

CITY BRIEFS.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Good rains have fallen during the last 24 hours in extreme Eastern Oregon, extreme Eastern Washington, and in Northern Idaho. Rain has also occurred along the Washington Coast, and it was raining this morning at North Head, Astoria, and Tacoma.

It is cooler in Southwestern Idaho and in Wyoming and warmer in the Sound country, Northern Montana, Eastern North Dakota, and Northern Minnesota. Elsewhere the changes in temperature have been small and unimportant.

The indications are for showers, Saturday, in the Willamette Valley and in Western and Northern Washington. Western Oregon—Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy, with showers; north portion; south to west winds.

Western Washington—Tonight and Saturday, showers; south to west winds. Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho—Tonight and Saturday probably fair.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Tonight and Saturday, threatening, with probably showers north portion.

EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

Baseball. Championship. Baseball. Pacific Northwest League. Saturday, August 16, at 3:30 p. m. Grounds, Twenty-fourth and Vaughn Spokane, Va.

Portland. Admission, 25c. Grand stand, 50c. Game called at 3:30 p. m. Baseball. Baseball. Ground floor office for rent. Clean and light. 243 1/2 Stark street.

Dr. Joseph Hickey, Dentist, 817-819 Dekum building, Third and Washington streets, has returned to practice.

Long Beach—The Portland, now open for guests. European plan; rooms 50 cents up. Restaurant a la carte. E. Hanneman, proprietor.

Hon. J. C. Fullerton, formerly Circuit Judge, is in the city from Roseburg. He says the people of his town have learned little yet of the Great Central railroad from Coos Bay to the East. His proposed line is to intersect the Southern Pacific railroad about 40 miles above Roseburg at Drain.

An alarm was sent in from box 48, in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Johnson streets, this morning. The department made the run but on arrival at the scene found that their services were unnecessary, as no blaze would be found. Dr. R. C. Coffey was arrested last evening for violation of the occupation tax ordinance. The arrest was made to test the validity of the law on the case.

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

BIG RUSH FOR TIMBER LANDS

All Valuable Claims Will Be Taken Up in a Short Time.

"More timber land has been taken up during the past six months in the Klamath and Coos Bay countries than ever known before," says R. C. Pentland, the mining man.

He further asserts that within the next two months every section of timber land in Southern Oregon possessing any commercial value at all, will be located. Lumber is becoming scarce in the East, and the big companies have advanced guards on the Pacific Coast to make locations. Many local parties are also beginning to realize the value of the timber, and are losing no time in making locations. Several schooners are leaving here almost every week with large cargoes for foreign ports, and the lumber export trade is yet in its infancy.

For these reasons Mr. Pentland is confident that all the land of any worth will soon be in the hands of individuals and corporations instead of the Government. It requires from 70 to 90 days to prove up on timber claims from the date of the filing. The Government charges \$350 for a quarter section, which many of the locators sell just as soon as they secure a title. They experience no difficulty in disposing of their interests at double their cost to the agents representing the Eastern corporations, and to this cause can be attributed the great activity in this line. Some of those wishing to acquire claims employ what is known as "cruisers" to locate them. These are men familiar with the country and know just where to go in order to find land not as yet taken. They charge \$100 for every location they make, and when a person goes to this expense his 100 acres will cost him \$450 in all.

BIG LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

Lumber shipments continue active. Several cargoes are now being loaded at the various mills. The Alcide has finished loading and is ready for the sea. The John A. and Forest Home are receiving cargoes at the Pacific Lumber Company's mill. The John A. will take about 300,000 feet, while the Forest Home will be dispatched with about 500,000 feet with piles and lumber for China. The Lakme and J. M. Weatherax are loading for coast ports. The Amaranth is at Wedder's mill and will receive about 1,400,000 feet of piles and lumber for the Orient.

Free Tests. Free Tests.

Prof. Sterling will give free tests Sun. Bay evening, August 17th. You will receive messages from your departed spirit friends. A. O. U. W. hall, Second and Taylor. Admission free.

