

THE WEATHER Fair, dense smoke to-night and Thursday; cooler Thursday.

PLANS OF LEAGUE The Tax-Payers Propose Many Measures. CITY AND COUNTY Affairs to Receive Exhaustive Treatment if Suggestions Are Heeded.

The Taxpayers' League is hard at work notwithstanding it has not appeared of late in the public prints. Many of the members have been away on their summer vacation, and from now on there will be plenty of work. EXPERTING THE COUNTY BOOKS. A number of months have passed since a petition was filed with the County Court for the appointment of experts to examine the books of the Sheriff's office...

CEMENT SIDEWALKS. The City Auditor, Mr. Devlin, is working on an ordinance designed to prevent fraud in the laying of cement sidewalks and to protect the property holder. THE CORNELL ROAD. It has been stated that the railroad from Hillsboro, about which so much has been said in the papers, has applied for or been granted by the County Court a right of way over a portion of the county road known as the Cornell road.

MAHONY CITY, Pa., Sept. 17.—Three hundred strikers this morning attempted to seize a supply train en route with deputies at Notham. They were repulsed by a force of coal and iron police with drawn revolvers. A troop of militia hurried to the scene and dispersed the mob.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Devery's victory is said to have cost him \$21,000. His total salary for 2 years' work amounts to \$38,000. When taunted with the large sum expended he says he made plenty of money in judicious speculation. Carroll's followers on the Tammany committee expect enough Croker desertions on the committee to give them entire control.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The steamer Valencia arrived here this morning from Santa Marta, Colombia, and brings news of the defeat of the Government troops which was defending the town. It was a sanguinary battle fought hand to hand, in which many were killed and wounded. The Government forces were compelled to abandon the town which is now occupied by the insurgents.

regulating the advertisement for county supplies so as to permit purchases to the extent of \$100 or thereabouts without advertising therefor, is under advisement. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. It has been suggested that a re-arrangement of the Board of Equalization so that it will be composed of taxpayers and persons other than those making the assessments, would work well.

There are a number of other subjects receiving attention, but not finally acted on. Amongst these are the following: FEE-BILLS. The bill covering fees of all the officers is being gone over carefully and examined with a view of suggesting amendments as may be required. AUDITOR'S BILL. The auditor's bill is being examined with care so as to ascertain if any amendments are necessary to make it more effective.

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ABHORS REVISION Henderson Won't Go to Congress. MAY ELECT BOIES Senator Hanna Gets Demonstrative During Conference at Oyster Bay.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 17.—"My decision is final, I cannot acquiesce in the administering of free trade poison in order to cure the trust evil, which I abhor." This is the reply of Speaker Henderson wired to Late Young in answer to a telegram which he, in conjunction with S. W. Hathburn, sent to the Speaker pleading with him to re-enter the race.

GOLDENDALE IS FIRE SWEEPED Heavy Losses in the Business Heart of the Town. GOLDENDALE, Wash., Sept. 17.—The second great fire in the history of this place occurred yesterday morning, and another large section of the town, comprising the best part of a block in its very heart, is as clean as a floor.

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TROUBLE COMING. Federated Trades After Port of Portland Contractor. The committee which was appointed by the Federated Trades to investigate the drydock proposition, has decided to institute a suit against Contractor Robert Wakefield and the Port of Portland Commission for taking steps to have the drydock built at Vancouver, instead of in Portland.

MAY BE MURDER Serious Affray Yesterday in a Hop Yard at Brownsville. ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 17.—Gentry's hop yard, Brownsville, was the scene of an affray which may result in the murder of George McCamey.

GENEROUS VANCOUVER Responds Heartily to the Call for Assistance to Fire Victims. VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 17.—A mass meeting, called by the Mayor, was held last evening at the Standard Theater for the purpose of rendering assistance to the sufferers by the recent forest fires.

BUY ANOTHER ROAD Northern Pacific Acquires the Everett & Monte Cristo. TACOMA, Sept. 17.—The Northern Pacific has purchased of John D. Rockefeller, the Everett & Monte Cristo railroad which is 60 miles long, running from Everett to the Monte Cristo mines.

STRIKE TO END. Painters to Return to Work on White House. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The painters' strike on the White House continues, but it is expected to end tomorrow morning. The three objectionable men are said to be returning to New York.

MANOEUVERS POSTPONED. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The great German naval maneuvers have been postponed on account of terrific storms which are sweeping the coast.

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MAY BE PICKETT Will Probably Succeed Henderson in Congressional Race. DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 17.—Charles H. Pickett, late grand exalted ruler of the Elks, will probably get the nomination for Congress to succeed Speaker Henderson.

TROOPS ROUTED Ocumara Is Now Occupied by the Revolutionists. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Sept. 17.—Advices from Willemstad say that President Castro's troops were driven from Ocumara by the revolutionists and the Venezuelan Government.

TEST THE NEW LAW Voters Register Their Choice for Nominations for Congress. ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 17.—Voters of this state went to the polls yesterday and registered their choice for nominations for congressional, judicial and executive officials.

WHEAT MARKET. CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Wheat—75¢ 3/4. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Wheat—\$1.50@1.15.