

EAST SIDE DISTRICT FOR STORAGE OF OIL

Proposed by Councilman Flegel May Be Set Aside.

Committee to Report in Favor of the Plan—Mayor Williams Non-Committal.

The committee to whom was referred the ordinance offered by Councilman Flegel to set aside certain ground on the East side for the use of the oil companies will report favorably at the next meeting. What the Council will do with it is not certain, but it is believed by those who keep close tabs on such things that it will be passed. While the Mayor will not commit himself on the subject, he is of the opinion that some provision might be made for the oil companies. "We ought to provide some place for these people," he said to a Journal reporter this morning, "and encourage them to come here. We have to use their oil, and instead of passing an ordinance which would virtually drive them out of the city, we should adopt the best measure possible for the carrying on of their business. Their business adds to the general volume of the city, and if Portland is to grow every industry must be encouraged. Whether Alderman Flegel's plan is the correct one or not, I am not prepared to say."

MUCH OPPOSITION.

Just what a storm of opposition this matter will raise among the denizens of the East side is what is troubling some of the promoters of the scheme. The ordinance, as has been made, and made in no very uncertain tone, that the establishment of an oil reserve of twelve blocks, as is proposed, would drive all the large business establishments from that portion of the city, and there is little doubt that when the matter comes up for action by the Council that such a storm of protest will be howled about the chamber of the city fathers as has not been heard there for many a day.

WILL FIGHT IT HARD.

Speaking of the matter, a prominent citizen of the vicinity affected said today: "The setting aside of twelve blocks or the storage of oil in that part of the city could simply mean ruin to those who have capital invested either in real estate or improvements there. Not a single business establishment of that whole district would remain. If the Council or the oil companies or any one else thinks we are going to sit tamely by and see the whole section of the city in which we are vitally interested practically gobbled up by the oil companies, they are making a mistake. When that matter finally comes up in the Council the opponents of the measure will put up such a fight as will make glad the hearts of the whole newspaper men business and all we will fight this measure to the last ditch."

END IN SIGHT.

ADEN, Oct. 28.—The beginning of the end of the Mullah's ravages dawned today when the transport, Harding, anchored here, having on board the Grenadiers and Bombay Rifles. These regiments are being landed. The transport was direct from Bombay. Active operations will begin at once against the Mad Mullah and his followers.

IS NOT A PIRATE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The jury in the case of Victor Herbert, a musical composer, for damages against the Musical Courier, which called him a musical pirate without originality, at noon gave a verdict for the plaintiff of \$15,000 damages.

MAY NOT BE ROBBER.

MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. 28.—There is some doubt here regarding the identity of the man who is being held on a charge of robbing the Northern Pacific express train. Some of the agents of the company claim that he is not the robber and that he should be set free.

FELL TO DEATH.

TACOMA, Oct. 28.—A fall into the hold of a ship in this port killed Captain John E. Kennedy, one of the best known shipwreck men in the Northwest. Deceased was marine surveyor of Lloyd's.

SOUTHERN CITY IN FIRE FIEND'S GRIP

Cumberland, Maryland Swept by Wall of Flame and Immense Amount Damage Resulted.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 28.—A wall of fire is sweeping over the southern half of this city and the damage which has resulted up to the present time will run well along toward \$1,000,000. While it is believed the avalanche of flame had been headed and will shortly be under control, it is known that much more valuable property will be swallowed up before the fire demon can be completely subdued. The fire originated in the central south section and aided by a strong wind spread rapidly, sweeping everything before it. Although the department volunteered with a will and thousands of volunteer firemen came forward to aid the trained fire fighters, there was nothing that could stem the tide of flame and houses, stores, and shops were licked up along its path and left smoldering ruins in its wake. The South Cumberland Glass Works and the Berger plant have been totally destroyed and the damage to these alone will total much above \$125,000. Indications now are that the fire cannot spread to the other side of the city, but much of the south portion of the town has been reduced to ashes. The fire fighting is being kept up with great vigor and not for hours will danger be entirely removed, as the sparks, carried by the strong wind, may give the conflagration a fresh start in some other section at any time.