Say Would You Buy A Lady's Watch For \$15? WE are making a special for one week of LADIES' Gold Filled Watches That are guaranteed for 20 and 25 years. At \$15.00. You may have choice of Elgin, Waltham or Hampden movement. There is all the practical value in these watches that you'd get in a much higher priced time-piece. Such an opportunity may not come again soon—better pick it up now. See our window.

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PERSONAL.

George I. Black, of the Custom House, left for El Paso.

E. C. Pease, a merchant of The Dalles, is at the St. Charles.

Ben Wise has gone to Wilhoit Springs to spend his vacation.

H. L. Benson, an attorney of Klamath Falls, is at the Imperial.

H. W. Corbett is in town for the Lewis and Clark meeting this afternoon.

C. H. Callender, manager of the Columbia Mills, near the mouth of the Columbia River, is in the city.

C. F. White, of Coquille, and Geo. H. Emerson, of Hoquiam, prominent Gray's Harbor lumber men, are at the Portland.

Miss Emma J. Wakeman, the affable matron of the Good Samaritan hospital, has returned from a few weeks' well earned vacation spent in Denver.

Governor Geer came down from Salem this morning. He returned to the capital on Wednesday from a week's trip to Crater Lake, and enjoyed his outing to the fullest extent.

John Campbell and family, of Kenilworth, take their departure today for Los Angeles, where their future residence will be. Mr. Campbell has exchanged his property here for property, adjacent to Los Angeles.

P. M. Maher, publisher of the American Miner, of San Francisco, is in the city on his way to the International Mining Congress, which meets at Butte, Mont., on September 1. Mr. Maher is a delegate from the City of Stockton, Cal., to the Mining Congress.

BUSY PREPARING FOR LABOR DAY

Parade Will Start at 10:30—Program of Exercises But Partially Completed.

The committee making arrangements for Labor Day have prepared a partial program for the event, and considered other matters pertaining thereto. The hour for the parade to begin was fixed at 10:30 a. m., and it is believed that this will give ample time for it to be concluded by noon. The afternoon will be given up to athletic sports and other exercises.

Among the sports will be a tug-o-war contest between the longshoremen and teamsters for \$100 a side. Both teams are now in training.

The Building Trades Council and Waterfront Federation will also engage in a tug-o-war contest. A baseball game will be played by teams from the Federated Trades and the Building Trades Councils, but the prize to be awarded to the winners has not yet been made known. There will also be a fat men's race, the participants to weigh less than 225 pounds. A one-mile bicycle race by apprentice boys for a prize of \$100 has been arranged and promises to be hotly contested.

A foot race for married women will also be on the program, as well as a 100-yard dash, free to enter for all union men. The program will be completed at subsequent meetings.

Just where the field sports will occur has not yet been determined. The committee has been offered both Baseball and Rhode's Parks free of charge, but before a selection is made will thoroughly consider the matter.

TWO MORE ARRESTS.

Two more arrests have been made for nonpayment of occupation taxes. These were Dr. R. C. Coffey and T. J. Concanon, a grocer. Two of those previously arrested have paid up and the cases against them will be dropped. Taxes are being paid today at the rate of one for each six minutes, but they will have to come in faster than this to save wholesale arrests.

City Auditor Devlin is very impatient when speaking of the delinquents. He says these are the men who want everything and pay little as they can. He cites the grocers who occupy half the sidewalk and growl because the street-sprinkler is not around often enough to keep their vegetables fresh.

FINGERS CRUSHED.

Charles Wiest, aged 35, employed in the Benson Logging & Lumbering Company's camp at Oak Point, has had two fingers of his left hand seriously lacerated by holding onto a rope until his fingers were drawn into the pulley block. He came to Portland and had the injured members dressed at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Big day of sports at Troutdale, Sunday, August 17th. Tickets only 75 cents, by Butchers' Union.

A BIG KICK

Registered on the Oregon City Locks.

