

GOOD EVENING THE WEATHER. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, cooler; westerly winds.

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BATTLED FOR RAVINE AT FAULT

O. R. & N. Enjoins Wallows Valley Line From Crossing Its Route and Fences Its Tracks.

COOK HERE TO MEET O'BRIEN OF RIVAL LINE

Farmers Give Deeds to Both Parties Struggling for Right of Way and Take Indemnity Bonds—Case May Now Be Settled by the Courts of Wallows County.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Elgin, Or., July 27.—The O. R. & N. company yesterday served an injunction on J. W. Cook, promoter of the Wallows Valley Railroad company, restraining him from grading on their right of way. Cook had a large force of men, with picks, shovels and wheelbarrows, working on the right of way he had secured over the O. R. & N., and the injunction immediately stopped his operations. Several of the O. R. & N. officials arrived yesterday, including Superintendent Campbell, with a large force of men, and at noon today commenced fencing the right of way over J. W. Cook's surveys. A large party of surveyors and engineers are also on the scene and have commenced surveying a line down the Grand Ronde river. They will establish the permanent survey, run cross lines and set grade stakes to the mouth of the Wallows river. The fencing crew will follow them up, fencing the entire line to that point. While the construction operations of the Wallows Valley Railroad company have been stopped, they still have a surveying party at work near the mouth of the Wallows river. Cook is going to fight a lawsuit, giving a warrant for arrest over the O. R. & N. and declares he will have clear title to a right of way into the Wallows valley within a short time. It is quite probable that the entire operation will be tied up in the courts and the question of right of way will be fought out there. At least 150 men are now on the Grand Ronde in the employ of these two companies. A ravine resembling a box canyon, the key to a railroad right of way for three quarters of a mile on the road, between Elgin and Wallows, is being ground today for the forces of W. J. Cook, presenting the Wallows Valley Railroad company, and a force of engineers and right of way men sent out by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. The farmers owning the lands have given deeds to both contesting parties and have received from each side alike indemnity bonds to protect them from any loss in the subsequent proceedings to settle the question of priority of right. The O. R. & N. has sued in the Wallows county courts for a permanent injunction to compel Cook to vacate the land and to quiet title which that company claims through its deeds from the farmers. Mr. Cook is in Portland today.

GOOD NEWS FOR PEOPLE WHO INTEND BUILDING THIS YEAR

City Retail Lumber Company, Corporation Formed to Keep Up Prices of Material, Will Go Out of Business on Monday and Wood Will Be Cheap.

The City Retail Lumber company, a corporation formed some years ago by local lumber mills to maintain uniform prices in the city lumber trade, is going to pieces, and will shortly be in the hands of persons contemplating the building of houses regarding the lower price of lumber in Portland next fall will be dispensed by the news which the Journal is enabled to give today. A general cutting of local retail prices is imminent. The mills have large stocks of certain classes of house-building lumber, and they are going to unload. The entire list of house lumber will come in for slaughter, and it is said that prices will be reduced sufficient on these grades of lumber to make it very profitable for people to build homes. Lumber at present is somewhat higher than it was a year ago, although it is not generally regarded as excessive. The market for wholesale and export trade is very strong, and trade conditions are good. There is strong demand for special-sized lumber, and the mills have been doing a heavy business in these grades. The result is that large stocks of smaller stuff have accumulated in some of the millyards, and these mills are going to get rid of them. The City Retail Lumber company is composed of the following firms: Indiana-Poulsen company, Eastern & Western Lumber company, Portland Lumber company, Jones Lumber company, Standard Box & Lumber company and Ellwood Lumber company. The combination has maintained offices in the lumber building at Washington and third streets, in charge of Manager Francis. This corporation entered into contract with each of its constituent

MEMORIAL WAS FRESH CASES OF FEVER

Congressman Williamson Spent Ten Days in Prineville Just Before Filings on Land Began.

AT THE FIRST TRIAL HE COULDN'T REMEMBER IT

Prosecution Scores Important Point in Proving His Presence There With Biggs and Gesner—Search for Witness Starr, the Congressman's Nephew, Continues.

