

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1902. NO. 4614

## SESSION

### Citizens From Umatilla Organizing Association.

### WELL REPRESENTED.

### Bright for Success of Projects—Permanent Organization.

land of these two counties grow five tons of alfalfa to the acre is a thorough soaking during the winter season. Several others will arrive here this evening from Heppner to attend the evening session of the convention. Among them will be G. W. Phelps, joint representative of Umatilla and Morrow counties; E. M. Shutt, sheriff of Morrow county; Mayor Gilliam, of Heppner; W. L. Salling, Thomas Ayres and James Hager.

### Freewater's Plans.

A. S. Pearson, who is in the city from Freewater, is one of the enthusiastic irrigators of the east end of the county. Mr. Pearson said this morning that the meeting this evening would be represented by a large delegation from Freewater and the Hudson Bay country. In speaking of what they wanted from the irrigation movement in the east end of the county, Mr. Pearson said: "We are all enthusiastic irrigationists. We want something done to re-claim the 6400 acres of land in two townships between Freewater and the Hudson Bay. This is one of the finest bodies of land in the state and can be prepared for irrigation with no more than \$10 an acre. When once water is on this land it will grow anything under the sun. I am now selling land that is not as good fruit, vegetable and alfalfa land as that, which is now worthless, at from \$300 to \$500 an acre in the neighborhood of Freewater. With water on this land it will be a veritable garden of Eden. This land can be irrigated at little cost. Experts have gone over the ground and it is estimated that one levee can be built on the Walla Walla River for \$3000 that will irrigate almost all of it."

### TEXAS WILL GROW TOBACCO

### SOIL AND CLIMATE IS EQUAL TO CUBA.

Tobacco Experts Declare That the Rice Belt of Texas Will Raise the Very Best High-Class Cigar Goods. Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—The management of the Southern Pacific purposes to establish Texas as one of the nation's foremost tobacco-producing regions. For a long time the road's industrial agents have been experimenting with the soil of certain sections of the Lone Star State, and they are convinced it is well adapted to the culture of high-grade tobaccos, including many kinds that are now imported. It is planned to interest tobacco growers of Wisconsin, Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut and other parts in the possibilities of Texas.

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## ESTIMATES FOR SEWER SYSTEM

### Committee of Council Makes Report—Old Plans Available. Thirty-Year Bonds With a 20-Year Option.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 13, 1902.—(To the Editor East Oregonian.)—By resolution of the common council, the committee on sewers was directed to make a statement through the press of the plans and estimates for the sewer system now contemplated for Pendleton.

In compliance with that resolution, the committee asks that you publish this statement: Some years ago Engineers Adams and Gemmel prepared plans for a sewer system, which plans are still available. At the time the matter of asking authority from the legislature to issue bonds for the purpose of providing funds, with which to construct sewers, was under discussion, the engineer, who was then in charge of the sewers being built in Walla Walla, was asked to come to Pendleton and investigate the conditions, area to be drained, etc.

### Health Demands It.

Every other argument is for and not against the question. Health demands it. The growing needs of the manufactories, mercantile buildings and dwellings call for it. From one-half to two-thirds of the total cost of the system would be expended for labor, so that a large part of the money borrowed would be spent right here and give work to a number of men for several months.

### As to Private Sewers.

If a system is put in that will drain the greater part of the city, it is not likely that the small amount of sewerage carried into the river by the private sewers would be deemed a nuisance, and their presence might be tolerated for years.

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only one valid argument that can be advanced against the building of the sewers at this time, and that is the question whether or not the city shall incur an additional annual interest expense of not over \$1500.

After consulting with him, as well as other engineers and referring to the estimates made by Adams and Gemmel, it was decided that all the necessary parts of a comprehensive system of sewers for Pendleton could at that time be constructed for \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars.) This would bring a large conduit from a point near the lower railroad bridge well up into the city, where it would branch and follow the main east and west streets through the thickly-built part of the city.

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## MUST BECOME STATES.

### President Schurman's Opinion of Destiny of Philippines.

New York, Dec. 13.—Brigadier-General A. W. Greely and President Schurman, of Cornell University, were the principal speakers at a meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club Thursday. The meeting was devoted to the discussion of "The United States in the Philippines." President Schurman said in part: "President Roosevelt has recently stated that the flag could no more come down in the Philippines than it could in Alaska. Where the American flag goes it symbolizes the sovereignty of the people over it. Hence, if the flag is to stay in the Philippines, Luzon and the Visayas it must, according to the logic of American philosophy become states in the Union, as New Mexico and Oklahoma and Alaska are bound to be."