CROPS UP VALLEY

Are Excellent This Year—Fruit and Grain in Great Abundance.

Passengers and steamboat men are making strong complaints against the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, located at Oregon City, for retarding navigation at the locks and at various points above them. It is alleged that the locks are utilized in a great measure by the company and that it shows but little respect for the rights of vessels making daily trips up that way. J. F. Smith made a trip to the mouth of the Yamhill yesterday and speaking of the matter, he said:

"I went up on the steamer Pomona and although in a hurry we were delayed in the locks for three-quarters of an hour. After entering the boat went aground, the paper company using the supply of water for its mill. After getting into the canal at the upper end, we encountered two steamers in the narrow channel discharging cargoes at the paper mill, one of them being the company's own boat. The channel is so narrow that we could not pass and nothing remained for us to do but just stay there until they got through. When we finally got out of the locks a raft and boom were found extending clear across the river, and the steamer was again delayed, towing them aside, before she could get by. This raft and boom also belonged to the paper mill. After reaching the narrow, shallow channels, half way to Salem, we encountered a 'drive' of logs nearly 12 miles in length that in some places completely blocked further progress for a time, and was a serious menace to navigation. Altogether the steamer lost four and a half hours on the trip.

"Water is very low in the upper river and the United States snag boat went up there yesterday to remove obstructions. This is the first time that she has gone up there for three years, on account of no appropriation being made for the purpose, and she will certainly find plenty of work to do."

Speaking of the agricultural outlook up the river, Mr. Smith said: "Threshing has been begun and there is going to be a big yield of grain this year. Fruit is also in excellent condition, and gives promise of a bountiful yield. The hop men are feeling fine, the price of that product being from 27 to 30 cents, and they will make a rich harvest. One man by the name of Charles Abernathy was offered \$3000 for his crop of 20 acres just as it stands, but he refused."

"This is the bumper year for the Willamette Valley farmers. Their profits would be much greater were it not for the fact that they have to pay a toll of 50 cents for every ton that passes through the locks at Oregon City."

HE DISROBED ON BROADWAY

He Did Not Care Who Was Around, But Wanted His Tobacco, and Got It.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—A man about 35 years old stopped on the west side of Broadway between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets about 8 o'clock last night and began to search through his coat pockets as if he had lost everything he had. He removed his coat and hunted in the inner pockets. Then he dropped the coat on the walk.

Then he removed his waistcoat and went through its pockets inside and out. The waistcoat joined the coat on the sidewalk and the crowd of spectators, some of whom were women, increased. Then he began to search his trousers pockets. The trousers were creased and turned up at the bottom. He couldn't find what he was looking for in the pockets and before the surprised spectators realized what he was about to do, he had slipped out of his trousers.

When he got out of his trousers he held them up and turned them inside out. Then he felt them all over carefully, even unrolling the turned-up section. From the roll of the right leg a piece of plug tobacco dropped to the pavement. The man grabbed it.

"I've found you at last," he said. "I've found you at last."

Then he put the tobacco in his mouth, donned his clothes and walked to Thirty-third street, disappearing toward Fifth avenue. Not till he was out of sight did a policeman appear.

THE BUTCHERS WILL BE GAY

A great treat is in store for all those who attend the Butchers' barbecue at Troutdale, Sunday. Foot races, jumping matches, tug-of-war contests, greased pole climbing, pole vaulting, dancing, etc., make up a program that will be of unusual interest. The great feast at noon gives promise of rivaling and spreading of recent occurrence. Two dressed beef, valued at \$50, have been donated and 1000 loaves of bread have been purchased for the occasion. Tickets over the O. R. & N. can be procured at 75 cents, which are good for admission to the grounds and the return trip.

Go to the picnic near Troutdale, Sunday, August 17th, given by Butchers' Union, No. 14.

TELLS OF HIS TRIP

W. M. Ladd on Forest Fires Near Cloud Cap Inn.

"A fire in the vicinity of Mount Hood was discovered last Friday, and burned over a stretch of several miles, destroying a good deal of fine timber," says W. M. Ladd, the banker, who has returned from a short stay at Cloud-Cap Inn.

