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SITUATION IS SERIOUS IN CROOK AND LAKE COUNTIES.

The Surplussage is Apparently About Equal to Natural Increase—Believed to Be 70,000 Excess in Crook County. Paisley, Ore., Aug. 3.—E. H. Sparks, of the Black Butte Livestock Company, of Crook county, is at this place. He has 4,500 sheep in Lake county, and he has a company of men who control a range in the Cascade forest reserve, and is allotted pasturage for 12,000 sheep, the same as last year, allowing nothing for increase, consequently it became necessary to dispose of all the increase. The same condition prevails with Morrow & Seaman, of Prineville, who have 2,000 now in Lake for sale. U. S. Cole has 2,500, Ed Kelsey 14,000, George O'Neil 3,000, and Tom Condon 2,000 head for sale. Besides these there are two other large herds awaiting buyers. At this time there are 70,000 sheep passing through Lake county, headed for the California market. Some of them, however, may be sold to local sheepmen, though it is hardly probable, because of the fact that most Lake county sheepmen have all their own hands. Mr. Sparks gave out the impression that 70,000 sheep were about the increase of Crook county, as most of the sheepmen of that county were allotted rams for a certain number of sheep on the reserve, about the same as last year, but nothing allowed for increase. Crook county people are overing their sheep at \$2 and \$2.25 for rams, and \$3 to \$3.25 for ewes. Montana is worth from \$2.50 to \$3.

INCREASE OF 5,000 SCHOLARS OVER LAST YEAR.

Greatest Amount of Money Ever Distributed by the State to Schools—Per Capita Payment \$1.60 Against \$1.55 in 1902. Salem, Ore., Aug. 3.—State Treasurer C. S. Moore Saturday afternoon made his annual report to the commission on the state of the common school fund. Interest for the years 1902-3, for the aid and support of the public schools. The total amount apportioned is \$20,011,200, being the greatest sum apportioned in the last six years. The nearest to that amount in the stated period was that of last year, which was \$214,622.15. The school population of the state persons over 4 and under 20 years of age, is 143,757, against 138,477 last year, showing an increase of 5,280 persons, and an increase in the past 20 years of 137,593. The apportionment this year is made at the rate of \$1.60 per capita, against \$1.55 last year and \$1.22 in 1901. The school population and apportionment by counties is as follows: County No. Amount Baker 3,745 \$ 8,552.00 Benton 4,670 11,228.00 Clackamas 7,777 18,443.00 Clatsop 4,276 10,287.00 Columbia 2,610 6,276.00 Coos 4,938 11,791.00 Crook 1,297 3,132.00 Curry 785 1,956.00 Douglas 5,696 13,729.00 Gilliam 1,221 2,928.00 Grant 1,868 4,528.00 Harney 1,020 2,448.00 Jackson 3,138 7,530.00 Josephine 4,373 10,490.00 Klamath 1,165 2,812.00 Lake 959 2,324.00 Lane 8,295 19,929.00 Lincoln 1,149 2,757.00 Linn 6,492 15,576.00 Malheur 1,745 4,232.00 Marion 9,874 23,695.00 Morrow 1,723 4,135.00 Multnomah 28,159 68,794.00 Polk 3,408 8,152.00 Sherman 1,303 3,132.00 Tillamook 1,737 4,179.00 Umatilla 5,843 14,132.00 Union 5,419 13,024.00 Wallowa 2,400 5,796.00 Wasco 5,696 13,729.00 Washington 5,843 14,132.00 Wheeler 880 2,116.00 Yamhill 4,880 11,791.00 Total 143,757 \$339,011.20

UNITED STATES COURT SUSTAINS THE MERGER

Hill Wins Unqualified Victory in Case of State of Minnesota Vs. The Northern Securities Company.

Decision Holds That Securities Company Was Not Formed to Control Majority of Stock of the Two Roads, or That Either Road Was a Party to the Formation of the Securities Company. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 1.—A decision was handed down this morning in the case of the State of Minnesota vs. The Northern Securities Company, which the promoters of the merger gain the suit. James J. Hill's victory is comprehensive and substantial. The decision was filed this morning by Judge William L. Cron, of the United States circuit court. The state loses on every point it made against the merger. The decision is a sweeping victory for the owners of the securities, and Great Northern and Northern Pacific stocks. The court holds that the evidence falls to show that the Securities Company was formed for the purpose of holding a majority of the Great Northern as well as Northern Pacific stock. The state anti-trust act is practically a copy of the Sherman act, and relates only to railroads, and the Securities Company is not a railroad. Neither road was a party to forming the Securities Company. Judge Cron says: "The Securities Company is not a party to forming the securities in railroads without power to consolidate them, or to interfere with their management or control. This is my judgment, and it stands me to the conclusion that none of the defendants have violated the Minnesota anti-trust act." "The conclusion is apparently contrary to the United States vs. The Northern Securities, but my own sense of duty alike require this decision."

