

GOOD EVENING. THE WEATHER: Tonight and Saturday, fair; warmer Saturday; northerly winds.

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NO MORE DILLY-DALLYING, SAYS JUDGE WEBSTER, WHO WILL PRESS SUITS AGAINST OFFICERS WHO ROBBED COUNTY

Suits to Recover Money Lost to Multnomah by Fraud Have Been Permitted to Languish.

County Court Purposes Also to Have Action Taken to Determine Criminal Liability of Those Concerned in the Thefts.

Many complaints have been made recently that the investigation into the administration of county affairs, instituted nearly two years ago by the county court, appears to have come to a standstill. Taxpayers are asking what results have been obtained in return for the heavy expenditures that have been made...

County Judge Webster, who was the moving spirit in instituting the investigation by the county court, expressed regret that there should have been any ground for criticism, but declares his determination to press to a conclusion the efforts to establish the county's rights. "The work of the county court is so exacting," said Judge Webster, "that I have been unable to give my personal attention to the details of the investigation, but I can assure you that there is not the slightest intention to allow it to go by default. Delays may have occurred, but I am satisfied that the rights of the county shall be fully asserted."

Several months have elapsed since the county board authorized the employment of special counsel to assist the district attorney in prosecuting those who were criminally implicated in the frauds and stealings disclosed in the county clerk's office, but no indictment has yet been returned, nor has any money been made of the county board's action to the progress made.

The work of the expert, George Black, and of his assistant, George Bartlett, has been completed. Their investigation has covered a period of six years, from 1896 to 1902, and it has been painstaking and thorough. It disclosed a series of frauds in the collection of taxes which cost the county thousands of dollars.

Soon after the presentation of the first of these reports, the county board employed Judge Carey as special counsel to assist District Attorney John Manning in the institution and prosecution of civil suits to enforce all claims which the county might have by reason of improper tax settlements and transactions in some of which the county gained substantial victories in the trial court. In all but one of these cases where a decision was given in the trial court, the defendant appealed, and the litigation is now before the supreme court.

There is a live, modern newspaper in Portland that is not afraid to make any expenditure that will improve it and that believes that nothing is too good for its readers, and that is The Journal. The Journal is the first newspaper in Oregon to turn out a cleanly printed, attractive, newsy daily, the first to secure a color press, in order that Portland might not be behind the biggest of the metropolitan dailies in attractive press work.

DEATH ON A TRESTLE

Two Trains Plunge Into Catawba River Near Monroe, N. C.

EIGHT CERTAINLY DEAD

Several More May Lie Under Wreckage of Two Trains—Falling Locomotive Crushes a Pullman Like an Eggshell.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 8.—Early this morning there took place a double wreck on the Seaboard Airline railway, 25 miles south of Monroe, N. C. In which four persons are known to have been killed and it is feared that there are seven other dead beneath the great mass of wreckage.

There is a statement made here which is said to have come through semi-official utterance of the railway management, to the effect that the wreck was caused by the removal of fish plates by unknown parties. The wreck took place at a trestle which crosses the Catawba river.

