

WILL BE HIGHER

Prices of Wood to Be Increased. AMPLE CAUSE FOR IT It Cannot Be Got to the Flumes as Rapidly as Needed.

According to some of the prominent cordwood dealers of the Columbia River an advance in the price of that commodity is among the probable things in the near future. There are a great many wood wharves on the river, but for the past two months the steamers have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining wood enough to operate upon.

There are two of the largest steamers on the river now burning coal, and it is claimed that the saving in time of handling the fuel and the first cost of the article is greatly reduced from that of the expense incurred from using wood exclusively.

The fleet of boats engaged at towing logs are the greatest consumers of wood. It requires about 40 hours for the return trip with a raft of logs, and on one of these trips about 50 cords of wood is consumed, and it is claimed by the operators that they are paying now all their business will stand, and if a raise in price is forced on them they will have to resort to other means of supplying steam.

The owner of the steamer Vulcan is seriously considering the advisability of putting oil-burning apparatus in his boat. In the event of which there will be others following his example if the experiment proves a success. The use of coal exclusively, even generally, is prohibited by the high price of the article by reason of proper transportation facilities not being in existence between the coal beds of the state and the metropolises.

Any tendency to increase the price of wood, however, will have considerable bearing on the projects so long advocated to build roads to the coal fields. Wood companies claim that they are justified in their act by reason of the increase of cost of production and the increase of distance they have to convey wood to the river front. It is not an uncommon thing to find a steamer of five miles, even then after having hauled it a mile or more to the head of the flume. The price of stumps has increased, and greater expense rules all along the line.

RANGE QUESTION.

At the stockmen's meeting, held in this city last week, says the Blue Mountain Eagle, published at Canyon City, quite a number of the growers of cattle and sheep were present for the purpose of considering the range question and coming to an understanding in order to avoid any trouble in the future.

The Blue Mountain Eagle has been unable to procure any definite report of what was accomplished at the meeting. It is understood that an agreement was practically reached relative to the range between the Middle Fork and main John Day river as far east as Austin.

Relative to the trail to Logan valley, it is learned that no understanding was reached.

However, it is likely that a future meeting will be called and a thorough understanding had regarding the use of all public range in the county.

School Attendance Good.

County School Superintendent Robinson is busily engaged at this time in preparing the report of the schools of Multnomah County. Contrary to the situation in Yamhill, Marion and Umatilla counties, Multnomah will this year show a marked increase in both population and attendance.

The work of tabulation, however, is both tedious and arduous, and it will still be some days before it is completed. Sufficient details have been gleaned, however, to show a most satisfactory condition.

CITY BRIEFS

Deputy R. H. Knight seized three unlicensed bicycles on the Fifteenth-street path yesterday.

A fire in the Occidental hotel yesterday afternoon caused but little damage. The origin is unknown.

R. L. Durham, Ralph W. Hoyt, and John F. Bamford, have returned the appraisement of the estate of Eugene L. Schaefer at \$1500.

John Thomas, an alleged horse thief, wanted on Akaonaga County, Wash., was taken from Portland yesterday by Washington officers to answer to the charge.

J. A. Arnsper, who rode his bicycle on the sidewalk in Albina, was sorry to the extent of \$1, when he concluded an interview with Municipal Judge Hogan yesterday.

T. Martin, a habitual dope fiend, was up in the municipal court yesterday on the charge of having morphine in his possession. He was given 90 days on general principles.

Gorge Williams' cottage, 1449 Macadam Road, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of several hundred dollars. The Fulton volunteer fire department saved the house.

Lars Svenson's shoe store, on Williams' avenue, near Fremont, was burglarized yesterday morning. The booty was a large number of boots, shoes and rubbers. There is no trace of the thieves.

A. J. Parker of Fernhill has written to Coroner Finley, asking for a description of the man found drowned in Moe's Slough. He thinks it may be a German who disappeared from Fernhill about three weeks ago.

Commissioners William Showers and Frank C. Barnes held a short session of County Court yesterday. County Judge Webster is away in Southern Oregon, and until his return next week, no probate court will be held.