In establishing the fact that Congressman J. N. Williamson was in Prineville from June 15 to June 24, 1902, a point was scored this morning for the prosecution in the conspiracy case on trial in the federal court, which is regarded by District Attorney Haney as of great importance. It is the contention of the government that the conspiracy to suborn perjured witnesses for timber claims was formed at Prineville in June between Williamson, Dr. Gesner and Marion E. Biggs. On the first trial of the case Williamson at first denied that he was in Prineville in June, though he afterward admitted when shown a hotel register bearing his name under date of June 15, that he might have been there on that day. By the evidence presented today it was clearly shown that he was there from June 15 to June 24. It was during Williamson's stay or within a day or two after he left that Biggs and Gesner began negotiations with numerous residents of Prineville to induce them to take up timber claims, promising them that Gesner would advance the money with which to make final proof. It was within a week after Williamson's departure when the means gathering of the intending locators took place at the sheep shearing plant of Williamson & Gesner and the latter renewed his offer to loan to each locator the money required to secure patent. It was at or about the time of Williamson's visit that Gesner consulted Biggs as to the legality of making such loans. Still Missing Starr. A score of detectives, peace officers and deputy marshals are scouring the mountains in search of Ernest Starr, Congressman Williamson's nephew, whom the prosecution desires to place on the witness-stand. He has not yet been found and as the government expects to conclude its case this afternoon it may be necessary to dispense with Starr's testimony. Mr. Haney does not regard his testimony as vital, although it would undoubtedly strengthen the government's case. Starr left Portland last Wednesday evening for Eugene. From Eugene he took the stage early Thursday morning for McKenzie's camp, where he remained until Saturday morning. Apparently word reached him then that he might be wanted again as a witness and he struck into the mountains. No definite trace of his subsequent movements has been found.

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stockholding mills, providing that it should handle the retail lumber trade and quote and maintain prices for the sale of lumber within the city. These contracts expire on the first of Monday, July 31. It has been found impossible to renew them. The cause is given as a controversy between two of the stockholders—S. B. Cobb of the Standard Box & Lumber company, and President Jones of the Jones Lumber company. Mr. Cobb is said to have stated that he should be given the same amount of stock that the corporation issued to Mr. Jones. This was refused, and the disagreement grew to such proportions that it has been impossible to settle it. The mill contracts will not be renewed, and the central office of the corporation will probably be closed next week, as there is nothing left for it to do. The Retail Lumber company, by attending to the local trade of all the mills holding stock in it, has succeeded in keeping retail prices of all sorts of lumber on the same basis with wholesale prices. These prices will be cut by the mills as soon as their agreements expire. Rough dimension lumber—common, select and clear—now, respectively, \$10, \$17 and \$24, will probably drop to the basis of \$3 or lower. Rustic, now \$14, \$22 and \$25, will go off from \$1 to \$2.50. Flooring, which is selling at the same figures, will be considerably cheaper, and the same thing will happen to ceiling and finishing lumber and all sorts of small stuff for housebuilding. The fight may warm up, it is said, to a degree that will send prices much lower than is suggested, and make the coming fall a memorable season for home-builders.

FRESH CASES OF FEVER

Yellow Jack Claims More Victims in New Orleans—Quarantine Is Becoming More Stringent.

DETENTION CAMPS ARE ESTABLISHED IN CITY

Five Hundred Men Busy Cleaning Up and Enforcing Hygienic Laws—Oil Is Put on Top of All Cisterns to Kill Mosquitoes—Fruit Ships Barred From Entry to Port.

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, July 27.—Several new cases of yellow fever are unofficially reported today, but no deaths. The quarantine is becoming more stringent and detention camps about the city are being established. (Continued on Page Three.)

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Washington, July 27.—Two witnesses, Frederick Peckham and Moses Haas, the New York brokers, summoned before the grand jury in the "cotton leak" investigation, refused to answer questions and will be cited to appear in court tomorrow to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. Peckham, it is alleged, had a secret understanding with Assistant Statistician Holmes, whereby he obtained advance information of the cotton report. (Journal Special Service.) Boston Arrives at Isthmus. (Journal Special Service.) Colon, July 27.—Steamer Mexico with President Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens of the canal commission arrived last night. The officials were met by Governor Macdon, who came from Panama in a special train.

INQUIRY INTO DISASTER ON BENNINGTON BEGUN

(Journal Special Service.) San Diego, July 27.—The Chicago flagship of the Pacific squadron, with Admiral Goodrich and his staff on board, arrived in port this morning. The admiral immediately appointed the following board to investigate the Bennington explosion: Lieutenant-Commander F. W. Bertlett, chairman; Lieutenant-Commander A. A. Halstead and Lieutenant B. C. Moody. The board will collect all possible information and present it to the board of inquiry, which will be composed of three of the highest officers available. The sessions of the board of investigation began today. The water has been pumped out of the gunboat and she is again afloat on an even keel, and will be towed to Mare Island for repairs after the inquiry.

INDEPENDENT PIPE LINE TO GULF

Wealthy Men Organize Concern to Fight Standard Oil Trust to a Finish.

GIANTIC COMBINATION OF NATION'S PRODUCERS

Kansas and Texas Fields to Be Tapped Colonel Guffey and the Cudahys Financing Scheme to Give Battle to the Octopus.