PALOWSE CROP TO BE SHORT.

Weather Conditions for the Past Week Have Been Favorable. Tacoma, July 31.—A letter from State Grain Commissioner Arramith of this cause is expected. The grain reports a great change for the better in the grain situation in the Palouse country. The commissioner says the hot wave which has been drying up the wheat and inflicting great damage came to an end on the 23rd, and that subsequent conditions had been highly satisfactory, allowing the wheat crop to entirely recover. The weather had cooled, with the prevailing winds all coming from the south. The commissioner is informed by farmers that the regular threshing will commence in two weeks and that a crop of 20 per cent over the returns of last year is expected. The grain, however, is of excellent quality, plump and of good general appearance and weight. TO RECOVER LAND. First Suits Against Miss Ware's Victims in Land Frauds. Portland, July 31.—The first of the suits to be instituted by the federal government for the recovery of lands granted under the fraudulent affidavits made before Marie L. Ware, as United States commissioner at Eugene, were filed in the United States circuit court yesterday afternoon. The defendants named are G. B. McLeod, William H. Watkins, James E. Warrick and Samuel L. Carson, and all four have been cited by United States Commissioner Sladen to appear before him on September 7, to show cause why the lands granted under the affidavits should not revert to the government.

NEW MAYOR OF SPOKANE UNDER MINISTERIAL FIRE.

Promoters of a Moral Municipal Program in That City Are Greatly Dissatisfied With the New Mayor's Recent Veto. Spokane, July 31.—The ministers of the city are taking "the mayor" of the veto by Mayor Boyd of the resolution of the city council abolishing the saloon boxes, in earnest, and are hanging out some hot shots from the pulpit. Last Sunday Rev. Dr. Lambert, of the First M. E. church, paid particular attention to the mayor. He took for his text, "And from that time he took opportunity to betray him," and applied the text to Mayor Boyd. He quoted from the republican municipal platform and from the utterances of the mayor with regard thereto, and said that the language of the text was applicable to the mayor. That whether Boyd received monetary consideration for the utterances of the mayor with regard thereto, and in other ways, his flagrant violation of a sacred trust places him in the attitude of a modern Judas. The preacher also likened the mayor to Benedict Arnold, and depicted him as "wearing a crown of infamy bedecked with fallen stars—the stars of lost manhood and womanhood." CONSIDERED FEASIBLE BY PROMINENT CHILEANS. Commissioner is Now in South America for the Furtherance of the Great Scheme—Line Via Isthmus of Panama. New York, July 31.—Interest is being shown throughout Chile, according to South American papers receiving here, in the Pan-American railway project and in the mission of Charles M. Pepper, who has been sent as commissioner to South America by President Roosevelt to secure the cooperation of those governments for the completion of the line. Senator Augusto Matte, who was a colleague of Commissioner Pepper at the Pan-American congress in Mexico is quoted in El Mercurio as follows: "The undertaking is a gigantic one, but perfectly practical, and great benefits will be derived by Chile from the close touch which the interior of the country will have with the rich territory of the north. It will mean a boom to the development of our country and will benefit our political and industrial life in general." "The undertaking is a gigantic one, but perfectly practical, and great benefits will be derived by Chile from the close touch which the interior of the country will have with the rich territory of the north. It will mean a boom to the development of our country and will benefit our political and industrial life in general." Murdiner Had Insurance. Ball City, Aug. 1.—A. A. Earl, who killed Blossom Small near Durkee last week, afterward shooting himself, carried \$1,000 insurance in the Modern Woodmen of America and Mrs. Earl has just received the amount as beneficiary.

POSTAL THIEVES ARE ON THE RUN

United States Grand Jury Indicts Machen on Four Counts of Fraud.

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COLORING MATTER USED TO SIMULATE RIPENESS.

The Dairy and Food Commission of Pennsylvania Examination Throws Light Upon the "Thrifty" Methods Employed by Some Easterners. Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 1.—The Dairy and Food Commissioner Walter H. Dill has announced that retail grocers here recently have been receiving the orders for canned tomatoes packages which, upon close examination, proved to be a miscellaneous assortment of vegetables, including a few green tomatoes and red paint, the whole having use appearing in a variety of ways. Agents detailed to investigate found that red paint was used to a great extent in coloring worthless and inferior tomatoes. The coloring matter was also used to give a ripe appearance to worthless canned vegetables of various kinds.

