

GOOD EVENING.
THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Saturday, cloudy,
with showers; southerly winds.

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WILL SELL LANDS LONG WITHHELD FROM ENTRY

Northern Pacific Soon to Open Tracts in Clarke County to Purchase and Settlement.

Preference Will Be Given to Actual Settlers—Development of County Long Hindered by Litigation Will Follow—Liberal Policy.

For the first time in 12 years land lying within the overlap grants of the Northern Pacific in Clarke county, Washington, are to be thrown open to purchase and settlement. In pursuance of its policy of promoting in every way possible the settlement and development of Clarke county, the Northern Pacific will within 10 days offer these lands for sale.

C. E. Moulton, attorney for the land department of the railroad, with headquarters at Tacoma, has been at Vancouver making the preliminary arrangements, and he will be joined there within a few days by G. H. Plummer, sales agent of the land department. As quickly as possible they will complete their preparations so as to be able to give full information as to prices and locations to intending purchasers. They will seek to sell to settlers rather than to speculators, and in all cases the preference will be given to the actual occupiers of the lands within the overlap district which is especially guarded, and wherever they desire to acquire adjoining lands they will have the first opportunity to purchase them.

Although Clarke county embraces some of the richest farming and dairy land in the state of Washington, the development of the county has been retarded for many years by the "overlap" of the title to lands within the overlap grants. It was at one time

THE MAN, THE HOUR, THE PLACE AND THE \$50

Many persons will hunt singly for the man with The Journal's \$50 who will promenade Washington street between Third and Sixth tomorrow evening between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock. But there are others who will form combinations and by laying out a plan of campaign, endeavor to win and then divide the proceeds among those who engage in the search. Parties of students and parties of young men employed in some of the wholesale houses are already mapping out their line of procedure in the expectation that one of them may get the prize and all of them have the chance to enjoy it.

It is possible that some one of them may capture it, too, but then it is just as likely that some lone body may happen to hit upon it. Nobody will know the man and nobody will know precisely the method which he will pursue. All of that is left to his own devices. All that will be required of him is to meet the requirements of being on the street between the hours and within the limits named. The very first person that asks him the right question and gives him the right answer will get the money no matter how early in the game the discovery is made.

Look out for the man with The Journal's \$50. He will be on hand within the boundaries named and he will be found some time between 5 and 7 o'clock. "Have you The Journal's \$50?" is the question to ask and "Have you a copy of The Journal?" is a question that will be asked in return.

Don't forget the copy of The Journal. That is essential to everybody who joins in the chase and without it you might miss the \$50 which otherwise would be yours.

ALL TRAFFIC IS OFF ON HUNTINGTON LINE

Both Passenger and Mail Service to and From the East Impossible—Extraordinary Conditions.

All Trains Except From the North Have Quit Keeping Schedules—O. R. & N. Lines in Eastern Oregon Cut Off.

The chief eastern mails, all eastern travel over the O. R. & N. and freight of all sorts will be held up for two or three days and perhaps longer. With the arrival of the O. R. & N. train from the east this morning the last link was severed for days and the water route is about the only thing left.

At the office of the general manager of the O. R. & N. this morning it was announced that no traffic accommodations could be promised over the Huntington line for three days or more, because of the high water. The statement made by Colonel Crooks, assistant to General Manager Calvin, was:

"We are experiencing the highest water in the Blue mountains and the eastern Oregon country that we have ever known at this season. County bridges have been swept away, miles of soft track cut out and when the damage will be repaired is not known. The safety of the public is being preserved by the stationing of guards and workmen and until the waters fall and traffic is safer no regular schedules will be attempted."

The Southern Pacific has not conquered the Siskiyou situation as yet, and its delayed trains will not arrive before tonight. The entire mountain division is in a sorry plight and communication south of Ashland is infrequent. Special trains have been put on at Ashland and Roseburg to bring their mail to Portland, but no through mail has been received since the early part of the week. The Southern Pacific officials are not able to state when the mountain tracks will be in working order, but if big forces of men can do anything the unusual numbers rushed during the last few days to the south should have an effect.

The Northern Pacific remains the only dependable rail link between Portland and the outside world, and this link may be broken at any hour. The hills in the mountains of Washington and the same conditions prevail on the northern lines that are now troubling Oregon lines, river and ocean boats would alone serve the city.

Special trains have been put on to displace the regulars. The water dispatches are subsidizing, but the damage is increasing every hour because of weakened bridges and trestles that give way, and the worst is yet to come. Should a few more hot days follow to accentuate the already unusual condition, the damage would be great and few trains would be able to enter or leave the city for a week or ten days.

