

GOOD EVENING. THE WEATHER: Tonight and Friday, showers; cooler tonight; southwesterly winds.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 2, 1904.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

NEW THAT HE WAS VIOLATING THE LAW

His Pretense That Land Officers Were Formerly Allowed to Acquire Public Lands Is a Deliberate Falsehood.

Unbroken Line of Land Decisions for More Than Thirty Years Forbade Such Purchases and Declared Them Unlawful.

Binger Hermann seeks to excuse his acquisition of public land, while receiver of the Roseburg land office, by asserting that at that time the law prohibiting land officers from purchasing such lands was supposed to apply only to officers and employees of the general land office at Washington.

The language quoted is that of section 452 of the United States revised statutes, which was amended conditionally by the act of 1873, creating the land department and the system of local land offices.

The reason and justice of the government's interpretation of the law was explained by Secretary of the Interior Noble, in a decision which he rendered February 1, 1890 (Land Decisions, Vol. 10, page 97).

Only a few months later, when an evasion of the law had been attempted by a local land officer, who advanced precisely the same plea now put forward by Hermann.

BRIDGE OPEN FOR TEN DAYS

During the next 10 days people may walk to and fro across the Morrison-street bridge free of charge.

OREGONIAN'S TWO VIEWS OF HERMANN

What the Oregonian thinks of Binger Hermann today, and what it thought of him a year and a half ago, afford a contrast that is extraordinary, even in the history of that organ of dishonesty and inconsistency.

MANIACAL MURDERS TERRIFY TROOPS

Three Soldiers at Fort Ethan Allen Brutally Hacked to Pieces and a Fourth Mortally Wounded.

The details of the murders are kept secret by the officers, who decline also to give the names of the dead. They are today conducting a searching investigation and going over every scrap of evidence, step by step, in the hope that the murderer can be captured.

It is believed that a homicidal maniac, possibly one of the soldiers, is at liberty, and cunningly conceals his identity. His method of killing apparently is to stab his victims in the back.

VISITORS GET TASTE OF REAL OCEAN LIFE

Ventura, Cal., June 2.—The torpedo destroyers Preble and Paul Jones lost their anchors last night in a gale and were forced out to sea with 60 men, women and children visitors aboard, but returned safely this morning.

FLAMES COST LIVES OF EIGHTEEN PERSONS

Vienna, June 2.—Twelve persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Nowyvitkow, in Galicia.

HOUSTON CAR STRIKE

Houston, Tex., June 2.—All the street car lines in the city are tied up by a strike of 400 employees.

LONDON HOBNOBS EX-MAYOR LOW

London, June 2.—Ex-Mayor Seth Low of New York, who has been the recipient of much social attention during his visit to London, is to be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given by the Pilgrims society tonight.

D. A. E. OF ILLINOIS

Moline, Ill., June 2.—The Illinois state society of the Daughters of the American Revolution began its annual convention in Moline today, and will remain in session until Saturday.

CHARGES EXTORTION BOXES GO ON OCT. 1

W. I. Reed Accuses Cake & Cake and B. D. Sigler.

IN A FAMOUS ACTION ONLY ONE NAY VOTE

Former President of Rainier Mill and Lumber Company Charges Receiver Sigler With Conspiracy, Attorneys With Demanding Bribe.

Charges of a most sensational character against B. D. Sigler, the Republican candidate for county assessor, and the law firm of Cake & Cake, are contained in an affidavit filed in the circuit court yesterday by W. I. Reed, former president and manager of the Rainier Mill & Lumber company.

MARTIN PERMITTED TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Corvallis, Or., June 2.—J. Ed Martin was given his preliminary hearing at 9 o'clock this morning and was adjudged to be sane.

AMERICAN WOMEN TO TAKE ACTIVE PART

Berlin, June 2.—American women are to have a prominent part in the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women, to be held in Berlin next week and the week following.

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

After denying that Cake & Cake ever performed any service for him, and that he owes them anything, Reed alleged: "There was no anti-trust carrying out the decree until the attorneys for plaintiff, Cake & Cake, and B. D. Sigler, receiver, and Charles T. Wilder, brother and agent of plaintiff, entered into a conspiracy to set aside and frustrate the carrying out of the said final decree of June 7, 1903, and said named parties did enter into said conspiracy before the sale of September 26, 1903, and are now in possession of same and have been during all the times herein mentioned."

LAWYER GOES TO REAR

"Shortly after said sale," Reed swears, "it was agreed between Attorneys Cake and Wilbur on their way to Portland that they would that afternoon proceed to the court and make report of said sale, but said Cake neglected and refused as agreed to proceed to go with Wilbur to make report of such sale to the court, but instead went to the rear."

DAILY IS NOW OPEN

Japanese Completely Free the Harbor From Russian Mines.

WILL RUSH TRANSPORTS

Engineers Commence Work of Repairing Fortifications and Re-mounting Guns—Pay Laborers in Gold.

(Journal Special Service.) Tokyo, June 2.—Dispatches received here today state that the Japanese gunboats have entered Dalny harbor and that the channel has now been rendered completely safe by the destruction of all mines in and around it.

HAS NOT PROTESTED

Great Britain Discusses Mine Flooding From Sea of Waa.

London, June 2.—In the house of commons today Earl Percy, under secretary of foreign affairs, said that no representation had been made to Russia by Great Britain on the subject of naval mines outside of territorial limits in the far east.

DEVOTION COSTS LIVES

Correspondent Tells of Russian Peasants' Dislike to Participate in War.

Berlin, June 2.—The Voessische Zeitung today reports a story which seems incredible, and is entirely without corroboration, to the effect that the last force of men sent from Manchuria to Manchuria, refused to enter the train and finally had to be pitched bodily into the cars.

AT TUNG HUANG CHENG

Japanese Troops Moving to Point at Which Battle May be Fought.

Chefoo, June 2.—Chinese arriving from Takushan report that the number of Japanese troops landed there during May was between 5,000 and 10,000, and (Continued on Page Two.)

DEAD MAN'S STORY EXONERATES HIM

Schafer's murderer was increased to \$5,000 this morning. What gives credence to the statement made by Bundy more than any other thing is the fact that for some time after the commission of the crime the police and local officers in charge of the case were looked upon as being incompetent and that all endeavors they made were practically without result.