NATIVE OREGON PRODUCTS.

Beautiful Easel of Native Wood Presented to Information Bureau. A huge easel, over eight feet in height, containing one of the most beautiful collections of Oregon woods ever displayed in Portland, has just been received from Coos Bay by the Oregon Information Bureau, and is now on display in the building of the Oregon Daily Journal. The collection consists of specimens, all beautifully polished, and was presented to the bureau by the Marshall board of trade. The woods are for the most part knotty specimens, much prized for veneering purposes. The pieces are horizontal cuts from the stumps and the coloring and grain is well brought out by the polishing. The most striking piece in the collection is a huge myrtle slab, irregular in shape, of a deep, rich brown and bluish color, and over six feet broad. A specimen of maple lute is a very beautiful part of the huge easel. The woods mounted on the easel are: Maple, curly white maple, chittim wood, alder, myrtle slab, curly red fir, vertical grain fir, curly red maple, curly white cedar, slash grain ash, vertical grain white pine, curly oak, curly birch, curly alder, curly myrtle, curly slash grain fir. Minerals from Baker County. Office Secretary George G. Birrel has received a cabinet of minerals from the White Swan station. The collection consists of ores from 25 different properties, each labeled and reported in a list of cotton. A box of unlabeled ores from Baker county was also received. Among the recent vegetable additions to the bureau's displays are: The exhibit is a huge white radish from Clackamas county. The monster root is 18 inches in length and with top extends over a yard along the table. It is 1 1/2 inches in circumference at the largest part.

ADOPTS CLOSED POLICY IN RELATION TO MANCHURIA.

Announces That the Doors Will Be Open in Six Years—Fleet of War Vessels Ordered to Korean Waters Is It a Bluff? Berlin, Aug. 1.—The Cologne Gazette today reports that Russia has a rigid grip upon Manchuria and has ordered all foreigners to remain out of the country for the present. The Gazette adds that at the end of six years Russia expects to have restored order in Manchuria and the country will be opened to free commerce. Russia has formally notified China of her policy.

FAMINE IN THE CAPE VERDES

THOUSANDS OF LABORERS EMIGRATED TO AMERICA. Drought, Famine and Pestilence an Old Story—Islands Oiled Last 30,000 of Starvation in Two Years' Time—Old and Decrepit Are Dying in the Streets. New Bedford, July 31.—A Lisbon, Portugal, paper received here dated July 21, contains a story of starvation and suffering in the Cape Verde islands, which has only been hinted at up to this time. The Lisbon story is unquestionably authentic, as the islands belong to Portugal, and the information has a direct and unbiased origin. The islands, which lie off the African coast and directly east of St. Domingo, have suffered from the effects of a heavy emigration of laborers, very many of whom have gone to South America, and to the southern part of the United States. This emigration has greatly depleted the force available for the handling of the crops, cattle and other industries. In addition, the islands are suffering from one of the most intense visitations of drought, and the crops this year are a total failure. On the island of St. Hago, the death rate has reached and now maintains itself on a daily from starvation. The dead are piled countless in tree trunks. The old and decrepit drop dead in the streets, and in some cases the mothers are the only ones left to bury the little children they vainly tried to find sufficient food for. Little babes have died of starvation at the dry breasts of their starving mothers.

REBELLION IN CUBA

GOVERNOR OF SANTIAGO NOW ADDS HIS TESTIMONY. The Insurrectionists Demand the Payment of the Old Army Which Fought Spain—Pupo, a Bandit Leader, Was Killed by the Spaniards Tuesday Last. Havana, July 31.—In spite of the assertion made yesterday by Señor Yero, secretary of the interior, that the killing of three men and the capture of a fourth man, their leader, who had attempted to cause an uprising in the vicinity of Bayamo, province of Santiago, effectively ended the only semblance of an uprising in Cuba, the rumors of uprisings in Eastern Cuba were fully confirmed today in the government reports received from the governor and other officials of Santiago Province. These are to the effect that since the night of Sunday last 50 armed and mounted men have appeared outside villages in the Cauto river district, proclaiming a revolution and demanding the payment of the former members of the revolutionary army. No acts of violence have been reported, but the inhabitants of the Cauto region are excited. The band of the uprising was known as Pupo. He is a brother of one of the bandits killed by the rebel guard on Tuesday.

LA GRANDE LAND DISTRICT.