Owing to much cooler weather, the

LODGE, CRANE AND LONG ARE INCLUDED

(Journal Special Service.)
Boston, Mass., April 15.—Sixteen hundred delegates filed Tremont Temple this morning when the Republican state convention was called to order by At-Large General Herbert Parker. The convention will name four delegates-at-large and alternates to the Chicago convention. By common consent it has been agreed that Senator Lodge, ex-Governor Crane and ex-Governor Long shall be three of the delegates and indications point to the selection of Col. Everett C. Benton as the fourth member of the delegation. Strong Roosevelt resolutions will be adopted and it is possible that the convention may go a step further and pledge the delegates to the platform adopted while insisting upon the maintenance of protection as a cardinal policy of the Republican party, recognising that particular tariff schedules are neither sacred nor immutable. The plan to incorporate with reciprocity arrangements with Canada was defeated.

SAYS "BOOKER IS A MIGHTY GOOD NIGGER"

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, April 15.—Governor Vandeman of Mississippi was met by many prominent Democrats on his arrival here today. Many of his Republican friends also called at the Southern hotel to pay their respects.

He pleaded lack of time when asked to give a statement on the political situation in the south; but turning to several of those standing about, he said: "Gentlemen, this much is sure—President Roosevelt is more to be feared than war, pestilence or famine. He is the vanguard of imperialism and of monarchy, no matter how he may endeavor to hedge during the coming campaign. He is looked upon in the south as all that is bad, and I will wager that many northern districts echo the same sentiment."

"The president's action in the Booker Washington case was a great mistake. Booker is a mighty good nigger, all right, if he only keeps in his place. Judge Parker is strong in the south, and Hearst is gaining strength, but I hope Mississippi will send its delegation instructed to St. Louis."

CRUSADERS FOR PURITY

Church People Start a War on Traffic in Girls.

At the women's meeting in the Presbyterian churches of Portland last night were told which proved that there is a regular traffic in the virtue of the young women of the city. Meetings were held in all Presbyterian churches by both men and women.

One woman told of seeing a struggling, shivering girl drawn into the side door of a north-end saloon. H. H. Hawley, a special officer, told of finding a young girl of respectable parents on the streets repeatedly at midnight, and at last taking her home and informing her mother. The child was 12 years of age and her mother was angry because the child was, by reputation, old enough to be suspected of even understanding the meaning of crime. The officer told the mother he would arrest the child the next time he found her on the street after midnight.

Boys Have Trivial Rooms.

Other witnesses told of ascertaining absolutely that boys attend in several Portland high schools are renting rooms in the red light district, and that these rooms are used as places of entertainment for girls of their own station in life.

An investigation committee, consisting of Councilman Fiegel, W. Murdoch, chief counsel for the Municipal League, and Attorney Bronaugh, told of ascertaining absolutely that the restaurants and saloons in the north end keep lists of young women who may be summoned from their homes by telephone or by messengers to entertain the class of men who periodically visit the restricted.

Call a Purty Meeting.

These were but a few of the many facts given to each of the meetings that were held in 15 churches. They are the facts that led to a determination to call a purty meeting to be held in the church in the north end Thursday evening. More than 1,000 people turned out last night, and it is believed that several thousand will assemble next Thursday night to attend the movement to clean up the north end against the conditions which Mayor Williams says are no worse than the conditions in other cities.

The meetings last night were the result of invitations which have been extended to prominent church members. They were called by special invitation rather than by announcement for the reason, it is said, that most of Portland's population believes that the reports of crime here are exaggerated and sensational. It was for the purpose of convincing them of the contrary that the male and female portions of the congregations. At the women's meeting at the First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Major Dubbins and two assistants of the Salvation Army told of the cases of children which came under their notice in their rescue work.

They read comparative reports of the wickedness of a certain section of the slums of the city of Chicago and the practices which are openly observed here and which in Portland attract no more than casual notice. Mothers who heard her report were heart sick from the revelations.

Administration Condemned.

The gambling and other features of the city's vice were also discussed at the meeting. The committee reported that the municipal authorities make absolutely no pretense of checking the gambling which is done in all parts of the city, but ask on the contrary, the city afforded protection to those who violate the laws in that respect.

The present administration was severely criticised at all the meetings, and resolutions will likely be adopted by the various churches of the city next Thursday night denouncing the administration.

