich., and an effort is being made to locate them. No disposition will be made of the body until they are Wilson was about 38 years old. He had \$100 in gold, \$4 in sliver and a certificate of deposit for \$100 in his pockets when killed.

## DON'T DESECRATE SUNDAY

Catholic Societies Appeal to All for Sanctity of Day.

BOSTON, Aug. 12-After adopting reso butions, unanimously re-electing Edward Fenney, of Brooklyn, as president and deciding upon Pittsburg as the next mesting place the General Federation of Cath-olic Societies voted final adjournment this

The report of the various sections appealed to "all Catholics and to all our fellow-citizens, without distinction as to creed, to use their influence to prevent desecration and to uphold the ob-The Socialism plank rejects the main tenets of Socialism and all Catholics were urged against affiliating with the

#### CHINESE TROOPS MUTINY

Murder Officers, Rout Loyalists and

Join Mountain Rebels. HONGKONG, Aug. 12.-One thousand soldiers stationed near Wuchow mutinied vesterday because a comrade had been

arrested for gambling. The mutineers murdered their comman der, his clerk and secretary and then attacked a camp of solders at Omyung The loyal soldiers fied to the roofs of the williage and the mutineers pillaged the village, securing \$160,000 in money. They joined the rebels in the Tsiking

mountains. Troops have been dispatched to arrest the mutineers.

#### MAHONEY'S ACTION LEGAL Acquitted of Violating Betting Law

in Holding Stakes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—Charles Ma-noney, manager of the Hoffman House Cafe, who was arrested for receiving \$60 to het on a horse for a friend, was discharged from custody today. The Court of Special Sessions acquitted him of the charge of bookmaking on Justice Gaynor's recent decision that an indi-vidual bet is not a crime.

The case was conducted personally by

District Attorney Jerome, who told the Justice that he had singled it out for

#### CATTLE SINK FERRY-BOAT

Bunch Up on Craft and Put It Under Water.

HARRISBURG, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)

—The county ferry-boat here was sunk this forenoon. The ferryman took aboard some beef cattle whose weight caused his boat to go hard aground on the landing. He moved the cattle to the other end of the boat where they bunched up wear one side and sank the boat. No up near one side and sank the boat. damage was done except the delay at this busy season. It is expected the boat will make regular trips some time tomorrow,

#### Six Entombed Miners Saved.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 12.-Six of the 18 miners who were entombed in Santa Gertrubls mine, near Pachuka Hidalgo, rescued alive early today. They were imprisoned five days ago as the result of a cave-in. Twelve of them are still below ground, and the tap-pings on a pipe indicate some of them are yet allve.

#### Roosevelt Sends Message.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Aug. 12. The Governor of New Zealand, Lord Plunkitt, has received a cable message from President Roosevelt. The contents message have not yet been made

# WITH HITCHCUCK

Will Make All Speeches

#### JOIN IN NO FACTION FIGHTS

West Virginia Wrangle Is Referred to Committee.

#### HUGHES WILL GO ON STUMP

Will Speak in Maine and Vermont, as Well as at Youngstown-Elkins Faction Makes Appeal to Hitchcock.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 12.—"Everys hing was as barmonious as possible and no one was laid across my knee and This was W. H. Taft's genial spanked." emark tonight in concluding a detailed count of his all-day conference with Frank H. Hitchcock, Republican National Chalrman, and Arthur I. Vorys, his chief of staff.

Mr. Hitchcock announced after the first inference, which continued for three hours, that it could be stated in a formal and official manner that Mr. Taft would make no speeches outside the city of Cincinnati during the campaign. On his way from Hot Springs to Cincinnati the last of the month, Mr. Taft will make a side trip in Ohlo, the arrange ments for which have been completed, but the details are withheld for the present. No political speeches will be made on this trip.

#### No Meddling With Factions.

It was also officially announced that Mr. Taft would continue the policy he had already adopted and followed, of not mixing in local contentions in any state, or of taking part in behalf of any candidate for nomination for a state office. This announcement is intended as an inswer, first, to the demand that Mr. Taft decide the merits of the contestants in the West Virginfa split, and, second, that he express a preference for or against Governor Hughes in the New York state gubernatorial situation. Taking up the narrative of the day's work,

#### Mr. Taft said: Vigorous Fight in Each State.

We went over the situation in every state where it is recognized that a vigorous campaign must be made. Particular attention was given to Maine and Vermont, not because of any doubt as to the situation in these states, but because the election is held earlier than in other states. Governor Hughes, it was stated, indoubtedly would be one of the speakers in these two states, in addition to his acceptance of an Invitation to open the Ohio campaign at Youngstown, September Secretary James Wilson, of the De-partment of Agriculture, has consented

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