WROTE LOVE EPISTLES TO ALICE ROOSEVELT

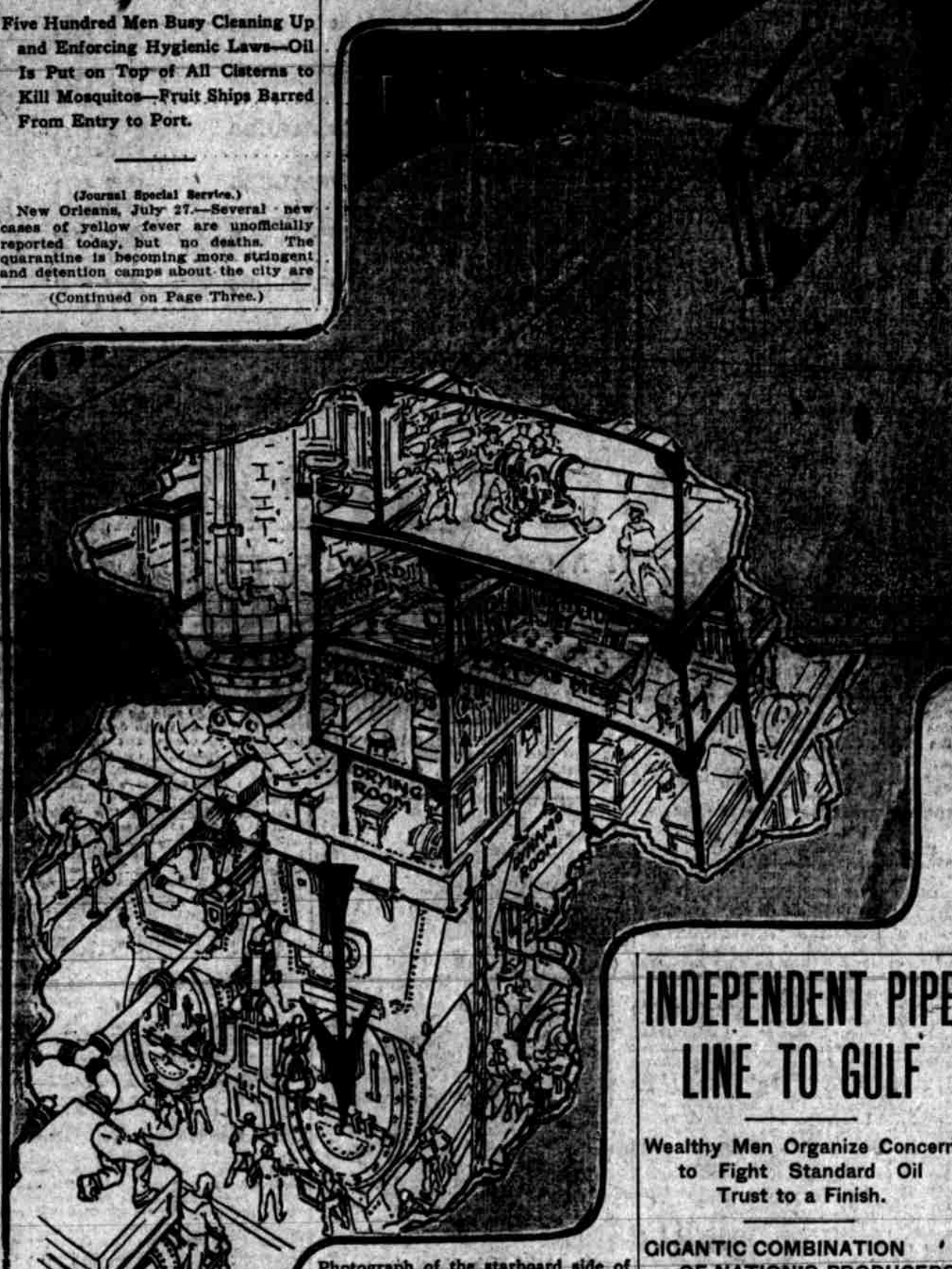
Imprisoned Deserter Annoys President's Family by Sending Sweet Missives.

BROKERS REFUSE TO TELL FACTS TO GRAND JURY

Cotton Manipulators Will Not Explain Their Part in Department Leak.

CHINESE EXCLUSION LAW IS HELD TO BE VALID

Cleveland, Ohio, July 27.—United States Judge Taylor this morning upheld the legality of the Chinese exclusion act. The decision came in several deportation cases.



Photograph of the starboard side of the gunboat Bennington, with a diagram of the ship's interior, showing where the engine room and exploding boilers were located.

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