"The fire started on the east fork of Hood River about eight miles away from Cloud-Cap Inn, probably from the carelessness of some camper. A northerly wind caused the fire to travel up the east fork about five miles, when the wind changed to the east which drove it towards the Inn. It came within two miles of the Inn. The view of it from the Inn was very spectacular, giving the appearance of a line of battis extending some five miles in length with a thousand tump fires burning brightly. After it had burned out clouds of light smoke from the old burned section and black smoke from the green pine timber, presented a remarkable effect. The wind freshened of Sunday afternoon and on Monday it changed to the west and drove the fire back upon itself when it burned itself out. There never was any danger to the Inn of the road to the Inn. Part of Saturday, Sunday afternoon and Monday the mountains were obscured by the smoke, but on Monday the west wind cleared out the atmosphere so that Mount Hood never looked finer, and Adams, Rainier and St. Helens stood out prominently, while the lookout towards Portland and the Willamette Valley was wrapped in a blanket of smoke.

"There have been many visitors to the Inn this year,—tourists from California, Massachusetts, New York and Minnesota, and all have expressed themselves as delighted not only with the grand view of Hood and the surrounding mountains with their picturesque cloud effects, but also with the hospitality of Mrs. Langille and the excellent cuisine."

FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Larger Mains to Be Laid on the East Side.

It is the intention of the Board of Fire Commissioners to give the East Side better fire protection from time to time. At present work is being begun on the 20-inch main through Sunnyside. The main will start at the corner of Margaret avenue and Belmont street, and running from there to Hawthorne avenue, thence to East Stark street. It is only a question of a very short time before the main will be extended through to Highland and Irvington.

The 14-inch main just completed from East Twelfth and Market street to East First and East Oak streets will not be added to at the present time. A prominent member of the fire department in speaking of the matter said that he had very good information to the effect that the department intended to continue the laying of the main from its present ending at East Oak street to the entire harbor and warehouse district through Albina.

A number of men are busily engaged in connecting the new hydrants to the newly laid main. The Phoenix Iron Works, which was destroyed by fire some time ago, had the contract for supplying the hydrants but had to send the work to other shops when their plant was wiped out. The hydrants are the best in the city, having room for the connecting of three streams besides the engine. Along the East First street main a hydrant will be placed at each corner with the exception of East Alder street.

MUCH INTEREST IN NEW ROAD

Major Sears, of the bureau of Information of the Great Central Railway, is busily engaged answering inquiries from all over the country, and with the innumerable details of his position. He says there is a constant stream of visitors every day who seek all kinds of information in regard to the new town of Bangor and the Coos Bay-Salt Lake Railway. They are evincing great interest in the upbuilding of this embryo city, and every one is eager for the latest and most accurate information in regard to the place. Several men from the East have already made inquiry as to the opportunity for the establishment of a general merchandise business. One has inquired about opening a restaurant and others about various kinds of enterprises. When asked these persons are informed of the progress that is being made, they are quite enthusiastic and express their confidence that the new town will afford them the opportunity for which they are looking to better themselves in worldly affairs.

A NEW AGENCY.

"I am on this coast at the present time to appoint agents and otherwise arrange for the reporting of this country by the International Mercantile Agency," said F. W. Gladden, of Chicago today. "Our company was incorporated last January with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, the head office being in New York, and we propose to in time establish offices all over the country in competition with Bradstreet's and R. G. Dun & Co's agencies. It will probably be several months before we open an office in Portland, but when we do we propose to get a share of the business on true merit. We have bought the assets of the defunct Mutual Mercantile Agency, but have no direct connection with that company as successors or otherwise."

Go to the Beach via the A. & C. R. R. and Hear What the Wild Waves Have to Say.

