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PALOUSE CROP TO BE SHORT.

Weather Conditions for the Past Week Have Been Favorable.

Tacoma, July 31.—A letter from State Grain Commissioner Arrasmith reports a great change for the better in the grain situation in the Palouse country. The commissioner says the hot wave which has been drying up the wheat and inflicting great damage came to an end on the 23, and that subsequent conditions had been highly satisfactory, allowing the withering crops to entirely recover. The weather had cooled, with the prevailing winds all coming from the south.

The commissioner is informed by farmers that the regular threshing will commence in two weeks and that a crop of 20 per cent off the returns of last year is expected. The grain, however, is of excellent quality, plump and of good general appearance and weight.

LADRONES MAKE TROUBLE.

Charged That Conditions Are Same as During Spanish Occupation.

London, July 31.—The British consul at Cuba reports the country continues disturbed and the Americans are unable to control the roaming bands of natives who terrorize peaceful inhabitants.

Fire at Elgin.

La Grande, July 31.—Fire destroyed the sawmill, 2,000 cords of wood, 250,000 feet of lumber and a dwelling house belonging to Lawrence Fox, last night. Loss about \$14,000.

PLAN PAN-AMERICAN RAILWAY

CONSIDERED FEASIBLE BY PROMINENT CHILEANS.

Commissioner is Now in South America for the Furtherance of the Great Scheme—Line Via Isthmus of Panama.

New York, July 31.—Interest is being shown throughout Chile, according to South American papers received here, in the Pan-American railway project and in the mission of Charles M. Pepper, who has been sent as commissioner to South America by President Roosevelt to secure the co-operation of those governments for the completion of the line. Senor Augusto Matte, who was a colleague of Commissioner Pepper at the Pan-American congress in Mexico is quoted in El Mercurio as follows:

"The undertaking is a gigantic one, but perfectly practical, and great benefits will be derived by Chile from the close touch which the interior of the country will have with the rich territory of the north. It will mean a boom to the development of our country and will benefit our political and industrial life in general."

INCENDIARY FIRE.

Property and Life Lost in an Oklahoma Town.

Anadarko, Okla., July 31.—The main portion of Hobart was wiped out by fire last night. Loss, \$250,000. Manager Hughes of the Telephone Exchange dropped dead of heart disease while fighting the flames. The fire started in the Phoenix theater and is supposed to have been incendiary. Brick business houses for two blocks are in ruins. The fire was finally extinguished by using dynamite.

Four men and one woman are under arrest charged with incendiarism. Seventy-seven business houses were burned. Every man in town is today armed. Six persons suffered injuries from the reckless use of dynamite in extinguishing fires. Andrew Kleeding, a merchant, being fatally hurt.

More Sheep Killed.

Canyon City, July 31.—About 100 head of sheep belonging to Weaver Brothers, of Mt. Vernon, were shot by masked men. Wednesday, on the range near here. The herders were held up by one masked man while the shooting was going on. Many more sheep in the flock were injured.

Gold Wave in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—A cold wave prevails. The thermometer registers 50 degrees, the lowest ever recorded here in July.

On Retired List.

Washington, July 31.—Admiral Melville, concluded his services today and tomorrow will be on the retired list.

Negroes Pay Death Penalty.

Montgomery, Ala., July 31.—Will Starks and Alexander Means, negroes, were hanged in the Montgomery county jail today for the crime of murder.

Train Wreck.

Cal., July 31.—It is the California limited wrecked at Millen, Arizona.

FAMINE IN THE CAPE VERDES

People Dying at the Rate of Thirty Per Day in One Town.

THOUSANDS OF LABORERS EMIGRATED TO AMERICA.

Drouth, Famine and Pestilence an Old Story—Islands Once Lost 30,000 of Starvation in Two Years' Time—Old and Decrepit Are Dying in the Streets.

New Bedford, July 31.—A Lisbon, Portugal paper received here dated July 13, contains a story of starvation and suffering in the Cape Verde islands, which has only been hinted at up to this time. The Lisbon story is unquestionably authentic, as the islands belong to Portugal, and the information has a direct and unbiased origin.

The islands, which lie off the African coast and directly east of San Domingo, have suffered from the effects of a heavy emigration of laborers, very many of whom have gone to South America, and to the southern part of the United States. This emigration has greatly depleted the force available for the handling of the crops, cattle and other industries. In addition, the islands are suffering from one of the not infrequent visitations of drouth, and the crops this year are a total failure.

On the island of St. Hiago the death rate has reached and now maintains 30 daily from starvation. The dead are piled coffinless in tranches. The old and decrepit drop dead in the streets, and in some cases the mothers are the only ones left to bury the little children they vainly tried to find sufficient food for. Little babes have died of starvation at the dry breasts of their starving mothers.