MADE DARING STEAL TODAY

Looted Bank While the Town Watched.

NO ONE WAS HURT

Prairie City, Iowa, the Scene of a Crime That Netted the Criminals \$4000.

DES MOINES, Oct. 28.—Four masked men used dynamite on the Prairie City Bank at 4 o'clock this morning, and as a result of their criminal work took away with them when they fled, the sum of \$4,000. Terrified citizens who were attracted to the scene by the explosions, were kept at bay by revolver shots from the robbers' weapons, but no one was hurt. The men evidently rode into the town shortly after 2 o'clock, and went straight to the bank, where they lost no time in getting to work. They made no effort to conceal their presence or design. Even more noise than was necessary was made. There were no officers on the street and the residents of the town were too much terrified to attempt beating the outlawed.

After securing their booty the men mounted their horses and dashed through the streets and into the country. They are being pursued. The men evidently rode into the town shortly after 2 o'clock, and went straight to the bank, where they lost no time in getting to work. They made no effort to conceal their presence or design. Even more noise than was necessary was made. There were no officers on the street and the residents of the town were too much terrified to attempt beating the outlawed.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of the Bentley Construction Company against the Portland Granite & Stone Company, was continued this morning in the United States Circuit Court. Carey & Mays appearing for the plaintiffs and E. W. Bingham and W. W. Cotton, for the defendants. The case arises out of failure of the defendant to deliver stone for the Custom House Building, now under construction. The amount asked is \$10,000 and the assignee thinks his company ought to also get \$4,000 difference on another contract in connection with the case. The jury before whom this case is being tried consists of the following gentlemen: John Reir, John J. Dooley, D. M. Hewitt, Grant Hollinger, E. M. Alderman, L. L. Jacobs, Mike Doyle, E. J. Fendall, J. T. Ross, Charles Ladd, E. Whittam and John Whitaker. A. K. Bentley was the first and only witness examined this morning. Judge Beilinger ordered that the depositions filed in this case be opened.

COTTAGES FOR ROSEBURG.

C. C. Robbins, designing and supervising architect of the Great Central railroad, is now at work drawing plans for five different styles of houses to be constructed at a cost of from \$1,500 to \$2,000, for the use of officers of the company at Roseburg. Plans for the new hotel, commissary and headquarters buildings have been completed, as has been previously reported in The Journal. It seems evident that in the intention to eventually transfer the headquarters of the Great Central to Roseburg, where the chief engineer's headquarters are already established.

CHANGE OF SCENE.

DENVER, Oct. 28.—Morning papers reiterate the announcement that the battle for control of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company will be changed from this city to St. Louis. The case will be taken before the Board of Appeals.

FOLLOW AMERICAN LINES.

TIENTSIN, Oct. 28.—Yuan Shikai has been appointed Minister of Commerce of the Chinese Empire with greater power than any former Chinese viceroy. It is believed he will follow the American commercial lines in reforms advocated and which are to be carried into effect.

BOERS RETREATED.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—After Kritzinger, Fouché and Joubert had addressed a crowd of people here last evening these Boer leaders were compelled to flee to prevent their being roughly handled. The hearers took offense at their remarks.

BRIGANDS ACTIVE.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Morning papers print special dispatches from St. Petersburg, telling of the capture by Manchurian brigands of the town of Bodune. Russian troops are on their way to relieve the place.

HIS THEORY.

"You don't have much to say on public questions?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I am very much inclined to think that in modern affairs public questions are of less consequence than private understandings."—Washington Star.

A POSSIBLE REASON.

"I wonder why the reformers are so unwelcome to conservative aristocracy?" "Maybe because the cream of society wasn't meant to be churned."

ENGLAND'S TROUBLES.

The Mad Mullah seems to have borrowed the fighting pattern lately used by the Boers—Baltimore American.