Men who are prominent in every line of business and in every profession spoke at the meetings. The disclosures which were made by the committee produced a sensation and portions of the reports were frequently challenged by those who are unacquainted with conditions which the committee claimed exist in this city. On being convinced of the charges, however, those present unhesitatingly avowed their willingness to assist in any movement to suppress crime and to rescue the young people who are said to have wandered from the narrow path. These men will be at the meetings Thursday night.

NO BRIDGE ON MONDAY

Morrison Bridge Will Then Be Closed for Eight Months.

In all probability the Morrison street bridge will be closed to team and pedestrian traffic next Monday morning.

The petition to the executive board will be presented to the executive board today. "I think Monday will be the day we will close the bridge," said Manager F. M. Butler, of the Pacific Construction company. "The water has not interfered to any great extent with our work, and I think the bridge will be closed Monday morning. I will decide definitely tomorrow morning."

The bridge is to be closed about eight months, as has been previously stated in The Journal.

The petition to the executive board for a reduced fare of 1 cent across the bridge has 100 signatures, and will be presented to the executive board at a special meeting this afternoon by Joseph Mangham, who has had the matter in charge for the east-side residents.

Bills for the work done thus far on the Morrison street bridge and the Albina ferry will be considered at a special meeting of the executive board this afternoon at 6 o'clock. Mayor Williams made the call this morning. The bills for the bridge total \$35,888.25, and for the ferry, \$4,640.85.

NO CREDIT FOR JAPS

Russian Officials Insist Battleship Was Lost by Accident.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, April 15.—Officials here today continue in their policy of issuing only such news to the masses as will not reflect credit on the Japanese. They belittle the Japanese attack and endeavor to show that the sinking of the Petropavlovsk was due to accident, rather than any particular skill of the opposing squadron.

An emphatic denial has been issued, and posted prominently, that the Japanese were in any wise responsible for the loss.

An officer of the general staff today, in an interview, stated that Russian dispatches failed to show that any naval engagement was fought, unless such might be surmised from the account of the sinking of the "Vladivostok" by boats of the enemy which surrounded her.

The people, however, are skeptical and almost unanimously believe that the battleship was fought and that the battleship and torpedo boat went to the bottom through the direct efforts of the enemy. There is a well defined rumor here to the effect that the Japanese are using two submarine torpedo boats, which were brought over in the vessels recently purchased from Germany.

A report that Grand Duke Cyril had died from his wounds was circulated here last night, and for a time added to the general air of depression that is over the city.

In this instance the war office was prompt to issue an official denial, accompanied by the statement that Cyril is in the hospital at Port Arthur and will recover in due time.

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He will start on his return to St. Petersburg tomorrow, in case his condition permits, and will be met en route by one of the palace physicians.

CONFLICT IS INCIDENT, ACCORDING TO LONDON ADVICES.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, April 15.—Military experts who have been watching the course of events in the far east are more than ever convinced that Japan contemplates such a rapid series of offensive movements against Russia, both by land and sea, as to render the czar's forces powerless within the near future. Stimulus is given to this growing conviction by the events of the last few days.

It is noted that the attack of the navy today vigor on the day of the Port Arthur attack is wonderful, but it is presumed that no advance will be made until Togo lands forces for the siege of Port Arthur. Reports received here yesterday and today indicate that this will be the course pursued, as the Japanese now control the naval situation at the port.

CORRESPONDENTS CAN'T USE THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—The state department has received a note from the Russian ambassador to the effect that newspapermen in the zone of military operations in the east, caught without a special telegraph apparatus, will hereafter be treated as spies by the Russian government.

The ambassador's note constituted the principal topic at the cabinet meeting today. A large number of telegrams were sent for English and American papers use the wireless system.

PALACE BURNED, KOREAN RULER FLEES

(Journal Special Service.)
Paris, April 15.—The Exchange Telegraph's correspondent wires that the imperial palace at Seoul, Korea, was destroyed by fire today and that the emperor has fled to some place unknown.

The presumption is that he has taken refuge in the homes of some of his guard, rather than with the members of any of the legations.

The palace was a rambling structure of rice straw, brick and wood, and the loss, from a financial standpoint, is very small. The dispatch does not state whether the royal harem, which are near the palace, were destroyed or not, and does not give the cause of the fire.

Owing to the discussions regarding Korea, and the many attempts that have been made to influence the emperor toward siding with one side or the other of the belligerents in the far east, the place which he chose for refuge is of more relative importance than the mere destruction of the royal palace.

A later Seoul dispatch this evening states that the fire was finally extinguished by French sailors who saved most of the valuable contents of the structure. All members of the royal family escaped. The fire raged through the structure for many hours.