The military governor is doing his utmost to relieve his distress, but his resources are limited. He is further handicapped by the almost desertion of the islands by ships and steamers which have not made their ports for several months, because there was nothing this year to be taken away, and no one who could buy what they might bring.

Drouth and famine are periodical in the Cape Verde islands, the normal population of which is 70,000, distributed over an area of 1,250 miles. The greatest famine was in 1822-23, when 30,000 people died. In 1730-32 the islands were almost depopulated from famine and pestilence. The islands are 10 in number, but several are uninhabited rocky islets.

MOB OF KENTUCKIANS HOLD UP A TRAIN

Maysville, Ky., July 31.—A Chesapeake & Ohio train was held up near Clifton Forge last night by a mob which wanted to lynch three negroes who had been arrested for killing a prominent citizen at that place and were being taken to Covington for safekeeping.

One man held up Engineer White, while the others searched the train, failing to find the negro. They fired at the train as it pulled out, breaking a large number of windows and terrorizing the passengers, who laid the floors to escape the storm of bullets.

Guarding the Prisoners.

Covington, July 31.—A strong guard has been placed around the jail where the negroes are now confined, as it is believed an attempt will be made to lynch them tonight.

REBELLION IS RIFE IN CUBA

First Reports of an Armed Insurrection Are Now Being Verified.

GOVERNOR OF SANTIAGO NOW ADDS HIS TESTIMONY.

The Insurrectionists Demand the Payment of the Old Army Which Fought Spain—Pupo, a Bandit Leader, Was Killed by the Rurales Tuesday Last.

Havana, July 31.—In spite of the assertion made yesterday by Senor Yero, secretary of the interior, that the killing of three men and the capture of a fourth man, their leader, who had attempted to cause an uprising in the vicinity of Bayamo, province of Santiago, effectually ended the only semblance of an uprising in Cuba, the rumors of uprisings in Eastern Cuba were fully confirmed today in the government's reports received from the governor and other officials of Santiago Province. Those are to the effect that since the night of Sunday last 60 armed and mounted men have appeared outside villages in the Cauto river district, proclaiming a revolution and demanding the payment of the former members of the revolutionary army.

No acts of violence have been reported, but the inhabitants of the Cauto region are excited. The leader of the revolutionary party is named Pupo. He is a brother of one of the bandits killed by the rural guard on Tuesday.

General Rodriguez, commander-in-chief of the rural guard, has ordered the mobilization of all the rural guards in Eastern Cuba, and the governor of Santiago province has been instructed to enlist as many volunteers as may be deemed necessary to co-operate with the mounted troops.

Secretary of the Interior Yero says there is no doubt that the authorities will be able to cope successfully with the situation, as all reports, he adds, agree that popular sentiment is with the government of President Palma, and that those who have risen in rebellion mostly belong to the wanton, lazy class of Puerto Principe.

Up to this afternoon no further information had been received here regarding the uprising in Eastern Cuba. The rural guards have begun to patrol both sides of the Cauto river in search for rebels. The military and civil officials have not yet reported the numbers, location and doings of the rebels with any degree of exactness.

NEGRO IS DEAD.

Tough Who Started the Indiana Race Riots.

Jeffersonville, Ind., July 31.—Brown, the negro who caused the race riots at Evansville, died this morning at the reformatory from wounds received when he fought with Policeman Massey.

Feeling of Relief.

Evansville, July 31.—There is general relief here at the news of the negro Brown's death, as trouble was feared if he was brought here for trial. Brown's wife, who was mentally unbalanced, was killed by a train a few days ago.

GETS FIVE AND A HALF YEARS.

Convicted of Embezzling Funds of a Labor Union.

New York, July 31.—Former Treasurer of the Stonecutters' Union Murphy, was this morning sentenced to five years and six months for misappropriating \$10,000 of the union's funds. Accountants believe Murphy spent nearly \$27,000 in riotous living.

Prisoners Dig Through Wall.

Walla Walla, July 31.—An attempt to escape from the state penitentiary was made by H. W. Mitchell and James Burky, yesterday evening, by digging brick from the wall of the juke plant. Their actions were suspicious and the officials discovered the plot in time to frustrate it. When discovered, there only remained one thickness to be removed and they had planned to make an escape at the first favorable opportunity.

HOT SHOT FROM THE PULPITS

NEW MAYOR OF SPOKANE UNDER MINISTERIAL FIRE.

Promoters of a Moral Municipal Program in That City Are Greatly Dissatisfied With the New Mayor's Recent Veto.

Spokane, July 31.—The ministers of the city are taking up the matter of the veto by Mayor Boyd of the resolution of the city council abolishing the saloon boxes, in earnest and are handing out some hot shots from the pulpits.