HAS REFUSED TO BUY O. S. L.

Clark Doesn't Like the Price.

IT IS MUCH TOO HIGH

Negotiations Will Hang Fire For the Next Two Months at Least.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The Harriman and Clark officials today concluded their conference relative to the purchase of the Oregon Short Line and it is rumored that negotiations have been suspended for a period of two months. The hitch is said to be due to the excessive price asked by Harriman for the property. Vice-President J. Ross Clark left for Butte to consult with his brother, while the other San Pedro men have departed for Los Angeles. It is claimed that unless the Harriman price is reduced there can be no sale. The actual price has not been officially given out. The place of the meeting which is to be held at the expiration of two months will be announced later.

HEARST SPOKE.

He Scored the Trusts and the Republicans.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—W. R. Hearst was the first speaker at a great Democratic meeting in Madison Square Garden last night. He took up trusts and made an able address. The trust question, he said, was the chief issue of the campaign and the Republican party was so much in the debt of the trusts that it could not tear itself away from them. There were other notable speakers.

BRYAN STILL GOES ON.

DURANGO, Colo., Oct. 28.—William J. Bryan, the noted orator, spoke here last evening and his remarks carried conviction to thousands. His principal plea was in behalf of H. M. Teller, who he wished returned to the Senate.

SHAW SPOKE.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—Secretary Shaw dealt with trusts in his speech before a Republican audience here last night. He defended the present tariff and declared the Sherman law was being enforced.

HOAR IS HAPPY.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—Senator Hoar in an address last evening expressed happiness at the manner in which President Roosevelt was enforcing the law.

EXPORTS OF BICYCLES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28.—The prospects for the exportation of American bicycles into the Netherlands are not very bright at present, according to a report from United States Consul Liston at Rotterdam. The report says that dealers who formerly purchased thousands of American bicycles bought none this year. In the Netherlands, where an export tax as cheaply as in the United States, in the construction of bicycles there, however, American parts are largely used and the imports of these are steadily increasing.

SMOKELESS FUEL.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 28.—A novel departure in fuel feeding, with a view of obtaining smokeless results, is being tried at a large manufacturing plant in this city. Two huge mill stones stack coal is ground to dust and is fed into the furnace by an automatic feeding gear and air blast. The dust, when blown into the fire, burns with the freedom of a spray of oil and produces a surprising heat. One ton of slack is said to do the work of two used in the old way.

HOUSES AS ACCUSERS.

QUINCY, Ill., Oct. 28.—Because the body of his daughter's promised husband was found dead near his home and because bloodhounds traveled a straight course from the dead man to the place where the farmer's wagon was hitched on the night of the killing, M. P. Lee has been arrested for murder. He had warned Larimore, the dead man, to cease his attentions to his daughter.

PENSION APPEALS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The following have been appointed as members of the Board of Pension Appeals: Frederick W. Denison, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; James E. West, Washington, D. C.; William L. Symons, Cleveland; Luther W. Walter, Kentucky; G. A. Levitt, Houston, Mo.; E. J. Dallas, Topeka, Kan.

NEEDS MORE MONEY.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 28.—Byerson Ritchie, treasurer of the McKinley Memorial Fund, today reported \$200,000 on hand. The memorial will not be built, however, until an endowment fund approaching \$100,000 has been secured.

ROBBERS BEWARE.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 28.—Armed guards have been placed on all trains carrying express between Cheyenne and Green River. Officials fear a repetition of the Montana robbery.

IT PAYS TO HAVE THE BEST.

It is conceded by the very best business and professional men that good life insurance is as indispensable as the clothes you wear or the bread you eat. The Equitable Life furnishes the very best life insurance that can be bought, because it is the strongest and ablest managed company.

RUSSIAN BEAR AFTER TURKEY

Almost a Threat on the Sultan.

PEACE FOR ARMENIA

Religious Freedom Must Be Granted in Macedonia or Fight Will Follow.