The story "What the Wild Waves Say at Seaside" so strikingly told in the attractive pamphlet recently issued by J. C. Mayo G. P. A. Astoria is better appreciated after a trip to the new popular Clatsop Beach via the A. & C. R. R. Cheap round trip excursion rates and unexcelled transportation facilities offered between Portland and the beaches continue to attract large crowds to Flavel Gearhart and Seaside.

Round trip excursion tickets between Portland and all Clatsop and North Beach points are sold every Saturday at \$2.50 interchangeable with all boat lines and good to return Sunday evening. Train leaving Portland at 9 a. m. daily runs through direct to Gearhart and Seaside without transfer making close connection at Warrenton at 2:30 p. m. for Flavel. Portland-Seaside Express leaves Union Depot every Saturday and runs through direct without transfer, arriving at Astoria, 5:30 p. m., Gearhart, 6:30 p. m., and Seaside 8:30 p. m., making close connection at Warrenton for Flavel.

Steamer "Ione"

O. W. HOSFORD, Mgr. Leaves Portland at 2 p. m. daily except Sunday for Washougal; arrives at Portland at 11:30 a. m. Makes landings both ways.

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BIG RAFTS

Two Monsters Nearly Completed at Stella.

OVER MILLION FEET

Rafts Float to San Francisco—46,000 Pieces of Piling for Salt Lake City.

J. N. Blair, of the pile contracting firm of Blair & Morbeck, informs The Journal that his firm will tomorrow complete the first Robertson raft of piling to be floated this season. The raft contains 600,000 lineal feet of timber, and next week will be started from Stella, Wash., on its sea journey to San Francisco.

The Oregon Rafting Company has its 60,000 lineal feet raft so far along that it may be towed to sea within 15 days. This raft is also put together at Stella slough, on the Washington side of the Columbia.

Wakefield & Jacobson have contracted with the Oregon Short Line to deliver 46,000 pieces of piling to it at Salt Lake City.

When it is understood that there are 16,000 pieces of piling in 1,000,000 lineal feet, and that the average is 30 pieces of piling to the acre, it will be seen that a trifle upward of 555 acres of timber are demanded of piling for each million lineal feet of piling cut.

The 46,000 pieces of piling for Salt Lake City will be loaded on the cars at St. Johns, in this city. It will require two cars for each 30 pieces, so that the enormous cost of shipment alone will be readily apparent.

Piling is cut in lengths of 60 feet, ranging in diameter from 12 to 18 inches, and are sold at the river bank at 95 to 65 cents per lineal foot.

The piling business of the Columbia River has assumed magnificent proportions, and even with the present fearful slaughter of the forests will not peter out for years to come. Piling trees are usually without branches up to 40 and 50 feet.

BACK FROM N. Y.

Ben Selling, Pop. lar Clothier Returns From East.

Mr. Ben Selling, just returned from his annual business trip to New York City, was seen today by a Journal reporter, and had the following to say: "I have been in New York City a month."

"When I left Oregon I thought I had left rain behind, but I find that the Web-foot state has no copyright on wet days, for during my entire stay in New York there were only five days that it did not rain. However my trip, though of a purely business nature, was a very pleasant one, and from a business point of view most satisfactory. The prosperity of the East generally is very apparent, and unless signs fail we shall enjoy our full share of the good times, and I confidently expect that the season we are about entering upon will prove most satisfactory to Portland merchants."

When asked regarding the styles of clothing for fall and winter wear, Mr. Selling said: "There is little difference except that the style is perhaps a little less pronounced. Coats will not be as round at the shoulders and the extreme faddish cuts will not be so much seen. The ready-to-wear garment will have more than ever the appearance of skillfully tailored goods, and the goods, styles and general make-up will be such as to appeal more strongly than ever to the particular dresser. In a word, the styles will be neat, sensible and dressy."

Regarding the stock of goods, the making of which Mr. Selling has been personally superintending he would only say that in the matter of quality, styles and variety it was all that he could wish, and that, in anticipation of brisk business, it was larger than heretofore.

Mr. Selling returns well and happy, and with a good story with which he regaled The Journal man.

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