Last Sunday Rev. Dr. Lambert, of the First M. E. church, paid particular attention to the mayor. He took for his text, "And from that time he took opportunity to betray Him," and applied the text to Mayor Boyd. He quoted from the republican municipal platform and from the utterances of the mayor with regard thereto, and said that the language of the text was applicable to the mayor. That whether Boyd received monetary considerations or favors in other ways, his flagrant violation of a sacred trust places him in the attitude of a modern Judas. The preacher also likened the mayor to Benedict Arnold, and depicted him as "wearing a crown of infamy bedecked with fallen stars—the stars of lost manhood and womanhood."

STRAHON CHANGES HANDS.

Mrs. Green, of Echo, is Now Proprietress at 618 Main Street.

Mrs. J. A. Green, of Echo, is in the city and will remain here as the proprietress of the Strahon lodging house, having bought the property from the present proprietress, Mrs. Cora E. Cooper.

Mrs. Green is the wife of the manager of the hotel at Echo, and will take immediate possession of the place here. She will keep it on the high plane set by Mrs. Cooper, and will endeavor to cater to the best class of lodgers as has been done in the past. While under the management of Mrs. Cooper the house has been noted for its cleanliness and good order, and the home-like accommodations usually so lacking in a lodging house. It will be the aim of the new owner to still maintain the place on the same lines.

The deal has been on the carpet for some time, Mrs. Green having been in the city a couple of weeks ago, when the matter was practically settled and all that remained to be done was the handing over of the price. This was done this morning, when Mrs. Cooper received \$3,000 for her property.

In about a week Mrs. Cooper will go to Long Beach for a time and afterward will visit with her sister, Mrs. T. W. Jaeger, of Silverton, for a month. She will be accompanied on these trips by her sister, Miss Tebera Wilson of Walla Walla, who is now her guest. After her visit in Silverton Mrs. Cooper will go to San Francisco, where she will spend the winter. While in that city she will study the piano. Mrs. Cooper is not as yet settled as to where she will make her future home, though she may return to this city to reside.

POSTAL THIEVES ARE ON THE RUN

United States Grand Jury Indicts Machen on Four Counts of Fraud.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE SCORCHING MANY NOTABLES.

Contractor Who Could Not Furnish Shoulder Straps for Letter Carriers Pays Machen Three Thousand Dollars for His Services—Postal Lock Agent Collects False Claim.

July 31.—The grand jury this afternoon reported the following indictments as a result of the recent investigation into the postoffice scandals: Leopold Stern, of Baltimore; William Long, of Washington, and August Machen, former superintendent of free delivery.

The charges are conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the contract for the shoulder straps for letter carriers' satchels. Machen, Thomas MacGregor, of Baltimore, and Morris Runkle, of New York, are charged with conspiracy in regard to the contract for letter carriers' satchels and railway mail sacks. Machen, William G. Crawford, of Washington, George Loranz, former postmaster of Toledo and wife, are also charged with conspiracy. Machen, John Cusper, mayor of Lockhaven, William Long, of Washington, also for conspiracy. William Long, of Washington, and John Cusper, of Lockhaven, for offering a bribe. William G. Crawford, the Washington official representative of the Postal Lock Device Company, of New Jersey, for collecting a false claim against the government.

Disgraceful Details of Fraud.

The first three indictments bear on each other. One of these contracts was held by Stern, who, it is charged, was unable to furnish the shoulder straps to go with the satchels, and they were supplied by the department through Machen, and in return for which it is alleged that Machen received checks from Stern, through William Long, a Washington insurance man, for \$3,000. Runkle is indicted on a similar charge, he being said to have paid Machen \$2,000 and Thomas MacGregor, the clerk, \$500.

Crawford, it is alleged, paid Machen, through Lorenz and wife, \$7,000. In all these cases it is asserted the department was charged for the straps by the contractors, when the bills were presented, as though they had been furnished by the department. Cusper's indictment charges that he paid Machen, through Long, \$800 bonus in return for the contract of painting the mail boxes.

IRRIGATION COMPANY.

Citizens of Freewater Form a New Organization.

At a meeting of some of the land owners of Freewater and vicinity held not long ago, a new irrigation company was formed, to be known as the Perkins Irrigation Ditch Company. The company was incorporated on the 25th of the month and the certificate has been returned. The new company has a stock of \$2,750, divided into 275 shares at \$10 a share. The officers of the company are L. B. North, president; John S. Vinson, secretary; N. A. Kennedy, vice-president and treasurer.

The board has been authorized to levy a special tax of 25 cents a share for the incorporation, survey and the platting of the ditch, which is the old one that runs through the city of Freewater at the present time.

The purpose of the company is to secure the equal distribution of the ditch water to all the patrons of the ditch in the proportion that is just to all of the land owners, and is intended to accomplish the same work as the Welsh law of 1895, without some of its disadvantages.

Chinaman Killed in Gilliam County.

Thomas G. Halley returned this morning from Heppner, where he went to conduct the case of the State vs. Heintz, the Chinaman accused of having murdered another Chinaman at that place. He found that the crime had been committed in Gilliam county, and therefore turned the case over to the authorities there.