VIENNA, Oct. 28.—There is strong possibility that unless the Sultan hearkens to the voice of the czar there may be other guns than those of the rebellious Macedonians heard in the mountains of that district. Dispatches from Constantinople today state that the Russian Ambassador there has recommended that the Turkish government grant to Armenia and Macedonia such religious reforms and freedom as will best preserve peace there. This recommendation carries with it the threat that unless such concessions are made the Russians will use force to see that Armenia and Macedonia secure their rights. What action the Sultan will take is not known, but it is admitted he is in no condition to give battle to the Bear. However, European political complexion might render it dangerous for the czar to attempt to use force.

RAINY SEASON.

The dry spell is broken. At last the Oregon "mist" has come. Has it come to stay? This has been an unusual season all around. The periodical rainy season, which usually starts about the early part of October, has been indefinitely postponed by the order of the weather department of Zeus. Even the forecast official of the United States Weather Bureau is helpless.

We have had but little rainfall this season, one precipitation occurred between October 14 and 15 and the other between October 20 and 21. How long will the present rainfall continue? We must leave that to be answered by wise prognosticators. But our humble selves? This question was asked Mr. Beale, the local forecast official, who replied: "We are not weather prophets, gentlemen, but weather prognosticators. As to whether the winter rains have set in, there is no way of telling that, although indications seem to show that the present spell has come to remain for some time. It is safe to say, however, that the rain will be more rainfall than sunshine from now on for the next six months."

SPORTSMEN WILL MEET.

A meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Association will be held this evening in the Oregon Mining Exchange rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building. Matters of great importance to sportsmen will be brought up for discussion. Among these will be some changes contemplated in the present game laws, especially those relating to the season for pheasant hunting. All sportsmen are invited to be present.

COMBINATION STREET CARS.

The Portland Railway Company has placed in operation several new cars on the Washington and Twenty-third street division. They are constructed in a different manner than any car that has ever before been seen in Portland. The front and back are enclosed only partially and have seats on both sides of the walls, while the general body of the car is a regular closed car.

CARS SCARCE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Never before in the history of American railroading has there been such a shortage of cars as at the present time. Immense wheat shipments have drained the Eastern roads for use in the West, and nothing that indicates a lessening of the stringency is apparent. The shipment of coal, which has been resumed from the Pennsylvania fields, is increasing the demand for cars.

"UNIVERSAL BABY."

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—In the interests of the Universal Baby several hundred women gathered today in the Hall of Education on the occasion of the opening of the State Congress of Mothers. The congress purposes to spend three days discussing baby's necessities, from requisite spiritual discipline to his proper food and physical education.

SAGASTA RESIGNS.

MADRID, Oct. 28.—From a close friend of Minister Sagasta is obtained the positive statement that the Premier will resign in November. It is thought probable he will be succeeded by Minister of the Interior Moret. While this is but another of the constantly recurring rumors of Cabinet changes it is believed to have a firm foundation.

CHEERED ENEMY.

MADRID, Oct. 28.—A miniature mutiny occurred this morning among the ranks of the government soldiers at the Valencia Garrison. The men marched forth cheerfully for the republic. They were arrested and flogged.

FRENCH OPERATORS CONSENT.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Premier Combes has received the consent of the two coal companies to arbitrate the strike differences.

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Wheat—\$1.20 1/2 @ 1.24 1/2.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Wheat—\$0.97 1/2 @ \$0.98 1/2.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE DEBATES EXTRA SESSION

GRAND JURY WILL REPORT

At Four O'Clock This Afternoon— No Hint Obtainable as to Action.

It is understood the grand jury will make its report this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The members of the jury refuse absolutely to say anything in advance as to what the report will contain, but from the length of time it has taken to prepare it, doubtless it will be a voluminous document. The jury was organized September 8 and has been in session 39 days. It has examined a large number of witnesses on every conceivable subject, and has inspected all the county buildings and offices. The greatest interest centers in the grafting charges made by Councilman Merrill, and there are many who are trembling in fear of an indictment.