C. A. Thomas, a gentleman of color, who desired to engage in the championship fistio bout with M. J. Benjamin, in his store on Second, near Burnside last night, was put out of business by Policeman Parker, whom Benjamin called as his substitute.

The A. O. U. W. lodges of this city have elected the following relief board to look after needy members of the order who may be discovered in this city or throughout the state: President, H. E. Emery; vice-president, P. C. Caverder; secretary, N. C. Joyal; treasurer, T. H. Feahry, Jr.

E. Mutch, foreman for Brown & McCabe, stevedores, has preferred charges of assault against Charles and Henry Wolf, former members of his crew. He asserts that the men became enraged because he discharged them, and beat him up badly. Justice of the Peace Reid will hear the case on Saturday next.

A moonlight excursion will be given by the Elks' Carnival Association next Tuesday evening. The steamer Harvest Queen and a barge have been chartered for the occasion. The party will start from the Ash-street dock at 8:30 p. m. An orchestra on board will furnish music for the dancers.

A horse ridden by a lad named Brown, while running at a lively gallop fell upon the pavement at Sixth and Yamhill last evening. It was at first thought that the boy was bandily injured, but when his horse, which had skipped away when helped to its feet, was returned to him, his agony was over and his face was wreathed in smiles.

A horse belonging to Brooker & Pannay, Sunnyside grocers, contracted several bills for its owners yesterday afternoon. It became frightened at the music of a street band, dashed down Fourth street from Taylor, partially wrecked a fruit stand near Wells-Fargo's express office, smashed a bicycle at the fire engine house on Fourth, near Yamhill, and collided with a vehicle near Alder, where its mad career was cut short by a bystander, who caught the animal.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder. Finest lunch in city. Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. Paxton is visiting in New York.

H. Hirschberg, a capitalist of Independence, was in the city on business yesterday.

R. Alexander, a prominent business man of Pendleton, was a visitor in Portland yesterday.

Superintendent H. E. Bickers, of the State Reform School, was an arrival in the city yesterday.

Judge Alfred S. Bennett, a prominent man of the bench from The Dalles, paid Portland a business visit yesterday.

James G. Walker, a San Francisco electrician, is in the city. Mr. Walker has the contract for some electric engineering at Fairhaven, Wash.

John D. Carson has returned from a visit at New Haven, Conn., where he attended the triennial reunion of the 1899 class at Yale University.

Samuel H. White, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, passed through the city yesterday for Seaside, where he goes for a brief stay.

S. H. Brown, Jr., of Boston, is in the city on business. Mr. Brown is vice-president of the White Collar line, and is looking over the affairs of the company.

Professor Charles R. Fay, of Amherst, is in Portland today. His wife accompanied him. Mr. and Mrs. Fay are visiting at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fay.

Low Jinks by Multnomah Club.

The annual low-jinks of the Multnomah Club will be given Sunday at Oak Grove, near Sellwood. Those intending to attend will please notify the club officials, so that the club will know how many of its members to accommodate. The club has been making extensive preparations for its outing this year and a good time is assured to all.

LAWYER'S FIRST DUTY.

"Yes," said the lawyer, "there are many things to be investigated in this case. The first thing to be looked into is—"

"Is my pocketbook," answered the client with perfect assurance.—Puck.

NEW LINES

City & Suburban Expanding Thousands.

EAST SIDE CHANGES

Double Track on Richmond-Woodstock Branches—Line to Be Moved.

The City & Suburban Railway Company has in progress at this time improvements and extensions of its track facilities that contemplate the expenditure of many thousands of dollars. The new 7-inch rails on Third street, from Giesan south to the southern boundary of the asphalt pavement, at the plaza blocks, is the most conspicuous improvement to the eye of the average citizen, but the East Side lines will have a share in these additions that will be gratifying to the company's patrons across the river.

On the West Side, within a few days, Third street cars will be switched to the Second and First street tracks, for the purpose of facilitating the laying of the new rails on Third street, and to avoid transfer of passengers as has been done for the past few days. This piece of track will be so substantially laid that it is hoped by the company it will not have to be disturbed again for years, and the street pavement will not be injured by the jarring of the rails.