Umatilla County the Largest in the District. The La Grande land office district, in which the Umatilla county is located, contains in round numbers 843,000 acres of land, and is comprised of the counties of Umatilla, Grant, Morrow, Union, Baker and Wallowa. Umatilla county is the largest in the district and contains 2,000,000 acres of land of all descriptions. The Umatilla Indian reservation contains 161,369 acres, in the western part of the county. There are 890,600 acres of vacant land in the county, about 200,000 acres of farming land, and nearly 1,000,000 acres of deeded mountain and pasture land. Morrow is the smallest county in the district, containing only a total of 67,000 acres, 29,000 acres of this being vacant and 280,000 deeded land. The district is well watered, containing the Umatilla river and tributaries, the Walla Walla, Burnt River, Wallowa, Powder river, Burnt River, and numerous streams all of which are used for irrigation, and as large as rivers, well distributed throughout the entire district. It is said that this is the greatest number of beautiful mountain streams in any land district on the Pacific coast.

HOBES GET FREE RIDE.

An O. R. & N. labor contractor who was in the city yesterday hiring men to go to Weathersby to work on the railroad, related an instance of "the honesty of a gang that he engaged in Portland. There were 15 of them and they claimed to have been hired. They showed up at the depot next morning on time with what appeared to be dirty bedding, but which turned out to be old straw in sacks over the road, but not a single one of them ever landed at Weathersby, most of them getting off at Pendleton and Baker City.—Baker City Democrat.

POSSES WITHDRAWN.

People Around Placerville Greatly Alarmed in Consequence. Placerville, Cal., Aug. 1.—The inhabitants are in a state of frenzy from fear that the removal of the posse will permit the convicts to hold up and rob, as it is known the felons are short of provisions. The convict shot at last night was making toward Tahoe.

STOVE MOULDERS ARRESTED.

Two stove moulders have been arrested charged with the child outrage at Delray. They deny that they were in the vicinity of Brown's house.

STRONG CASE BY STATE.

Cynthia, Ky., Aug. 1.—The brother-in-law of a woman the Jett-White trial today. As the trial progresses additional evidence against the prisoners is being constantly produced by the prosecution.

IMPROVEMENTS AT FAIR GROUNDS.

The state board of agriculture are making a number of needed improvements at the state fair grounds this year. A new water system costing \$5,000 is being put in which will make much comfort to the exhibitors and campers. More new stalls are being built to better accommodate the large number of exhibitors that are preparing to come to the fair. A large amphitheater is being built, where visitors can be seated and witness the livestock judging under cover. Many minor improvements are being made on the grounds, and everything is being done to make a visit to the fair a pleasant event and a joy forever.

DESPERATE THIEF.

Discovered in a Residence and Uses a Poker—Gets \$5. New York, Aug. 3.—The wife of Congressman Ketchum was nearly murdered by a thief whom she recognized as her apartment on her return from a shopping expedition. She was struck over the head with a poker. Her collar bone was broken and she received numerous scalp wounds. The thief got \$5 in cash.

KNIGHTS MAY BUILD.

Walla Walla, Aug. 3.—The local lodge of the Knights of Pythias are arranging to build a two-story brick, to cost \$10,000. The lodge now owns a lot valued at \$5,000.

TWENTY-THREE LIVES LOST.

Lowell, Mass., Aug. 1.—Another body was found in the ruins today, making a total of 23.

SCORCHING MANY NOTABLES.

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FIRE AT EIGHT.

La Grande, Aug. 3.—Fire destroyed the sawmill, 2,000 cords of wood, 250,000 feet of lumber and a dwelling house belonging to Lawrence Fox, last night. Loss about \$14,000.

VIENNA, AUG. 3.

The morning Zeitung says: Emperor Franz Joseph has summoned the leaders in the Hungarian chambers bribery case and will probably demand their resignation.

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NEW BROTHERHOOD CHIEF.

Cleveland, Aug. 3.—The grand officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers meet here Friday to elect a new chief.

SPANISH CARDINAL DYING.

Rome, Aug. 3.—Cardinal Joseph Iglisla, of Spain, is dying in the convalescence of the cholera. The final rites of the church have been administered. He is 89 years old.

OFF FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Believed That General Black Will Be the Next Commander. Washington, Aug. 3.—A large delegation in a special train leaves here later part of the week for the San Francisco Grand Army Encampment.

HEAVY RAINS IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

Kansas City, Aug. 3.—The Missouri rose 27 inches during the last 24 hours, as a result of heavy rains in central Kansas. Forty miles in the Union Pacific track between here, Salina and Topeka is weakening.

REVENUE INSPECTOR.

Canyon City, July 31.—About 100 head of sheep belonging to Weaver Brothers, of Mt. Vernon, were shot by masked men, Wednesday, on the range near here. The herd were held up by one masked man while the shooting was going on. Many more sheep in the flock were injured.