MINERS WAIT

Nothing Else to Do in Strike Matter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—There is nothing to do but wait in the coal strike matter. As soon as the commissioners report the fact will be known, as their actions are not in any way to be secret, but until the taking of testimony begins there is little likelihood of anything of interest coming up. The policy of the coal magnates and the railroad managers was made known at the session yesterday, when they announced they would oppose all recognition of the Mineworkers as an organized body, but was willing that Mitchell and others should attend the sessions of the convention as individual representatives of the miners themselves. These matters make no great difference before the board.

PAY THEIR FARES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The offer by the railroad magnates to furnish a special train for the coal strike settlement commission was rejected by the members of that body after the regular session of the board had adjourned last evening. They will pay their own fares.

MINERS HAPPY.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 28.—The output and the number of men employed is greater today than at any other time since the strike began. A very cordial feeling seems to exist. The men are going at their tasks with a will, and the operators are giving them every encouragement.

COAL IS COMING.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The situation is being relieved here by the shipments of coal that have begun to arrive from the Pennsylvania mines. Thus far all coal that has come in has been apportioned to be of benefit to the greatest number of persons. The price is placed at \$5.50 per ton, a big reduction since the first of last week.

SHOPS FEEL EFFECT.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 28.—Because the coal mines are working and tools and machinery are needed in abundance the shops here have been placed in operation full time.

BATTLE OVER BILLBOARDS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Late yesterday an attempt was made to post bills on West Monroe street by non-union men. A fight ensued and seven men were hurt. No one was arrested.

HELD FOR MURDER.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—George Chapman has been arrested on a triple charge of murder. The woman who passed as his wife died from poison and an investigation revealed the fact that Chapman had gone the same route within five years. Chapman came from America.

LAVA SCARES NATIVES.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 28.—The latest steamers reaching this port from Mexico report great fear among natives of the southern section of that country because of volcanic activity. Many mountains are said to be sending forth lava and ashes.

MARTYR PHYSICIAN.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—Doctor Daniel Hughes, one of the leading alienists of America and for the last 14 years chief physician of the Philadelphia hospital, died this morning from tuberculosis. It is claimed he contracted the disease from treating a patient under his charge.

CAROLINA STATE FAIR.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 28.—The annual state fair opened auspiciously today and will continue through the remainder of the week. The exhibits in all departments are numerous and of a high class and an unusually large attendance is expected by the management.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO AN INCREASE OF VISITORS

Word comes from New York that the passenger traffic agents of the big transcontinental lines predict a tremendous sale of tickets for points in Oregon and Washington during the approaching year. Oregon will receive her quota of this traffic and it will be necessary, it is said, for the state to use its every endeavor to secure as many of the colonists as possible. Washington will attempt to grab all that is in sight and preliminary work will be required to bring the securing of the largest proportion of the colonists for this section. The prospect of an influx of tourists and colonists again revives the question of hotel accommodations in Portland. Only a few days ago General Passenger Agent Craig of the O. R. & N., spoke of the limited number of hotels in this city. Those that are established are all that can be wished of them. No better exist anywhere, but there are not enough of them. The deficit seems to exist among the class of houses that can accommodate transient roomers. Two or three modern apartment houses and rooming houses would greatly relieve the strain that has been put upon this class of accommodations. Mr. Craig favors a large European plan hotel, centrally located. There is ample life capital in Portland to launch such a venture and railroad men declare that capitalists should give immediate attention to the construction of such a building. It is estimated, according to such statistics as are available, that within the past two weeks, four hundred new comers were forced to seek lodgings in various parts of the city, although they preferred to acquire quarters in down-town lodging houses. This is merely an approximation, but the figures cannot be far from wrong. Mr. Craig adds: "Good hotels will attract travel and will soon bring the city into notice. This is instanced by the good that has been done the community by those hotels that we already have."