

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

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GRAND JURY WILL NOT TAKE UP LAND FRAUDS

Timber Thieves Who Have Been Fearful of Indictment Granted Reprieve, But Agents Gathering Evidence.

John Anderson, Accused of Manufacturing Bogus Coin, Held to Answer for Crime—Indian Murder Under Investigation.

The timber thieves who have been fearful of indictment by the federal grand jury, which convened this morning, are to have one more reprieve. With perhaps a single unimportant exception, no evidence in relation to the land frauds is to be submitted to this grand jury and no effort will be made by the government to secure further indictments. No subpoenas for witnesses against those concerned in the frauds have been issued by United States District Attorney John Hall.

The government's inaction is a surprise, yet it does not necessarily indicate an abandonment of the effort to reach those of the conspirators who have thus far escaped from the clutches of the law. Secret agents of the interior department are still engaged in ferreting out the proofs of guilt, and it is well known that they have evidence which points strongly to the complexity of men of means and of high station, whom rumor has long connected with the frauds. But whether this evidence is sufficient to form the basis of indictments is uncertain.

Francis J. Hoyer, special counsel for the government in the prosecution of Benson, Hyde, Dimond and Schneider, and in the cases against Horace McKinley and his accomplices, is taking no part in the investigation of others whose operations in public lands have aroused the suspicion of the government. Owing to the demands of his private practice Mr. Hoyer is reluctant to extend the scope of his work in the land fraud cases.

The session of the present grand jury is likely to be devoid of sensational features, and will probably be concluded within a week or 15 days. One indictment, that of John Anderson, accused of counterfeiting, was returned this morning. An Indian murder on the Grand Ronde reservation is occupying the grand jury's attention this afternoon. Other cases to come before them are comparatively unimportant.

The jurors assembled in Judge Selinger's court at 10 o'clock this morning and were duly sworn in. W. E. Robertson of Portland was appointed foreman. L. W. Durant of Woodburn, F. E. Brigham of Portland and James Dart of St. Helens were accused. George P. Peehler of Pendleton, J. R. Cavilfield of Roseburg and J. F. Davis of Remote failed to appear. George McDougall of Yoncalla and Fred G. Rufum of Portland were reported as out of the state. The jury as impaneled is as follows: W. E. Robertson of Portland,



ENGINEER DEAD IN "FLYER'S" CAB

McCook, Neb., Oct. 18.—A Burlington "Flyer" passenger train went thundering through the darkness from McCook to St. Louis late last night, while the engineer sat upright in his seat, his hand gripping the throttle, dead. The engineer was James O'Connell. The train reached a point some distance from here and was running at a high rate of speed when the freeman happened to glance at the engineer and observed that a pallor had overspread his face and that his body appeared rigid. The freeman went over and touched the engineer and was shocked to discover that he was dead, and had evidently been dead some time.

The train was then running on a down grade and had attained a terrific speed, having gained not only the momentum of the hill itself, but that of working with wide-open throttle and full head of steam.

It was the wildness of the running that caused the freeman to withdraw from the window and look across at his companion. It is not improbable that the train was running at nearly 75 miles an hour, as the locomotive has, on many occasions, exceeded 80 miles an hour, being one of the fastest that pulls the "Flyer."

With one hand the freeman supported the engineer's body, while with the other he snapped the throttle shut and gradually released the air until the train came to a standstill. The conductor came running forward, a brakeman seated himself behind the corpse and in this way the freeman ran the train back to McCook, where another engineer was supplied and it went on to St. Louis. Had the engineer's death not been discovered and the train stopped before it reached the station it was approaching, it would have collided with a train coming from the opposite direction. The passengers were unaware of the occurrence.

PORTLAND IN LEAD

One Month's Wheat Shipments Largest in the World.

THE OFFICIAL FIGURES

September Reports Show This City in Front—Third on List for Year—Flour Shipments Big—Shippers Jubilant.

Statistics just prepared by the department of commerce and labor show that there was a greater quantity of wheat exported from Portland during the month of September than from any other port in the United States. Portland takes the lead with 112,091 bushels. San Francisco comes next with 67,328, Galveston is third with 52,000 while Puget sound comes fourth on the list with only 5,133 bushels to her credit.

During the nine months of the year ending with September, Portland occupies third place on the list with respect to wheat exports. Galveston shipped 1,582,104 bushels, New Orleans 1,487,045, and Portland is a close contestant for second place with 1,618,063, which she sent to countries across the sea. San Francisco comes next with 971,846 bushels and Puget sound is fifth with 335,814 bushels placed opposite her name.

But owing to the difficulty which has beset her in getting a sufficient number of oriental liners at this port Puget sound takes the lead when it comes to flour shipments. During the month of September the several sound cities exported 1,137,474 barrels of flour, San Francisco, 48,344, and Portland is third of any other port in the United States with 41,404 barrels. At least two more steamers would have been dispatched from here had they been available, and the Oregon metropolitan would have been well up toward the lead in this line of business. Not being able to secure transportation facilities the exporters were obliged to send their shipments by way of the sound.

