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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

WHEAT BEATEN DOWN BY HAIL

Terrific Storm in Umatilla County.

DAMAGE IS UP IN THOUSANDS

Cloudburst Carries Away City Water Works at Athena.

ALL OVER IN TEN MINUTES

Extent of Storm Reaches Into Idaho and Washington—Railroad Track Washed Out Near Uniontown—Sky Is Clearing.

STORM GENERAL IN EXTENT IN OREGON. Umatilla County—Heaviest hailstorm in history of county; thousands of dollars damage to grain; at Athena, city reservoir goes out. Wasco County—Heavy rains, with several small cloudbursts; no damage.

Umatilla County—The latter having between 50 and 100 acres of alfalfa ruined. The flood reached Pilot Rock, but beyond the washing out of a county bridge and a footbridge, no damage was done at that point. Several bridges further up the stream were washed away.

Rain fell in this city and, as far as can be learned, throughout the county, nearly all the afternoon, bringing all harvesting operations to a standstill and greatly damaging the standing wheat. It is thought that only little more than half the crop has been harvested. Fortunately for the Athena farmers, whose ranches were in the path of the hailstorm, they had nearly finished threshing, but up along the river, where it first started and where it was the worst, the work of harvesting had just begun.

Continued Rain Means Harm. It is still cloudy and threatening late tonight and it is feared that more rain will fall. The grain has already had all the rain it will stand, and every drop that falls from now on will do damage. With wheat at 70 cents, the farmers have been unloading their crops in large quantities during the last two days, and it is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels have changed hands in this time in this county alone.

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EIGHT DESTROYERS FOLLOW

Possible Whole Force May Remain on West Coast.

POLICY URGED BY DEWEY

Efforts of Politicians to Secure Adoption of Suez Route Favor New Fleet May Be Built for the Atlantic Coast.

PULLMAN, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A very heavy rain at intervals during the afternoon, together with a less violent rain, which is falling at this writing, 9 P. M., has caused much concern for the crops. A downpour began shortly after noon, following a severe wind and dust storm. For a while the rain ceased, but this evening the clouds are again precipitous rather than welcome moisture. So far, no damage has been done to the standing grain, but with the most favorable weather it will not be possible for harvesting operations to resume until Monday. Not more than 50 per cent of the Pullman County wheat crop has been harvested.

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- The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 62 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees. TODAY'S—Probably showers; southwest winds. Domestic. Chicago girl whips tramp and leaves him unconscious. Page 2, Section 1.

BRYAN ATTACKS THE PRESIDENT

Says He Protects the Corporations.

PURPOSE OF CENTRALIZATION

Shield Railroads From Attacks of the States.

CALLS TAFT WEAK MAN

Democratic Leader Says Roosevelt Is Easy Victim of Railroads and Waves Tattered Banner of State Rights.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—W. J. Bryan describes Secretary Taft as weak and ineffectual in his reform policies, and President Roosevelt as an easy victim of the railroads, which are seeking Federal protection from the annoyances of the states. In a Chautauqua address at Atlantic, Ia., Mr. Bryan charged the two Republican leaders with robbing the Democratic party of its reform. The address was a direct reply to the Columbus speech of the Secretary of War.

BLOWN TO PIECES BY BIG EXPLOSION

No Trace of Powder Works Men Found.

BUILDINGS ARE LAID IN RUINS

Shock Causes Panic Many Miles Distant.

BAY CITY FEARS QUAKES

GIANT POWDER WORKS AT SOBRACTE DESTROYED WITH TERRIFIC EFFECTS. Stampedes in Cannery Causes Injury to Many.

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 24.—The nitro-glycerine mixing-house of the giant powder works at Sobrante, 12 miles north of here, on the bay shore, blew up about 11 o'clock today and sent two men to their death and injured some 10 others. The dead: Richard Thompson, foreman, 28 years old. William Doane, aged 20.

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TAFT WEAK ON RAILROADS.

On the question of railroad regulation Mr. Bryan said: "The present laws affecting railroads are not effective. Yet Mr. Taft says nothing regarding the reduction of rates. He regards the present laws as effective except so far as they would reduce the watering of stock. Mr. Taft is more clear on the things he opposes than regarding the things he favors. Mr. Taft is not strong on either the trust question or the railroad question. Like his position in the matter of the tariff, his remedies are so qualified as to give little hope to the reformers."

COMPARIS HIMSELF TO JOSPH.

Mr. Bryan related the story of how Joseph's brothers hated him so that they drove him out of the country. Afterwards, when the famine came, they had to go to Egypt for corn. There they found Joseph. He had the corn.

SKYSCRAPER FOR CLUBHOUSE

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NOEL GETS NOMINATION.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 24.—E. F. Noel, of Holmes County, was nominated for Governor in the Democratic primary Thursday, Earl Brewer, his opponent, tonight conceded his nomination and asked all Democrats to vote for Mr. Noel.

RAILROAD TRACK WASHED OUT

Wall of Water 100 Feet Wide and Three Deep Sweeps Canyon.

UNIONTOWN, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A cloudburst on the Genesee branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon tore out about 300 feet of track and the passenger train narrowly escaped being caught by the raging waters. The train was unable to get through to the south, and came back here this afternoon. A construction train arrived about 8 o'clock tonight and will work all night to repair the track so that traffic may be resumed in the morning.

HEAVY DOWNPOUR IN WASCO

Cloudbursts in Interior Do No Damage—Grain Still Unthreshed. —After 48 hours of oppressive heat, a thunder storm broke over The Dalles about daylight this morning, drenching everything and cooling the atmosphere. Showers fell until noon. Several small cloudbursts are reported in different portions of the county, none doing any considerable damage.

RAIN PUTS OUT FOREST FIRES.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Rain began to fall at 7 o'clock this morning, and up to dark, 0.77 inch had fallen, the second largest precipitation on one day for the year to date. The rain came at an opportune time, as many forest fires were being fought.

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TYPHOID FEVER ON TUG SAMSON.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—During the past year there have been five cases of typhoid fever developed on the tug Samson. Two deaths have occurred and at the present time two members of the crew are ill at the hospital with the disease.

HARRY MURPHY GIVES HIS IDEAS, IN A SERIES OF PICTURES, OF THE MORE PROMINENT NEEDS OF PORTLAND

A series of political cartoons by Harry Murphy. Each cartoon has a caption: SPEEDLESS AUTOS, FEWER OF THIS KIND OF UNDISERABLES, MORE OF THIS SORT OF BANK OFFICIALS, MORE CARS ABOUT 6 P.M., SOMETHING LESS OF THIS, AN AWAKENING, MORE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT PORTLAND, PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN, BETTER STREETS.