On the East Side the most conspicuous improvement will be the double tracking of the Waverly-Richmond and Woodstock branches from Grand avenue and East Harrison street to East Twenty-sixth and Clinton streets, a distance of about two miles. The line between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-sixth streets will be moved one block north, for the purpose of avoiding two at present annoying curves. It is possible, too, that the present line from East Twenty-sixth to Richmond will be moved far enough north to permit a straight track from East Twelfth and Clinton to the terminus at Richmond. The present route is full of kinks and curves, and if straightened out much better time can be made, and Richmond people will be benefited nearly five minutes in reaching the West Side. Some persons along the present route have objected to the proposed change, and if they can be mollified the line will be rebuilt on the new route, and seven-tenths of the residents of that section will be better served than they have been heretofore.

Rails for these track extensions were ordered in Antwerp more than a year ago, and the ship carrying them to this port is expected here at any time.

The St. Johns, the Montavilla and Sunnyside branches will also have attention so soon as possible after the ship arrives, and altogether this company has under way improvements to its property which will require the employment of large numbers of laborers, and an expenditure of money that the general public has little knowledge of.

NEW SUB-STATIONS

Those Established by Postoffice Department Now Equipped.

Postmaster Cronsmann directs public attention to the fact that the recently established post stations on the West Side are now fully equipped and ready for business. Citizens of Portland will find them very convenient, in many cases much more so than the postoffice itself. The money order feature will surely prove a great time-saver to the busy man. As matters now stand one is often compelled to wait fully a quarter of an hour at the postoffice in order to procure a money order. These sub-stations will relieve the congestion and greatly facilitate business matter for the busy man.

UNITED STATES COURT.

In the United States Circuit Court another move has been made in the damage suit of Charles T. Jones vs Bunker Hill-Sullivan Mining Company. An extension of 30 days from July 24 has been granted to defendant to file its answer. In the United States District Court, in the matter of the bankruptcy of Charles J. B. Malarky, the date of hearing of petition has been set for Friday, July 25.

Fun and Frolic.

George C. Stout, A. C. Spencer, Dan J. Malarky, J. H. Upton, Edwin Mays, Joe O'Connor, Earl C. Bronaugh, L. A. McNary, George Back, Robert W. Galloway, Thad S. Porter, Jerry Bronaugh, Otto J. Kraemer, J. H. Klosterman, Hopkins Jenkins, B. L. Stowell, J. M. Ambrose, A. M. Compton, Herbert Nichols, A. A. Aya, Charles Bronson, Orin Price, D. F. Price, Arno Doach, J. P. Kennedy, R. H. Murley and Clinton P. Haight, members of the Chasse Chapter, Phi Delta Phi, had their annual frolic at the fraternity houseboat, near Ross Island, on Tuesday evening. There was a plethora of refreshments such as these young men might be expected to have with them, and an evening of fun and frolic was the result.

Earl C. Bronaugh was elected consul, Jay H. Upton pro-consul and treasurer and J. M. Ambrose scriptor.

Great Council Adjourns.

The Improved Order of Red Men concluded its great council yesterday evening, after a very successful two days' gathering. The organization now has a membership of over 1500 in the state. The various tribes are reported to be in a flourishing condition.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE WEATHER BUREAU

The local office of the Weather Bureau in Portland is headquarters for the North Pacific forecast district, comprising the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Forecasts of the weather and temperature are made twice daily by the official in charge and in addition to these forecasts he issues warnings of the approach of gales likely to prove damaging to shipping along the Oregon and Washington Coasts and on the inland navigable waters of these states.

It is known that these warnings have been the means of saving the lives of numbers of fishermen at five mouth of the Columbia River and have prevented casualties to sea-going vessels by holding them in port just prior to the breaking of a storm, when, without the information contained in the warning they would have gone to sea, and shortly afterwards encountered winds of hurricane strength. Another feature in connection with the work of the local weather office is the forecasting of flood crests in the Columbia River between The Dalles and Portland and in the Willamette River between Albany and Portland. These floods without accurate information regarding the stages to be expected are liable to cause an immense amount of damage, the character of which is well known by the people of Portland.