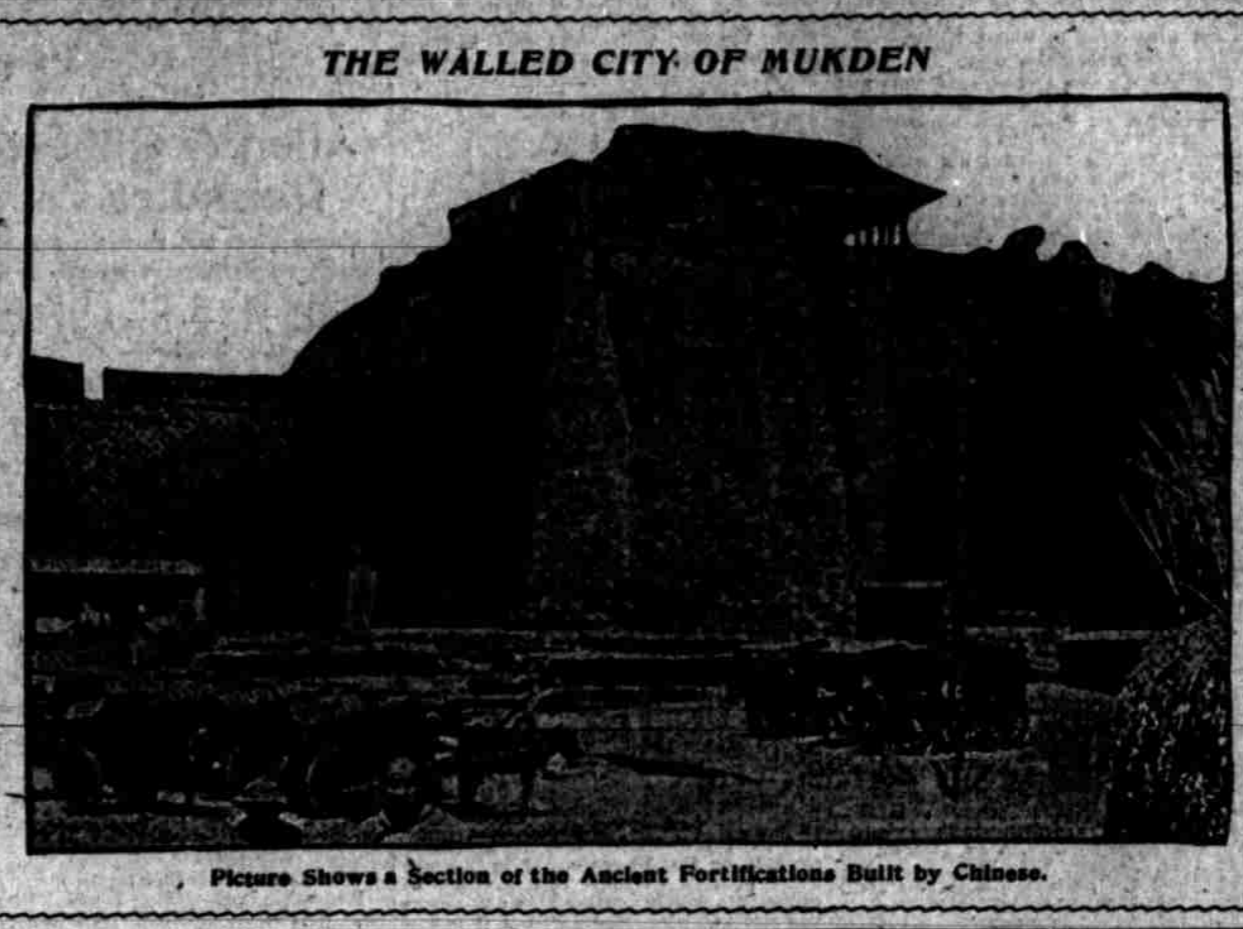
Following the express came train 19, consisting of an engine and caboose, and, unaware of the preceding wreck, it plunged through the broken trestle on top of the train at the bottom. Many conflicting stories have been reported, but the most reliable and reported by telegraphic communication, no details are at hand.

FRIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE

One Man Killed and Several Seriously Injured

FOREST FIRES IN IDAHO

CALIFORNIA BIRTHDAY TODAY



Picture Shows a Section of the Ancient Fortifications Built by Chinese.

KELLY IS TO BE ARRESTED AGAIN

Escaped Prisoner Whom Policeman Lillis Arrested, and Who Was Freed by Chief, Will Be Taken.

A bench warrant for the arrest of Guy Kelly, an "escaped" prisoner having yet 87 days to serve in the County jail on a charge of vagrancy, to which he pleaded guilty last November, was issued by Municipal Judge Hogue today and placed in the hands of Special Policeman Lillis to serve.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald and Judge Hogue held a consultation relative to the matter this morning, after which an order was made for the issuance of the warrant. Clerk Fred Olson immediately attended to the matter and Warrant Officer Goits was instructed by the court to place it in the hands of Lillis.

Special Policeman Lillis is the officer who found Kelly about a week ago and brought him before the chief, explaining the facts in the case. Chief Hunt finally refused to hold the escaped man, giving as a reason that his time had expired and he could not be legally held.

"Kelly's time stopped the minute he escaped," said Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, "but the minute Chief Hunt released him when he was brought in, his sentence began to run. Every day that has gone by since that time counts just one day off his sentence of 90 days."

Lillis declares that on the way to the station Kelly tried to bribe him by offering him "a piece of money" to let him go, and saying that Lillis was "making a monkey of himself" by taking him before the chief, as he had been told by some one in authority to leave the jail.

Lillis again took Kelly before the chief, requesting that he be booked on some charge, but the chief again declined.

Kelly's original arrest was brought about, because he beat nearly to death a woman, with whom he had been living. She refused to appear against him, and Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald placed a charge of simple vagrancy against him, to which he pleaded guilty.

GRANT WHIPPED ON BULL RUN FIELD

Son's Achievements Seem to Lack the Strategic Merits of His Illustrious Sire—Bell Finds Tank Easy.

Gainesville, Va., Sept. 8.—The first battle of Bull Run has been repeated. General Bell, commanding the Browns, this morning won a great victory over the Blues, which he found shortly after daybreak strongly entrenched on the old Bull Run battlefield.

By 9 o'clock the battle had been fought and Bell had more than retrieved himself for his defeat of Tuesday. The Blues began with full force at daybreak. The Browns pushed forward two miles, driving the skirmish line of the Blues back on their main line at the Henry farmhouse and across Bull Run.