During the past nine months the flour exported from Portland measures 424,845 barrels. For the same length of time New York carried off the honors with a total of 2,175,851 barrels. Baltimore comes next with 1,085,870 and Philadelphia shipped 1,072,413 barrels.

ARE STILL BATTLING

The Great Armies Fight Throughout the Night in Chilling Rain.

REPORTS IN CONFLICT

Battle Seems to Be Hinged Upon the Action of the Central Points Where Kuropatkin Still Commands.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Mukden, Oct. 17.—It rained all night and daybreak came with a cold biting wind that chilled the troops, whose rest throughout was broken by a steady artillery battle that never wavered or ceased.

Unlike the previous nights there was no lull in the firing, the gunners of each side steadily serving their pieces, aiming by angles and flashes.

Several attacks were made by the Russian forces in the night and these were met by Japanese counter attacks. There is no news from the front indicating that either side gained anything by this desperate warfare, although the opponents frequently came to such close quarters that the men fought each other blindly in the darkness and rain, telling friends only by the continual calling of battle cries.

The casualty lists on both sides are not believed to have been heavy, as much of this fighting is ineffectual when tallied by dead and wounded.

This fighting which has continued to the central positions, which seemed destined to be the turning points of the battle. Unless the Japanese forces are greater than they are believed to be, they will be unable to execute any flanking movements and stand the constant danger of Kuropatkin's driving his wedge home and cutting them in two.

Kuropatkin continues in command of the center which he reported to be steadily holding although the Japanese are bringing forward fresh troops.

Operations on the Russian right flank are said to be nearly at a standstill today and yesterday there was but little fighting on the left flank reported. If there was any serious conflict at the latter point it must have been far removed, because when the roar of artillery could be heard to the west and from the center, there was nearly complete silence to the east.

The trains loaded with wounded continuing their passage through here to the north, where hospital facilities are adequate to provide for such a great number of patients.

JURY GIVES 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL \$40,000

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Oct. 18.—A jury today awarded damages of \$40,000 to Emma Greenell, a 15-year-old girl, against the Union Traction company, for injuries caused by being run over by a streetcar in 1904. This is the third trial of the case.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE MEETS

(Journal Special Service.)
Pendleton, Or., Oct. 18.—At 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, October 13, the Inland Empire Teachers' association will be called to order. The sessions will continue over four days. Many teachers are already here and others will arrive tonight and tomorrow.

GRAFTERS PLAN FOR FAIR YEAR

A wide open town during the fair next year would be worth thousands upon thousands of dollars, not alone to those immediately engaged in the work, but to those in a position to afford them protection.

It would be a great thing for the grafters, but it would be a body blow to Portland, which must keep its skirts clean then above all other times.

It was for reason of the prospective graft that so much stress was laid upon the passage of the poolroom ordinance and it was to forestall opposition, which in the very nature of things was to be expected, that it was sneaked through. But the smooth sailing was interrupted by the unexpected veto of the mayor, which has precipitated discussion and made apparent the unalterable opposition to the measure.

It takes a two-thirds vote to pass the ordinance over the veto. Only two men, Ege and Albee, were safely counted against. Sigler is out of the city and cannot return for tomorrow's meeting and it is stated that Bentley will absent himself. Other members of the "solid seven" are said to be wavering, which would indicate that the ordinance cannot be passed.

But as the ordinance was originally passed without the public being aware of what was going on, it is barely possible that another trick of the same sort will be attempted at the meeting held at 2 o'clock tomorrow. It would therefore be well to take no chances. The people who are interested in suppressing this species of gambling should be present in the council chamber tomorrow. They should make it clearly evident by their presence that they will not stand such work and that the aldermen who vote to override the mayor's veto will be marked men in this community hereafter.

MUSICIAN'S FERCE FIGHT WITH MAD DOG

(Journal Special Service.)
Eaton, Pa., Oct. 18.—For 30 minutes Sunday noon Arthur Smith, an orchestra leader, battled with a mad bull dog, which had attacked and bitten Sue and Mary Danner, daughters of State Senator Danner. He managed to choke the brute to death. In killing the dog Smith's hands were chewed, his arms torn and most of his clothing stripped from his body. The Misses Danner, accompanied Smith for a walk. The senator's bull dog was a beast weighing 60 pounds, a pet of the girls, and went along. Suddenly the dog went mad and attacked the girls, biting them severely. Smith attacked the dog and tried to strangle it. During the 30 minutes the fight lasted man and dog rolled about on the ground, and the man was finally the victor.

MUMMIES OF PIGMIES FOUND IN ARIZONA

(Journal Special Service.)
Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 18.—An archaeologist now conducting a research in the vicinity of the government reservoir in Tonto basin has found the mummies of two children six years of age whose leg and thigh bones are only four inches in length. The doors of the prehistoric cave dwelling of these people was only three feet high.

On the floor beside the mummies were found beautifully woven sandals exquisitely embroidered and the material of which they were made is silk. These things may have been obtained here by trading. He also obtained many crude hieroglyphics and paintings executed with indelible metallic paint. One shows one of their own people attacking a man of much larger stature with a spear which he can only lift to the bigger man's knee.