Next in importance to the forecasting of floods and storms, comes the gathering of information regarding the condition of the growing crops. Each week during the growing season from 150 to 200 crop reports are received from correspondents located in the agricultural sections of Oregon. These reports are carefully read and from them a summary is prepared and published in the form of a bulletin which is sent free to all applicants. This bulletin has become very popular and the number of persons requesting that it be sent them is constantly increasing.

The collecting of statistics regarding the climatology of the State of Oregon is also done at the Portland weather office. There are about 90 voluntary observers scattered throughout the state who keep a daily record of the temperature and rainfall at their respective stations, using for this purpose government instruments, all of which have been compared and adjusted with standard instruments kept for this purpose at the central office in Washington, D. C.

The computations of the voluntary observers are carefully checked and after any errors that may be found are eliminated, their reports are tabulated and published monthly. This publication containing climatological statistics is sent to all the well known libraries in the United States and to others interested, whether from the standpoint of the business man, the health seeker, or the student.

Letters requesting information about the climate of some particular locality in Oregon, are received almost daily from persons in different parts of the United States, who are contemplating moving to this state, but before settling up home affairs, want to know whether the climate is favorable for the kind of business they expect to follow.

The work of the Weather Bureau official is exacting and arduous and the benefits of the service are much greater than many suppose. The work at Portland is efficiently done under the directions of Weather Official Edward A. Beals and Chief Clerk Arthur Wollaber, who are to be congratulated for the excellent service rendered the people of Oregon.

Mining Notes.

The Murphy and Monahan group of claims adjoining the Red Boy have been sold. The price paid was \$12,000.

The boom on in the Greenhorn district is reported to be on the increase, and a great deal of work is being done there. The site for the new 10-stamp mill at the Psyche is being surveyed and the mill will be completed sometime in September.

At Butte, Mont., the ore has cost about \$1.10 a ton to produce; 7 cents per ton to concentrate; smelting the concentrates costs about \$5.50 per ton; converting copper, \$17 per ton.

For three or four months Bob Monroe has been washing out gold from his claim in the Santiam mines, with good results. Alone he has taken out the ore, setting aside a soft, porous ore which he has washed to great advantage, already sending over a thousand dollars' worth of gold to San Francisco this season. It is thought he has \$10,000 worth of ore in sight, taken from the surface.—Albany Democrat.

Another large mining deal has been consummated in the Almo district, between Spokane capitalists and the owners of the property, the papers being signed in Baker City. The property transferred is known as the Big Producer group, which consists of 11 claims situated in the Almo district, formerly owned by the Big Producer Consolidated Gold Milling & Mining Company, of which William H. Chambers was president, and who signed the deeds yesterday transferring the property to E. R. Eisenhour, of Spokane, associated with John R. Cassin and others. The price paid for the property by Mr. Eisenhour was \$15,000.

The Red Boy Company has been suspended for some time that a large amount of gold was disappearing from the mill. A very close watch has been maintained for some time, but nothing of importance was discovered until a few days ago, when by accident the assayer discovered that a small sample of the millmen's whiskers assayed very high in free gold. The result was Tabor and Godfrey said they must come off—they came—and from W. H. Godfrey's whiskers was retorted \$1282.34: Mr. Ames' running a trifle less.—Lantern Standard.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Harry Gallatta, Fourth and Everett, repairs; \$1000. Joseph Schermer, Twenty-third and York, 1 1/2-story cottage; \$600. Joseph Weber, Nevada and McAdam, two-story house; \$1500.

J. A. McKinnon, East Salmon and East Fourteenth, two-story dwelling; \$2500. J. Campbell, Twenty-fourth and Nicolai; two-story dwelling; \$1200.

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Social Chats

By MME. ALERT

Miss Virginia Lee is home again. Mr. Feltman is back from his mines. Mrs. Ernest Palmer is visiting in Canada.

Miss Gusie Marshall has returned from the South.

Mrs. Edwards has gone to New York for fall styles. Dr. Andrew Gelsey is recovering from his late illness.

James Loton, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

Miss Edith Hexter has returned from her visit in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Alley Lewis have gone to Japan for three months.