The Blues then occupied what appeared to be an impregnable position. Theoretically they had destroyed all bridges. One brigade was nearly annihilated, but had inflicted severe loss on the Blues.

The victory of Bell was due largely to his superior strategy in a left flanking move which was repulsed until a detachment of Browns which swam the river surprised the Blues and the ample sustained the advance of the Browns.

As soon as the Browns had penetrated the Blue lines, General Corbin ordered the Blues to return to their respective camps. General Bell was warmly congratulated by his fellow officers after the battle.

Mobile, Sept. 8.—The first cargo of lumber to leave the United States for use on the Panama canal was taken from here today in the schooner J. C. Clifford.

The lumber was contracted for by the Panama canal commission and will be landed at Colon, Panama, in a few days. The departure of the vessel, local patriots making the event an occasion for some display and appropriate exercises.

UNIONISM SUFFERS CRUSHING DEFEAT

Leaders of Meat Cutters Strike Acknowledge They Are Beaten and Men Rush for Old Places.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—The meat cutters' strike is ended. At 9:30 o'clock this morning President Donnelly telephoned the order calling off the strike to St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Paul, Omaha, East St. Louis and other western packing centers and almost immediately the men began returning to work at both the plants of the "Big Five" and the independents as soon as they opened.

Acting under orders from the strike leaders 2,500 men returned to their old places in the independent plants. The Union Stockyards & Transit company took back 342 men out of 400 that made application. It was considered that the company practically refuses to recognize any union.

Decision Was Reached. After an ineffectual struggle lasting two months, involving approximately \$3,000,000 per annum, causing a loss in wages to the strikers of about \$5,000,000, as against an estimated loss to the packers of \$7,500,000 in increased expenses and loss of business, Michael J. Donnelly, president of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchers of America, declared the strike at an end at midnight last night, so far as it affected members of his organization.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the central body of the allied trades, which was held last night. Although the majority of the body was in favor of continuing the strike, Donnelly announced that the packers had won.

When it was made known to the packers that the union had declared the strike at an end, they made the announcement part of the game plan, and as the work in many of these places was being satisfactorily performed by new men, many of the old men would not secure their old positions.

As to the majority of the unskilled men, it is expected that they will not secure their places in the plants. It was the refusal of the packers to sign a wage scale agreement with men of this class that brought about the strike.

REAR MAY BE CUT OFF

Fighting Section of Kuropatkin's Army Lost Sight Of.

JAPANESE ARE RESTING

Have Crossed the Sakhe River—Reports That Japs Are North of Mukden Menacing the Railroad—Battle Denied.

Paris, Sept. 8.—(Bulletin)—The Petit Parisien has a dispatch from St. Petersburg containing a rumor current there to the effect that General Kuroki has succeeded in isolating a force of 30,000 men, being Kuropatkin's rear guard, and that they have surrendered.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—There has been a mass of conflicting dispatches received here again today, which leaves the situation at the front very much in the dark. Dispatches yesterday showed that the fighting at the rear was still in progress and there is today a dispatch from Mukden which indicates that the rear guard is still out.

Fears are expressed here this afternoon that the rear guard has been cut off. It is now stated in high circles that Kuropatkin, who is at Mukden, is so valiantly holding the Japanese in check south of Mukden. A dispatch from Mukden this afternoon says the Japanese have crossed the Sakhe river and are now resting. Only the Russian and Japanese outposts are in direct contact. More than 1,000 wounded men are being sent north. Kuropatkin's main retreat has thus far been safely accomplished.

This dispatch, however, contains nothing as to the rear guard, beyond the statement that but a small body of men are now at the rear. Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs from Harbin that he has received a telegraphic communication from Mukden and Harbin are still open. Reports had been previously circulated that a force of 10,000 Japanese had succeeded in meeting north of the game plan, and has been one of the most masterly in history.

The people are gradually accepting the defeats at Liao Yang, which for a few days rankled bitterly, as being merely a part of the game plan, and have dropped back into their former attitude of looking for ultimate victory. The Russo-Japanese bank has been closed and the civil authorities are preparing to leave.

WIND 9,000 DEAD

JAPANESE DISCOVER SIGNS OF HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES

NELSON RELIEF FUND WILL CLOSE SUNDAY

The Journal's fund for the relief of Ex-Prisoner Nelson will be closed next Sunday. The amount received up to that time will then be turned over to him. One Nelson was shot down by a high-powered machine gun in the act of holding up a street car conductor. He is on the high road to recovery. He will not, however, be able to leave the hospital for some time, and still more time undoubtedly will elapse before he is able to resume his place on the public square. His appearance on the street will be a relief to all who have known him.

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