### FIGHTING IN MARSEILLES.

### Eight Thousand Union Dockers and Sailors Vote to Continue the Strike—Gendarmes Attack Them.

Marseilles, Dec. 13.—A serious conflict is in progress in the streets between the gendarmes and striking dock men. The fight started after 8000 union dockers and sailors met and voted to continue the strike.

### PORTLAND A CLOSED TOWN

### MAYOR WILLIAMS ORDERS GAMBLING RAIDS.

Portland, Dec. 13.—Wholesale gambling raids are in progress here today. Mayor Williams, exasperated by the collusion of the police, personally gave the order that every house be pulled. Scores of arrests have been made. He announces that he will drive out the Chinese lotteries forever and has closed up all games as tight as a drum.

### SCRANTON COMPANY REPORTS.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 13.—The Scranton Coal Company, belonging to the Ontario & Western Railway, filed a statement this morning. Last year they operated nine collieries and the average annual earnings, of miners, was 30 mine laborers, \$313, engineers, \$1200, breaker boys, \$150.

### Boston Theater Changes Hands.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Rich, Harris and Charles Frohman have obtained control of the Park theater, and Corse Payton, who has had the management of the theater since the opening of the present season, and his stock company will give their last performance there tonight. The theater will open under the new management a week hence with "Everyman" the quaint fifteenth century morality play recently seen in New York, as the attraction.

### New Service to the Orient.

New York, Dec. 13.—A new direct steamship service is to be established between New York and China and Japan. The first vessel of this service, the steamship Hero, of 6000 tons, is scheduled to sail next week for Shanghai, Tsingtau, Tientsin and Yokohama. The Hero is to be followed by other first-class steamships at regular intervals.

### A band of several hundred sheep belonging to Carsten Brothers, of Seattle, came near being drowned in a body of an ice pond near North Yakima, Thursday, and as it was, 120 perished.

The sheep had been brought from the reservation to the stock yards to be loaded on a train for shipment to Seattle.

## PREPARES FOR WAR

### Venezuela Severs Diplomatic Relations With Great Britain and Germany.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Alvin Smith, the United States consul at Port of Spain, island of Trinidad, cables the state department that the Venezuela legation there has been closed. The importance of the dispatch lies in the indication that Venezuela had broken off all diplomatic relations with Great Britain.

### ENGLAND WOULD ACCEPT ARBITRATION OF DISPUTE.

### Venezuela Closes Her Legation at Port of Spain—Castro Rejects Every Point Proposed in the German Ultimatum—Italy Wants to Join the Allies.

London, Dec. 13.—The St. James Gazette learns that England would accept arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute on the following terms: First, President Castro to deposit \$30,000 as evidence of good faith. Second, the arbitrator to control the Venezuelan customs pending negotiations. Germany's attitude, the paper says, is unknown.

### Will Land No Forces.

### Berlin, Dec. 13.—The foreign office has received no news from Venezuela since yesterday. Landing in force is not considered probable under any circumstances.

### Rejects German Ultimatum.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that President Castro, in reply to the German ultimatum, has rejected every point proposed.

### Italians Want to Join.

Rome, Dec. 13.—The Italians, having claims against Venezuela, are using their utmost endeavors to induce their government to join the allied forces to compel payment.

### LATE WHEAT NOT UP.

### Farmers Fear That the Seed Will Rot Owing to the Unusual Amount of Wet Weather.

Some farmers who were persistent in sowing their wheat this fall and put it in the ground late are now wondering if they will have to re-sow. The town is full of farmers today and in conversation with them many express themselves as being afraid that the late sown wheat would never sprout. Wheat that was sown early in the season is up nicely and a good stand is reported, but this is a very small amount of the whole. Most of the grain was sown late on account of the wet fall and a great deal has not yet come through the ground. Fear is entertained that it will rot before it sprouts.

### Decree Granted.

In the circuit court today Judge Ellis granted a decree of divorce in the suit of William G. Bogert vs. Theresa Bogert, on the grounds of desertion. Peter West was the attorney for plaintiff.

### Medal Shoot.

The Pendleton Gun Club will hold its regular monthly medal shoot on the hill south of town Sunday. A good crowd is expected and a pleasant time is promised if the weather will permit.

### "Buffalo Bill" to Retire.

New York, Dec. 13.—Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) declared today just prior to his departure for Europe that his show, the "Wild West" had appeared in this country for the last time. Col. Cody plans to spend the next two years in a European tour with his show. When he returns to this country he will devote his time exclusively to his business interests.

### CRACKER CREEK FACTS

The value of the Company's operating on the market is as follows, based on the market at South Pole

Columbia \$1 per share  
E. and E. 90c per share  
North Pole \$5 per share  
Golconda started at 10c now selling at 50c and worth more  
South Pole is starting at 15c