Mrs. George F. Russell and daughter leave Monday for Gearhart Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook leave early next month for a tour around the world.

Mrs. Lawrence Harris of Butte, Mont., is the guest of Mrs. Rountree, 60 Ella street.

The W. B. Honeyman has closed their house for the summer and gone to the coast.

Mrs. Rutherford Johnson left this morning for Foley Springs. She will be away some time.

Miss Mulford has returned from the beach, where she has been visiting Miss Viola Noon.

Lots of new engagements, but I don't dare tell them. Everything is mum for the present.

George Mason of New York City will be the guest of Mrs. Henry McCracken during August.

Invitations are out for a big launch party Friday evening, to be given by the Messrs. Gertinger.

The death of John W. Mackay was most appalling. Mr. Mackay had many close friends here.

Mrs. James Russell will return from Canada after a four months' visit the latter part of August.

Mrs. Newton Rountree gave a feu de lis luncheon Thursday to 14 friends. Every thing was characteristic of Mrs. Rountree.

Miss Eldridge and Miss Jennings of Salt Lake, guests of the Norton, are sightseeing and the recipients of much attention.

Mrs. James Burchell entertained at dinner several of Miss Carolyn Baruch's friends (her nieces) Friday evening. The house was aglow with sweet peas and ferns, to say nothing of the bachelor's buttons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Means entertained a big launch party Wednesday evening, aboard the Hoo Hoo. After several hours up and down the river the guests landed at Magnon's Park, where dancing was indulged in and a most glorious supper. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Means were:

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hill, Miss Beatrice and Agnes Hill, Colonel and Mrs. J. T. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Tarpley, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. London, Miss Finmer, Mr. Beaks, Miss Mount, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Manley, Mr. Harrison, U. S. A., Mr. Horace Foster and a lot of others that I don't just recall now.

Mrs. A. S. Norton, of the very popular Hotel Norton, gave a most elaborate and charming barge party Monday evening to 64 guests. The party was in honor of Miss Maymimm Pearse, of San Francisco, Miss Eldridge and Miss Jennings, of Salt Lake City. The barge was most fascinatingly decorated with loads of flags and lanterns. The party went up to Elk Rock, where dancing was indulged in and a splendid supper, after which the guests returned to the Norton.

THE WEATHER.

Moderately heavy rains have fallen in Nebraska and Northern Illinois, while the weather elsewhere in the western half of the United States is generally fair.

The temperatures in Northern California continue unseasonably high. They ranged between 100 degrees and 110 degrees yesterday afternoon. In the North Pacific states it is moderately mild, with temperatures ranging between 80 degrees and 90 degrees yesterday afternoon.

The indications are for fair and continued warm weather in this district Friday.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair tonight and Friday; continued warm; northerly winds. EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

Great Northern's Shops.

Work has been under way for more than two months on the foundations for the new shops of the Great Northern at St. Paul. The machine shop, which is 500x50 feet, will be ready for the heavy machinery in a few months. The next largest building is the boiler and blacksmith shop, which is 45x235 feet. The work of erecting walls for this building is now in progress. Two large storage-houses are also to be built, one for light material and the other for heavy iron castings and machinery. The power plant, which will furnish heat, light and power for all the shops, will be a brick structure 105x110 feet. Exclusive of machinery, and fittings, the new shops, it is said, will cost about \$1,000,000. Electricity and compressed air are to be used largely as motive power. W. A. Truesdell is in charge of the work, assisted by M. J. Donovan and G. A. Johnson.

W. C. T. U.'s Important Work.

"Child Slavery in the South" was the topic discussed by the Central Union of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon. It was alleged that small children work in southern factories from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. at 10 cents per day, and their taskmasters place such burdens upon them that their little lives are soon wasted and they pine away and die. It was impossible, it is alleged, to secure remedial legislation, because the Northern owners of these factories buy up Southern legislatures. It was urged that the Oregon legislature should be implored to forestall any such outrages in this state before they had resumed a foothold here by the passage of such legislation as would make impossible their establishment within the confines of Oregon.

ROOM AT THE TOP



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