FIVE CARS OF JAPAN COTTON IS WRECKED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Oct. 18.—A freight train west bound on the Northern Pacific was wrecked last night near Weston. Eight cars were piled in the ditch. Five of the wrecked cars contained cotton for Japan. Brakeman J. M. Hatton was injured, but not seriously. The exact cause of the wreck is not known.

JUMPS 125 FEET, DASHED TO DEATH

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Oct. 18.—Paul Godard, a freeman, jumped from one of the approaches of the new Williamsburg bridge this morning, and was dashed to death on the pavement, 125 feet below.

He was despondent because he had failed to make a success in business in this country.

HOLD CONVENTIONS AT STATE CAPITAL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Oct. 18.—The Sunday school and Young People's Alliance conventions of Salem district, Evangelical association, will begin its session here in the Chinese street Evangelical church at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Many delegates and visitors have already arrived and every incoming train adds its quota of interested and enthusiastic members to the assemblage.

The program for this evening will begin with a general opening at 7:30 o'clock by the Sunday school district superintendent. This will be followed by an address of welcome by Melvin Burdick and a response by R. F. Jameson. At 8 o'clock J. J. Hoffman will deliver a sermon. The conventions will close on the evening of October 20.

COMMITTS ASSAULT BY PULLING MAN'S BEARD

Jacob Krimble is very proud of his whiskers. He would rather a man would do most anything toward him than to tamper with them.

W. H. Abels knew how Krimble regarded his whiskers, so when he became angry at the old man, and wanted to get even, he walked up to him and laid hold of the hirsute adornments.

"I'll pull that bunch of whiskers out and throw it in the buzz saw," said Abels. "You will complain about my dropping debris on the street from my scavenger wagon, will you?"

And Abels started to do as he said he would, for the fight took place at the plant of the Eastern & Western lumber mill. But Krimble got away with his whiskers and had Abels arrested. Justice Reid today fined the defendant \$5.

RECAL FOR A XERO.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 18.—Surgeon S. J. Call of the revenue cutter Thetis, now in Tacoma harbor, is in receipt of a handsome gold medal from the government. The act of hoisting this medal is intended to commemorate was Surgeon Call's devotion to duty in relieving the sufferings of those on eight vessels caught in the ice near Point Barrow. Surgeon Call was then attached to the cutter Bear.

WAR FORESEEN IN INCREASE OF BOYS

Birth Record of Males in Chicago Highest Known—Gain of 500 Per Cent Indicated by Figures.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Oct. 18.—Chicago's boy crop this year will break all records. The increase in the majority of boys over girls born since January 1 has started statisticians and the superstitious are predicting a war, as it is believed by them that the sudden increase in the number of boy babies portends war.

A local scientist claims the war between Japan and Russia has so aroused the martial spirit of Chicagoans that the proportion of boys will show an increase of 50 per cent in 1904. He figures the increase in 1902, born in Chicago, at 14,183 boys and 13,160 girls; in 1903, at 15,069 boys and 13,964 girls, the boys showing a majority of 1,105.

In the first eight months of 1904 there were 1,009 more boys than girls born and statisticians declare that should this rate of gain continue growing, complete returns for 1904 will show 1,600 more boys than girls being an advance of 500 per cent.

MUST FILE BOND TO CONTINUE SUIT

If J. E. McClung wishes to continue the case against W. E. McPherson for the possession of the Tremont house, corner of Seventh and Everett streets, Circuit Judge Sears rendered this decision this morning. Last spring McClung, aided by friends and neighbors, went to the lodging house and ousted all those living there. It was then being occupied by McPherson, who had leased the property from a real estate company. Later McClung purchased the house.

Before ousting McPherson and his tenants, Justice William Reid had given a decision that McClung was entitled to the property. McPherson did not move soon enough, so he was moved. When appealed to the circuit court Judge Sears found for McPherson. The case will no doubt be carried to the supreme court.

SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Oct. 18.—Garnett was this morning sentenced to 15 years in San Quentin for the murder of Mal J. W. McClung in the room of Mrs. Hitchcock at the Palace hotel last November.

GERMAN COUNCILOR WORKS AS A WAITER

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Oct. 18.—From copies of a book from Berlin it develops that Imperial Councilor Koeb of that city, a fastidious gentleman of the imperial ministerial circle, spent several weeks in Chicago working disguised as a common waiter in order to study conditions and make a report to the Kaiser.

Among other employments mentioned by Herr Koeb is that of a waiter in the club of the fashionable Chicago Athletic club. Part of the time he lodged in a room which cost \$1.25 a week and ate at a restaurant where nothing on the bill of fare cost more than a dime.

He offered himself as a waiter, a miller of cows, a grower of bananas, a boy dishwasher, gardener and blacksmith's helper and was rejected in each place.

There he got a menial job at the club, where he was paid \$15 a week, wearing black jacket and trousers, white tie. Later he worked as a waiter, carrying drinks, and was paid \$10 a week, wearing a white shirt and a black coat, and carrying a tray.

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