HARRIMAN BUYS A CALIFORNIA RAILWAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, April 15.—E. H. Harriman has bought the North Shore railway and about three weeks ago took that road's \$50,000 shares of stock for \$500,000. The deal was closed by an agent of Harriman under the promise to the heavy stockholders that the small stockholders should be taken care of.

For some reason Harriman pledged all interested in secrecy. In addition to purchasing all of the stock Harriman and his friends are to take at par \$1,500,000 40-year 6 per cent bonds of the company. Both Harriman and Huntington are interested with W. A. Foster in the California Northwestern, and it is quite likely that the Foster people will superintend both roads to save expenses and separate management.

FLOODED POWDER RIVER DOES DAMAGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker City, Or., April 15.—Powder river is still rising here in the city. Water is overflowing one bridge and the river is out of its banks in several places. The cellars are filled with water. The Sumpter Valley railway is still unable to run trains.

Heavy rains in the mountains reported last night may increase the flood. Another O. R. & N. bridge over Burnt river near Durkee, 29 miles east of here went out this morning.

Light rains in the city, which left Portland last night, is tied up here, and orders have been issued to sell no east-bound tickets for three days. It is the most serious situation in many years.

GRAB NORTHERN WAGON.

(Journal Special Service.)
Spokane, April 15.—The Great Northern north-bound passenger train ran into an obstruction near Latah, Ida., last night. The train report was that many were injured, but later it was learned that all were unhurt.

INVESTIGATION OF MISSOURI HORROR

(Journal Special Service.)
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DOESN'T WANT HIS CONNECTION KNOWN

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 15.—Edwin Hawley secured a temporary order from Judge Holt in the United States district court this morning restraining the receivers and creditors of the Danby & Sully company from examining him further as to his connection with the Sully cot-pool. The order is made returnable Monday, consequently the hearing today was postponed.

INSANE PATIENT COMMITS SUICIDE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 15.—John P. Jackson, aged 28, of Baker City, a patient in the state insane asylum, committed suicide at 5:30 o'clock this morning in his room. He tied a sheet to the top window bar in his room and swung off. He had attempted suicide several times before being placed in the asylum in May of last year and had escaped several times. His relatives in Baker City were at once notified.

GOLD OF OREGON IN SOUVENIR DOLLARS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 15.—Secretary Shaw has advised Senator Mitchell that Oregon gold will be used in the Lewis and Clark souvenir dollars, unless some other senator asks that a portion of them be struck from golds in other states that is equally good. Secretary Shaw says: "I will not as much sentiment into the proposition as possible."

GIRLS LEAP FROM BURNING BUILDING

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, April 15.—Girls jumping from upper windows, out of which dense columns of smoke were pouring and tongues of flame were shooting, was the scene that appalled hundreds of spectators that at an alarm of fire had gathered this morning about the burning opera works conducted by William Neilsen in Williamsburg.

The fire broke out on the third floor of the building and it is believed that all but three persons who worked there were rescued. FBI in gaining the second story.

When so near safety it was ascertained that the fire had swept down the elevator shaft and had reached the stairs leading to the floors above.

"Then there was a panic, and before firemen could raise ladders, frantic women were leaping to the ground below."

Those who jumped from second-story windows escaped with slight injuries.

Simon Trotter, a dyeman employed on the top floor, jumped, and was crushed on the pavement below. He was followed by a young girl, who plunged headlong from a window on the upper floor and met a like fate. A second girl jumped from the second window and was caught in a net held by four men and was not injured.

GIRL TESTIFIES AGAINST MRS. BOTKIN

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, April 15.—The preliminary examination of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin on the charge of murdering Mrs. Lella Deane was resumed this morning.

Lella Deane, a daughter of the victim, was on the stand, and testified about her own illness and that of her mother. She remembered the incident of eating the candy very clearly.

CAPITAL TOO GAY FOR MILL CITY MAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 15.—Fred Lamoreux of Mill City was robbed of \$100 here last night. He came here to buy a piano, met strangers and drank freely and finally found that his money was missing. Those who were with him are unknown to the police.

ARNOLD MUST PAY OVER HIS PROPERTY

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, April 15.—Over 10,000 persons who entrusted their money to E. J. Arnold & Co. of the "Get-rich-quick" concern, are entitled to a pro rata of his property, according to a decision rendered today by Federal Judge Adams.

The amount of this recovery, however, promises to pay very small returns to the unfortunate dupes who advanced their cash so freely.